Happy Mother’s Day!

Last year I talked about all the amazing women in my life and how they influenced me in my life. I was not fortunate to have children, but as you know, I am blessed to have my nieces, nephews, and my 4-legged children—Zeus and Saffron.

Next month on June 10th, we will have our quarterly Central Council meeting in San Jose at St. Frances Cabrini Church. All are welcome to attend. We usually have lunch at noon for a cost of $15 and the meeting begins at 1 p.m. If you wish to have lunch with us, you need to contact the ICF office and let Charlene know.

May is also the month to start making your plans to attend the ICF Convention. You should be voting on your delegate(s) and sending in your paperwork. For the past few years, since the COVID pandemic, we have not issued fines to Branches unable to attend convention.

Starting this year, we are going to be handling the Branches not able to attend, as stated in the ICF By Laws—Chapter XVI—the annual convention—Article 4. IT STATES: “All branches are required to send at least the minimum quota of their delegates, otherwise, they are subject to an assessment of $250.00 per day per delegate. A branch, which desires to be excused from the convention, must receive prior approval of the Central Council Executive Committee. When requesting to be excused, a letter stating the reason must be submitted to the ICF office by June 30th of that year’s convention. A branch that is assessed by the Central Council Executive Committee shall pay the assessment to the ICF General Fund within 60 days of notice from the ICF office.”

Attending convention is not to be taken lightly. This is an opportunity for members of your branch to interact with other branches, learn and participate in discussion.
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Please keep your submission positive and informative.

**Deadline for the June issue is May 10, 2023**

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**Thank you!**

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**Message from our Spiritual Director**

Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation:

In this Easter season in the month of May, we celebrate with Mary the resurrection of the Lord. Truly, Mary’s heart was filled “with joy beyond all telling” at the Resurrection of her Son. We also reflect on Mary’s presence in the community of the first disciples waiting for Pentecost. As we approach the feast of Pentecost, especially in the latter part of May, we can reflect on that first community of disciples praying together in the upper room after Jesus’ Ascension into heaven. Mary was with them in prayer, awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit. Mary had already been overshadowed by the Holy Spirit at the Annunciation, when she conceived the Son of God in her womb and became the Mother of Christ. At Pentecost, she would again be overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, filled with His grace to fulfill her new role as Mother of Christ’s Body, the Church.

There is a story of an old beggar who lay on his deathbed. His last words were to his young son who had been his constant companion during his begging trips. “Dear son,” he said, “I have nothing to give you except a cotton bag and a dirty bronze bowl which I got in my younger days from my father’s death, the boy continued begging, using the bowl his father had given him. One day a gold merchant dropped a coin in the boy’s bowl, and he was surprised to hear a familiar ring. “Let me check your bowl,” the merchant said. To his great surprise, he found that the beggar’s bowl was made of pure gold. “My dear young man,” he said, “why do you waste your time begging? You are a rich man. That bowl of yours is worth at least thirty thousand dollars.”

How often are we like this beggar boy who failed to recognize and appreciate the value of his bowl? We fail to appreciate the infinite worth of the Holy Spirit living within each of us, sharing His gifts and fruits and charisms with us. As we prepare to celebrate this major feast day, we are invited to experience and appreciate the transforming, sanctifying, and strengthening presence of the Holy Spirit within us. This is also a day for us to renew our promises made to God during our Baptism and Confirmation, to profess our Faith, and to practice it.

The story of Pentecost is also our story. Let us take time and reflect to see the spirit working in our Branches and in all the good works of the Italian Catholic Federation. Our encounter with the Holy Spirit opens our eyes and emboldens us to face the challenges of our time, and together we can do a great job. Remember Jesus is with us every step of the way. Let us see the Spirit at work in all of our Branches.

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**Ukraine Relief Fund Contributions**

We received an additional donation to our Ukraine Relief Fund since we published a list of additional donors in the January 2023 BOLLETTINO.

We thank the following for their generous contribution:

**Members of Branch 250**

This brings our total donations to $9,750.00 as of April 4, 2023.

Thank you again to everyone for your support and generosity. A check has been forwarded to The Society for the Propagation of the Faith through the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for this additional donation. 100% of the collection will go towards those affected by this horrible situation and will be forwarded to Ukraine by the Archdiocese.

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**Father Christopher Bennett**

ICF Spiritual Director

Remember, Christ told us that he would never leave us alone and that he would send us the gift of the Advocate.

I pray for you sisters and brothers in Christ, for your Branches, in gratitude for your faithful, creative, and generous service to the parish communities that you serve.

May you and our faith family of the Italian Catholic Federation, be filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit. I promise to remember you in my prayers, even as I would be grateful for a place in yours. May God bless you and those that you love.

Fr. Chris
Apostolate Charity Report due July 7!
Lauren Kilcullen – Apostolate/Charity Committee

This is the time of the year that the Apostolate Charity Report is due from the branches. All reports need to be turned in by July 7, 2023.

I would like to expand a bit on this report. Many ask why we need to do this report. Why are we putting ourselves on the back for what we are supposed to be doing anyway? Actually, the report gives us the opportunity to check what work we have done. In compiling the report, and then, in reviewing it, a branch can determine its future course as far as charitable and spiritual works are concerned. You might wish to add a charity, add donations to an existing charity, or chart a different course for your charitable and spiritual works.

As the ICF becomes more of a charitable organization, this has been found to attract new members. I realize these past years have been difficult to have events to earn money for charity. However, I am sure that each branch has some funds to donate. Even the smallest amount can help someone.

Let’s hope that in the coming year, we will continue to get back on track and resume our wonderful work, both spiritual and corporal.

We thank the branches for the wonderful work that they continue to do in these troubled times. Keep up the good work!

Thank you,
Lauren Kilcullen
Chairperson, Apostolate-Charity Committee

Saints for May:
St. Philip & St. James – May 3
St. Vincent – May 9
Our Lady of Fatima – May 13
St. Matthias – May 14
St. Boniface – May 14
St. Brendan – May 20
St. Philip Neri – May 26
St. Joan of Arc – May 31

Membership Committee Spring Greetings
Perry Shurko
Membership Chairperson

Hello and welcome to the month of May.

This month I would like to focus on one of our branches that you might not be aware of, or you may have heard of it but aren’t quite sure what it’s all about. That would be Branch #67—St. Peter’s Italian Catholic Church in Downtown Los Angeles. It’s now known as our National Branch or Virtual Branch. What the heck is that? you might ask. Well, Branch 67 allows people to join the ICF who don’t live near a parish with one of our branches. Branch 67 meets on a monthly basis, just like a regular branch does. In fact, we meet at Branch #108—Holy Family in South Pasadena because they have a great media center there. And members can either join in person or by Zoom.

We have a member, David Doyle, who lives in Akron Ohio. He found the ICF while surfing the internet and saw our website. He attended a few meetings via Zoom and decided that he’d like to join us. He said what drew him in was the fact that the ICF is both a faith based and an Italian heritage-based organization. He could’ve chosen the Sons and Daughters of Italy, but they are not faith based and that’s why he chose us. David is a regular attendee at our meetings and keeps us posted on what’s happening at his parish back in Ohio. He has spoken to his pastor about the ICF. And who knows, maybe one day soon we might just have a branch there. David is even thinking about having a St. Joseph’s Table at his parish next year, after hearing us talk about it at our meetings.

We’ve received some interest from other people around the country who are interested in the ICF. Peter Calahan, from Wells of Life, lives in Lafayette, California and is a Branch 67 member. He would love to see a branch started at his parish.

Going virtual gives us a lot of opportunities that we might not even be aware of. It’s beginning to open doors for us and maybe we might be spreading out further. Let’s hope and pray that we do. God Bless and we will talk again next month.

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ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS!

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

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

In order to generate applications, the Gifts of Love Committee is asking each Branch President to mention the program at their next meeting and also to publish a request for applications in their respective Church and/or School Bulletins if possible. The application form is available on the ICF Web site (www.icf.org). Applications should either be mailed to the ICF Office at 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621 or e-mailed to the ICF Office at info@icf.org. Applications are evaluated on a regular basis by the ICF Gifts of Love Committee which decides who receives the awards and the amounts. We have a great Committee this year and we look forward to helping those in need!

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

God Bless You,
Teresa Helfand
When you became a Branch in the Federation, you adopted the bylaws and all it entails. “No one wants to go” is not a good excuse—a fine will be applied. If you know your branch’s reason for not attending is not a valid one, I suggest you mail the fine in with your letter that your branch will not be attending.

Other Convention items to remember to take care of before the deadlines are the ads put into the souvenir book, the sponsor names for $1.00 each and the memory page for $5.00 per name. The ‘in memory’ names go on a poster and during mass it is displayed as a memorial to those listed.

Friday, July 28 is the date for our Northern and Southern Golf Tournaments. We are very excited about having one in the Southern Region this year. Please help us in supporting the events. Even if you do not golf, there are many other ways you can support the golf tournament—attend the golf banquet, donate a raffle prize (basket or gift card), be a sponsor (see ad in the Bollettino)—you do not need to live close by to be a sponsor.

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

As many of you may have heard Laurice Levine, the spokesperson for our National Charity—Cooley’s Anemia, underwent back surgery on April 11. Keep her and her family in your prayers for a speedy and healthy recovery. Also, one of our office staff, Patty Smith underwent a second surgery on her knee April 24. We wish her the best and a full recovery.

