Grand President’s Monthly Message

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 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 be 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 ten-ant/taste tester/food critic Tony got married at the end of February to his...
Message from our Spiritual Director

Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation:

From the Church’s earliest Tradition, 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 ‘heroic’ 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 courageously and even invisibly. Joseph has been celebrated as 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 courageously and even invisibly.

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

Limit photos to 3 or 4 and include captions. Not all photos are able to be used due to possible limitations in space. Prioritize photos if possible. To insure photos are always linked to branch, include branch number when naming photos such as: Br380.StJoseph.servers.jpeg Include photo captions with your article submission. Please keep your submission positive and informative.

Deadline for the April issue is March 10, 2023

Include branch name and district name in all submissions.

Thank you!

Carmelo Sabatella, President, ICF, LAADC, Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee
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Your support is greatly appreciated.

Father Christopher Bennett
ICF Spiritual Director

The 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
**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, pink, 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. 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

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**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 1/2 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.

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**Membership Committee Spring Greetings**
Perry Shurko
Membership Chairperson

March is here and so is Springtime. The time of the year when 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

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**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 this regularly 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)  
¼ cup unbleached all-purpose flour  
1 1/4 tsp. baking powder  
½ tsp. sea salt (used regular table salt)  
1 cup granulated sugar  
½ tsp. baking soda.

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.

For some reason my baking powder disappeared from my pantry, so instead of 1 1/2 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.

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

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| Robert V Lencioni             | Branch 033  
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| Joe Marchini                  | Branch 039  
| George D Hoover               | Branch 045  
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| Doris R Delashmutt            | Branch 144  
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| Henry C Long                  | Branch 390  
| Norma Canepa                  | Branch 395  
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| Lynn Hoffman                  | Branch 395  
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| Branch 432 | Jonathan T Harrop     |  
| Branch 435 | Margie D Kukalec      |  
| Branch 446 | Dolores Finch         |  

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**Scholarship Donations**  
(Received as of February 9, 2023)

**Scholarship Donations: 1st Year**

- Officers/Members of Br. 184:  
  - Get Well Wishes for Denise Antonowicz  
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- Officers/Members of Los Angeles Archdiocese District:  
  - Thank You to Lauren Kilculen for Los Angeles Archdiocese District Installation  
  - Sal and Denise Campagna  
  - In Memory of Janice Jones

**Scholarship Donations: 2nd - 4th Year**

- Dorene Campanile and Donna Cervelli  
  - In Honor of Johna Maychrowitz  
  - In Honor of Jennie Lyn Malibiran

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!

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*Buon Appetito!*
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 75th celebration. She will be with me about the 50th celebration and then 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 75th celebration. She will be with me in spirit while I get to participate in the 50th celebration.

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

Gifts of Love Donations
(Received as of February 9, 2023)

Branch 332
Virginia and Harold Fuentes
Get Well Wishes for Bob Osorio
Bill and Maria Greco
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Eva Stern
Speedy Recovery Wishes for Denise Antonowicz
Joan and Jerry Delfino
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Cooley’s Anemia Donation
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**BIRTHPLACE OF JESUS**

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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.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award

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.

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.

Family of the Year Award

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.

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.
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.

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
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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 Under-side 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 approaching the 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 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 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 failure/success 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 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 latter 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.
SAN MATEO
District Council

Thank you to Branch 19, Colma, Grand President Debbie Rodondi and the Members of Branch 19 for making 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 drondoni@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 dmcervelli@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 D’Ambrosio, 4 South 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 Loreto

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 Loreto 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.
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 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 holding a golf tournament in the South 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 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 multi culture-based focusing on Faith, Family, Fellowship and Food. Please keep our sick members in your prayers that they may reach a speedy recovery.

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

Keep safe and Stay healthy.
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President
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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 Conolly 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 Conolly 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 Compianno 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 by 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 hall.

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, frittatas, 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
March 2023

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, Michael 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 Chicecarelli.

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.

Gardena
Br. 237, St. Anthony of Padua

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 Branch at LA 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 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.

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The old saying, “Truth is in the Tasting” will identify our winners.

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 week when we celebrate the Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed.

Installation took place at the Fratelanzia 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 co-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 hardworking 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.

Rancho Palos Verdes
Br. 444, St. John Fisher

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Alameda
Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

Our Lenten Fish Fry dinners are underway. Meals follow 5:30 p.m. Sta-
tions 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 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. Enter-
tainment will be provided by young ladies from the McBride School of Irish Dancing. A raffle of items 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 terrynhig租@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 dam-
age to the church as well as fire dam-
ge to the rectory.

