



BOLLETTINO



ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage

Heritage -- Mardi Gras

Louise Vento

Mardi Gras (MAHR dee GRAH) is a colorful celebration held on Shrove Tuesday the day before Lent begins. The date of Mardi Gras depends on the date Easter falls each year. The celebration takes place at the end of the long carnival season. Originally carnivals lasted from Epiphany January 6th until Ash Wednesday. Roman Catholic countries have held carnivals before Lent for hundreds of years. Mardi Gras is a French term meaning Fat Tuesday. The term arose from the custom of



parading a fat ox through the streets of Paris on Shrove Tuesday. The French colonist introduced Mardi Gras to America around 1766. The custom became popular in New Orleans, Louisiana. It spread throughout the Southern states. Mardi Gras is a legal holiday in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi and eight parishes of Louisiana. The New Orleans' celebration is the most famous.

In New Orleans, Louisiana street parades begin two weeks before Mardi Gras held on Fat Tuesday. The parade consists of beautiful colorful floats and marching bands and people dressed in colorful clothing.

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MARIN AREA



Sandy, Bernee and Joe reconnecting and enjoying dinner at Branch 332.

Grand President's Monthly Message

Deborah Rodondi

Thank you to all the Districts and Branches who welcomed me at their 2023 Installations. Your hospitality and warmth are what makes the Italian Catholic Federation special and the reason I do what I do for the organization. I was disappointed that I was unable to attend some of the installations due to overlapping installation schedules and my nephew Tony's wedding. I thank Grand 2nd Vice President Franklyn Lopes, Grand Secretary Lauren Kilcullen and Grand Treasurer Lisa Crudo for representing me at these installations.



I am having a hard time believing that I have been your Grand President for 1.5 years already. Due to COVID restrictions, my first year was limited on events to attend; yet brought more challenges to branches struggling through the pandemic. I would enjoy a third year as Grand President, as it would allow me to see through some of the things I have been working on, but currently our statutes allow for 2-year terms only.

Check us out on our website www.ICF.org. In February, we launched "Donate to an ICF Charitable Program." On the home page, the button to the right with the hand and heart (for those of us icon challenged—the word donate is underneath) will bring you to the selection of opportunities to donate to through the website. There is also information about the charities in case the person wanting to donate is not familiar with the program. I have been informed that many members might find it easier to donate through the website as check writing is becoming a thing of the past—I would not know as I am a check writer! We are very excited about this launch and look forward to your feedback. Thank you to Past Grand Presidents Vince Piro and Leonard Zasoski, Jr. for encouraging us to look into this and being the first to test out the website and donate. Thank you to Charlene Kramer (office Staff) for her input and assisting Aaron on setting this up.

Yes, my nephew/godson/weekly tenant/taste tester/food critic Tony got married at the end of February to his

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Branch 38 San Francisco at the 1958 Oakland convention. These floats and parade entries are pretty awesome.



Awarded 1st prize at the 1952 Monterey Convention, LA Archdiocese float

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
 CLOSER TO JESUS

Join Father Christopher Bennett
 ICF Spiritual Director and Chaplain of ICF. Br. 445
 For An Inspirational Three Part Lenten Series
 "Meeting Jesus at the Well---Encountering the Presence of God"
Dates: Thursdays - March 16th, 23rd and 30th, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Place: Church of the Transfiguration
 4325 Jarvis Avenue, San Jose, CA 95118
 Father Chris' spiritual series will be a beautiful way to prepare for Easter!
 This Lenten series is open to all ICF members.

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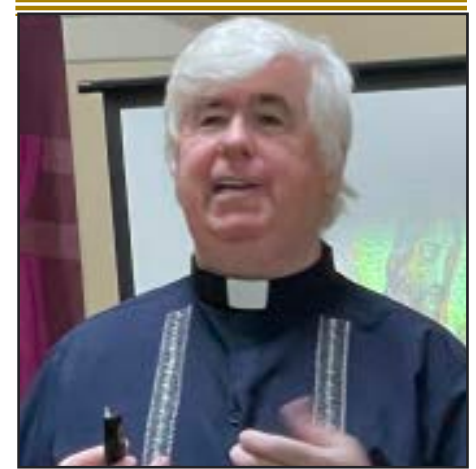
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article submission.Please keep your submission positive
and informative.**Deadline for the
April issue is
March 10, 2023**Include district name, branch number
and branch name in all submissions.**Thank you!****Message from our
Spiritual Director**Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic
Federation:From the Church's earliest Tradi-
tion, Joseph has been celebrated as
guardian of the Holy Family and he
came to be revered as guardian of
God's family on earth, as well, over
time. We know more about Joseph
from what he did rather than what he
said. In the gospels he is a man of
few, if any, words. Clearly his actions
speak louder than his words. Joseph
is a quiet man of action, not an action
man! He is not presented to us as 'he-
roic' in the traditional sense. Perhaps
because of this, he is considered as a
silent and even invisible member of
The Holy Family.Joseph is a man of humility, courage,
conviction, and commitment. He is
a man of hope and faith who trusted
in God who called him personally
by his name. He didn't simply react;
he responded faithfully to situations
as they arose and faced them coura-
geously out of concern for Mary and
Jesus. Over the last three year sinceCovid-19, the war in Ukraine and
many other global challenges, these
current days continue to strain us in
so many ways. What can we learn
from Joseph these days? He teaches
us how to be present in the joys and
sorrows of life, to be steadfast, to live
with integrity trusting in God who
still calls and sustains each of us, re-
gardless of what we are experiencing.As members of the Italian Catholic
Federation let us imitate St. Joseph in
being good, true, and just guardians
and stewards of the many gifts and
treasures that God has given to us. As
we look at St. Joseph, he can act as a
mirror to help us look at our branches,
how can we make a difference in the
life of our parish, and how we can not
only cope with difficulties, but even
grow in and through them? Remem-
ber, Joseph was a man of prayer and
contemplation: when faced with tough
choices and decisions, he reflected
and prayed. How else would he have
listened and then heard what God
wanted him to do with his life and
with Mary and Jesus who had been
placed in his care?The Italian Catholic Federation has
always venerated Saint Joseph, realiz-
ing how faithfully, deeply, and devot-
edly he loved Jesus and Mary. OverFather Christopher Bennett
ICF Spiritual Directorthe last century we have continuously
turned to Saint Joseph, seeing him
as "a beloved father" on whom we
can rely, not only for help in troubled
times but to inspire us to love our
family the way he loved his.May St. Joseph Bless the Italian
Catholic Federation and all it's good
works.**Have a holy
and blessed Lent!
Fr. Chris****Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library**

by Carmelo Sabatella

Boy Scouts of America (BSA)
Eagle Scout Felipe V. visited the
Mother Cabrini Chapel on Febru-
ary 4th with his two Scout Masters
Paul C. And Paul M. in an on-site
meeting with Cabrini Chapel Com-
mittee President Carmelo S. to
review the scope of his proposed
Eagle Scout Project "to paint the
exterior of the Chapel and Library"
including the windows, doors and
door frames "in time for Easter of
this year." The ICF Mother Cabrini
Chapel Committee will help Felipe
along with BSA and the Knights of
Columbus, Burbank to accomplish
his goal.Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library
will be open for visitors again
this year on selected dates listed
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 annualMother Cabrini Pilgrim-
age event in Burbank,
please call 626 372-7812
or visit the Mother Cabri-
ni 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.
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tura Region.Chapel Store: DVDs
on the Life of Mother
Cabrini by Lucia Mauro
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-Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President, ICF, LAADC
-- Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee
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(R to L) Felipe, Paul M and Paul C

AH! SPRING!

Carmen Kilcullen – Apostolate/Charity Chairperson

Emerging from the cold, dreary and rainy days of winter, we are greeted with the new adventures and sparkling promises of Spring. In the northern hemisphere, Spring occurs between March 21 and June 20. However, the spring equinox can be anywhere from the 20th to the 22nd of March. In the Southern Hemispheres, the spring equinox occurs around September 21st.

Before Spring was actually called so, it was referred to as “Old Lent” in Old English. In the 14th century, the period known as “Lent” started to be known as “springtime.” This was the time of the growth of plants, trees and other greenery. In following centuries, this period came to be known as simply “spring.”

Spring seems to be the time to launch new ideas, start new adventures and contemplate new beginnings, new promises, romance and just an embracing of what’s new and fresh.

Believe it or not, the symbol of spring is the groundhog. We all know what happens if he appears in early

February or doesn’t appear. The colors of Spring reflect our new mood with shades of yellow, pinks, warm greens, oranges and delicate shades of brown. You want to go out for walks, ride bikes, plant your seeds, etc. It is really a season of renewal.

The month of March is usually when the greater part of Lent occurs. This period of time affords us the opportunity for prayer, penance, reconciliation and personal introspection before the great feast of Easter.

Here are some of the saints’ feast in March:

- March 1 – St. David
- March 18 – St. Edward the Martyr
- March 5 – St. John Joseph of the Cross
- March 19 – St. Joseph
- March 7 – Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
- March 25 – The Annunciation
- March 9 – St. Anthony
- March 26 – St. Peter
- March 17 - St. Patrick
- March 29 – St. Mark

Here’s to a happy March!! May you experience a period of renewal.

Carmen



2023 1st Year Scholarship Program

Carmen Kilcullen, Scholarship Chairperson

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



The **New Deadline for Donations and Applications is April 1, 2023.** This will allow additional time for students to apply and for Branches and Districts to follow up with the high schools in their areas. Please discuss participating in the program by making a donation of a full scholarship of \$400, if possible, or a partial donation of any amount. Partial Donations do help to make other scholarships possible when that money is grouped together. Individual Donations are welcomed as well. Please encourage your children, grandchildren or anyone you know who is eligible to apply. They can contact their high school counselors about the Italian Catholic Federation 1st Year \$400 Scholarship or they can download the application using the link

on the homepage of the ICF website. These are the eligibility requirements for students:

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

Again, please contact your local high schools where you would like to see applicants come from and make sure that they are promoting our scholarship program and have applications available. If you have any questions or applications are needed, please call the ICF office toll-free at 1-888-423-1924.

Membership Committee Spring Greetings

Perry Shurko

Membership Chairperson

March is here and so is Spring-time. The time of the year when the flowers start to bloom again. There’s a sense of newness—a refreshing of the soul, and Spring cleaning. Well, it’s time for us—the members of the Italian Catholic Federation to also refresh ourselves.



How may you ask? By holding a Membership Drive. I’ve mentioned this over and over, but it’s worth repeating. You see, we need more members! Even though our membership numbers have held steady this past year, we need MORE members. Membership keeps the boat afloat. Those dues we all pay keep the operations running in the Federation.

So, how do you have a Membership Drive? Well, the first place to look is on the ICF website. There is a ton of information on how to have a membership drive. You need to approach the pastor of your parish and ask him for permission to have one. Once he agrees, pick a date, try to make it a Saturday and Sunday to capture all the masses. Two weeks prior to the event, make sure it’s in your mass announcements and in the parish bulletin. The day is now here for your Membership Drive. Have a table set up—decorations help, make

it attractive and inviting. If you can, have the branch president speak at the masses to invite everyone to stop by your table.

Banners and signs, sign-up sheets, applications, pens, are needed and necessary. Have plenty of help with knowledgeable members for answering guests’ questions. There are trifold brochure handouts available from the Central Council office that have loads of info on them. These are available by emailing Charlene and she will get them out to you.

On March 13th and 15th there will be a Membership Workshop via Zoom. All branch presidents, officers, and mentors are encouraged to attend. It will be very helpful to you all on how to conduct and have a membership drive.

We can’t afford to have our membership numbers drop any further. We are at the 6,000-member number, but we need to get back over the 7,000 number and higher!

New branches are also needed. If you have any information on a parish that could be a potential new branch, please contact your local Central Council member, Mike Rossi our Expansion chairperson or even myself.

I look forward to hearing how you all do with your Membership Drives. Please share in your branch columns on how you did.

Thank you, and good luck.

Perry Shurko

Membership Chairperson



Live to Give

Kenneth Marshall, Central Council Member

Blood banks are short of blood. If you are able to give, please do so. Your donation can help save a life. If it is your first-time giving blood, donate whole blood. You can work your way up to platelets and plasma later.



Always eat a healthy meal before and after and stay hydrated. It is important to stay healthy.

Your donation may influence others to follow your example. For instance, I always try to donate. When I married my wife Elizabeth, she saw that I was doing a good thing by donating blood. Now we go hand in hand and donate together now.

Family Recipe

Deborah Rodondi, Grand President

Recently I was flipping through a magazine and ran across this recipe. The word "Polenta" peaked my curiosity as you would not think dessert but a delicious main meal with stew. So, of course, I had to make it and my first taste testers were the Executive Committee of the Central Council and then, of course, my nephew Tony. A thumbs up from all.



Lemon Polenta Cake

- Cooking spray for pan (I did not use)
- 1 cup stoneground yellow cornmeal (I used Polenta)
- ¾ cup unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. sea salt (used regular table salt)
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 2 egg whites
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup grapeseed oil
- 1 Tbls. Unsalted butter, softened (I used salted)
- ½ cup sour cream
- 1 Tbls. Grated lemon zest, more is always good
- 3 Tbls. Freshly squeezed lemon juice
- ¼ cup powdered sugar

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Line the bottom of an 8-inch round cake pan with parchment paper. Lightly coat the sides of the pan with cooking spray. (I use a spring form pan and eliminate this step)
3. Whisk the cornmeal, flour, baking powder and salt in a bowl; set aside.
4. In large bowl, beat the eggs, egg whites and sugar with a mixer on medium-high speed until pale and creamy, about 5 minutes. On low speed, mix in the oil, butter, sour cream, lemon zest and juice. Stir in the dry ingredients with a spoon until just blended.
5. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake until the top feels firm and a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean, 35 to 40 minutes. Cool the cake in the pan

for 10 minutes, then run a dull knife around the edge of the pan to loosen it. Put cake onto a rack to cool completely. Sift the powdered sugar over the cake just before serving.

For some reason my baking powder disappeared from my pantry, so instead of 1 ½ tsp. baking powder, I substituted 1 tsp. cream of tartar and ½ tsp. baking soda.

I found the texture grainy with a wonderful lemon flavor. My nephew's comment was "I am going out on a limb here and this will sound sacrilegious by saying, this may be even better than the Italian Almond Cake, which I love!" Tony informed me last night that he will be very happy if both cakes just happened to appear at his house on his wedding weekend, which by the time you read this would have just taken.