Take the time today to remember your loved ones in need of prayers and encouragement—give them a call or send them a card. In today’s world where texting is the norm (I am one of the few that doesn’t text), there is nothing better and uplifting than getting a card in the mail knowing someone cared enough to send it.

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**Gifts of Love Donations**

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- Get Well Wishes for Bob Osorio
- Harold and Steve Fuentes
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Heritage -- Mother's Day--Continued
Louise Vento

She married her first cousin Jim (Ciro) in 1930 in Louisiana and moved to Chicago. She came to California in 1942 and worked in the canneries and packing houses of San Jose. Her husband Jim died of a heart attack the day before Christmas at the age of 57. She lived alone and retired at the age of 65. She could crochet quilts and shawls just by looking at a picture and counting the stitches. I still have some of the items she made. She knew enough about money and would walk to the grocery store or take the bus.

When I came into the family, I would help her with her bills and medical needs. She died in 1999 at the age of 94 years. She lived long enough to see her two grandchildren marry and enjoyed her four great-grandsons. I will never forget the love she gave to me. So many people complain about their mothers-in-law; I can truly say I loved her as much as my own mother.

Happy Mother's Day!

May, the month of our Mother Mary

Let's imitate Jesus in His love for Our Lady by offering her “flowers” of our filial love and affection in the little things of each day!

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**Book Review: Murder in Chianti (A Tuscan Mystery)**

Vince Piro, Past Grand President

*Murder in Chianti (A Tuscan Mystery)*  
by Camilla Trinchieri  
Soho Crime Publishers, 312 pages.

If you like conflicted detectives with a troubled past, and a plot that twists with intrigue along with detailed descriptions of Tuscany and Italian food, then Camilla Trinchieri’s *Murder in Chianti* is for you.

As the publisher describes the novel, “Set in the heart of Tuscan wine country, Camilla Trinchieri’s new mystery introduces Nico Doyle, a former NYPD homicide detective who’s just looking for space to grieve when he finds himself pulled into a local murder investigation.”

Mourning the loss of his wife, Rita, former NYPD homicide detective Nico Doyle moves to her hometown of Gravigna in the winesoaked region of Chianti. Half Italian and half Irish, Nico finds himself able to get by in the region with the help of Rita’s relatives, but he still feels alone and out of place.

“When the town appeared, perched on its own small hill, Nico stopped to catch his breath and take in the view of Gravigna, with its medieval castle walls, its two towers, the proud steeple of the Sant’Agnese Church. In the meager pre-dawn light Nico could, with the help of memory, make out the hundreds of neat rows of vines that covered the Conca d’Oro, the golden bowl below the town that had once only grown grain. He had marveled at the sight the first time he’d seen it with Rita on their honeymoon. ‘Our fairyland,’ Rita had said then…”

Overall, readers will enjoy this mystery for its many strengths that will capture their imagination.

*Murder in Chianti* is the first in the Tuscan Mystery series.

Camilla Trinchieri worked for many years dubbing films in Rome with directors including Federico Fellini, Pietro Germi, Franco Rossi, Lina Wertmüller, and Luchino Visconti. She immigrated to the US in 1980 and received her MFA in Creative Writing from Columbia University. Under the pseudonym Camilla Crespi, she has published eight mysteries. As Camilla Trinchieri, she has published *The Price of Silence; Seeking Alice*, a fictionalized account of her mother’s life in Europe during WWII; and *The Bitter Taste of Murder*, the second Tuscan mystery.
ICF in the News--Special Report
At the 21st Annual Bishop’s Dinner the *Amar Es Entregarse Award* presented to St. Josephs in Fontana, The Holy Name of Jesus in Redlands & St. Anthony in Upland

**AMAR ES ENTREGARSE HONOREES**

Italian Catholic Federation provides community, charitable assistance to Diocese

This year, at the 21st Annual Bishop’s Dinner, three organizations will be presented with the *Amar Es Entregarse Award*: the Knights of Columbus, Serra International and the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF).

The ICF, whose history goes back to the early 1900s, is a “family-oriented, non-profit fraternal organization dedicated to promoting activities that build faith and family spirit and bring men, women and children of all ages together.” The ICF has branches at three parishes in our Diocese: St. Joseph in Fontana, The Holy Name of Jesus in Redlands and St. Anthony in Upland.

The ICF’s charitable work includes an annual scholarship to graduating high school seniors, donations to the Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles and for programs for the developmentally disabled, and to support the Diocese’s seminary education.

The pandemic posed a challenge to the ICF’s fundraising efforts, although things are steadily returning to normal. Fundraising efforts can range from diners and galas to cannolis/coffee sales and more. While the group historically began from Italian immigrants’ desire to preserve their Catholic heritage, non-Italians are welcome to join the group as well.

John Guerin, President of The Holy Name of Jesus ICF branch, has been involved with the ICF for around 13 years and counts many benefits to being part of the group. “I enjoy the camaraderie, friendships, the food and the ability to make contributions to important causes,” he said.

“We thank the Bishop on being named [Amar Es Entregarse] recipients, it’s a great honor,” Guerin added.

**Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope!**

Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library
by Carmelo Sabatella

On April 3, 2023, Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee member Carmelo S. received a “prayer to be passed to the Mother Cabrini Shrine.” This prayer request was for her fiancé to have his salvation, successful recovery after surgery done.” She lives in Europe and emailed this prayer request to the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Burbank. We are keeping her, her fiancé and their families in our prayers at the Shrine for a speedy recovery. Mother Cabrini Shrine continues to support those who request prayers.

Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House schedule below. Additional dates will be scheduled during the year. If you or your branches would like to visit the Chapel and Library, group visits can be arranged by email: cas1810@aol.com or telephone: 626-372-7812. If you would like to make a donation to help maintain the Chapel facility and to continue with programs such as the annual Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage event in Burbank, please call 626-372-7812 or visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine at www.icf.org.

- June 11th – Open House 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. host San Gabriel Valley Region.
- Sept. 10th – Open House 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. host Santa Barbara/Ventura Region.
- Nov. 12th – Open House 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. hosted by the San Fernando Valley Region; St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon (SFXC/ICF).

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

Your support is greatly appreciated.

-Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President, ICF, LAADC
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SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco
Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:
A big thank you to Gino and Julie Giovanni and their daughter, Gina, who invited Branch 1 Members to their home in March for a delicious luncheon accompanied by Gino’s homemade wine. The smiles in the picture taken by Gina show it was a much-enjoyed afternoon.

Thank you, Gino, Julie and Gina, for your kindness.

Happy Mother’s Day to all Branch 1 Mothers.

Cordiali Saluti
Diana Cresci

San Francisco
St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

We hope you all had a nice Easter and visit with your families.

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

We have received our Convention Raffle Tickets from the ICF Office, and you will be receiving your tickets shortly. We would like to sell our quota of 25 books.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Ciao,
Eva Perata, President

Burlingame
Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

Hope all members felt some sort of renewal at the end of Lent and anxiously awaited Easter. I want to give thanks to all of our parish priests for enabling us parishioners to join one of the many Masses offered and special services during Holy Week.

Our May meeting/dinner will be held on May 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. and Brenda Wemiz will chair our celebration of Cinco de Mayo. Price for this dinner is $18.00 per person.

Mark your Calendar: JUNE 25, 2023, RAVIOLI dinner—O.L.A. Gym $35.00 per person. More details to follow next month.

Our branch was lucky to have had a renewal program led by Anthony and Donna Cervelli at their home. It was very successful and inspiring for those who attended. Thanks to the Cervelli’s who offered their time and home.

Since I missed last month’s article, I need to tell you we were very honored to have Laurice Levine at our March St. Joseph celebration. It was a potluck dinner and Laurice Levine gave us the most updated information on Cooley’s Anemia as she is a very good speaker.

Many blessings to any sick members in our branch and those in other branches as well.

God Bless,
Roz Emery

Our May meeting and dinner will be on May 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be chaired by Brenda Wemiz in celebration of Cinco de Mayo.

June 24th Holy Angels Parish will be hosting a tea, and our branch will be assisting. If you have anything that can be donated for the raffle, let Deborah know. More information to follow.

- At the March meeting we voted to give a second year ICF scholarship.

SAVE THE DATE: Deborah Rodoni’s testimonial as outgoing Grand President will be Saturday, November 4 at the Basque Cultura Center in South San Francisco. Hope you can attend. Keep an eye out in the Bollettino for more information.

Ciao!

San Mateo

District

Colma
Br. 19, San Vincenzo De Paoli

Happy Mother’s Day to all!

Unfortunately, our April meeting was cancelled, as it was the day after Easter and too many members were unable to attend.

- Our next meeting will be Monday, May 8 at 5:30 p.m. at President Deborah’s home. At the May meeting we will be voting to send delegate(s) to convention.

- June meeting will be on June 12 also at 5:30 p.m. at Deborah’s.

- At this time there will be no July meeting.

LOS ANGELES

ARCHDIOCESE

District Council

Welcome to May!!!

In March most of us held the traditional St. Joseph’s Table at our parishes, including my branch. Based on how my branch’s table went, I bet yours was just as successful. It’s nice to see this tradition continue on.