We are looking forward to hosting a Townsend Dinner sometime after Es-
er, 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 Elms, 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 Sicilian language, it’s 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, Caroline

Contra Costa
District Council

Greetings from the Contra Costa District

We have a change on the District Council. Our new District President is Diaena 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 Ap-
oship Chairperson is Mary Cook. Our new Heritage chairperson is Peggy Aiello Hagerthy. Our new Membership chairperson is Maria Canatesse Helburn. 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 Ital-
ians 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 which 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 Martinio

The entire month of March is in the thick of Lent. While we establish and remain faithful to a routine, it’s a pe-
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 Thurs-
days 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 an-
venniality 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 am to 7 pm. 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 Costa, Jim Thomas, and Mary De

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. Gun 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!

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 Chris-topher and Virginia Bottino and her loving and precious sister Ann BottinoKalapce (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 pup dogs.

Kim was vibrant and shared her beauty and spirit with family and friends. She had a fantastic gift for memorable hugs. I fondly met Kim in 2007. She 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.

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One last thought – “Chi nasce tondo, non muore quadrato”. C’è vediamo quando siamo più vecchi, Teri Martinucci Hurbut

Davanie
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 Feast! 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 sooo appreciated (& yummy)!

This was quickly followed on February 11th with a special Saturday Pasta & Meatball Buffet & Documentary Film, featuring “Potentially Dan-gerous: When it was a Crime to be Italian.” In addition to hearing the stories & learning of the hardships of local Italians during WII, one of our parishioners also enlightened us with 5 of 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 defini-tely be missed.

Chefs Russ & Kyle enjoyed our Feb-ruary 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 15th. 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” – all a crowd pleaser!

Ciao.
Branch 352
See picture with district photos.

March 2023
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.

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FRESNO DISTRICT

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT

Br. 308, Branch Officers’ Installation

Br. 308 Members enjoying time together

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 Dinners

Br. 51, Bishop’s Luncheon

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 Sellarello join us on Zoom!

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.

Br. 391’s Steve Lencioni, Mike and Marcie Rossi

Br. 368 Happy 67th anniversary Lorraine & Mike Nunziata

Br. 368, St. Valentine’s Dinner Meeting

Br. 445 Chef Jim Canger and Members

SAN DIEGO DISTRICT

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

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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

EAST BAY DISTRICT

East Bay Installation

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.

ICF Branch 215 Christmas Party at Giorgio's, Milpitas 2022
On January 14, 2023, NB 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 NB 67.

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

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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 be 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 Rollerli 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 Tomasini 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

Cleverdale
Br. 75, L’Annunciate

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 Jetton, 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 by now. 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. Manpower has been found and tickets were overjoyed to see our beautiful 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. 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.

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Arcata
Br. 144, St. Mary

We hosted the installation of officers on Sunday, January 29 for branches #144 and #145. Unique 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” Bollentinos 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. 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! Call Tom: 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 at 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 and 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!

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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 Sebastapol, as our town is famous for our Granny Smith 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: Laura MacDon, 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 Cha-ching! 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 Erma 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 Ficher

Deadline for April Bollettino is March 10th.
Send articles & photos: editor@icf.org
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 supplemented side dishes and desserts. Our special guest was Flora Depascale. 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 Officer installation ceremony is 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.

I’m happy to report Marylen Karstedt, Antoinette Romerosa.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day, Nathan Cortopassi (3/3), and Franklyn Lopes, Nick and Angie DiLiddo Scholarships 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. 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.

Fresno
Br. 308, St. Anthony of Padua

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 picture 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 Branch members, board members may also attend. We want to hear our heartfelt thanks to Roseann for her unbelievable support this rather crazy past year.

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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 Leonardi; 1st Vice Pres, Julie Richard; 2nd Vice Pres; Elaine Valentine; Recording Secretary, Bill Crowley; Treasurer, Harry Hill, Pete Gallagher, David Zannini; Trustees, Vicky

Howell; Orator, and Bella Leonard; Sentinel.

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Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Valentine
District Secretary
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Monterey
Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

“How Long 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 returned to San Carlos Cathedral Hall! Lenten dinners are held 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 MontereyICF.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.

Apts
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 Ambil for donating three boxes of Valentine’s Day chocolates for the raffle.

The take-out fish dinner is set for March 31. Sharleen Hedgpeth 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 DeLa Vega 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 Franklin Lopes, Sr.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day. Deanna Musler, Secretary

Telephone: 831-521-4866.

ICF is Going Green!

If you prefer to read the Bollettino at the magnification of your choice, in full color, on your computer or portable electronic device, and like the idea of saving a tree while helping us save printing costs, visit this link to sign up:

http://eepurl.com/bLaMfB
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 fries), 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 orheartache 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 February 18th fundraising Shrimp and Scallop Dinner, our Branch active and strong.

Arroyo Grande
Br. 291, St. Patrick

March 2023

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 Paff 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 or Sunday at 9 or 11 a.m. We 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 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.