This is a great addition to your recipes, very easy to make and not overly sweet. A nice dessert to enjoy with a glass of wine.

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

Remember a good Italian cook measures with their eyes and heart!

Buon Appetito!



Welcome New Members (Report as of February 10, 2023)

Branch 010	Rev Paul Kannampilly	Anna M Rossi
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Branch 028	Rose Barry	Michael E Mc Keever
	Stephanie J Mc Keever	
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Branch 033	Christina A Joughin	
Branch 036	Joanna Napoli	David Olsen
	Dean Olsen	Jackie Olsen
	Owen Olsen	Diane Cutino Simkins
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	Christian J Fogliani	Kristina Fogliani
	Vivienne Fogliani	Deirdre A Simoncini
	Kenneth D Simoncini	
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Branch 108	Myrna Lombardi Gallegos	
Branch 111	Azadouhi Cursorso	David A Medina
	Steven M Ochoa	
Branch 115	Barbara Akerson	Yolanda Allen
	Helen A Kyllonen	
Branch 154	Robert J De Simoni	
Branch 173	Michele Dee	
Branch 218	Carol A Chiodo	
Branch 227	Adrian Wilson	Anthony Wilson
	Jenna Wilson	Joseph Wilson
	Vincent Wilson	
Branch 246	Lorna B Ratonel	Marconi C Ratonel
Branch 285	Anna Logerfo	Giovanna Logerfo
Branch 308	Carolyn M Cave	
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	Sal Priolo	
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	Robert J Harrop	
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Branch 446	Dolores Finch	George J Simko

In Loving Memory (Report as of February 9, 2023)

Mary G Fe	Branch 019	Stephen J Taylor	Branch 332
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Frances R Zimmerman	Branch 054	Lynn Hoffman	Branch 395
Linda Bertuccio	Branch 139	Janice O Jones	Branch 413
Elena David	Branch 144	Lida M Helman	Branch 417
Doris R Delashmutt	Branch 144	Joseph Bratta	Branch 418
Nelida Mills	Branch 144	Hank J Deeken	Branch 438
Lucy Vanoni	Branch 169	Judy J Perella	Branch 438
Tony Armenio	Branch 218	Marie Oddo	Branch 442

Scholarship Donations (Received as of February 9, 2023)

Scholarship Donations: 1st Year	Officers/Members of Br. 184
Amelia Moore	Get Well Wishes for Denise Antonowicz
In Memory of Ed Bertaccini	
Officers/Members of Los Angeles Archdiocese District	Richard and Donna Pfaff
Thank You to Lauren Kilcullen for Los Angeles Archdiocese District Installation	Get Well Wishes for Denise Antonowicz
Sal and Denise Campagna	Scholarship Donations: 2nd - 4th Year
In Memory of Janice Jones	Dorene Campanile and Donna Cervelli
Antoinette and Angelo Pecora	In Honor of Johna Maychrowitz
In Memory of Rose Cerbo	Dorene Campanile and Donna Cervelli
The Talbott Family	
In Memory of Pauline Cardoza	In Honor of Jennie Lyn Malibiran

Grand President's Message--Continued

Deborah Rodondi

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sweetheart Rebecca. I had the privileged position of being the mother of the groom—that meant dancing with Tony for the mother-son dance which was to “Simple Man” by Leonard Skynard (released 50 years ago in 1973). The event took place at a beautiful setting in Placerville, California. Best yet, was being with my family in celebration. A beautiful moment in time—to be a memory forever.

Speaking of a forever memory, we will be making one of those next year with our **100th Anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation**. I am very excited to be involved in this celebration. Before I was a member and lived in other parts of the country, my mom would tell me about the 50th celebration and then the 75th celebration. She will be with me in spirit while I get to participate in the celebrations we will be scheduling for the 100th Anniversary next year. Please, let us know if you have ideas for events, *Bollettino* articles, pictures to share. In case you are wondering, Branch 1 founded at Immaculate Con-

ception in San Francisco is still active. Around the Federation, during the month of March, we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with Corned Beef dinners, St. Joseph's Tables and as it is the Lenten season fish fry's. Please support these events in your area.

Join me in congratulating the ICF San Bernardino District for being the recipient of the annual *Amar Es Entregarsa* (“love is the entire giving of oneself”) award for 2023 presented by Bishop Rojas of San Bernardino Diocese. The award will be presented at a dinner on May 27, 2023 in Palm Desert, California. Accepting the award will be District President John Guerin and Spiritual Advisor Father Jerry Ochetti.

A reminder – there is still time to nominate deserving someone(s) for one of our awards given at convention. The deadline is April 1st.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to All!!!

Deborah Rodondi

Heritage -- Mardi Gras--Continued

Louise Vento

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They throw trinkets and beads to the crowds of people who come to see the parade. Everyone on the floats wear masks except the float carrying Rex the king of the Carnival. He is the only one who parades unmasked. After the parade the Rex and Comus Gods throw two of the grandest balls. You must have an invitation to the ball to be admitted. Each year the festivities carry out a specific theme. The beads I have come from New Orleans when

the theme was New Birth (the Baby) the beads have a plastic baby attached to them.

We are now in the Lenten Season. Ash Wednesday this year was February 22, 2023.



Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

Received as of February 9, 2023:

IN MEMORY OF:

Janice Jones
 Janice Jones
 Janice Olimpia Jones
 Toni Proietti
 Janice Jones
 Adolfo Del Carlo
 George Hoover
 Janice Jones
 Ed Bertaccini
 Janice Jones
 John Musgrove
 Toni Proietti
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 Janice Jones
 Tony Armenio
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 Deborah Rodondi Officers/Members of San Mateo District

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:

A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Denise Antonowicz of Branch 184 - Los Gatos.

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

Gifts of Love Donations

(Received as of February 9, 2023)

Branch 332
 Virginia and Harold Fuentes
 Get Well Wishes for Bob Osorio
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 Bill and Maria Greco
 In Memory of Janice Jones
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 In Memory of Tony Armenio
 ICF Spouses' and Family Association
 In Memory of Tony Armenio

Eva Stern
 Speedy Recovery Wishes for
 Denise Antonowicz
 Joan and Jerry Delfino
 In Memory of Tony Armenio
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 In Memory of Janice Jones
 Officers/Members of Br. 218
 In Memory of Tony Armenio

Cooley's Anemia Donation

(Report as of February 9, 2023)

Al Bronzini



Birthplace of Jesus



Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus
 Under the Spiritual Direction of:

Fr. Christopher Bennett, I.C.F. Spiritual Director
 St. Christopher Catholic Church in San Jose, California
 12-Days: September 10 to 21, 2023

Pricing, itinerary and registration available after December 1, 2022

For more information, please contact: Rev. Christopher Bennett
 (408) 269-2226 revbennett@sbcglobal.net

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION CONVENTION AWARD CATEGORIES

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

POPE SAINT JOHN XXIII AWARD

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

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

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

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA AWARD

GRAND PRESIDENT'S AWARD

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

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

FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD

YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

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

The new deadline for submissions is April 1.



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION AWARD NOMINATION



Nomination Year: 20_____

Award:

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

Nominations must be postmarked on or before April 1.

Please include with this application:

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

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

Nominee:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Branch #/City: _____

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

Nominated By Individual, Branch or District:

Contact Person:

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Statement of Endorsement:

Qualifications Summary:

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

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

Book Review: *Failure...And Beyond: An Exploration*

Vince Piro, Past Grand President

Failure...And Beyond: An Exploration

By Lawrence W. Distasi
Sanniti Publications, 2022

Many of us know Lawrence W. DiStasi as the author of books on the Italian-American experience during World War II, having authored *Branded: How Italian Immigrants Became "Enemies" During WWII* or *Una Storia Segreta: The Secret History of Italian American Evacuation and Internment during World War II*. However, he has also authored other books which I would call "ruminations" in which he explores a singular topic, engaging in contemplation and reflection as his mind goes over the topic repeatedly—searching and exploring the topic's many facets and approaching it from many angles. One such book is *Mal Occhio: The Underside of Vision* in which he explores the concept of the evil eye. In this book, he mixes personal experience and observation with research as he ruminates on the tradition of malocchio and evil itself. His latest book *Failure...And Beyond* is similar to this early work in that it appears as a rumination on a topic that blends personal experience and observation with study on the subject. It explores the topic through many different perspectives and is organic in its approach—not a systematic study of the topic. Rather it is a record of a mind that approaches a subject from different angles and experiences until it comes to an understanding that is more than the sum of its parts. And as exploration of a

topic few are willing to discuss, failure, it is a fascinating and engaging book.

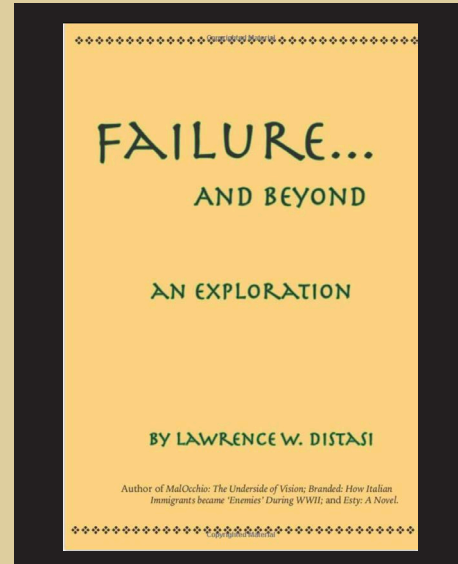
In part what makes the book so engaging is DiStasi's blending of personal experience and his reading on the subject. In fact, it is clear—as it was in *Mal Occhio*—that it is his personal experience with the topic that is the genesis of the book. This personal experience remains the impetus that drives the exploration. The author's own experiences with failure begin with his father's failures in business. His father felt deceived by the American Dream and bitter over the corporate ruthlessness that left him and many people, especially immigrants, unable to achieve success. As DiStasi has told me, "In this, I think, [my father] resembled many immigrants—who thought they would find in America 'streets paved with gold' and ended up having to be the underpaid laborers who had to pave those streets." This disappointment led to health problems for his father, and he died at only 52 years old. DiStasi calls this his Ur Failure—the original / beginning of failure in his life. However, he also with brutal honesty explores his own failings—what he perceives as shortcomings in his professional and personal life. However, while the book is "personal," it is not an autobiography rather it is the author's personal exploration of the subject.

These personal experiences and observations lead to more contemplation on the subject of failure as DiStasi ruminates on American culture and society and various philosophical and literary explorations on the topic. (He draws from literature, philosophy, religion and science as he makes connections

moves the reader to an understanding that is "beyond failure," in which we come to accept life more fully as a totality born out of a unity, a process, which is the center of all life.

He moves us beyond a Darwinian understanding of the winners and losers of evolution—whether biological or social—to a more complex understanding of life and evolution in which all life is interdependent. The concepts of success and failure become just words as we come to understand that "life" moves beyond individual success—of a species, of a culture, or a person—and should be seen an organic whole. It sees life as "community." With this, it should not be surprising that as the book closes the author finds "answers" in religious and spiritual thinkers and prophets—finding parallels in the ideas of Jesus and Buddha, the later from whom he draws much wisdom.

In some ways, DiStasi's understanding of life is not unlike our Christian understanding of life, for Christ often preached against individual success and spoke of success through community, through communion. And the paradoxes that ultimately illuminate DiStasi's thoughts remind me of our own Christian paradox: it is through death that we find eternal life. It is through failure that we find redemption. The old self "fails" and a new self is born "in communion with the saints" and one with The Trinity.



between various fields.) He is critical of America's incessant drive for success as presented in the American Dream, which comes from what he sees as the success/failure paradigm in our culture: either you are successful, or you are a failure, a winner or a loser. However, DiStasi explores the topic enough to move beyond this simple dichotomy and the book becomes really an exploration of how success and failure are part of the process of life itself. It is difficult to summarize, but the author

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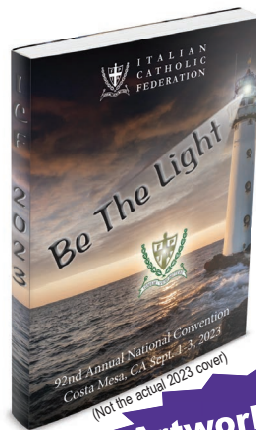
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Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco

Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:

Our next get-together is Wednesday, March 15th with a luncheon hosted by Gino and Julie Giovannoni. Invitations were sent to all Members. Thank you, Gino and Julie. Please take some pictures and text them to Diana at 415-244-4080.

President Arnaudo sincerely thanks all the members who promptly sent in their 2023 dues.

Thank you to all members who purchased 2023 ICF calendars. Good Luck!

Cordiali Saluti
Diana Cresci

San Francisco

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of our members – March 17th.

To our members celebrating a birthday in March—many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

Please remember in your prayers our ill and deceased members.

Our sincere sympathy to Ann Basuino and her family. Joe will be greatly missed by all of us in the ICF. Joe would always express his opinion on subjects brought up at our District meetings, with Debbie as our President, and he would tell it as it was. God bless you, Joe.

To Annette Maggiora, Br. 91—Eva and Mary Perata's sister-in-law—Congratulations on your big 90th birthday. Many More Happy and Healthy Years.

God Bless the following members who are 90 years young and over and still kicking: Al Oneto (104), Toni Cvetovac (100), Rena Fazzini (98), Mary Perata (98), Rosalie Alioto (97), Isola Diodati (97), Louise Oneto (97), Elisabetta Rossi (97), Eva Perata (95) and Anita Ferroggiaro (94).

Thank you so much for all of your help these past many years!! Grazie!!

Stay well and happy. We love all of you and need you.

Ciao,
Eva Perata, President



SAN MATEO District Council

Thank you to Branch 19, Colma, Grand President Debbie Rodondi and the Members of Branch 19 that made our 2023 Installation of Officers a success. Thank you too to Deacon Ramos for the prayer service prior to our Installation. Thank you to all branches that attended.

Our District meetings are held at our Lady of Angels parish, 1721 Hillside Drive, Burlingame, the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00p.m.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all
BF

Colma

Br. 19, San Vincenzo De Paoli

Greetings from Branch 19

I want to thank all the members of Branch 19 for hosting and who helped to make the San Mateo District Installation a success.

Our next scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 13. It will be our annual soup night hosted by Kathy Trevizo in honor of her mother Louise Trevizo. The soup night/meeting will be held at Deborah Rodondi's house in South San Francisco starting at 5:30 p.m. – cost \$10.00. Call for reservation 650-583-0805 or email drodondi@comcast.net if you will attend.

Thank you to Joyce Harnett for hosting the February dinner (tortellini con pesto).