Now it’s time to start planning the district events for the rest of the calendar year. Bingo lunches, BBQs, bus trips to the casino, etc. We have a big event coming up at the end of July, the SoCal region golf tournament July 28th with an 8 a.m. shotgun starting time. It will be held at the beautiful Temecula Creek Inn next door to Pechanga Casino and down the road from the wineries of Temecula. Please help support this effort by sponsoring a hole, volunteering on the course, donating a raffle basket or prize, and joining us for an Italian buffet after the tournament. Let’s make this first tournament a huge success. Please see the ads and sign up sheets in the Bollettino.

Our annual convention is Labor Day weekend in Costa Mesa. Bishop’s Banquet is on October 1st at St John Seminary in Camarillo, the Cabrini Pilgrimage and next year in June 2024, our district will host the So Cal region 100th Anniversary Gala event.

On Saturday May 6th, we as a district will gather at Holy Family in South Pasadena for our Spring district meeting, at 10 a.m. There will be plenty to talk about and plan for the upcoming events.

Congratulations to the San Bernardino district on being recognized by Bishop Rojas of the San Bernardino diocese. They along with the Knights of Columbus and the Serra Club are being honored for their outstanding work in their diocese. Central Council members will attend the black-tie event on Saturday, May 27th in Palm Desert.

Let’s keep up the good work that we all do. Please turn in your Apostolic Reports, as we want 100% participation from our district.

I would like to wish all of the moms, a very Happy Mother’s Day. God bless you for all that you do.

Perry Shurko, LA District President.

SAN MATEO

District

Marin

Novato
Br. 332, Our Lady of Loreto

Our Branch has a wonderful group of officers, supported by an enthusiastic and hard-working team of volunteers, who make our monthly dinner meetings such a success. This month we would like to highlight our bartenders, Greg, Tom and Ken, who each month come in the early afternoon to set-up the bar, serve our guests, and clean-up after the event. No matter the request, our guests are sure to get a perfectly made drink, served with a smile and some great stories. Grazie mille Greg, Tom and Ken.

The convention raffle tickets went on sale in April, and we are hoping to have a hallmark year by selling all 100 books, which is a substantial increase from previous years. We are grateful to all the members who have already purchased a book of tickets and encourage everyone to help us reach our goal.

Don’t forget that our family picnic at Stafford Lake will be June 25. Make your reservations now and be part of the fun.

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May 2023

Br. 67, National Branch
St. Peter

On April 8, 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(s) who are interested in joining NBr 67. Members also celebrated the April birthdays of Tad S.

On March 17 and 18, 2023 Branch 67 Members Carmelo S., Theresa S., and Tad S. Attended the St. Patricks Dinner and St. Joseph Table Events at Holy Family Catholic Church in South Pasadena CA. Eugene attended the St Joseph Table at St. Victor's Church and other ICF Members attended St Joseph in various other Churches including St Peters Italian Catholic Church in Los Angeles on March 19, 2023.

St Joseph Table at Holy Family Catholic Church in South Pasadena CA ICF National Branch 67 is a virtual branch that reaches out to members and non-members who do not have an ICF in their area and would like be a part of the ICF Family. We also would like to have your input as we continue to develop this branch online.

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

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

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

And to our former Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward; May they rest in peace. Keep safe and stay healthy,

Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Past President
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Montebello
Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our May General Meeting will be on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Fr. Dionisio Cachera, Carmelita Aguilera, Filomena Divincenzo, Nicola Vieni, Mario Orofino, Leo Orofino, Vince Veneziano, Jess Noriega, Alfred Viera, Tony Wadzinski, Salvatore Sorce and Louis Grimaldi. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!!

Br. 111, St. Benedict

SAVE THE DATE: -June 17, 2023—
New date for the ICF Branch 108 Annual Wine and Beer Tasting. More information to follow.

- June 11, 2023 - Open House at the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. host ICF San Gabriel Valley Region.

Please continue to pray for the speedy resolution of the present crisis and to keep our sick members in your prayers for a speedy recovery, and to our former members, family members and friends of ICF who recently have gone to their eternal reward.

May they rest in peace. Keep safe and stay healthy,

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

Thank you to all who attended our Pala Casino Day trip and our Laughlin trip. Your support is appreciated. Thank you to Pauline Iacono for coordinating these trips.

Please join us on Saturday May 13th for the 5:15 mass in honor of the Madonna Del Arco. Please bring flowers to present to our Blessed Mother. Let’s keep our benefactor Joseph Scotti in our prayers.

Our general meeting will be held on May 18 at 7:30 p.m. Topic for discussion include Mass for our adopte seminarian Cole Buzon as he becomes a deacon on June 24. Also, up for discussion will be our parish fiesta scheduled for July 21-23. We also hope to learn of the graduating seniors that will be awarded our scholarship.

San Pedro Relay for Life an American Cancer Society fundraiser will be held on May 20th at Christ Lutheran Church. Please call Anita Trujillo for additional info 310 8327186

Tentative casino day trip is scheduled for June 22nd. We hope to have the details ironed out by our May 18th meeting.

I would like to wish all our moms and mother figures a very Happy Mother’s Day!

Please keep all our sick and deceased members in your prayers

Anita Trujillo Treasurer

SA VE THE DATE: Next ICF N Branch 67 Committee Meeting on June 17, 2023, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via zoom. Contact us at email: cas1810@aol.com if you would like to Join us at this meeting. ICF Members and Visitors welcome. Zoom link will be forwarded one week prior to meeting. Questions? Call: 626-372-7812.

Glendora
Br. 179, St. Dorothy

On Sunday, March 19, St. Dorothy Branch 179 in Glendora hosted their 2nd Annual St. Joseph’s Table. And it was another huge success! Most of our ministries and lots of our parishioners, and of course, our members, helped by baking and providing goods for sale at the Table. Our Table was dedicated to the memory of our deceased members, Lois Brancato and Jack Mateer. All proceeds went to St. Dorothy’s for the formation of the Family Counseling and Bereavement Center. We received $2,991!!

Patricia Auriemma
Trustee

Arcadia
Br. 218, Holy Angels

At our last meeting President Jerry recapped our St. Joseph’s Table which was a phenomenal success. The branch realized a net profit far exceeding any of our past events. Thank you to everyone that helped out and especially Jerry. We welcomed back Jean Bernabei who was incapacitated for many months. Good to have her back. We also welcomed 3 new members. Everyone enjoyed the pasta dinner after the meeting, thanks to Teri Carrano for always putting this together.

Our next meeting is a week early – May 7th.

Watch for Jeane’s newsletter. And, a very happy Mother’s Day to all the moms.

Lolly Magnolia

Downey
Br. 362, St. Raymond

It’s hard to believe it, but here we are in the Merry Month of May. Spring is in full bloom. I hope you had a wonderful Easter.

Let’s go back a bit, in March our St. Joseph Table brought in over $4,700!! Congratulations to all of our members and a big thank you to our pastor Fr. Sam and our associate pastor Fr. Justin for promoting it so well. Our table was extra blessed this year. I also want to thank our Holy Family who volunteered to be in the procession, you guys rocked it!

Last month we held another Bingo luncheon. Spring Fling was the theme and I know everyone had a blast. Congratulations to all of the winners.

At the end of this month we will be hosting our annual Awards and Recognition Night. We will be honoring those St. Raymond 8th grade scholar-ship winners along with our High School winner. Also included will be representatives from our Outreach Ministries and parish staff.

Attention all golfers!!! Please keep in mind that our So Cal Golf Tournament is coming up on July 28th at the Temecula Creek Inn. Please see the ad in the Bollettino for all of the info.

At this time, I would like to wish all of the Moms, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Mothers-in-Law, Stepmothers and all Mothers in our life here with us today and those who have left this Earthly world a very Happy and Blessed Mother’s Day.

Till next month, God Bless. Perry Shurko, Branch President.
La Canada Flintridge
Br. 374, St. Bede the Venerable

Results are in! Our Treasurer reported that the 2023 St. Joseph’s Table and Silent Auction was very fruitful. Our volunteer members came out and pitched in to make this the most successful event we have ever experienced since the branch was formed in 1984. Kudos especially to Maria DeSalguero, and her team members Gloria McGaughey, and Lila Nastro for the great coordination, and to President Phyllis Harb for her management of the auction and her overall leadership of the event.

The morning Masses were beautifully highlighted by the six flag-bearing volunteer Sea Cadets processing behind the St. Joseph statue.

Soon you will be receiving an invitation to a special Br. 374 Mass to be held on June 11, at noon, at the La Canada Flintridge Country Club. A room has been reserved for a Mass for our members and guests, presided by Fr. Jim Benvacqua. That will be followed by a lunch/bunch at a cost of $60.00. We hope to see you at this lovely Apostolate event.

Welcome new members Marie Baker, Caroline Trunzo, and Lori Caruso! We hope you will enjoy the spirituality and camaraderie of ICF.

Dates to Remember:
General Meeting—Please note change of date: 4th Tuesday, May 23rd
Speaker: Michael Van Hecke-President of St. Monica Academy-Monroise

Sunday, June 11th—Mass and lunch at LCCC, 12:00 noon
General Meeting—Tues. June 20th

Ten Thousand Oaks
Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylong

It was wonderful to celebrate our annual St. Joseph’s Day Dinner again after being unable to during the Covid lockdown. The pasta and sausage dinner was delicious, our bake sale was a big success, and we raffled off many beautiful baskets of goodies. We look forward to holding it again next year.

Our May meeting will be a celebration of the Blessed Mother as well as our own mothers. Looking forward to seeing many members there!