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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

Auxilatrice

Our January dinner meeting 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
San Jose
Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

Steve Lencioni, our new branch president, opened our January meeting by thanking the Valorzas and servers for presiding over the delicious meal of minestrone and salad. Our Father Suáj 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 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 on scholarship applications and available via accessing 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 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 Festival—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 May 3. 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 at 6 p.m. The Proceeds of this event are used to help fund the School Trip to Science Camp.

Please Pray for our Members who need our prayers: Steven Richey, Al Chanteleope, 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.

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 Cangier “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 Sellaro 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 Turchette 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.

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 Penta 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 at all mass promots 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 Peta.

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.

Deadline for April Bollettino is March 10th.
Send articles & photos: editor@icf.org
March 2023

Manteca
Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio

After three years, our Branch has returned to its original meeting place—St. Anthony School cafeteria. In the meantime, 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 work 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 cacciatorne, 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—she is survived by her husband, children, grandchildren and many friends. May she rest in peace.

See the great photos in this month’s issue—our photo of the week is the hot dog stand.

Stay happy, healthy 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 Cacciatorne 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 home-made soups for the Soup Supper on March 24, 2023.

Upcoming Events:
- Polenta and Chicken & Sausage Cacciatorne Dinner – February 16
- Branch Meeting: - March 9
- Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper hosted by our branch – March 24

Tanti Auguri,
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 warming the bell for a new 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 the 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 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 Bugio and Pietronella Pavia bring pizza from their restaurant. We were happy to welcome back Fr. Ned O’Donnell to our meeting. As a licensed M.D. (Marriage and Family Therapist), he gave us an insightful talk on marriage. He also answered many questions afterwards. For this meeting, members were encouraged to bring intriguing 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 history presentation concerning Italian-Americans 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 that 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 Santorufio 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:

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***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 Secretary’s 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 get over the information when it is received and see that the appropriate forms are filed by the due date.

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Please make sure all District or Branch finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2022. Please work with your Financial Secretary to get over the 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
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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

2nd Place: Branch 281, Bakersfield 
Sold 75 calendars

3rd Place: Branch 27, Madera 
Sold 21 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 1st Annual SoCal Charity Golf Tournament

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

July 28th
Registration Fee: $180 includes: Green Fees, Golf Cart, Range Balls, Prize Fund & BBQ Buffet Banquet
Deadline Friday, July 14, 2023
After price per Colfer $190
Banquet only: $50

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

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

Not a Golfer? We have the Perfect Opportunity for You!
The Italian Buffet Great Raffle: $50 per person

Make check $50 per person. Write Banquet in memo line
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For more info, contact Perry Shurko Cell: 562-804-0230 Email: p_shurko@yahoo.com

Italian Catholic Federation 21st Annual Central Council Golf Tournament
Friday JULY 28 2023
Bennett Valley Golf Course - 3328 Yulupa Ave - Santa Rosa, CA 95405

"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

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Contra Costa District

Br. 214 branch members

Br. 214 presents District branch presidents at Contra Costa 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

Officers and members from Crockett #14 at the Contra Costa Installation. Congratulations to the officers of 2023.
Br. 342, Attendees enjoying dinner

Br. 342, Chef Marc and his dad

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

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. 342, The kitchen crew

Br. 438 Millie Chiarani and Susan Ches

Br. 438 Potluck Dinner

Br. 438 Alice O'Boyle and Darlene Wade

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

Br. 144, Officers' Installation
**STOCKTON DISTRICT**

Br. 82, Polenta Dinner John, Joe and John

Br. 82, St Joseph’s Table at Confirmation

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

Br. 82, Officers for 2023

Br. 390, Our check-in people, Sebrina Mar-tocchio and Annette Ellissagarny

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

Br. 390, Check-in people, Sebrina Mar-tocchio and Annette Ellissagarny

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

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

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**Pinocchio**

A Lyric Opera for All Ages

By Natalia Valli

April 22nd, 2023, 6:00 PM Dinner & Opera

April 23rd, 2023, 2:00 PM Matinee

**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

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pinocchio-the-lyric-opera-tickets-51146275962

If paying by check, make payable to “Opera Italia” & mail to:

Opera Italia, 1108 Palm Blvd, Van Nuys, CA 91401

**Tickets are $14 per person or $26 per couple.**

If paying by cash, please add $2 to help cover expenses.

**Saturday Live Event is authentic Italian Dinner.**


**Dinner & Opera, Saturday, April 22, 2023**

Adult $48

Senior $48

Student $48

Youth $48

**Opera Matinee tickets for children’s activities.**

Adult $48

Senior $48

Student $48

Youth $48

**Total:**

**Call/text 213-248-2130 for School/Youth Group Discount.**