Burlingame

Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

We are looking forward to celebrating two Saints this month: St. Joseph and St. Patrick. Our Branch will have a potluck to celebrate St. Joseph so bring whatever tasty morsels for all to enjoy.

We are happy to advise almost all of our dues are paid up before our March 1, 2023, cutoff date. If any questions, please call Brenda Wemiz our Financial Secretary at 650-407-9534.

Our installation Mass was held in January and was well attended, and we enjoyed many unusual appetizers along with a chicken dinner. Special thanks to Branch 19 for all of their hard work and planning.

Our Branch is offering a RENEW program during Lent this year. Donna Cervelli has offered to host a group from our branch. Anyone who is interested can contact Donna at dm-cervelli@gmail.com or call her cell: 650-302-4801.

We would like to extend condolences to Nerina Di Bella on the loss of her sister and Linda Small on the passing of her husband Ron. They will be remembered in our prayers along with: Mary Bodisco, Anita Cecena, Melanie Yeager. Also, Kathy Trevizo and Jackie Barnes from Branch 19.

God Bless,
Roz Emery
See pictures with district photos.

South San Francisco Br. 213, St. Augustine

Many members attended the recent Installation hosted by Branch 19. The event featured a prayer communion ceremony, Installation, delicious hors d'oeuvres and a spectacular lunch. Our officers are all energized for the upcoming year.

Submitted by
Victor Spano
See picture with district photos.

Menlo Park

Br. 351, St. Patrick

Our branch meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of the month in the small hall at Nativity Parish. Also remember the 5:30 mass for our deceased members prior to each monthly meeting. I would also like to thank the outgoing officers and those that have stepped up for the 2023 year.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers.

I hope to see you at our March meeting.

Happy St. Patrick's Day,
Barbara

Millbrae

Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Ciao everyone! Hope you all had a wonderful Valentine's Day. On February 7th we had a very festive, all you can eat pizza dinner with salad, wine, & dessert. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time & energy to come early for set-up and preparation, and to those who served our disabled attendees. And thanks again to all of our officers who have agreed to stay on!

On Tuesday, March 7th, we will have a "social" meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. Have your dinner and then come for dessert and coffee. This is a "no cost" event. Please RSVP by the previous Saturday, March 4th, so we can get a count of those attending. Call Eunice at 650-692-3740. Leave a message if you get her recording.

Up-coming member event: On Tuesday, April 4th, we will have a "KFC"

Dinner at the Parish Hall, which will include your own box of chicken, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, & biscuit; as well as wine, dessert & coffee. The social will begin at 5PM, with dinner at 5:30, & a short meeting to follow. The cost is \$12. Mail your check, made payable to "ICF BR 403", to Eunice Danli, at 4 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030. The cut-off date is the Friday prior—March 31st. See you there!!

Have a wonderful St. Patrick's Day!!
Adonna Amoroso, Corresponding Secretary

MARIN

Novato

Br. 332, Our Lady of Loretto

Our Branch has had a wonderful beginning to 2023, with the addition of new members and an increase in attendance at our monthly dinners. The Board is grateful to all the members who work each month to set-up and decorate the hall, tend the bar and the door, provide the music, oversee the raffle, and prepare our delicious dinners. Grazie mille to everyone.

The Board would like to extend a very special thank you to Don Perazzo, who not only chairs our monthly 50/50 raffles, but who also organizes our very successful Super Bowl pool. This year, at the request of the membership, Don added an additional pool, allowing our Branch to see a profit of \$1500 for our scholarship program. Grazie infinite Don!

Through the generosity and support of our members, the Branch was recently able to make a donation to the Gifts of Love program, and to present the Fr. Brian Costello Scholarship to a student at Our Lady of Loretto School. Thank you, members.

As we near the Feast of San Giuseppe, we wish all the fathers in our ICF family a very Happy Father's Day. We pray that through the intercession of San Giuseppe, our Lord bless you for all that you sacrifice for your family, our Church, and our communities.

See picture with district photos.

Deadline for
April *Bollettino* is
March 10th.
Send articles &
photos to
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LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

Greetings everyone. I hope all is well with each and every one of you. So here we are, we've made it to March, springtime is here and Easter is coming up.

We just finished up about a week ago at the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim. It was great to be back in full force after a few years of no Congress, then a virtual, followed by a semi attended and now fully opened. Thank you to our district members who helped make it a wonderful weekend—Pat & Lou Mages, Carmelo Sabatella, Tad & Theresa Shaw and all of the others who helped man the booth. We handed out an ICF paper fan had a sign up / interested in joining list, spoke to many who would love to join us and reached out to those who have never heard of us. That's what it's all about. Public Relations and advertising outside of our inner circle, spreading the word about the Italian Catholic Federation.

It's going to be a busy month for us all since we all will be holding a St Joseph Table. I wish I could visit them all, but I'll be busy in the kitchen at St. Raymond with our own table. I wish you all good luck and hope you sell out. If by chance your branch isn't holding a table, please visit one of your neighboring branches.

Don't forget the ICF golf tournament - July 28th in Temecula. 8 a.m. Shotgun, we need golfers, so if you do golf or know of a golfer, please sign up. Registration is \$200. We also need Hole Sponsors and raffle baskets. If you'd like to attend the luncheon after, it's \$50. Opportunity drawings will also be available. This is our first time having a golf tournament in the Southern California region, and we want to show those Northerners that we have what it takes—lol.

*Till next month, have a great rest of the month, stay safe and healthy.
Perry Shurko, LA District President.*

Los Angeles

Br. 67, National Branch, St. Peter

On January 14, 2023, NBr 67 meeting included members Carmelo S., Theresa S., Lou M., Eugene S., Tad S., David D. from Akron, Ohio, and guest and prospective member Joseph M. from Lumberton New Jersey who is interested in joining NBr 67.

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

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

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

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

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

*Keep safe and Stay healthy,
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Presiden
ICF National Branch 67
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South Pasadena

Br. 108, Holy Family

ICF Branch 108 held its first Continental Breakfast and Holy Cannoli Fundraiser for 2023 in HF Connolly Parish Hall on Sunday January 22, 2022. Thank you to all Parishioners and ICF Staff who made this a very special and successful event!

On February 5, 2023, Branch 108 held its Potluck Lunch Social, General Meeting followed by Bingo in HFC Connolly Hall. The food was great! Congratulations to winners President Tom H. and Guest Mena C. Members also celebrated the February Birthday of Jackie F. and Wedding Anniversary Tad and Theresa S. (49 yrs).
SAVE THE DATE

- March 5, 2023 - Annual Branch Lunch Social and General Meeting at San Antonio Winery in downtown Los Angeles.

- June 17, 2023 - New date for the ICF Branch 108 Annual Wine and Beer Tasting Fundraising Event. More information to follow soon.

- February 24, 25, 26, 2023 - ICF LAADC will have a Booth at the Annual Religious Education Congress. Please spread the word to ICF, family members and parishioners about this very important annual event at the Anaheim Convention Center, in Anaheim, California.

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, Past President
See picture with district photos.*



Montebello Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our March General Meeting will be on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. Join us for refreshments and cake as we celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Tony De Lorenzo, Katherine Huerta, Estera Veneziano, Margaret Valdez-Gallardo, Tanina Sergi, Della Rodriguez and Azadhoui Cursaro. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

This year we will be commemorating our annual Feast of St. Joseph Table at St. Benedict Church, Parish Hall, located at 1022 W. Cleveland Avenue, in the City of Montebello, on Saturday, March 18th, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Table will be blessed on Saturday, March 18th at noon by St. Benedict's Pastor, Father Fredric Abiera. There will be a Free pasta meal on both days to everyone attending the special event!

Traditional Italian foods, Italian sausage sandwiches, cannoli, and other desserts will also be available for purchase. Also available for purchase at nominal prices will be homemade breads, cookies, bottles of wine, fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, fresh flowers, and various blooming 1-gallon and 5-gallon nursery plants.

Thank you for all you do for the ICF. May St. Joseph and God Bless you abundantly. We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

*God Bless!
Frank Salomone
Branch 111 President
See pictures with district photos.*

San Pedro

Br. 115, St. John Joseph of the Cross

Thank you to all who joined us on March 4th for our celebration in honoring St. John Joseph of the Cross. Thanks to the many volunteers we all enjoyed a delicious crab feast. The evening was spent dancing, singing and many guest walked away as our raffle winners. It takes a lot of hard work to pull off a successful fundraiser and our branch is so grateful to all who came out to help.

Upcoming events

Pala Casino day trip March 23 \$40.00 per person

Laughlin trip is scheduled for May 2nd through the 4th. We will be staying at the Aquarius Hotel. \$175.00 per person double occupancy \$245.00 single occupancy



Saint Peters Italian National Church, LA, CA

Both trips will be leaving from the San Pedro Boys and Girls club at 9 a.m. Please call Pauline Iacono to reserve either or both trips. 310 832-0563

Scholarship applications for graduating high school seniors are now available. Forms can be obtained from counselors or online at www.ICF.org

Mass in honor of Madonna Del Arco will be celebrated on May 13th at 5:15 p.m. mass

Our general meeting will be held on March 16th at 7:30 p.m. in parish center.

Reminder it is time to renew your 2023 dues. Our dues are \$40.00. Payment can be brought to meeting or mailed to Pauline Iacono 1072 w 8th St. San Pedro 90731

*Please keep our sick and deceased members in your prayers
Anita Trujillo*

Arcadia

Br. 218, Holy Angels

Our membership meeting is March 5th. Most likely this article will be received after. Our huge event of the year is our St. Joseph's Table set for March 17 – set up after 3 p.m., March 18 – set up all day and table blessed after the 5:00 Mass, sandwiches will also be sold, March 19 – event from 7:00 to 3:00, sandwiches and pasta dinner served all day. This event requires a lot of help, and we rely on all of our members to participate in any way that they can. We will need your baked goods, entrees such as soups, fritattas, or any entrees (please, no mayonnaise or any food item that will spoil). They should be wrapped; however, we can wrap them if needed. Please do not price your items. We will do that.

On a sad note, we lost longtime member, Tony Armenio who was 101 years old. Tony was a very interesting person and contributed so much to our branch. Our condolences to Ann and family.

We hope to see everyone at the St. Joseph's Table and our April meeting which is early – April 2nd.

Lolly Magnolia

Gardena

Br. 237, St. Anthony of Padua

Dear members,

Last month President Connie and her grandsons, Jordan and Justice Roa, attended the LA archdiocese installation. They had a great time representing Branch 237.

We are planning a turnaround trip in April and possibly our annual return to our trip to Laughlin. Special events coordinator Rose Moore is busy working out the details.

The scholarship committee will be choosing our awardees next meeting. We are very blessed to be awarding these scholarships every year.

Cordially, Micheal Roa

"Prayer is the best armor we have, it is key which opens the heart of God"

See picture with district photos.

Downey

Br. 362, St. Raymond

Hello everyone. Well, here it is, March! The year is rolling right along. So, let's recap last month—we held our first Bingo lunch of 2023 and it was well attended. Thank you to all of you who came out and supported our great organization and thanks to those members who helped set up—Cookie, Irene, Florence, Joan and our new member Glen Chiccarelli.

On the last weekend of February, the ICF was able to once again have an exhibitor booth at Religious Education Congress in Anaheim. It was great being back in full force. We saw some old familiar faces and lots of new ones. Thank you to all of the ICF members who stopped by.

We had a special celebration on February 5th - one of our beloved members - Joan Lueke celebrated her 90th birthday.

So here we are in March, springtime is back, Lent is in full force, and it's also time for our St Joseph Table. It's been four years since we last celebrated a full St Joseph Table and we want this one to be spectacular since it's our 40th annual. Thank you to all of our volunteers and bakers. We're bringing back the pasta dinner too. Help us celebrate on Saturday March 18th after the 5 p.m. mass and join us in the Table blessing. The Table will also be open on Sunday the 19th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is our biggest single fundraiser of the year so let's make it count.

If you know of anyone who would like to join the ICF, be sure to invite them to our meeting on Thursday March 2 at 7 p.m. in the hall. We welcome all no matter what heritage they are.

*Till next month, have a great month.
Perry Shurko, Branch President.*

La Canada Flintridge

Br. 374, St. Bede the Venerable

Our biggest St. Joseph Event fundraiser is almost here! Plans are going extremely well so we expect to have a great success! Of course, to make this happen we are asking you all for your support. Please be sure to sign in when delivering your Table donation and an acknowledgement sticker will be placed on it. The processions before every Mass with our statue, Sea Cadets, and Boy Scouts will be very special this year and will truly honor St. Joseph. The Auction items are exciting and have wide appeal. Focaccia and wine will be sold after the Sat. 3/18, 5:30 Mass.

New name badges have been purchased for renewing members. Please remember to turn them in to Fiora at the end of our meeting and events.

Looking ahead:

March 21st- Perry Shurko, ICF Central council officer and LA District President will speak about ICF.

April 18th- Vincent Frankini- Social Issues in the Generation

May 16th- Dr. Michael Van Hecke- National Speaker on Social Issues

TBD- Summer Mass and Brunch at La Canada Country Club- Be sure to let Phyllis know via the survey, if you are interested. A private Mass in a special setting is always memorable.

Irish Blessing: *May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door.*

Diane Restivo

Thousand Oaks

Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon

Branch 380 enjoyed a Valentine-themed general meeting in February. We are gearing up to hold our annual St. Joseph's Day pasta dinner and bake sale once again in March. We have missed this special event and are looking forward to holding it once again and celebrating with our branch members and parish community.

We lost a longtime member of our branch, Annette Bondelli, in January. We continue to hold our branch members in our prayers and hope to have more members return to attending our events.

Simi Valley

Br. 443, St. Rose of Lima

On Saturday, January 14, over 300 people gathered at St. Rose of Lima's Church Hall to celebrate St. Rose's Facilities Manager Norm Ouellette's retirement and his 80th birthday. Part of the celebration included an award

presented by the Knights of Columbus to Norm thanking him for his service. Our Branch President Rita Downey planned the celebration and managed to get St. Rose's other ministries involved. As with any Italian gathering, there was plenty of food donated by several local restaurants and the Knights of Columbus. Branch 443's favorite DJ Sean supplied music for dancing.

Branch 443's monthly meeting was a Potluck dinner on Friday, January 20. After dinner, members shared past and present Christmas memories. President Rita Downey, the MC, brought laughter as she read responses to the various questions such as: When do you turn on your outside Christmas lights? A few said, 'When it gets dark.'