Deadline for June
Bolletino is May 10th. 
Send articles & photos to
editor@icf.org

Oakland
East Bay
District Council

Here’s hoping that all had a Blessed and Happy Easter.

Pres. Jo-Ann asked that when sending out announcements, e-mails etc. that we make sure that we include everyone. That way all the bases are covered, and no one feels left out. Bishop’s Day is on hold until after Easter, stay tuned.

The first year Scholarship was voted in, also 2nd, 3rd and 4th when their time comes up. Let’s find some graduates who need our help and have them apply.

Branch #343 may be 44 years old, but Branch #10 has everyone beat, locally. They will be 97 on May 20th and celebrating with a pork dinner, cost is $65.00. Watch for the flyer.

Carolyn reported that Italian Day at the A’s will be July 21st, cost will be $30-33.00. Watch for more information.

The District voted to contribute money toward the Meal Train for Laurence Levine following her surgery. May good health follow her after all this. A Happy Mother’s Day to all the Mothers and those mother figures we love and honor,

Pat Grasso, Dist. Sec.

Simi Valley
Br. 443, St. Rose of Lima

Many ICF members attended St Joseph’s Day Italian Dinner sponsored by St Paschal’s Church, Branch 380. Several came home with basket prizes.

ICF members attended the Celebration of Life for Eric Tweedy, son of Barbara Tweedy, Vice President of Branch 443 and Trustee of LA District. Our sincere sympathy to Barbara, Mike and family.

The May 19 meeting will be “Honoring our Mothers.” Please bring pictures, mementoes, etc. to share when talking about your mother. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Peace and Blessings, Josephine M. Perini

Rancho Palos Verdes
Br. 444, St. John Fisher

Happy Easter! May the Blessings of our Risen Lord be always you.

Our Branch was chosen to serve one of the Friday Lenten Suppers, called a “Meager Meal” after the 5:15 p.m. Mass and before the Stations of the Cross. Carol & Hany prepared the Tomato soup alla Italiani with grilled cheese sandwiches. The Supper was special this year as each ministry was able to choose the soup of their choice. We hope our Pastor, Msgr. David Sork enjoyed our Italian Version of Tomato soup. Everyone gathered to take a photo with Msgr. Sork after supper.

We continue to pray for Marianne Carne, still in TCU at Torrance Memorial as she recovers from a stroke. We had 12 people join the Catholic Faith at our Saturday night Easter Vigil Service. They received Baptism, First Communion and were Confirmed. We welcome them into our St. John Fisher Catholic Community. It was wonderful to see the Cross of Jesus without the purple draping.

covering his body this Sunday. Thanks to all our members who helped prepare & serve the Lenten Supper.

Ciao, Patty Longo Hansen

Castro Valley
Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

Here’s hoping that each of you had a Blessed and Happy Easter and maybe some time for a restful day after a busy week of preparation for the glorious Resurrection.

We are looking forward to the celebration of our 44th Anniversary at the Terra Mia Restaurant on the 22nd of April. It should be a fun affair with good food and times to remember our past history.

Another thing we are looking forward to is a day of Bingo coupled with a special type of food. We plan to have this when school is out, so we have more time to use Stack Center. And there are always days to share with the local restaurants and split their income from meals.

Just a reminder, if you have not paid your dues, YOU ARE LATE!

Here’s to a Happy Mother’s Day. Happy for those we know as Mother and those we call Mother, including our Blessed Mother Mary.

Pat Grasso, Branch Sec.

Alameda
Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

We are finalizing plans for our 97th Anniversary Dinner scheduled for Saturday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Monsignor O’Brien Hall, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda. The highlights of the menu will be roast pork and pasta prepared by chef Ben Ratto. Prices are $45 for adults and $15 for youngsters 12 and under. Payment in advance by check made payable to ICF Branch 10 and mailed to the Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great Parish Office, 3101 Van Buren Street, Alameda 94501. For reservations, please contact James McGee cybermgee@yahoo.com or (510) 676-7337 by 9:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15.

By the time you read this, eight of our officers will be enjoying a nine-day tour of Italy organized by our chaplain and pastor, Father Joseph Pathyil, m.f. We are visiting Rome, Assisi and Florence. There are more officers than non-officers (two) among the group. The two non-officers do belong to Branch 10. We are giving a different meaning to the pandemic and post-pandemic term “meeting remotely.”

Our numbers increased by four in February and March. The other good news is all of the new members are substantially under the average age of those who already belonged to Br. 10. We concluded our Lenten Fish Fry dinners by hosting 63 guests on Friday night, March 31. We appreciate all those who helped, including especially students of Saint Philip Neri School for setting-up Monsignor O’Brien Hall for the final meal. Thanks also to members Sharon Eastwood-Falls, Bob Minot, Roberta Shomon and Father Joseph for selecting the Catholic-themed motion pictures which were presented each evening.

John Zagonni
Branch 10 publicity
CONTRA COSTA
District Council

Hello from the Contra Costa District Council. Hope everyone is enjoying spring!

Our District Mass and Breakfast will be coming up on May 7 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Brentwood, the home of Branch 432. We will sit together in a group for the 9 o’clock mass and then enjoy breakfast following in their parish hall. The cost for the meal is a free will offering.

We had our last meeting in April at our new location, Christ the King Church in Pleasant Hill. We need a few more branch mentors. If interested in helping with this program, contact Patty at jannd1976@aol.com.

Branches are reminded to elect their convention delegates. The convention will be held in Costa Mesa, CA over Labor Day weekend.

Please pray for past Grand President and past District President Mike Canady who is in a skilled nursing facility following a hospital stay.

We extend Happy Mothers’ Day wishes! Until next time,

Fraternally,

Patty Jarrett
Past President/District Mentor

Martinez
Br. 13, San Martino

Branch#13 has had a successful fundraiser—first one in four years—with thanks to the participation of members who give of their time and roll-up their sleeves for the benefit of all, especially Anne who helped me in a number of unexpected ways. In our small branch that means a lot. Just two weeks later, our parish of St. Catherine of Siena celebrated its 150th Anniversary of Parish life in Martinez. We threw a huge party that began with a procession, Mass, and complimentary luncheon for the entire city! ICF hosted a table of ten.

May is the month we honor Mary, mother of Jesus. We also honor motherhood. There is a long-standing tradition where a specific Sunday was set aside to honor mothers and motherhood which began in some European countries and was named “Mothering Sunday.” These celebrations actually became part of the liturgical calendar in many Christian denominations, including our Catholic calendar which is marked as Laetare Sunday or the fourth Sunday in Lent when we honor the Virgin Mary and our Mother Church. In the United States, Mother’s Day was nationally recognized as a holiday in the month of May in 1914 after a campaign in which a woman named Anna Jarvis trademarked the phrases “second Sunday in May” and “Mother’s Day” and created the Mother’s Day International Association.

With that bit of heritage, we wish all those who are mothers, those with mothers, and those who mother others, happy and fulfilling memories of those who bestowed the title upon us.

Arrivederci,
Mary Cook

Crockett
Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici!

In Italy, la mamma is the cornerstone of the home and celebrated by her family all year round. Just like in America, every second Sunday of May, Italian bambini and adults alike jump to lavish their mothers with flowers and gifts for ‘La Festa della Mamma.’

Mother’s Day was first celebrated in Italy in May 1957, about 50 years after it was founded in the United States. A parish priest began the tradition in Assisi, and it was celebrated with great festivities. Many in the surrounding cities got word and joined the appreciation of the women whose unconditional love and hard work helped them become who they were. The day was so successful that just one year later, the holiday was adopted across Italy’s 20 regions.

Our next branch meeting will be May 9th. Please join us for a delicious enchilada dinner to celebrate Cinco de Mayo and Mother’s Day. Mass begins at 5:30, with dinner at 6:30 and meeting to follow. The cost is $12 and it should be quite the fiesta!

We send well wishes from all of us to our friends Lois Ramos, Carla Contestable, Renee Ratterree, and Ron and Mary Lou Costa. We hope to see you soon!

If you haven’t attended a meeting for a while, we miss you, and now is a great time to come back. In the meantime, be good, and call your mother!

Blessings for a Happy Spring,
~Helen

Sick members Lois Ramos, Carla Contestable, Renee Ratterree and Ron and Mary Lou Costa.

Happy Spring to everyone

Brentwood
Br. 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary

On February 27 ICF Branch 432 held the long-awaited St. Joseph’s Dinner. This was the first time since the pandemic we were able to have our St. Joseph’s, it was a big success. We all had a good time. Fr. Mark said the blessing and did the reading.

As a fundraiser this year the ICF sold See’s Candy for Easter after all the Masses. Trying to sell See’s candy in the rain didn’t help. Pat Rebollar, who was in charge of the fundraiser, came up with other ways of selling the candy. Her idea was to sell candy at our Knight of Columbus Fish Fry for Lent, which was very successful. Pat Rebollar worked very hard at making our Candy sales a success. Thank You Pat!!!!!

We are now starting to work on our Scholarship program. Normally we have about ten $1000.00 scholarships for students going from High School to College. The ICF and the Knights of Columbus, The Filam Community, The Catholic Daughters and other ministries plus donations from our community at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church We have been supporting Scholarships for students since 2009 and this year we will have given over a $100,000.00 in scholarship.