Our next meeting is on February 17. Since Lent will be beginning, members are asked to bring their favorite Lenten Soups for our Prepare for Lent Souper Bowl Dinner. They are also invited to bring their favorite salad or dessert.

*Peace and Blessings,
Josephine M. Perini*

See picture with district photos.

Rancho Palos Verdes

Br. 444, St. John Fisher

On Saturday, January 21st, we attended the formal installation of Officers with a Mass and luncheon held at Holy Angels Church in Arcadia. We were able to become acquainted with our sister Br. 447 American Martyrs & enjoyed getting to know them and share ideas with them.

Bingo was the name of the game we played at our General Meeting, in the Fireside Room. Everyone brought appetizers and a fun spirit.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Part 1 of her early life until the beginnings of her teaching career. Next month we will conclude her life story at our Valentines Celebration.

Proceeds from our Valentine Celebration will go to our High School Scholarship charity. President Hany Francis will be preparing a delicious Tri Tip Steak, with salad and veggies. A Dessert contest among our members will top the meal.

The old saying, "Truth is in the Tasting" will identify our winner. But all the desserts will be winners, because they have been made with love.

We pray for our members who cannot attend due to illness or mishaps. We pray for all our ICF members and our Parish members.

Ciao, Patty Longo Hansen

See pictures with district photos.



Oakland

East Bay

District Council

This has been a very busy time of the year for the East Bay District members. It all began with Installation and will slow down this weekend when we celebrate the Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed.

Installation took place at the Fratellanza on 1/15/23, in spite of the rain, we had a nice turnout. We had Mass celebrated by our chaplain, Fr. Mario Rizzo and con-celebrated by our Spiritual Director, Fr. Chris Bennett. Then came the investiture. This was followed by a ravioli dinner, speeches and thank yous to all who joined us.

Today is the day before our Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed, so many of us were busy preparing hors d'oeuvre platters, prizes and setting up the hall for our feed. We want to thank those members and nonmembers who pitched in and had the hall looking very special. And of course, thanks to Fran and Leonard as our hard-working leaders. Tomorrow is the big day when Benny takes charge, and we enjoy that wonderful crab.

Now is the time to sit back, take a deep breath and get ready for the next round of fund raising and hopefully a District Communion.

A Happy St. Patrick's Day to all, Irish or not.

Pat Grasso,

District Sec.

-Mass at East Bay District Installation -- Our new President, Jo-Ann

Donivan-

See pictures with district photos.



Alameda

Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

Our Lenten Fish Fry dinners are underway. Meals follow 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Saint Philip Neri Church and are being served indoors, unlike 2022, in Monsignor O'Brien Hall. Take-out dinners are available. The meal includes fish, pasta, coleslaw, roll and dessert. Prices are \$17.00 for adults and \$5.00 for young persons 12 and under who are eating in the hall. Beer, wine and soda can be purchased separately. Reservations are not necessary.

A reminder: Our annual Irish Social is scheduled for Saturday evening, March 11, starting with beverages and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by young ladies from the McBride School of Irish Dancing. A raffle will follow the dancers. Prices are \$35.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children. For reservations, please contact Ms. Terry Greig, (510) 504-0498 or terrygreig3@gmail.com. Payment in advance by check made payable to ICF Branch 10 sent to Terry Greig, 1010 San Antonio Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501.

Another reminder: On Sunday, March 19 we will host our Saint Joseph's Day Table for the first time since 2019. Persons attending are requested to bring a sweet dessert which can be shared with other guests. Prices are \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. For information and reservations, please contact John Zugnoni, (510) 326-3474.

The East Bay District Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed was held in Monsignor O'Brien Hall on Saturday evening, February 11. Many of our members assisted in the supporting cast—set-up, take-down, selling tickets, serving etc.

Thank you to our treasurer, JoAnn Doran, for selling 63 ICF calendars!

Our membership has dropped by seven since December 31. The good news is that all who left are paying dues to other branches.

We are very active, and we welcome all!

John Zugnoni, Branch 10 publicity

Fremont

Br. 215, St. Francis of Assisi

Happy March! I hope the month of February was full of faith, hope, and love for you and your family!

The East Bay District Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed on February 11th was a wonderful event with more than 100 people in attendance! Great job President Fran, District President JoAnn, Leonard Rossi, and all the others who helped to make this delicious event possible. Chef Benny Ratto was exquisite, as usual!

Special prayers for Corpus Christi Parish, Fremont since they have been enduring tough times with roof damage to the church as well as fire damage to the rectory.

We are looking forward to hosting a Tortellini Dinner sometime after Easter, as well as our popular Fall Dessert Bingo in September. More news to follow...

As you know, we need members! Please make an extra effort to recruit at least one friend or relative to join the ICF!

And, please check out our Branch 215 webpage at:

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

Have a wonderful March and blessings for a grace-filled Ash Wednesday and start of the Lenten season.

Happy St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's days!

Dio ti benedica,

James Francis McGee

Vice President

See picture with district photos.

Livermore

Br. 285, St. Filomena

Ciao Tutti,

Even though it is still chilly out, we are rapidly approaching spring, Easter, and the Easter season.

On our February calendar we celebrated many of our members' birthdays, including our President, Carlotta Schauer.

The District Crab Feed and the Crab Feeds of our local Parishes were fun and big successes.

We celebrated our last days before the Lenten season by holding another Bingo fundraiser – Mardi Gras Bingo on February 18 at St. Augustine Hall in Pleasanton, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Beads and masks were handed out to all, wonderful raffle baskets were there to buy tickets, jewelry was for sale, pizza and snacks were served, and of course, the Chicken Dance and YMCA were the highlight of the break. All was done for good causes—our annual First Year Scholarships for high school seniors and to help support our Seminarians. It was a wonderful fun evening for all adults and kids alike. We thank all our members who worked so hard to have this event.

Janet-marie Petric manned our booth for the Scholarship Fair at Amador High School February in Pleasanton, handing out applications and information on ICF and the Scholarship program to high school seniors. Thank you Janet-marie. We hope to have some applicants from that event.

The March General meeting/social will take place at the St. Augustine Church classrooms. Kathy Elm, as always, will put up a beautiful St. Joseph's Table. All members are

bringing nonperishable items to later donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Anna Yocham is giving a Heritage Presentation about the Italian language, its origin and usage through the years. It should be an interesting meeting featuring our heritage connections—the Sicilian St. Joseph Table tradition and knowledge about the Italian language.

We will continue to participate in ministry Sunday at St. Michael Church in March and the coming months. We now have 53 members.

A very holy and faith filled Lent to All, Carolina

Castro Valley

Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

We had our second successful dinner/meeting yesterday. This time it was baked potato, salad, chili and dessert. Members and guests seemed to enjoy themselves with the many choices of toppings and salad possibilities. Thank you, Lisa, Melody, Karen and crew,

Our 44th Anniversary as a Branch will be celebrated on April 22nd. We are still looking @ venues and hope to find one we can all enjoy.

We are also looking for fund raisers, ideas are most welcome, and you will not have to be the chairman! We are all here for the same thing, to keep the ICF growing. We hope that many of you were able to take part in the video presented recently.

Dues are now Due!

Remember, next month we are all "Irish" and will feast on Corned Beef and Cabbage. Happy St. Patrick's Day to All.

*Pat Grasso,
Branch Sec.*

CONTRA COSTA District Council

Greetings from the Contra Costa District

We have a change on the District Council. Our new District President is Diana Mackinson. Patty Jarrett stepped down because of her move to New Mexico. However, Patty Jarrett was appointed District mentor by Chief Mentor Franklyn Lopes Jr. The position can be done via email and phone. We have openings for branch mentors. We also have an opening for first vice president. Nominations will be given at our meeting. Our new Apostolic chairperson is Mary Cook. Our new Heritage chairperson is Peggy Aiello Hagerthy. Our new Membership chairperson is Maria Catanese Helburt. Rose Mc Neal will be our convention chairperson/contact. Patty Jarrett will be our *Bollettino* author. We discussed our 2023 calendar. Stay

tuned for details. Some of us attended lunch and a documentary about Italians hosted by our Danville branch.

We pray for a speedy recovery for Past President. Joseph Flores had eye surgery.

In March we celebrate St. Joseph's Day. There is a powerful novena to him called the Holy Cloak. Look it up online. We also celebrate St. Patrick's Day. And Lent has already started.

Happy Almost Spring.

Patty Jarrett

Past President/District Mentor.

See pictures with district photos.

Martinez

Br. 13, San Martino

The entire month of March is in the thick of Lent. While we establish and remain faithful to a routine, it's a period when we set aside time for God, ourselves, our family, our friends, and our work. God is calling us to take refuge in His wounds, He is calling us higher and deeper and closer to His heart. We can grow in faith when we think about all that Christ has done for us! Let's ready ourselves to experience His resurrection with an open heart.

There are many opportunities at church from which to choose to augment our spiritual time. Tuesdays we can join Scripture Reflections with the Clergy by zoom; we can spend time in Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays or join Jesus' journey through the Stations of the Cross on Fridays following community Soup Suppers. If interested, contact me for further details.

Celebrate Branch #13's 96th anniversary by attending ICF PASTA BINGO, our first branch fundraiser in four years! Saturday, April 15 @ 5:30 p.m. in St. Catherine of Siena's Parish Hall. Tickets are on sale now for \$25 per person for dinner, \$15 per bingo pack of five games or 2 for \$20 along with baskets, prizes, and dessert auction. Let us welcome you back to Martinez! Call Mary @925-229-2665 or email: ICFBranch13Martinez@gmail.com. And mark your calendars for St. Catherine's 150th anniversary celebration on Saturday, April 29. All are welcome!

Members of Branch #13 wish all those to which this paper reaches a blessed and thought-filled journey toward Easter.

*Arrivederci,
Mary Cook*

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

**Crockett
Br. 14, San Carlo**

Happy Spring!

March 20th brings the official start to the brightest season of the year. As we refresh our homes with Spring cleaning, let's rejuvenate ourselves by getting out and getting together for some food, fun, and fellowship.

Join us on Tuesday, March 14th for our monthly branch meeting and St. Joseph's Table dinner. Fr. Leo will be away, so there will be no mass. The branch will prepare a pesto pasta for everyone, and we ask that you bring a meatless dish to share.

ICF Branch 14 is hosting our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 18th at St. Rose of Lima Church Hall. Dinner is \$25.00 and includes our delicious, corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, roll, and dessert. (Take-outs are also available.) If you're feeling the 'luck of the Irish', you just might win one of our spectacular raffle prizes! Please contact Donna Hoffmann for tickets at (510) 367-5669 or email at Dhoffm3101@aol.com. Doors open at 5:30 with dinner starting at 6:30.

The 35th Annual St. Rose Fish Fry will take place on March 31st from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. You can purchase your tickets to this popular event for \$25.00 at the door. Volunteer help is always appreciated! Please call (510) 787-2052 for more information or to volunteer.

We're sending get well wishes to Ron Costa, Jim Thomas, and Mary De Ventura. We hope to see you all soon! Wishing you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a beautiful Spring!

*Blessings, ~Helen
See picture with district photos.*

**Richmond
Br. 154, St. Raymond**

We tried something new for January by having our meeting in the afternoon. The feedback was great! Now we are considering having some more afternoon meetings in the summer. Maybe a BBQ

Officers were installed at a lovely luncheon in Pleasant Hill and now we are ready for another year.

February has flown by fast! Our February meeting was a celebration of the Asian New Year with a dinner of Chinese food. Gung Hay Fat Choy!

We continue to plan for at least one fundraiser, or possibly two. Definitely the Polenta Dinner in October or November.

The club calendar is available. You can pick one up at the next meeting.

March meeting is on the 13th. Corned beef and cabbage, Walter's corned beef is not to be missed!

April meeting is on the 10th. 6:30 p.m., Risotto and Salad. Branch Anniversary and Honoring past Presidents.

If you haven't paid your dues yet, please consider writing your check today.

We hope to see you soon.

**Concord
Br. 214, Todos Santos**

On January 21st the Installation of officers was held at Zio Fraedos restaurant in Pleasant Hill. Branch #214, President Roberta Healy arranged this wonderful event. Branch Presidents were in attendance and a delicious lunch was enjoyed by all. There were raffle prizes also.

We had a board meeting, and we outlined the year's current events. Each month \$100 will be donated to special charities in our area. We have new ideas for this year's fund-raising.

Our Pasta/Bingo will be held on March 11th. We will serve salad, pasta, meatballs, garlic bread, and drinks. The cost is \$35 which includes your bingo card. Raffle prizes will be available to bid for. This is a fun time with popcorn served while playing bingo. It is at Cauche Hall.

Prayers for Ray Doorack who is recovering from a fall. Prayers for healing for Chris Androtti, and me, Norene Deluca recuperating from knee replacement surgery. Continue to pray for Marion Armstrong who is still undergoing treatment. Her faith is keeping her strong.

Please pray for the victims of the terrible tragedy in Turkey and Syria.

*Stay safe and healthy.
Ciao, Norene Deluca
See pictures with district photos.*

**Danville
Br. 352, St. Isidore**

The Branch has been busy! In addition to attending our District Installation at Zio Freddo's, January started with our sold-out Annual Pasta & Crab Feed! Once again, it was the best dinner ever!! Thanks again to all of our hard-working members who volunteer to make this such an outstanding event. It is soooo appreciated (& yummy)!

This was quickly followed on February 11th with a special Saturday Pasta & Meatball Buffet & Documentary Film, featuring "Potentially Dangerous: When it was a Crime to be Italian." In addition to hearing the stories & learning of the hardships of local Italians during WWII, one of our parishioners also enlightened us with her stories focused on the Italian women who worked in the mines. This was definitely an educational evening for all – and a history to be preserved.

With great sadness, we note the passing of one of our dearest founding members. A Celebration of Life was held for Anita Gatti on Feb. 23rd at St. Isidore. Anita so enjoyed attending our monthly dinner meetings with friends & always had a smile to greet you. Please keep Anita & the Gatti family in your prayers. She will definitely be missed.

Chefs Russ & Kyle enjoyed our February 27th monthly meeting. We made it an easy dinner of Salad & Pizza, leaving plenty of time for members to just visit. Our chefs need to rest up for our March 20th dinner meeting, when we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Yes, corned beef & cabbage are on the menu!

Save the Date: Our "Festa Primavera Family Dinner Dance" will be held on Saturday, April 15rd. Plan to bring a friend and join us for another fun-filled event, as we dance to the tunes of Ken Cooper's "AKA Trio" – always a crowd pleaser!

*Ciao,
Branch 352
See picture with district photos.*



**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 information 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 Oddo was held on February 25 at Christ the King Church. 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 quadro".

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

**Life Tribute
Kimberley Rose Bottino**

We, the Central Council of the Italian Catholic Federation, are acknowledging that Kimberley Rose Bottino born July 7, 1973 has journeyed to the Celestial Paradise Garden with her Guardian Angels on December 30, 2022. Kimberley will join her Great Grandparents Sir Luigi & Augusta Providenza plus Grandparents Alice and Carl Bottino. Kimberley will be missed by her devoted parents Christopher and Virginia Bottino and her loving and precious sister Ann Bottino Kahapea (brother-in-law Keoni) and Kim's numerous nieces and nephews who provided extra joy.

Kim was born and raised in Fremont, California and moved with her parents to Brentwood in 1996. Kim was a bright spot in their lives, constantly sharing jokes, loving to dance at any moment and playing her bowling video game. Kim had a love for horses and a joy of pug dogs.

Kim was vibrant and shared her beautiful spirit with family and friends. She had a fantastic gift for memorable hugs. I fondly met Kim in 2007. She gave the biggest embrace and the friendliest smile with a gleam of joy in her eyes. I felt extra welcomed in the Bottino household. I remember Kim sitting next to me holding my hand. Her welcoming smile and



silly jokes made me feel like an instant new friend. I cherish her precious and welcoming smile.

Kim will be missed by all. She was an amazing "treasured gift" of God who found a way to see the bright side of life no matter what she faced. Again, "Thank you" for all your adoring smiles.

Kim's family encourages us to take a lesson from their vibrant and spirited daughter Kimberley to live your life and "to practice random acts of kindness." Amen God Bless

-Contributed by CC Life Member Dante Galeazzi

FRESNO DISTRICT



Br. 308 , Branch Officers' Installation



Br. 308 Members enjoying time together



CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT



Br. 291, Keely Sanchez, Pete and Abby Gallagher and Joanna Van Blaricom enjoyed a lovely day in Monterey attending the Central Coast District Branch Officers' Installation.



Br. 51, Bishop's Luncheon



Br. 51, Bishop's Dinners



Br. 36 at Central Coast Installation



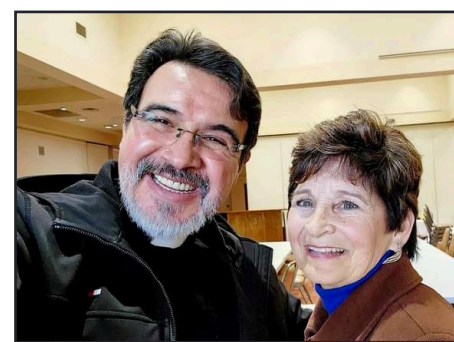
Fr. Ron Shirley & Fr. Roberto Vera



Central Coast District Installation



Franklin Lopes, Jr. - Grand Second VP



Br. 36., Fr. Roberto Vera & Jane Gasperson



Central Coast District Installation

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT



Br. 445 January Birthdays ... Jan Stumhoffer, Donna Pfaff and Chic Cannon



Br. 445 Lorraine and John Sellarole join us on Zoom!



Br. 445 Chef Jim Canger and Members



Santa Catarina d' Alessandria #435 member Helga Brooks and friends celebrating birthday number 95. Congratulations and God Bless!



Br. 28 - Sock Dolls-Members of the local ICF fashioned handmade sock dolls and recently presented them to youngsters at Wheeler Hospital's pediatric ward.



Br. 28 - Robes Donated - members of the Gilroy branch crocheted lap robes for patients at Driftwood Convalescent Hospital as part of their apostolic and charities program.



Br. 28 - Trustee Vince Saso left, & Past Grand President Andy Pappani, right, teammates at previous Shrimp & Ravioli fundraising event.



Branch 391's Steve Lencioni, Mike and Marcie Rossi



Br. 368 Happy 67th anniversary Lorraine & Mike Nunziata



Br. 368, St. Valentine's Dinner Meeting



Br. 368, St. Valentine's Dinner Meeting

SAN DIEGO DISTRICT



Branch 246 President Joe Fontana (right) greets St. Charles Borromeo Parishioners



Branch 246 President Joe Fontana (left) and member Adeline Woodward, prepare cake for St. Charles Borromeo Parishioners



Branch 246 kitchen crewmembers



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SAN MATEO DISTRICT



San Mateo District Installation: Barbara Firpo District President, Donna Cervelli Treasurer of Br. 173, Dorene Campanile President Br.173 & Brenda Wemiz Financial Secretary Br. 173



San Mateo District Installation: Officers and members of Branch 173 with Pres. Dorene Campanile



Br. 213, Seated left to right: Judy Crosetti Secretary, Jackie Smith Second Vice President, Joyce James President, Harold Fuentes Trustee, Second row: Joe Crosetti Photographer, Linda Benedetti Treasurer, Carolyn Ternullo, Marianne Cameron, Kathy Amiot Orator, Back row: Diane Pagborn, Donna Devoe Sentinel, Roberta Franchini Financial Secretary, Steve Fuentes District Past President.

EAST BAY DISTRICT



East Bay Installation



East Bay Installation



ICF Branch 215 Christmas Party at Giorgio's, Milpitas 2022

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT



ICF 111-2023 Officer's Installation



ICF 111-2023 Officer's Installation



ICF 111-January birthdays



Br. 237, President Connie Bohannon with Jr President Jordan and his brother Justice at LA archdiocese installation.



ICF 111-2023 Officer's Installation



Br. 444 St John Fisher: Patty Hansen, Cristina Baldemor, Carol Piccirillo & Hany Francis



Br. 444 St John Fisher: Don Wynne, Kathleen Buchanan, Cristina Baldemor, Patty Hansen, Monique Hansen; Daniel Holland, Jovita Trani, Bruno Vieri & Hany Francis



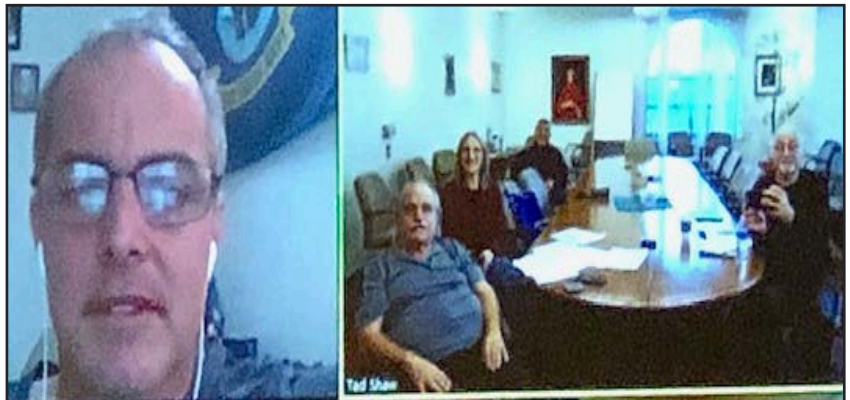
Br. 443, Norm with his grandchildren Aurora and Eviana



Br. 443, Norm and his children and grandson Dominic.



Branch 108 held its Pot Luck Lunch Social, General Meeting followed by Bingo in HFC Connolly Hall



On January 14, 2023, NBr 67 meeting included members Carmelo S., Theresa S., Lou M., Eugene S., Tad S., David D. from Akron, Ohio, and guest and prospective member Joseph M. from Lumberton New Jersey who is interested in joining NBr 67.

BLESSED SACRAMENT District

Auburn
Br. 342, St. Joseph

I am happy to report that our first in-person Polenta Dinner since 2020 was a smashing success!! It was so good to sit and watch attendees come through the door with big smiles on their faces and listen to the laughter and happy voices as they reunited with old friends. Chef Marc Piziali and his crew worked hard to prepare an amazing dinner that was enjoying by all. Thank you, chefs, for all your hard work! A big thank you also goes out to all who helped to set up the hall, clean up after the dinner, sell raffle and bar tickets and tend the bar. We could not have done it without your help. Linda Wuelfing, your raffle baskets were beautiful, and I heard so many compliments as I was going through the line with my tickets. Thank you! A huge thank you also goes out to Bridget Piziali, Adriana Jensen, and MaryAnn Mikle who chaired this event and worked so hard to make it a success. Finally, a big thank you to all who attended. We hope to see everyone again in 2024.

Ciao!
Pam Andersen
See pictures with district photos.

Roseville
Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi

We hope you were able to attend our February Branch meeting. If so, you were treated to a delicious minestrone soup dinner followed by a yummy bread pudding for dessert. Thank you to Janet and Al Smith for all your hard work in hosting this dinner.

Our Board members took part in the Installation of Officers at St. Joseph Parrish in Auburn on February 25th. It was a wonderful day of faith and fellowship shared between our fellow Blessed Sacrament Branch members.

Our next major fundraiser is the St. Joseph's Table, scheduled for March 11th and 12th here at St. Clare. We ask you all to dust off your favorite recipes and bake, bake, bake! Let's make this a great success as proceeds will go towards supporting our local seminarians.

Spring is quickly approaching, and we find ourselves, once again, in the holy season of Lent. We will not be holding our usual March Branch meeting, but rather will be hosting a Lenten Soup dinner for our community. Dinner will be followed by the Stations of the Cross. Please join us as we prepare to nourish our bodies as well as our souls.

We're happy to introduce Jen and Charles Cole as our newest members to Branch 438. Welcome!

As we prepare for the Easter season, we ask the Lord to bless us with His love and grace and are grateful for all He has given us.

Many Blessings.
Anne Finn
See picture with district photos.

SANTA ROSA District

Healdsburg
Br. 52, San Francisco Di Sales

Thank you to everyone who came to our February Polenta Dinner. Richard Passalacqua's sauce and polenta were delicious!

We are saddened by the passing of Mary Madden and Ernie Frandsen. Mary was a long-time member of the branch, past teacher at St. John's and a wonderful lady and Ernie attended all our dinners and generously donated many raffle prizes. They both will be missed.

President Teri Rolleri has resigned her position of president of the branch. We thank Teri for her many years of dedicated service to Br. 52.

Upcoming events:

ICF Meeting: Tuesday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

ICF Monthly Mass: Sunday, March 12 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Friday, March 31: Fish Fry! We will be selling tickets after the Masses in March or call Carmen and Lauren: 707-585-3111. Julie Tomasin is looking for raffle prizes, silent auction items and live auction items. Please contact Julie if you have items to donate: 707-838-9038 or rugdoc@aol.com. The Fish Fry is our biggest event of the year and the funds from this event support most of our charitable giving throughout the year.

Happy New Year!--Lauren

Cloverdale
Br. 75, L'Annunciata

Meet our new Sentinel, Josh Brown! The youngest member of our branch loves to hug and spread his sweetness all around! He'll be very good at the meet and greet which is the major responsibility of the position.

I spotted another bright spot in our branch in Yvonne Jelton, our new Secretary, as she veritably skipped up the aisle at the Installation of Officers held at St. James in Petaluma, last Sunday. Her perky walk and smile were contagious as Central Council welcomed us and placed the insignias of office around our necks. Not all of our officers were able to attend but we thank Treasurer, Margaret Brown and President, Patsy Buchignani for making the drive. Robert Aquistapace did a great job as Master of Ceremonies.

Happily, St. Peter's Parish will host the Chicken Spaghetti Dinner, our Annual Citrus Fair Weekend event, in our stead. All monies will go to our parish. Manpower has been found and tickets are being sold.

Our next meeting will feature a Valentine's Celebration with "cookies galore" and Bingo.

Ciao!
See picture with district photos.

Petaluma
Br. 127, St. Vincent

Dear members,

You should have received the calendar and the new officers list for this year. If you have email, you should have received them that way. If you don't, you should have received them by US mail. If you have not received them or have a question, please give me a call.

March is bakeless bake sale month. Margaret will be sending notices out via mail. You have been very generous in the past and as a result we have been able to maintain our scholarships. Every donation counts!

This month we have special days for both St. Joseph and St. Patrick, two days for special celebrations. Enjoy!

Dennice DiGirolamo

Arcata
Br. 144, St. Mary

We hosted the installation of officers on Sunday, January 29 for branches #144 and #145. Uniquely Yours Catering served us a wonderful lunch. There were four guests from the District Office. Bob Aquistapace, Central Council President Emeritus, was the Master of Ceremonies and did the installation. Bob brought some "blast from the past" *Bollettinos* and shared events from over 50 years ago. Molto bene Bob!

Alas, the festivities were saddened with the news of the sudden passing of Linda Spallino ('94).

Currently we are busy planning the bi-annual Chicken and Polenta drive-thru/take-out dinner set for March 12. Our crew is preparing over 200 meals. So very grateful for all who help in the kitchen and selling of the pre-order tickets (\$20). If you find you will be in our area you can pre-order your delicious meal. Call Toni @ 707-633-5679. Drive-thru will be from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday Mar 12. 1730 Janes Rd Arcata.

We will be having our annual St. Joseph table on Sunday, March 19.

Our St. Mary's parish will be having a Lenten retreat beginning on Friday, March 17th @ 6 p.m.. There will be a special presentation of the Stations of the Cross, a beautiful music rendition written and performed by Linda Neely with ICF members Alfred and Anne Eanni.

See pictures with district photos.

Eureka
Br. 145, St. Ambrose

The Bette Chinn Super Bowl of peanut butter and jelly collection competition...results are in, and St. Mary's is this year's champion. That makes two years in a row. Congratulations Arcata!

New members: Bob Lawton, Patrick and Sheila Folkins, and Ken & Linda Bareilles have joined our branch. In addition, Cindy and Jeff Rognlien of the Monterey Branch #36 have moved to McKinleyville and transferred their membership to Eureka Branch. Welcome new members!

Please contact Gene Senestraro, Nancy Paoli, or Jerry Colivas jerry.colivas@yahoo.com for applications for the Jerry J. Colivas Memorial Scholarship. The deadline is April 15th.

Our next event will be the St. Joseph Table on Sunday March 19th at St. Bernard in the courtyard between the church and the parking lot. Many people were overjoyed to see our beautiful display of baked goods and religious items last year.

Please support our effort by baking and donating religious items and donating flowers. on March 19th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

See picture with district photos.




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**Santa Rosa
Br. 198, St. Eugene**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

February was a very good month for our Branch. We were represented in a very successful District Installation of Officers in Petaluma on February 5th and our February 6th meeting was followed by the very popular cookie exchange and Bingo. The variety of cookies was amazing – and sweet! Congratulations to all the winners of our Bingo.