BLESSED SACRAMENT
District

Auburn
Br. 342, St. Joseph

Our Branch was able to help local children get to school on all the rainy days we experienced this winter. Here is what one of the project coordinators sent us:

Due to the generous donations from ICF members and rallying support from others in our community ICF Branch #342 was able to raise enough money to purchase 115 umbrellas for students at Rock Creek Elementary School in Auburn, CA.

The school serves approximately 71.6% low-income children (2022 SARC report). Without these umbrellas many children were missing school on rainy days or showing up soaking wet. This contribution by our members is made even more significant as Rock Creek is slated to be closed this year and next year these same children will have to walk farther every day to get to school. Thank you ICF members for being God’s sheltering wings to these little children.”

Ciao!

Pam Andersen

Concord
Br. 214, Todos Santos

Buon Giorno,
I hope you all enjoyed your Easter with your loved ones.

Our branch membership is expanding. We have 5 new members: Yiani Piho, Marianne Lowe, Michael Rizza, and Carol and Tony Wilcockson. We welcome them to our branch.

We had a great turnout for our Pasta/ Bingo event. 80 people attended. Good food, bingo, called numbers and jokes provided by Ed McGuirk, with cash prizes handed out by Allison McGuirk, great raffle prizes and a great door prize enjoyed by all. We look forward to our next Bingo event September 9th. I want to thank everyone who helped setup, serve, (by students of St Agnes), and clean up from this event. It was truly a great fundraiser for our branch.

We have a new mentor, Peggy Aiello Hagerthy who will take Patty Jarrett’s place as she moved.

We celebrated St. Patrick’s Day and St. Joseph’s table at our March meeting. Delicious dishes were provided by our members and everyone enjoyed the meal. Jo Lee gave a wonderful presentation about St Joseph.

We had a board meeting to discuss upcoming events. We are planning to go to Reno for the Italian Festival in October. This will be a fun event. We are also planning our branch barbecue at Diane Hasty’s home in August.

We pray for our sick members of our branch and wish them blessed health.

Please enjoy the rain-free weather and sunny days ahead.

Con Affetto
Norene Deluca

Danville
Br. 352, San Isidore

April found us celebrating our annual “Festa Primavera.” Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening! Our dinner of antipasto, salad, ravioli, chicken piccata with green beans plus the Bomba dessert, was followed by an entertaining evening of song & dance with our favorite Ken Cooper Band. A few talented members joined in on the fun & treated us to a couple of solos! We’re planning a group trip to Eataly in early May. Watch your email for additional details! Our May dinner meeting will be held on Monday, May 15th at 6 p.m. To celebrate a belated Cinco de Mayo, we’ll feast on a variety of Mexican dishes, with all of the sides. Watch for that Evite – you won’t want to miss it!

Ciao!
Branch 352
**CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT**

Members helping out and getting the hall ready for Crockett #14 Successful Corned Beef Dinner. Super job.

Br. 442, St. Joseph’s Table at Branch 442
General Meeting on Sunday, March 19

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Br. 214, members enjoying the event.

Br. 214, President Roberta Healy, Father Johnson, servers from St Agnes school

Ice Cream anyone??? These are two of our youngest helpers having a good time at Crockett #14 Corned Beef dinner.

Great turn out at our Crockett #14 Corned Beef Dinner. Thanks for your support.

Our Corned Beef servers...Great job. Service with a smile at Crockett #14

**BLESSED SACRAMENT DISTRICT**

Br. 214, Ed McGuirk

Br. 342, A few of the new umbrella recipients
CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT

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FRESNO DISTRICT

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On behalf of ICF Branch 28, Christine Shackel presenting a check for $5,000 donation to Father Michael Hendrickson of St. Mary Parish.

Marianne Peoples providing information to membership regarding the communications sent to those in need of love and support on behalf of ICF Branch 28.

Member Danny Sceurini won the membership card drawing at March meeting and held his Easter themed prize.

Br. 368 President Deanna Meyer, captured the little Leprechaun, Marie Antonowicz!

Br. 368, 408, 2023 Raffle prizes

Patricia Look awarding $2000 check to 5th Grade Class after Mass from Pasta Dinner

Resurrection School Thank you Letters to Br. 408 for 2023 PASTA Dinner fundraiser

Br. 368, 368, 89 Years!

Br. 445 Cheers to 89 Years!

Br. 445, Fr. Chris' Lenten Reflection

Br. 445 Lenten Reflection Vocalists & Band

Br. 435, Blessing of the altar at consecration of newly remodeled St. Catherine Church

Br. 435, Mary Ann and John Sorci enjoying reception in O’Donnell Center following St. Catherine’s Service.

Gloria Subcoz, President, Giulia Gallego & Helga Brooks enjoying reception honoring St. Catherine Church Renovation. Branch 435.

Br. 368. St. Joseph’s Table, ICF Volunteers’ and Table

St. Mary Branch #184, Pictured from left to right, Dave Romeri, Luis Mancias, Larry Vollman, Deanna Meyer and Ed Russo. Not pictured was Donovan Erba. These gentlemen, posting with Branch President, made up the cooking committee for the Corned Beef Dinner held March 18.
SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)

Saint Frances Cabrini Branch 191 We are ready to hunt eggs!

SAN DIEGO DISTRICT

Br. 229 St. Joseph's Table

Br. 246 Kitchen Crew

Br. 246 members Bill Holman and Joe Fontana with Father John Amsberry.

Branch 246 St. Joseph Auctioneer Anthony Torregiani

Br. 246, St. Joseph's Table central
Br. 179, Dave & Maria Teresa enjoying

Br. 179, St. Joseph's table

Br. 179, Monsignor Norm Blessing

Br. 362, Pictures from our St. Joseph Table. Fr. Sam with our Holy Family. St. Raymond honored this year's Table to Steve Drobeck who passed away a few years ago.

Br. 362

Br. 380, Blessed St. Joseph's Table

Br. 444 Back Row: Robert Keefer, Kars-Say Cavecche, Grace Ohanian, Fran Noday, Cristine Baldemor, Msgr. David Sork, Tonia Amalfatano, Hany Francis, Guido Frassinelli, Patty Hansen, Bruno Vieri, Front Row: Kathleen Buchanan, Mary Alley and Gina Albi.

Br. 443

Br. 443, Father Joseph Shea & Calre Delto

Br. 443, Enza Pro & Marilyn Olsen

Br. 443, Ritamarie Downey & Art Saenza
ICF Branch 108 held its April 2nd Branch General Meeting and lunch social at Holy Family Connolly Hall. Following branch business members welcomed newest members Patrick and Claudia B. And celebrated the April Birthdays of ICF members Tad S., Gina S., David T., Karla R., and Dale Ann P.

Thank you to ICF Members and Church Parishioners who staffed the March 17th, St. Patrick Dinner, March 18th and 19th St. Joseph Table at Holy Family Church Connolly Hall in South Pasadena. Thank you also to the many sponsors and donors who donated their time, product and money to continue the tradition of bringing everyone to the annual table to share in the fundraising efforts to help the poor and disadvantaged.
Riseville
Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi

We hope everyone enjoyed a blessed and happy Easter! Our April Branch meeting featured a delicious potato bar, complete with all the trimmings. We came together to enjoy each other’s company and to discuss our upcoming events and fundraisers. We’re feverishly planning the last few details of our first ever “Prom Night” on April 29th. It’s sure to be a fun event with a mix of nostalgia and the making of great new memories. Remember to dust off your dancing shoes and put on your dressy duds to join us for a great evening of music and dancing! Proceeds will support one of our many charities.

The Aguilar family will, once again, be hosting a Cinco de Mayo celebration at our May Branch meeting on May 19th. Always a favorite, make sure to mark your calendars, so you don’t miss out on this wonderful and festive dinner.

Preparations are in the works for our Bingo fundraiser here at St. Clare. Branch 438 will be hosting this event along with our ICF Blessed Sacrament District. Keep your eyes open for further details and ticket sales! You won’t want to miss out on what is sure to be a great day of fun!

We continue to pray for our members’ special needs and intentions. We also celebrate and ask the Lord to bless the wonderful Mammies in our lives.

Happy Mother’s Day!
Ciao,
Anne Finn

SANTA ROSA
District
Healdsburg
Br. 52, San Francisco Di Sales

Thank you to everyone who came and who helped at our Fish Fry on March 31. From the delicious dinner prepared by Will Seppi and crew to the raucous live auction, the night was a great success!

Upcoming Events:
Tuesday, May 9: Monthly Meeting. 6:00 p.m. in the Rectory
Sunday, May 21: ICF Monthly Mass, 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 16: Mother’s/Father’s Day Dinner and Dessert Potluck. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Price: $15.00 per person. Children under 12: $5.00. Please call Carmen and Lauren 707-595-311 for tickets. Come and celebrate our Mothers and Fathers at dinner! Richard Passalacqua is working on the menu.

Sunday, June 4: Santa Rosa Day of Recollection. We are the hosts for this event. 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We’ll have speakers, pray the rosary and have a pizza lunch. Price is $10.00. Call Carmen and Lauren for tickets.
Friday, July 28: Calling all golfers! The ICF Central Council is having a Golf Tournament at Bennett Valley Golf Course. Price: $180 for golfers, $50 for dinner only. Details can be found in the Bollettino or call Lauren. We hope to see members at these events.