Our March 6 dinner meeting is always a popular one with a Corned Beef dinner followed by our regular meeting with Doreen O'Rourke, our President, presiding.

March is our final month to pay dues. Please don't be late. We need every member to renew their membership and we welcome anyone who would like to join us. We are a fun, social group that enjoys good times as well as helping our Parish and community.

Scholarship applications are available at the local high schools. If you know any senior who is a Catholic and has any Italian ancestry, get them to apply NOW.

Spring is a time for new growth, not only for our gardens but also for us spiritually with the Lenten and Easter seasons. (Ask Ernie Giampaoli if his tomato seeds have sprouted)!

Continue to pray for our brothers and sisters who are ill or alone. We all know God hears our prayers.

*God Bless and peace be with you now and always.
Gail Bonggi-Azevedo*

**Sebastopol
Br. 209, St. Michael**

Hello Members of branch 209, Sebastopol!

We are excited to start the new year of 2023! Our new board members have been officially installed into their positions, and ready to go to work!

The installation was in Petaluma, at St. James church. We enjoyed seeing the Central Council Officers, Santa Rosa District Officers, and our Branch Officers, along with other members. It was a lovely luncheon, and we appreciate all the hard work that goes into a special event like this.

The most exciting part of the day was the raffle winners!! We had three winners from our branch. Nancy Stedman won our branch raffle basket. We donated a beautiful "made in Italy" ceramic bowl, with apples painted inside. A perfect representation of Sebastopol, as our town is famous for our Gravenstein apples. There were many delicious items in the bowl, "All Things Apple." Such as, an apple crisp mix, apples, Sebastopol apple sauce, Martinelli's apple cider, and

much more! Nancy actually won twice, and gave her second winning ticket to Tami Marian, our new board member. Tami chose a basket with coffee, chocolates, a blanket, and other goodies. Our last winner was Pam McAlvain. Pam won a basket full of games, for game a night. What a great way to support our district by buying raffle tickets. Way to go winners!

We had our chicken and polenta fundraiser in February. It's always nice to gather and share a delicious meal together. Branch #209 is grateful for the support from the community, our families, and friends. Many thanks, to the hard-working crew, that works together, to make it a great experience for our guests!

We have many more events planned for 2023, and we are off to a great start!

Please take the time to pay your dues for 2023 of \$38.40. Mail your checks to: Leona Spadoni, 3456 Gravenstein Hwy So., Sebastopol, Ca. 95472.

*Until next month...
Thank You,
Pam McAlvain
President*

**FRESNO
District**

**Fresno
Br. 32, St. Alphonsus**

We had a successful meeting in January. There were more people at our meeting, which was wonderful. We had a wonderful lunch which consisted of sandwiches, fruits, chips, drinks, and a dessert. Well done, Elaine!!! We voted on the budget which was prepared by our president. Thank you to Father Gaspar Bautista for being our Chaplain. He is doing an amazing job.

We would like to Congratulate Sally Caglia for receiving the Leon S. Peters Award. Way to go Sally!!!

We would like to send prayers to Erna Bonetto for a speedy recovery after having surgery. We would also like to send prayers to Josie Reyna for healing and a quick recovery. Sadly, Sunnyside Deli was struck by an arson fire a while ago. We are keeping the Husak family in our prayers. Looking forward to its reopening.

Lord help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that you and I can't handle together. Amen

*Ciao,
Monica Fischer*



**Merced
Br. 39, St. Cecilia**

A memory by Ezio Sansoni

One of the beloved members of our community and ICF, Branch 39, Joe Marchini passed away late last year.

I grew up with Joe in the 1940s and fifties. He and I were the oldest members of St. Cecilia Branch 39. We got our start as part of the "Young Teens" of the ICF, mentored by our dear friend and "ICF Mother," Nina Descalso.

In the "old days" of farming our parents were all friends and they would visit one another on Sundays. We would arrive – unannounced! – usually about two or three p.m. – to do "Veglia!" Generally, an invitation to stay for dinner was tendered; and the party really got going when the ladies all congregated in the kitchen to prepare a delicious Italian meal. Joe reminisced with me recently about the meals that his aunt—Ada Marchini of Livingston—used to put out on her wood-fired stove! He raved about our times at "Veglia!"

Many memories abound! But consider that these families – hard working everyday farmers – would agree to meet in Santa Cruz every year – for a two-week vacation so that we youngsters would be able to swim in the ocean and "rest" on the sand of the beach! At night, the games changed to the Boardwalk where the older men enjoyed besting each other at the "Games." The "Piggy Races" were very popular! And it is during these vacations that both parents and Children alike "bonded" as friends for life!

I will always cherish our memory of "Veglia!" and our times together.

**Deadline for April
Bollettino is
March 10th.
Send articles
& photos:
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**Clovis
Br. 250, Our Lady of
Perpetual Help**

Greetings from Clovis, the "Gateway to Yosemite and the Sierra Nevada Mountains"! and Birthday greetings to Sherrie Attolico, Kaiyah Lee, and Carol Rice!

Isabel Ronzano reports that her chemo treatments are continuing but she may have to need radiation. Ron Travis has pneumonia and feeling under the weather: Doug Duke is returning home following therapy for his stroke recovery and is anxious to get back into action as our Treasurer. Let's be sure to pray for these members and let them know they're in our thoughts and prayers.

Little known Popes' Department: Sisinnius (708): Had such a short reign and was suffering from chronic gout and advanced age; did order that the walls of Rome be repaired and improved, however, he wouldn't live long enough to see the work completed as he died suddenly; was buried in St. Peter's Basilica.

Our February meeting was well attended. The members enjoyed a delicious lunch of Italian sausage and polenta. Until further notice our monthly meetings will be held on the fourth Saturday, at least through the winter months.

A friendly reminder: dues are due.

Philosopher Angelino says: "Casa Senza Donna, Barca Senza Timone" – "House Without A Woman—Ship without A Rudder".

Thought for the month;
*"He's always there
To bear the burden, to share the hours,*

*To strengthen the heart....
Our loving Lord, our faithful Friend,
The One who cares... He's always there. (Anon)
Finally, your Editorial Staff wish you all have a happy and spiritual new year...
Angelo, Santina, Georgio,
Pasquale, Celestina, Fiorenza, and Mauricio.*



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

Hello members.

Our February dinner meeting was held on the 8th. Members dined on a delicious dinner of Bernie's raviolis and homemade sauce, members supplied side dishes and desserts. Our special guest was Flora Depascuale. Flora is very talented at making crafts. As you know from my report in the December *Bollettino*, she made dozens of decorative pumpkins that she donated to our club. We are grateful for her hard work and generosity. We all love Flora deeply and cherish her friendship. She is currently making Valentine wreaths from wine corks. So, drink that wine and save those corks.

Thank you to Jo Soligian for potting and donating succulent plants and to sell at our sausage sandwich sale. We appreciate her hard work.

We received a thank you card from Valley Children's Hospital for the toys donated in December.

Antoinette and I attended a virtual Fresno District meeting. Plans are being made to have a Bocce Ball "fun tournament" in May at the Fresno Diocesan Center. No formal District wide Officer installation ceremony is planned so we took about 30 seconds to install our 2023 officers.

Nick and Angie DiLiddo Scholarship recipients are Emma Pricolo and Joseph Cantelmi. The awards will be presented by Nick and Angie's son Frank DiLiddo at our May meeting.

Congratulations to Rita Hoffknecht for winning the quilt/gift basket.

I'm happy to report Marylen Karsted reappeared after a two-year absence. She is alive and well and living in Wyoming.

Keep our ailing members in our thoughts: Joanne Debenedetto, Carolyn Romersa.

*Jay Newsome
President*

See pictures with district photos.

**CENTRAL COAST
District Council**

Central Coast District had their installations on January 21, 2023 at San Carlos Cathedral Monterey, CA. Con-Celebrant Father Roberto Vera and Father Ron Shirley. Installing Officer was Franklyn Lopes, ICF Grand Second Vice President. Congratulations to our District officers Rosanne Costabile; District President, Eddie Leonard; 1st Vice Pres, Julie Richard; 2nd Vice Pres; Elaine Valentine; Recording Secretary, Bill Crowley; Treasurer, Harry Hill, Pete Gallagher, David Zanini; Trustees, Vicky

Howell; Orator, and Bella Leonard; Sentinel.

Thank you, Br. 36 Monterey- Santa Rosalia for hosting this event. Everyone enjoyed a Fisherman's luncheon and being all together.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Valentine
District Secretary
See pictures with district photos.*

Santa Cruz**Br. 21, N.S. Del Soccorso**

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

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

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

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

*Patty Morelli
Trustee- Branch 21*

Monterey**Br. 36, Santa Rosalia**

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe.'" Saint Teresa of Calcutta

February 9, 2023, a buffet dinner was served honoring our Volunteers. Each group was given instructions in preparation of our Lenten dinners. We appreciated all our volunteers, and their dedications to Branch 36 Monterey - Santa Rosalia

Lenten Fish dinners has return to San Carlos Cathedral Hall! Lenten dinners will be on Fridays, Feb 24, Mar 3, Mar 10, Mar 17, Mar 24, and Mar 31.

\$20.00 per dinner, purchase dine-in or take-outs, weekly on our website: MontereyICF.org

Doors open: 4:30 p.m.—tickets on sale (if not sold out online). Take outs available: 5:00 p.m. Dining room service begins: 5:30 p.m.

Menu: Chef's choice fried fish and pasta and salad (changes weekly) plus garlic bread. Desserts and bar beverages also available for purchase.

Members are asked to donate a dessert weekly—we rely on them for our dessert table—thank you.

Remember - order online each week to guarantee a dinner ticket before we sell out!

3/16/2023. Br. 36 Scholarships applications are due. Applications are available to all High School students that are members, or their parents or grandparents are members of Branch 36. Applications and guidelines are available on our website Monterey-ICF.org or contact Sandie Russo at 831-521-4866.

3/18/23 Saturday - St. Joseph Celebration 11:00 a.m. Mass San Carlos Cathedral followed by light luncheon in San Carlos Hall. More info call Mary (375-2009) or Bea 649-3216.

We are saddened to report that Norman Haverly recently passed away. Our condolences to Judy and family. May he Rest in Peace.

*Sincerely,
Elaine Valentine, Br36 President
See picture with district photos.*

Castroville**Br. 51, Santa Caterina de Siena**

Our ICF board members, Art Carbonel, Kevin Cortopassi, Ashley Stefani, Cindy Stefani, Leonora Barlow, and Amber Silva, attended the Bishop's mass and luncheon hosted by the Monterey branch. They reported back that it was a beautiful mass and wonderful lunch. Thank you to Susan Carbonel for standing in for me, as I was unable to attend. I have included a couple of pictures that were submitted to me of the group.

As of the writing of this article we have pre-sold 100 dinners for our annual polenta and stew fundraiser on February 12, which will make this a very successful fundraiser for our branch. An update will be included in the April newsletter.

Buon Compleanno to our March members: Bethany Barlow (3/15), Nathan Cortopassi (3/3), and Frank Rossi (3/9).

*Happy St. Patrick's Day,
Stefani Cortopassi
See picture with district photos.*

**Aptos****Br. 227, St. Joseph**

A big thank you to Rita DeBernardo for preparing dinner for our February meeting. She made penne pasta with her homemade meat sauce, along with over-the-top super-delicious meatballs. Everyone raved about the food. Rita was assisted by Ken and Nancy Olson and Manny and Magdalena Martinez. Magdalena, who is rapidly becoming the queen of desserts for our branch, made Red Velvet cupcakes with cream cheese frosting. Thanks also to Heidi Ambiel for donating three boxes of Valentine's Day chocolates for the raffle.

The take-out fish dinner is set for March 31. Sharleen Hedgpeh will be preparing red snapper along with rice pilaf, salad, bread and dessert. The price is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Proceeds will benefit our charitable donations and the Resurrection Church Hall remodel.

Thanks to all our members who renewed their memberships. Financial Secretary Marie Mungai reports a good response.

By the time you read this, we will have had a memorial mass for living and deceased members of our branch on March 5 at Resurrection Church.

Mark Saturday, July 22, on your calendar for the annual picnic at DeLaVeaga Park. More details to come as we get closer to the date.

Please continue to pray for our members who are dealing with health issues: Mike Rios, Rosa Radicchi, Maureen Benito, Bruce Dunn and his family, Bob Burick, Nancy Olson, Barbara Jayet, and Franklyn Lopes, Sr.

*Happy St Patrick's Day.
Deanna Musler, Secretary*

**ICF is
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Green!**



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Arroyo Grande Br. 291, St. Patrick

We kicked off our 2023 Lenten Fish Frys on Friday, Feb. 24th. We've had a great response so far and look forward to another successful fish fry season! We have four dinners in March, so if you are in the area,

please join us on March 3rd, 10th, 24th and/or 31st from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in our church hall for a delicious fish dinner with homemade coleslaw and lots of delectable desserts to choose from!

Br. 291 was only able to send a small group to the Central Coast District Branch Officers' Installation in Monterey this year, but the four of us enjoyed a fun day, beautiful weather and visiting with other Branch Officers from throughout our District.

Due to our very busy March (full of fish frys), our Branch is moving our St. Joseph's Table celebration to our April 23rd Dinner Meeting. Members are asked to bring non-perishable food, household products or toiletries to the meeting to fill up our table. All items brought to our St. Joseph's Table will be donated to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program.

Please continue to keep ICF members in your prayers who are experiencing pain, illness or heartache at this time.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

See picture with district photos.

Paso Robles Br. 354, Saint Rose of Lima

Be praised, my God, by all your creation which tells of new life.

Mary Goergen, O.S.F.

Spring has arrived and we are embraced by the sun! The heavy rains have left our hills and valleys looking like mowed velvet dotted by splashes of pink, yellow and blue. The twelve deer who have taken up residence nearby can look forward to abundant streams, grass growing and trees budding. I have been concerned for them through our drought years.

Our Chapter also seems to be feeling the newness of the season. New officers were installed in Monterey on January 21, 2023; dues are almost all up to date; Valentine tray favors have been lovingly crafted for the residents of The Vineyard Rehab Center by Joan Ryder and Rosanna Pepo; and we are looking forward to the Arroyo Grande ICF Lenten Fish Fry which starts February 24 from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church Hall.

Once again, we are delighted to introduce new members and potential new members: Linda Strohn, Amy Edney and Russ and Marikay Pannone, welcome and thank you for your interest in ICF. We love new faces and fresh

ideas. Our new members keep our Branch active and strong.