Happy Mother’s Day!
Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale
Br. 75, L’Annunciata

He is risen! Alleluia! Happy Easter Everyone!
Even the weather knows He has risen. Easter Sunday and Easter Monday have been sunny and warm, a nice break from the rain for which we are also grateful.

For several months now, our parish has been gifted with two beautiful mission sisters, Jazmine and Teresita! They return to their Mother House on Sunday, but since they’ve been here, along with our parish secretary, Daisy, they have done so much to stimulate our Church, particularly in their outreach to our youth. Our parish hall and kitchen have been alive with their energy; if we needed help with anything, all we had to do was ask and they were “on it.” As I sing at Mass, I can look into the sweet faces of a dozen or so altar servers they have worked with and who are in training at The Altar of the Lord. Our secular culture speaks of being “woke”; all you have to do is look at the sisters and these servers to know what “being woke” truly is!!! Thank you, sisters, for all you have done for us!

Speaking of being “woke” MJ Del ‘Aquila and a team of worker bees will work their magic for our 3rd wine and food pairing on May 7th. MJ turns specially selected Grocery Outlet wines and tasty hand-prepared food pairings into a classy fun-filled Sunday afternoon!
Josh Brown! You did an amazing job as sentinel at our April meeting!

Alleluia! He is risen!
Patsy Buchignani

Petaluma
Br. 127, St. Vincent

Dear members,
Spring is finally here! We are ready to do our chicken cacciatore. It will be on Saturday, May 20th at St. James as usual. Cost is $25. Seating is limited to 80 people so don’t delay making reservations with Lucy (707) 769-1245. Deadline for reservations is May 13.
March was bakeless bake sale month. Margaret sends a big Thank You for all your generosity and has asked me to remind everybody that it’s not too late for those who may still want to donate.
Please pray for the continued recovery of our ill members, Irene Carnazola and Dennis Urbiztondo.

Your continued support is much appreciated! Would love to see more of you at our monthly meetings. Joining together makes all of us stronger!
With love and prayers for all of us and for our families and for the continued good health of our branch.

Dennie DiGiralamo

Arcata
Br. 144, St. Mary

St. Mary’s Church in Arcata had a Lenten Retreat, March 17 to 19. We had our St. Joseph’s table that weekend and it was blessed by Fr. Matthew Williams, O.C.D., the retreat leader. Over $430 was collected in donations.
Our April meeting was moved to Friday, April 14. Already plans are in training at The Altar of the Lord.

This is the most ever collected by our branch. (photos)
The following Saturday, March 26, Alfred Eanni cooked us a wonderful corned-beef and cabbage dinner. He was assisted by Pete Stagnoli, Rosemary Melendy, and Anne Carlisle Eanni. The evening was enjoyed by 19 members in attendance. (photos)
Our April meeting was moved to Friday, April 14. Already plans are starting for the September Chicken and Polenta take-out dinner along with planning a parish Advent Pancaked Breakfast.
Alfred and Anne Eanni will be heading to Italy on May 4th for a few weeks and will bring back some heritage stories of Molise/Abruzzo regions for the June meeting.

Prayers for healing are requested for member Mike Dalporto (’66).

Anne Carlisle Eanni Secretary #144

Eureka
Br. 145, St. Ambrose

The Super Bowl of Peanut Butter and Jelly collection competition resulted in 1,326 pounds of PB&J collected for Betty Chinn’s ministry to the homeless of Humboldt County. St. Mary’s in Arcata is the champion having collected 578 lbs. St. Bernard/St. Joseph in Eureka was runner up with 275 lbs.

Thank you again to all of the parishes in the county and the students of St. Bernard High School for your support of this worthwhile endeavor.

Our St. Joseph Table on Sunday March 19th at St. Bernard’s courtyard was a success. Many people were overjoyed to see our beautiful display of baked goods and religious items. (See photo.) We gave away everything and collected over $400 in donations.

Thank you to everyone who baked and donated religious items for our table.

The next event is our annual anniverary celebration (64 …) in conjunction with Arcata Branch 144. It will consist of a luncheon at noon on April 30th in the Pinochi Room at St. Bernard parish hall.

Santa Rosa
Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
After a very successful Chili and Corn Bread dinner meeting on April 3rd and our Mother’s Day BBQ and meeting on May 1st, we will have our Father’s Day Potluck on Monday, June 5th at 6:00 p.m. With everyone bringing their best dish, this is always a terrific dinner.

The Attendance Drawing winner at our April 3rd meeting was Tom Saska. Financial Secretary Linda Sherman presented him with his winnings!

With the annual Convention comes a time to select our delegate and see if anyone else is planning to attend. The annual ICF Convention is always fun and educational. Think about attending.

Our monthly Masses for living and deceased members of our Branch will be on May 7th at 9:00 a.m. and June 24th at 4:30 p.m. Please plan to attend if you are able.

Mark your calendar for our very special Scholarship Dinner to be held in the Brinker Room at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15th. This will be a great dinner and we will be able to meet and hear from the scholarship recipients.

Say a prayer for our sick members and remember all our mothers with a pray to Mary, our Spiritual Mother.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY.
Gail Bongi-Azevedo

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

**Br. 209, St. Michael**

Hello Members of Branch 209 Sebastopol! Although we didn’t get together for our monthly meeting in March, due to the extreme weather. We were busy with many commitments.

We participated in Lenten Soup, at Sebastian’s church, after Stations of the Cross, on Friday March 10th. Special thanks to Roy Spadoni, David Armstrong and Tami Marian for representing the ICF and serving the soup.

On March 24th we had our annual Fish Fry fundraiser dinner. It was a HUGE success! We received many compliments on how delicious the dinner was. From the fresh fish to the homemade tartar sauce, and the homegrown lemons! An Extra Special Thank You to Roy and Leona Spadoni, for their endless hours of organizing, shopping, and rallying the workers to get the job done. Also, we wouldn’t be successful without our hard workers to make it all run smoothly. Most importantly, we would like to thank the community, friends, and families that continue to support our special events. It’s events like this, that help us raise money to give back to the community, and St. Sebastian’s church.

For example, in May we will be having our High School scholarship awards dinner. Mia Del Prede is our chairperson and leading the school. Thank you, Mia!

We also hosted a second Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick’s Parish on March 24th. Josi, Bea, Jose, Nick, and Vince led the congregation through the stations.

Our dinner meeting was held April 12th at which time we elected delegates to the convention.

**FRESNO**

**District**

**Merced**

**Br. 39, St. Cecilia**

At the end of March, our branch held a very successful biscotti cookie sale with over 400 dozen cookies sold. Thanks to all the measurers, mixers, roller, loggers, bakers, cutters, and packagers, sorters and all who helped. We have a great team and success is due to all their hard work.

We also hosted another Stations of the Cross on March 24th. The Stations were held at St. Patrick’s Church. The stations were led by Debbi Wallin and guests.

**Fresno**

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

Hello members.

Spring is upon us. As I write this, we are having beautiful, pleasant days, the plants are in bloom. By the time you read this it will be 108 degrees in the Valley. Lovedly.

While you are taking a break from mowing the lawn, why not volunteer to a leadership position. At this time the position of Recording Secretary is available. I know many of you have been waiting patiently for years for this post to open. Well, here’s your chance. The job is simple: in as few words as possible record the salient points and important decisions that occur during our meetings. Once you have that written out, take 50% of what you’ve written and cross it out. The meeting minutes are done. They are called minutes for a reason. It’s just that simple.

During our March meeting Debbi Wallin introduced the idea of having a Saturday fundraising dinner in the Fall. Our members can that happen.

Many of our members attended the Knights of Columbus St. Patrick’s Dinner on March 18th. This huge event was well attended. As a matter of fact, I think I saw more members there, than at our meetings!

It’s never too early to plan and sign up for the ICF Convention. As always, it’s on Labor Day weekend. In the Southern California hot spot of Costa Mesa. Imagine being around a bunch of Italians for 3 days eating, drinking, and partying. Wait, we don’t need to imagine anything, we live it.

**CENTRAL COAST**

**District**

**Santa Cruz**

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

Buon giorno, Tutti. We hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful Easter Celebration. This month we celebrate Mother’s Day. St. Therese d’ Lisieux wrote: “The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a Mother.” Therese, a French Carmelite nun, was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1927. Among the many endeavors of her remarkable young life, was the writing of her autobiography. It became a best seller in the 20th Century.

Coming back to our present-day reality:

~Our next General Meeting will be on May 2nd at 4 p.m. and it will be a Taco Tuesday. If you haven’t already met our Branch’s new President, Monica Crowley, there’s your chance.

~On May 28th, at 10:30, our Seminarian Francisco Garcia will serve his first mass at Holy Cross. There will be a celebration after the mass at Holy Cross Hall. All are invited.

~Thanks to those who contributed to the Noc-Bake Campaign. More info on the proceeds will be shared soon.

~Convention time is approaching, and Raffle tickets are now on sale. They are $20 per booklet and the prizes are amazing. If interested, get in touch with Bill Crowley.

In closing, perhaps you might say a prayer for those Branch members who are ill and for those who have experienced loss because of the recent storms. It has been a hard winter for some. Give thanks to God for the Sunshine…enjoy.

Patty Morelli
Trustee - Branch 21

**Monterey**

**Br. 36, Santa Rosalia**

Happy Mother’s Day to all our Mothers and Grandmothers (Nonna) may you have a Blessed Day. “No one in your life will ever love you as your mother does. There is no love as pure, unconditional, and strong as a mother’s love.” Hope Edelman April 20, 2023. Dinner/Meeting San Carlos Hall – Ham dinner with all the trimmings. 40 new members were initiated, and 6 high student received scholarships. Two 8th grade students from San Carlos school received achievement awards.

Next month we will announce their names—May 25, 2023. Dinner/Meeting Moose Lodge- Monterey. 92 Anniversary Br 36 Monterey Santa Rosalia celebration dinner at the Moose Lodge. The menu: salad, 8oz New York steak, potato, mixed vegetables, dessert.

Price: $25.00 per person. No tickets sold at the door.

Please send your reservation by May 21, 2023.-- ICF 36 - PO Box 2286 -Monterey CA. 93942

Or order on-line: MontereyICF.org. More info: contact: Elaine Valentine - 831-521-8026

Please pray for our members who are ill, hospitalized or homeless.

Happy Mother’s Day

“you are a treasure and an asset to your family.”

Proverbs 31:28

Elaine Valentine
President Br 36

**Castroviejo**

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

We have a lot of May birthdays to celebrate in Branch 51! Wishing a very happy birthday to Allison Barlow, Susan Carbonel, Mazie Rodriguez, Rosella Salarp, Ashley Stefani, and Marie Tonus.

And to all of the mothers and grandmothers of Branch 51 and ICF, we hope you have a very happy Mother’s Day spent surrounded by loved ones.

“The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.” St. Therese of Lisieux

Stefani Cortopassi
Aptos
Br. 227, St. Joseph

Our March 31 take-out fish dinner was a success with 102 dinners served. A huge SHOUT OUT to Sharleen Salcedo for her wonderful cooking and putting together the food and workers. Without her, this dinner would not have been possible. Thanks also to Dan Casagrande for preparing the rice pilaf; Linda Calciulo for making some of the lemon bars and helping put together the salads; Mary Harrison for providing lunch to the workers and helping with the salads; Jane Kottila for serving as cashier; Manny and Magdalena Martinez for helping with desserts and bagging the dinners; Heidi Ambiel for bagging dinners and helping with cleanup; and Deanna Musler for broading the fish. To those who donated paper bags and lemons, we appreciate your contribution as well.

Please offer get well prayers to our members who are dealing with health issues: Marie Munari who is at home after an extended hospital stay; Jim Smith who is recovering from surgery for a broken hip sustained in a fall at his home; Nancy Prevedelli who fell and broke her hip, and Maureen Benito who is recuperating at home. Finally, we offer sincere condolences to Bruce and Jean Dunn on the passing of their son, Dr. Michael Dunn. May God bless all mothers, for putting their children first instead of themselves. Wishing you a Happy Mother’s Day.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande
Br. 291, St. Patrick

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Wishing all the moms a very happy Mother’s Day!
Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary

SANTA CLARA VALLEY
District Council

Summer and graduations are just around the corner! So, please save time for the annual district BBQ picnic at Vasona on Sunday, August 6th. Please note this is a new date, and the date reported in last month’s Bollettino is incorrect.

The Santa Clara Valley District wishes all ICF members and their families a Happy Mother’s Day!

Michael Rosst

Gilroy
Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

Prior to our March 20th dinner meeting in keeping with Branch 28’s mission of support of St. Mary Parish a $5000 check was given to pastor Michael Hendrickson. Father Hendrickson graciously “thanked” Branch 28 for our support. Following the presentation members enjoyed a catered St. Patrick’s Day meal of corn beef and cabbage.

The winner of the membership card drawing was Danny Scettinini who won an Easter-themed basket of treats and two large bunnies. A condition of winning is to have and show your membership card if your name is drawn. The membership pin drawing winning amount was rolled over to $30 dollars at the next dinner meeting since the member drawn did not have their pin. Branch 28 has a planned bake sale for Sunday May 7. It will be at Cullen Hall next to the Church and will be available to all morning masses. Items included will be baked goods, jam/jellies, candy, homemade craft items and plants.

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CHICAGO
District

Chicago
Br. 392, St. Francis Borgia

Greetings for the Windy City!
ICF of St. Francis Borgia - Branch 392 Chicago, Illinois

Branch 392 was quite busy the past few months, as a committee of hardworking individuals, led by our Maria Perna, got ready to host the 2023 St. Joseph’s Day Table and Bake Sale for the St. Francis Borgia Parish. After much planning and preparations, the event took place on Saturday, March 11, 2023, after the evening Masses.

In the early evening the parish hall decorated in the traditional red and white and staffed with a happy crew of volunteers, was finally ready to welcome, guests, serve a delicious buffet of Italian specialties, and sell the delectable cookies and crispy breads.

A small altar with the St. Joseph statue surrounded by colorful flowers, baskets of fruit and a display of crusty breads and mouth-watering cookies was the focal point as parishioners, ICF members and friends entered the hall. At the opposite end a buffet was setting set-up to serve the delicious foods.

The 2023 St. Joseph’s Day Table and Bake Sale, raising much needed funds for our church, was a huge success since the member drawn did not have their pin. Branch 28 has a planned bake sale for Sunday May 7. It will be at Cullen Hall next to the Church and will be available to all morning masses. Items included will be baked goods, jam/jellies, candy, homemade craft items and plants.

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Kim M. Filice

San Jose
Br. 191, Saint Frances Cabrini

Spring is here! The sky is clear, winds are calm, the rains have diminished. Branch 191 is preparing spring and summertime activities for our members.

On March 25, our general membership meeting, we paid homage to St. Joseph. Our celebration included a lunchtime treat, of linguine and clams. Father Paolo blessed our lunch, along with leading a prayer to the devotion of St. Joseph. Many beautiful and appealing desserts, made by our members, completed the day. As we enjoyed each other’s company, this made the celebration of St. Joseph complete.

Our Quarterly Mass/Palm Sunday Breakfast was a morning of celebration, community, and Goodwill. We as a Branch, were the host to 23 Pre-K-K children from SFC School. After attending the 8 a.m. Mass at SFC, the children arrived for arts and crafts. Breakfast was served hot off the grill of pancakes and frittatas, with donut holes for the youngsters. Rain kept the egg hunt inside the hall, but great fun was had by every child (and adults too)! Our Assyrian community also joined in as well, enjoying breakfast and coffee. No rain damped our spirits that morning.

Summertime fun is in the planning stages, as Branch 191 will be hosting a summer BBQ in the Bocce Court. What do we have at BBQ time? Of course BBQ Chicken, Chili Beans, and all the trimmings to round out the evening. (Even a game or two of Bocce) This event will take place in July with the Exact Date, to be announced. Please be sure to watch the Bollettino and keep in touch with our members for further details.

Summertime fun at Branch 191.
Shirley Catania, sentinel
Morgan Hill
Br. 435, Santa Caterina D’Alessandria

Our newly remodeled St Catherine Church is finished and beautiful. Bishop Oscar Cantu presided over a bilingual mass on March 18. The gifts were brought to the altar by branch members, John B and MaryAnn Sorci. A wonderful barbeque followed at O’Donnell Center. Many of our members attended this enjoyable event.

Our first Dinner/Meeting was also held in March honoring St Patrick. Tommy Palmer, Chef, presented us a delicious Corned Beef and Cabbage meal.

Our next event will be a Dinner/Meeting on April 18. Tommy Palmer’s dish will be Pork Porchetta Once again a big thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sharing their reservations in O’Donnell Center with us.

We are happy to announce we have three applicants for First Year Scholarship. The funds of the Scholarship award will be used at the college of the winners choice. These three are all relatives of members of 435. Good luck!

Well, Easter is past us and we hope you have had a blessed day. Looking forward to more spring weather and cherishing God’s handwork.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia Sorci

STOCKTON District Council

Make Your Reservations Now for the Stockton District’s 2023 Bishop’s Bursé Honoring Bishop Cotta and the Stockton Diocese Seminarians Sat., June 10th–Join the Most Reverend Bishop Myron Cotta for 5:30 Mass at St. Anne’s Church in Lodi, followed by Dinner in St. Anne’s Hall $40/person; $15/children (12 and under)

For tickets, contact your Branch.

Modesto
Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

I hope everyone had a very Blessed Easter. For the first time I did not have the dinner with all my family at my home. My youngest son and his wife have taken over for our gatherings. It was a very blessed and enjoyable day with all my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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Since our Maze Blvd. Church will be out of commission for 5:30 Mass at St. Anne’s Church in Lodi, we will be Pork Porchetta Once again a big thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sharing their reservations in O’Donnell Center with us.

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Since our Maze Blvd. Church will be under repair for approximately one year all our events will take place at the J Street Church.

Happy Mother’s Day to all our Mothers!!

Upcoming events.
May 6-7 Bake Sale in front of the Church
May 10 Mother’s Day Potluck and meeting
June 10 Bishop’s Burse - Lodi Mass 5:30 p.m.

Stockton district Picnic in August TBA

Cecelia McGhee

May 2023
Lodi
Br. 82, St. Anne’s

April showers bring May flowers… and pollen! Break out those allergy remedies because the blooming is going to be zooming! Our branch is zooming right along with it!
The ICF table during Petal Ministry Weekend April 15/16 brought attention to our organization and the ability to recruit new members. YAY!