For those of you who are looking for Lenten reading, may I suggest:

What Jesus Saw From the Cross

By: A. G. Sertillanges

Yvonne Maddalena

Recording Secretary

SANTA CLARA VALLEY District Council

The Santa Clara Valley District February meeting was held at Santa Teresa parish and hosted by Branch 184, St. Mary Los Gatos. Before the regular meeting, a Board meeting of the district officers was held to discuss the district program and budget for the 2023 year.

The district members look forward to a productive year including: the annual summer BBQ picnic, Convention, Bishop's Day, a Fall fundraiser, the District Christmas party, and Installation 2024. Stay tuned for other district events that may be coming this year.

All branches please remember to donate to the ICF first year scholarship program by the deadline April 1st. It would be good for our district to show 100% participation of branches.

We hope all ICF members enjoy a safe and blessed St. Patrick's feast day and St. Joseph's feast day.

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

Michael Rossi

Gilroy Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

Our January dinner meeting meal consisted of homemade Minestrone, Clam Chowder, Tomato and Chicken Noodle soups and salad. Dave and Marianne Peoples and President Diana Berry cooked up the savory soups and Treasurer Pat Cordich made a wonderful salad. Dessert consisted of homemade brownies and chocolate chip bars with ice cream, prepared by first vice-president Kim Filice.

On January 22nd Branch 28 held its quarterly Mass at St. Mary Church at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. It is gratifying to see the membership attendance continue to increase. As we move forward with the quarterly Masses, we look forward to member participation in our communal support of our branch, each other, and our Parish.

As of this writing our "Tastes of Italy" February 18th fundraising Shrimp and Ravioli dinner is sold out. Past Grand President, Andy Pappani is the

Chairperson, with the help of sauce makers Vince Saso and John Matteucci.

As we begin 2023, let us look back at ICF Branch 28's charitable giving over the years. Sometimes we lose sight of "the forest for the trees" in account balances, membership totals and planning for our next fundraiser and take our eyes off the ultimate goal of charitable giving. In 1976 the Gilroy Evening Dispatch published photos of Branch 28 members donating sock puppets to the Wheeler Hospital pediatric ward and lap blankets to Driftwood Convalescent Hospital. The photos from that Gilroy Evening Dispatch edition in 1976 showed a portion of that "forest" of good that is the heritage of Branch 28 of the Italian Catholic Federation.

Peace and God Bless,

Kim M. Filice

See pictures with district photos.

St. Mary Br. 184, Los Gatos

Deanna Meyer, our new Branch President, conducted her first meeting in January. We will meet on the 4th Friday of the month at 4 p.m. in St. Mary's Conference Room. It would be great to see more members attend. We want to hear from you!

Everyone is Irish in March — so we are planning a St. Patrick's Day Feast on March 18. I've heard there will be a Leprechaun attending! Please plan to join us for a complete Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. This will be our first dinner since 2019. We may be a bit rusty but are raring to go. The time is 6 p.m., Howley Hall, \$35.00 per person. Please call Donna Pfaff at 408 804 0293 or Marie Yurosko at 408 761 1801, for questions or for reservations. Slainte!

We would like to resume our Quarterly Masses. Please let Deanna know your preference for Mass on Saturday at 5 p.m. or Sunday at 9 or 11 a.m. We could have a meal together after the Mass, so please let Deanna know by call or text at 408 230 9105.

Please keep all our members in prayer, especially Denise Antonowicz, recovering from knee surgery, and Don and Rose Arnaudo for their health concerns. May the Feast of St. Joseph - March 19 - be especially observed this year.

Ciao for now, Lucy Amico



San Jose Br. 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

Please pray for Maureen Mangan May 1942 - February 2023. Maureen was very active in our parish and ICF. Also, please pray for those that are sick including Paul Butler, Mike Curullia and Kevin S. A brick for Barbra Ruffner has been ordered and will be installed, date TBD.

Be sure to welcome back Father George on his return from his vacation to India.

We have 2 new members as of February. Remember that you can bring a guest to our meetings and their dinner is free.

Scholarship Program is now available to Districts and Branches and information is posted on our ICF website www.icf.org. Take a look and, if you can, this is a good place to donate money to help kids and families with expenses for school.

The crab feed was March 4th. Sold out! Rib dinner will be in August, date TBD.

Here are a couple of dates for your calendar: Ash Wednesday is March 2nd and March 19th will be our Pasta and Polenta dinner with St. Joseph's Table fundraiser chaired by Mary Ridi, our president and Kathy Schroeder, our treasure, Friday April 1st Stations of the Cross, Bocce Ball and BBQ in March, date TBD.

Lorraine & Mike Nunziata celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary.

WOW!! If you have an item or picture you would like to see in the *Bollettino*, please let me know. myers.tr@gmail.com. The deadline for articles to me is the 5th of each month.

Thank you and have a blessed Lent!

Tom Myers

See pictures with district photos.



San Jose**Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours**

Steve Lencioni, our new branch president, opened our January meeting by thanking the Vallorzs and servers for presiding over the delicious meal of minestrone and salad. Our Father Saju described his upcoming sabbatical, which includes travel to Rome, the Holy Land, and India. We will miss him, and we pray for a safe journey during the coming months.

Our new Treasurer Teresa Brodersen reported on our General and Social funds, which included expenses and proceeds from calendar sales, annual Christmas donations, and monthly dinners.

In her heritage presentation, Louise Vento reported on the history of the New Year's Holiday—how and when people celebrated the New Year in varied ways, beginning with the Egyptian and Roman calendars.

Steve asked for a volunteer to replace Mary Lipari as Scholarship Chairperson. Thank you, Mary, for your work during the past few years.

Steve recognized outgoing President Mike Rossi and his wife Marcie Rossi, for their contributions in leading Branch 391 during the past seven years. Mike was presented with a plaque commemorating his service as President, and he and Marcie received a restaurant gift certificate.

During our February 2023 meeting, our Scholarship Co-chairperson, Rose Clarke, reported that scholarship applications are available and can be accessed online at icf.org. Cathleen Lencioni volunteered to serve as acting membership chairperson until a permanent volunteer can be found. Louise Vento's monthly heritage report addressed "Tracing Your Roots."

Tina Rossi reminded people to submit membership dues by March deadline.

Volunteers are needed to represent ICF at St. Martin's Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 10, 2023, at 6:30 in the church.

Member Alba Salciccia sang the lovely Ave Maria prayer, which was appreciated by all who attended.

Reminders: Branch 391 Dinner Meeting—Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 5:30 p.m. social and 6:00 p.m. dinner in the Gym; St. Martin's/ICF Stations of the Cross—Friday, March 10, 2023, 6:30 p.m.; ICF Quarterly Mass—Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 8:30 Mass; Pancake Breakfast Hosted by ICF—Sunday, March 26, 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 Festa—Saturday and Sunday, August 5-6, 2023.

Janis Patellaro
(Br. 391's article inadvertently was left out of the February issue.)
See picture with district photos.

Sunnyvale**Br. 408, Resurrection**

Happy St Patrick's Day!

Happy St Joseph's Day!

Br. 408 kicked off the First Lenten Soup on Friday Evening and Led the Devotions on the Last Friday in February.

Our Kickoff Spring Blood Drive for Stanford Hospitals was held in the Farana Center

On Sunday 5 March. We had another good turnout of donors. Our next Mobile Blood Drive will be held in June.

Br. 408 is currently selling tickets to the Upcoming 5th Grade/Br 408 Pasta Dinner

Which will be held on Sat 11 March in the Farana Center with serving @ 6 p.m. The Proceeds of this events are used to help fund the School Trip to Science Camp.

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

Morgan Hill**Br. 435, Santa Caterina D'Alessandria**

Member Helga Brooks and friends celebrated her 95th birthday. A wonderful party was held for her at Palmerino's Restaurant. A good time for all and congratulations, Helga!

Once again, at the end of January, Palmerino's was the site for our Business/Dinner meeting. Our meal had wonderful selections where everything is made "on site" as usual. Dinner included Chicken Picatta over Fettuccini with Tiramisu for dessert.

Two of Branch 435 Ministries will be reinstated soon. The Scholarship Program and Gifts of Love. This announcement will be in St. Catherine Church Bulletin to reach out to the Parish. Last but not least, all Branch 435 allotted Calendars, 2023 are sold. I might add, as always! We have had wonderful leadership with this project.

God bless us as this horrible disease rages on and is still with us When it strikes home it is very different. Please pray for all of us and take care.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Ritchie Sorci
See picture with district photos.

Deadline for April
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March 10th.
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San Jose**Br. 445, Transfiguration**

Happy New Year table decor added a festive touch to our first general meeting in January. Our heritage report shared the many Italian traditions in Italy that have carried forward through the decades/centuries to celebrate "Capodanno" the ringing in of the New Year! Many thanks to member Jim Canger "molte grazie al nostro straordinario chef" for the delicious dinner he prepared for all. We also celebrated January birthdays with a variety of desserts and a special German chocolate cake...Donna's favorite!

Members Lorraine and John Sellarole were able to join us from their home with a Zoom call arranged by our Br. President Jim Falcone. It was so great to see and hear from them! Our prayers continue for John.

As we look at our upcoming calendar a variety of events are approaching: Lenten Series March 16th, 23rd and 30th with Branch Chaplain Fr. Chris Bennett; St. Joseph's Table and Quarterly Mass 3/19; See's Easter Candy Sale; May Crowning the Blessed Mother Mary and Mother's Day Cookie Fundraiser.

Happy March Birthday wishes to members Pam Rohrkemper, Emily Corral, Susan Echevarria and Jackie Cosentino! Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri!

Until next month stay safe and well!
;-) *Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer*
See pictures with district photos.

STOCKTON District**Modesto****Br. 48, St. Stanislaus**

Little by little we are getting back to somewhat normal. Our last St. Joseph's Table Celebration was in 2020. After three years, we are back. Our St. Joseph's Table Celebration will be Sunday March 19, 2023. It is a potluck lunch at 2:00 p.m., in the Hall at 709 "J" Street, Modesto. Bring your favorite dish, your family and friends for a lot of good food and visiting old friends. We have a fun raffle with all the gifts wrapped so that you do know what you are getting. The proceeds from the raffle go to St. Vincent De Paul to help the needy in our Parish.

Chairpersons for the come year are Antonella Turchetti Heritage Chairperson and Cecelia McGhee Membership Chairperson

Getting back to somewhat normal here are some of the upcoming events.

March 15, Br. 48 Meeting 6 p.m.

March 19,, St. Joseph's Table 2 p.m.

May 6-7 Bake Sale in front of the Church

June 10 Bishop's Burse - Lodi Mass 5:30 p.m.

Blessing!
Cecelia McGhee

Lodi**Br. 82, St. Anne's**

Ciao, ICF Famiglia!

Well, we went off the *Bollettino* grid for a couple months, but now we're back! It's not that our branch was dormant. We were quite active with Polenta Dinner, Officer Installation, St. Joseph's Table display at St. Anne's Youth Confirmation Retreat, and Rick's Pizza Fundraiser. See photos.

It's hard to believe that Spring is approaching, but those allergies will attest to it. Trees and flowers loved all that January rain and are now going crazy spreading that pollen.

Petal Ministry Membership Weekend is March 18/19. We'll be seen after all masses promoting our branch, serving coffee and donuts after 8:30 and 10:30 mass, and in honor of his feast day, displaying a St. Joseph's Table for parishioner awareness. We need volunteers. If you're able to give 20 minutes of your time after one of the masses, contact Patty.

For our March 28th meeting, we're decorating the Salvation Army's Hope Harbor Dining Room for Easter, then gathering for dinner and socializing. Details to come.

I wish to thank all our officers and members who gave of their time and talents to make our 2022 year a successful one. And a big shout out to those who accepted officer positions for 2023. Our branch is blessed with dedicated members!

During this Lenten season, may you all experience a transformation by exploring your relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

Benedizioni...Patty Litts, President
See pictures with district photos.



Manteca

Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio

After three years, our Branch has returned to its original meeting place—the St. Anthony School cafeteria. In the interim, Chef Tony Queirolo had been graciously hosting our meetings at his Cucina Queirolo in Lathrop. Tony brought his culinary talents back to Manteca with him and we enjoyed a delicious pork roast dinner before our meeting.

Branch 139 is mourning the passing of Trustee Linda Bertuccio. We will miss her smile, her enthusiasm and her willingness to serve the ICF wherever needed. She is survived by her husband, George, who is also an ICF member.

Branch members Birdie Nieri and Ida Queirolo were installed as Second Vice-president and treasurer, respectively, at a recent Stockton District ceremony.

Plans for the April 15 return of our Shrimp Dinner are moving right along with regular committee meetings being held.

Our January meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Federation Anthem.

Gratitude is again expressed to “Segretaria” Anna Mello for her assistance in preparing this report.

Ciao, Mariano

Tracy

Br. 390, St. Bernard

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

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

See the great photos in this month’s issue from Steve Ridolfi, who continues to post the life of our branch through pictures on our website. Check out the Heritage section - you are all welcome to join - just submit yours to Steve. www.icfbranch390.org

Stay healthy, happy and safe.

Ciao, Betty

See pictures with district photos.

Stockton

Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

Buon Giorno. By the time you read this we will have had our Polenta, Chicken and Sausage Cacciatore dinner. We are in the process of planning, and it is just around the corner on February 16, 2023, in the Presentation Community Center. It has been three long years since we held this event and people are anxious for the delicious dinner with ticket sales going well. Stay tuned next month for a report and some photos. We are also gearing up for Lent (yes, it is just around the corner). 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:

Polenta and Chicken & Sausage Cacciatore Dinner – February 16

Branch Meeting: - March 9

Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper hosted by our branch – March 24

*Tanti Aguri,
Josephine Weber, President
Branch 395*

SAN DIEGO

District

San Diego

Br. 246, St. Charles

Borromeo

As we rang in the New Year, the members of Branch 246 had a special reason to celebrate – we have been warmly welcomed to a new home! Branch 246, affiliated with St. Vincent de Paul since 1964, has relocated to St. Charles Borromeo Parish. We are excited to begin this new chapter in the life of Branch 246 by joining Father John Amsberry and the St. Charles Borromeo Parish family.

We are also pleased to announce that our famous Lenten Fish Fry Dinners, graciously prepared by the team a Phil’s Barbecue, will resume at our new home beginning on Friday February 24, 2023. Come join us as we gather each Friday in Lent to enjoy the best fish fry in San Diego. You are welcome to dine in at the Parish Hall or take dinners to go. 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
See pictures with district photos.*

SAN BERNARDINO

District

Upland

Br. 446, Saint Anthony

Our February meeting was very festive and extremely well attended. We celebrated Valentine’s Day and President’s Day with cherry pie and other treats. It is always appreciated when Biagio and Pietronella Pavia bring pizza from their restaurant. We were happy to welcome back Fr. Ned O’Donnell to our meeting. As a licensed MFT (Marriage and Family Therapist), he gave an insightful talk on marriage. He also answered many questions afterwards. For this meeting, members were encouraged to bring wedding photos to share. We enjoyed listening to all the romantic, funny, and emotional stories that were told.

Our Historian and First Vice-President, Joyce Tesoro, gave a very interesting heritage presentation concerning Italians in American History. William

Pacca was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and eventually became the governor of Maryland. The Piccirilli brothers carved the statue of Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. They also created the two massive lions in front of the New York Public Library, but they were not allowed to sign their work.

President Tony Santorufo talked about a special Mass and reception on February 25 to honor Fr. Pat Brennen. Tony also encouraged members to volunteer for the Italian Night Dinner. He reminded everyone that we partnered with the St. Anthony’s ladies Guild to put on this event. Many hands are needed for this fundraiser. We are providing 5 gift baskets for the opportunity drawing. Donna Pencz, from the Guild, passed around a sign-up sheet.

Our Financial Secretary, Peter Tesoro, signed up 8 new members at our meeting! In March, we will have a special welcome event for all our new members. We are pleased that our branch is growing and look forward to the many activities and events being planned.



IRS AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

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

It is important to remember that all Districts and Branches now have two numbers a Federal Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the IRS and a State Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the State. The IRS limit for the tax year ending 2022 is the following:

Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.

Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file IRS Form 990-N which is an e-Postcard.

The State limit for the tax year ending 2022 is the following:

Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file State Form 199.

Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file State Form 199-N which is an e-Postcard.

*****THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED*****

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

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

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

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

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

Thank You,
Lisa Crudo, Grand Treasurer

JANUARY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
1/1	Leslie Hilger		Alameda, CA	\$100
1/2	Donna Mask	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
1/3	Dennice DiGirolamo	127	Petaluma, CA	\$30
1/4	Marisa Peters	28	Pacifica, CA	\$50
1/5	Joe & Michelle Marschall		Half Moon Bay, CA	\$30
1/6	Bill Segale	209	Forestville, CA	\$50
1/7	Peter G. Andresen		Salinas, CA	\$30
1/8	Lynda Vallorz	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
1/9	Emma Aquino		Montebello, CA	\$30
1/10	Catherine Cervelli	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
1/11	Branch 342		Auburn, CA	\$30
1/12	John Rimmer		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
1/13	David Rossi		San Jose, CA	\$30
1/14	Phyl Buonsante	285	Livermore, CA	\$30
1/15	Dianne Doughty		San Jose, CA	\$30
1/16	Joe Oscars		Bakersfield, CA	\$100
1/17	Linda & Bob Barbero	442	Pleasant Hill, CA	\$30
1/18	Amy Corral	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
1/19	Kathy Cardoza		San Jose, CA	\$30
1/20	Susan Kladstrup	408	Eagan, MN	\$30
1/21	Sylvia Sorci	435	Morgan Hill, CA	\$30
1/22	Dorothy Semke	403	Millbrae, CA	\$30
1/23	Branch 191		San Jose, CA	\$30
1/24	Joe Aguilar	438	North Highlands, CA	\$30
1/25	Loraine Ross		Merced, CA	\$30
1/26	Branch 229		Chula Vista, CA	\$30
1/27	Barbara Vanni	144	Arcata, CA	\$30
1/28	Donald Cronk		San Anselmo, CA	\$30
1/29	Dorene Campanile	173	Burlingame, CA	\$50
1/30	Elizabeth Brescia		Baltimore, MD	\$30
1/31	Peter & Megan Dupuis		Bend, OR	\$30

SEE THESE FIRST ON OUR WEB SITE: ICF.ORG

FEBRUARY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
2/1	Adonna Amoroso	403	San Jose, CA	\$30
2/2	Mindy White	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
2/3	Yvonne Nannini	121	Westmont, IL	\$30
2/4	Anne Carlisle	144	Arcata, CA	\$30
2/5	Jack Tesoro		Upland, CA	\$30
2/6	Lorraine Muglie		Glenolden, PA	\$30
2/7	Donna Vaughan	39	Le Grand, CA	\$30
2/8	Jan Wrobel	442	Pleasant Hill, CA	\$30
2/9	Angela Grey		Gardena, CA	\$30
2/10	Karen Harrington	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
2/11	Branch 449		Santee, CA	\$30
2/12	Jan Thomson		Buttonwillow, CA	\$30
2/13	Sacred Heart Church		Merced, CA	\$30
2/14	Leonard Smith	442	Concord, CA	\$50
2/15	Teresa Helfand	392	Chicago, IL	\$30
2/16	Stephanie Giudici	21	Freedom, CA	\$30
2/17	Greg Gerow		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
2/18	Daniel Lara		Modesto, CA	\$30
2/19	Rena Gretz	351	Palo Alto, CA	\$30
2/20	Carmelita Aguilera	111	Montebello, CA	\$100
2/21	Branch 390		Tracy, CA	\$30
2/22	Annie McCarthy	210	San Bernardino, CA	\$30
2/23	Diane Gizzi	332	Rohnert Park, CA	\$30
2/24	David & Cathy Buscaglia		El Macero, CA	\$30
2/25	Lou Magee	380	Thousand Oaks, CA	\$30
2/26	Marisa Bollarini		San Jose, CA	\$30
2/27	Luceen Dunn		Norman, OK	\$30
2/28	Joyce James	213	Redwood City, CA	\$30

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Calendar Results for Prizes as of February 13, 2023

Top Selling Branches in each of 4 categories receive Five (5) 2023 Calendar Stubs placed in the Raffle Drawings.

Branches placing 2nd and 3rd in each of 3 categories receive One (1) 2023 Calendar Stub in the Raffle Drawings.

Top Selling Individual receives \$50.00.

2nd Place Individual Seller receives \$30.00.

3rd Place Individual Seller receives \$20.00.

CATEGORY 1: 1 – 45 MEMBERS

1st Place:	Branch 144, Arcata	Sold 45 calendars
2nd Place:	Branch 91, Oakland	Sold 44 calendars
3rd Place:	Branch 213, South San Francisco	Sold 38 calendars

CATEGORY 2: 46 – 70 MEMBERS

1st Place:	Branch 33, Bakersfield	Sold 75 calendars
	Branch 281, Bakersfield	Sold 75 calendars
2nd Place:	Branch 285, Livermore	Sold 21 calendars
3rd Place:	Branch 27, Madera	Sold 20 calendars
	Branch 198, Santa Rosa	Sold 20 calendars

CATEGORY 3: 71 – 129 MEMBERS

1st Place:	Branch 342, Auburn	Sold 50 calendars
2nd Place:	Branch 391, San Jose	Sold 45 calendars
3rd Place:	Branch 191, San Jose	Sold 28 calendars

CATEGORY 4: 130 AND ABOVE MEMBERS

1st Place:	Branch 10, Alameda	Sold 63 calendars
2nd Place:	Branch 28, Gilroy	Sold 62 calendars
3rd Place:	Branch 39, Merced	Sold 50 calendars

INDIVIDUALS

1st Place:	B.G. Zasoski – Br. 281 – Bakersfield	Sold 75 calendars
2nd Place:	Jo-Ann Dorn – Br. 10 – Alameda	Sold 51 calendars
3rd Place:	Carol Salmeri – Br. 39 – Merced	Sold 50 calendars

Italian Catholic Federation

Bennett Valley Golf Course - 3328 Yulupa Ave - Santa Rosa, CA 95405
Temecula Creek Inn - 44501 Rainbow Canyon Rd - Temecula, CA 92592







21th Annual Central Council

GOLF
TOURNAMENT

Friday
JULY 28,
2023

Sponsorship Opportunities

Even if you can't attend the tournament or banquet, you can show your support of the ICF with one of our sponsorship opportunities:

 Hole-In-One Sponsor: One per Region Available	NoCal <input type="checkbox"/> SoCal <input type="checkbox"/>
 Hole Sponsor: Sponsor a hole and have your name next to the tee box! (18 available)	\$200 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
 Wine Corkage Sponsor: Sponsor the corkage for the wine at the Banquet (6 available)	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ 60 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Signage at each table at the banquet
 Closest to the Pin Sponsor: Your name on the sign on the closest to the pin hole (4 available)	\$ 50 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
 Goodie Bag Sponsor: Sponsor the Golfers Goodie Bags. Your name on each bag. (10 available)	\$ 25 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
 Raffle Donations: Donate a basket (minimum \$50 value) or money towards a basket (Unlimited)	

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

My Sponsorship is for Northern CA Southern CA

Please make your checks payable to:
Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament
8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621

Deadline July 14th, after this day, we cannot guarantee a sign will be produced, but the sponsor will be mentioned.

For More Information: 1-888-ICF-1924 or www.ICF.org

Italian Catholic Federation 1st Annual SoCal Charity Golf Tournament



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

July 28th

Friday, 2023

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

Name of Golfer: _____
Email: _____
Name of Golfer: _____
Email: _____
Name of Golfer: _____
Email: _____

Make checks payable to:

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament
8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621
Make check \$200 per Golfer, write Golf in memo line

SIGN UP DEADLINE
Friday, July 14th

For more info, contact Perry Shurko
Cell: 562-804-0230
Email: p_shurko@yahoo.com



**Not a Golfer? We have the
Perfect Opportunity for You!**

The Italian Buffet
Great Raffle: \$50 per person

Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone Number: _____

Make check \$50 per person. Write Banquet in memo line
Make checks payable to

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament
8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

July 28th

Friday, 2023

For more info, contact Perry Shurko.
Cell: 562-804-0230
Email: p_shurko@yahoo.com

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

21th 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 Commiserate 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

Name: _____
E-Mail: _____
Phone #: _____

Please make your checks payable to:

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament
8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621
Deadline July 14th. (Write Banquet on the memo line)

For More Information: 1-888-ICF-1924 or www.icf.org

Italian Catholic Federation

21st Annual Central Council

CHARITY
GOLF
TOURNAMENT

Friday
JULY 28
2023

Shotgun Start 8:30 AM

Bennett Valley Golf Course
3328 Yulupa Ave
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

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

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

Name of Golfer: _____
E-Mail: _____
Name of Golfer: _____
E-Mail: _____
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E-Mail: _____
Name of Golfer: _____
E-Mail: _____

For More Information: 1-888-ICF-1924 or www.ICF.org

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT



Br. 214 branch members



Officers and members from Crockett #14 at the Contra Costa Installation .
Congratulations to the officers of 2023.



Br. 214 presents District branch presidents at Contra Contra District meeting



Br. 352, Annual Pasta & Crab Feed!



Contra Costa District Officers Introduced



Contra Costa District, Members of Br. 214



Contra Costa Branch Presidents



Contra Costa, Introducing Fr. Larry Young



Contra Costa group photo of various branches

BLESSED SACRAMENT DISTRICT



Br. 342, Attendees enjoying dinner



Br. 342, The kitchen crew



Br. 342, Chef Marc and his dad



Br. 438 Millie Chiarani and Susan Ches



Br. 438 Potluck Dinner



Br. 438 Alice O'Boyle and Darlene Wade

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT



Meet Br. 75's new Sentinel--Josh Brown!



Br. 144, Dear Linda Spallino. Great photo showing her love of children!



Br. 144, Who is that behind the *Bollettino*?



Br. 144, It's Past Grand President Bob Acquistapace

Santa Rosa District: Butch Bondi was awarded the 2022 Santa Rosa District President's Award at the recent Installation. Pictured with Butch are District President Dennice Digirolamo, Grand President Deborah Rodondi and Past Grand President Acquistapace. Congratulations, Butch! Reno Iezza was also awarded the District President's Award. Unfortunately Reno was unable to attend the Installation. Congratulations, Reno!



Br. 144, Officers' Installation

STOCKTON DISTRICT



Br. 82, Polenta Dinner John, Joe and John



Br. 82, St Joseph's Table at Confirmation



Br. 82 Officers for 2023



Br. 82, Polenta Dinner Jackie, Bruno, Grace, and Lorenzo



Br. 390, Our check-in people, Sebrina Marcocchio and Annette Elissagaray



Br. 390, John Arrington and Kenny Pombo stirring the polenta.



Br. 390, Bartender Joe Bacchetti with his assistant Ann Bacchetti Silva



Br. 390, Head chief, Mike Bacchetti with new Italian chef's hat!



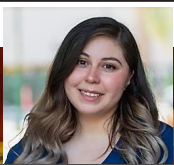
Br. 390, Greg Jimenez with too much to carry.



Jared Jones as Geppetto



Victor Robledo as Grillo



Shania Carden as PINOCCHIO



Gabriella Rodmac as Fata Turchina

Pinocchio

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SCAN ME

DIRECTED BY **FRANCESCA TAYLOR**
CONDUCTOR, OPERA ITALIA ORCHESTRA, **OLIVER CHAN**
SET AND LIGHT DESIGN – **FRANCESCO BAUCO**
CHOREOGRAPHY – **MARIAH MACFARLAN**
CHORAL DIRECTOR – **MICHAEL MERCED**

Tickets may be purchased on Eventbrite
Scan QR code or follow link
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pinocchio-the-lyric-opera-tickets-511462787967>

If paying by check, make payable to "Opera Italia" & mail to:
Opera Italia, 1108 Palms Blvd, Venice, CA 90291

- > Opera in Italian with **English Supertitles** –
 - > **Staged** and with **FULL Orchestra** for all events
 - > No host **Bar Open** for all events
- *Saturday Eve meal is **authentic Italian Dinner** *
Sunday Matinee – no meal served; Snacks & Drinks available for purchase



SCAN ME

Adult (18 – 59)	Senior (60 +)	Student (18 – 25 with ID card)	Youth (17 and under)
Name:	Email:		Phone:
DINNER & Opera, Saturday, Apr 22, 2023 Number of tickets:		Adult x \$84 = Senior x \$68 = Student x \$44 = Youth x \$36 =	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
Opera Matinee with pre-show children's activities, (No meal served) Sunday, Apr 23, 2023 Number of tickets:		Adult x \$64 = Senior x \$54 = Student x \$34 = Youth x \$28 =	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
Call/text 213-248-2510 for School/ Youth Group Discounts			
Total:			\$ _____