At our April meeting, we toured the regions of Italy through cheese! We delighted our palettes with Burrini from Molise, Castelmagno from Piemonte, Strachcino from Liguria, and many more.

After two months of waiting, our Blood Drive at the Eagles Hall finally came to fruition. Many donated this greatly needed precious gift of life. Thanks to all who stuffed goodie bags with items from CHLA for the donors and chatted with them about Thalassemia and ICF’s support of Thalassemia research.

Back by popular demand, and just in time to give as a Mother’s Day gift… our Brick House Dinner Fundraiser! Dine-in and feast on All-You-Can-Eat Pasta, and bread. Un pasto delizioso!

Want to learn or brush up on your Italian? Contact Chris or Elisa for tickets.

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Patty Litts, President

Manteca
Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio

After another delicious masterpiece by Chef Tony Queirolo, our meeting was called to order by Vice president Ida Queirolo, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Federation Pledge. She was serving in place of the absent President Birdie Nieri. Carly Cunial was announced as our newest member.

Planning will begin soon as our branch will be hosting the 2024 Bishop’s Burse.

After much discussion, it was voted to postpone our Shrimp Dinner until next spring. A constricted lead-up time was a major factor in this decision.

Our branch decided to make a generous donation to the ICF Scholarship Fund.

Central Council member Dante Galeazzi announced the Festa Italiana will be held on June 11 at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. The meeting was adjourned with prayer and the singing of the Federation Anthem.

Your “corrispondente” must mention the valued assistance of Past Branch President Anna Mello in the preparation of this report.

Ciao,
Mariano

Angels Camp
Br. 413, St. Patrick’s

We had a successful St. Patrick’s celebration. It was so much fun that Father John Paul wants the event free for the whole parish. Let us see how we can accomplish that. The branch awarded three scholarships this year. We received anonymous donations for two of the scholarships. We are very grateful for our friends that believe that the scholarship program is a good cause and can contribute.

We have just celebrated Easter. Everyone is looking forward to the rest of spring. We will be ready for the parish needs.

Prayers for all of our ICF members and families. Thank you.

Ciao
Annette Pachinger
Correspondence Secretary

LANZCENO
Diede de Brigden

San Diego
Br. 246, St. Charles Borromeo

It’s a Wrap! We completed the Lenten Fish Fry’s, which proved to be a very successful community builder. Thank you to all our members who have played a big role in helping make the smooth transition to St. Charles Borromeo. Thank you to our members for your dedication and volunteer hours ensure Branch 246 served the Best Lenten Fish Fry in San Diego. Kudos to the Phil’s BBQ Family for their dedication and help!

Please join us on April 16th, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. for our General Meeting in the St. Charles Borromeo Parish hall. We invite all of our members to attend the meeting as we expect to discuss upcoming events including the Monsignor Minnaghal Scholarship.

Ciao – Joe Fontana, Branch President

SAN DIEGO District

SAN BERNARDINO District

Chula Vista
Br. 229, St. Rose of Lima

Branch #229 of St. Rose of Lima Parish, in Chula Vista, California, held its annual St. Joseph’s Table Celebration Bake Sale on Sunday, March 26.

Our members prepared Italian cookies, pizzelle, mini cannoli and bread rolls in anticipation of celebrating the Patron of the Universal Church.

During the morning Masses, the priests blessed the breads at our table, and we distributed them to the parishioners afterwards.

This successful fundraiser enabled us to donate our proceeds to the Sister Dolores Social Outreach Program to help the poor and needy of our community.

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

Dio vi benedica tutti,
Esther Pioratti
Corresponding Secretary
ICF Branch #229

San Diego
Br. 246, St. Charles Borromeo

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Deadline for June Bollettino is May 10th.
Send articles & photos: editor@icf.org
SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT

Br. 446, Parishioners at the cookie table watching the blessing of the St. Joseph statue.

Br. 446, teen member Dante Zappia dancing with sign

Br. 446, Virginia Impastato dancing with sign while Veronica Mora and Joyce Tesoro add encouragement.

Br. 446, Blessing of the St. Joseph statue by Fr. Kenneth Okoroudo and Deacon Richard Simpson

Br. 446, Installation of new members

SAN FRANCISCO AREA

Branch 446 officers Trustee Joe DiCamillo, Secretary Betty Cavanaugh, Financial Secretary Peter Tesoro, Treasurer Danny Centurioni, 1st V-P Joyce Tesoro, President Tony Santorufo, Sentinel Anna Reyna, Trustee Dominico Ricci. Absent from photo are Orator Paula DeStefano and 2nd V-P Jim Impastato.

Branch 1

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Br. 82 Members Decorated Salvation Army's Hope Harbor Dining Room for Easter

Br. 82 Angelina and Emma Decorating Hope Harbor for Easter

Br. 413 Members serving Corned Beef Sandwiches and the fixings

Br. 390, Sandy Parreiras, our dedicated kitchen helper, getting ready for the dinner

Br. 390, Maxine Millingar getting a birthday hug from Pat Reeves as Maxine turns 94 today.

Br. 413 Fr. John Paul Pasala at ICF's annual St. Patrick's Corned Beef Sandwich lunch

Br. 390, John Dias enjoying the dinner with his daughter Monica, and grandson.

Br. 390, Gary Campilongo getting ready to eat.
Italian Catholic Federation 1st Annual SoCal Charity Golf Tournament

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

July 28th
Saturday, 2023

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

Name of Golfer: ________________________________
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Make checks payable to:
Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament
8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621
Make check $200 per Golfer, write Golf in memo line

SIGN UP DEADLINE
Friday, July 14th

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

REGISTRATION FEE:
$180 includes: Green Fees, Golf Cart, Range Balls, Prize Fund & BBQ Buffet Banquet
Deadline Friday, July 14, 2023
After price per Golfer $190
Banquet only: $50
Make check ($180 per Golfer - Banquet only $50 per person) payable to Italian Catholic Federation (write Golf in memo line). Send check & form to ICF - 8393 Capwell Dr., Ste. 110, Oakland, CA 94621

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

Name: ____________________________________________
Email: ____________________________________________
Make check $50 per person. Write Banquet in memo line
Make checks payable to
Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament
8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

For more info, contact Perry Shurko.
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Enjoy Festa Italiana!
June 11 at Lodi Grape Festival Grounds

Get into the spirit of Italy at Festa Italiana! Sunday, June 11th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. This grand event brings the community together with the finest food, activities and entertainment of the Italian culture.

Renowned Italian Tenor Pasquale Esposito headlines the Morada Produce Main Stage! Nino, d’Italiano, local opera singer Bianca Orsi, and the Trucco Band! The Balliamo! Italian Dancers headline in the Pavilion. Stroll and enjoy wine tasting. Local entertainment is featured on the Benevenuti Stage, including Stockton Garage Combo, Orsi, Spinetta, Kerri Scott, Louis Lodi, and the Nicolini Brothers on accordions. The Bambini Zone will delight your little ones - enjoying Sparkles and Ravioli the clowns, Rhymosaurs. Also, the Bambini Dancers is offering Italian Dance lessons! The Funambulus Italian Stilt Walkers will stroll about delighting attendees of all ages!

Festa offers delicious Italian food from local Italian 'chefs', a Mercato Marketplace, cooking demonstrations, Italian art and history, bocce ball, salami toss, the automobilia show, wine tasting, olive and local product tastings, and much more! The "Boss of the Sauce" contest is back. An Italian history display in the Pavilion honors the late Dr. Dino Cortopassi, local farmer, businessman and philanthropist.

Festa Italiana! is a family-friendly event for all ages! Tickets are $15 at the door, or $10 in advance online. Children under 12 and under are admitted free with an adult. Please visit festa-italiana.com for further event information!

Festa Ticket Locations: Gian Deli - 2112 Pacific Avenue, Stockton; SASS! Public Relations - 628 Lincoln Center, Stockton; Pierro’s Trattoria - 317 E. Kettleman, Lodi; Lodi Grape Festival Ground - 413 E. Lockeford Street, Lodi; Rinaldi’s Market - 4625 Duncan Road, Linden; the Fruit Bowl - 8767 E. Waterboro Road, Stockton.

**Special Event**

Sunday, June 11th - Stockton Entertainment Stage - 6:00 pm

Festa Italiana! is excited to announce that world-renowned tenor Pasquale Esposito will be performing at Festa Italiana! Stockton this year!

Pasquale Esposito was born in Italy and grew up in New York City, where he received his musical education. He made his Metropolitan Opera debut in 1990 and has since performed with virtually every major opera company in the world. He has been a frequent guest at the Festa Italiana, sharing the stage with his wife, mezzo-soprano Daniela Tosca. PASQUALE ESPERTEO is a frequent guest at the Festa Italiana, sharing the stage with his wife, mezzo-soprano Daniela Tosca.

Pasquale and Daniela have performed together in the United States, Europe, and Africa, and have appeared in over 100 operas worldwide. They have recorded two albums together, "La Bella Italia" and "L'Audace Italia," both of which have received critical acclaim.

Pasquale and Daniela are both passionate about their work and dedicated to sharing the beauty of Italian opera with their audiences. They have performed at the Festas Italianas in Stockton and Sacramento, and have been well-received by the audiences. They are looking forward to returning to Festa Italiana Stockton this year and hope to see their fans there!
APRIL CALENDAR WINNERS

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SAVE THE DATE

12th Annual ICF Convention Blood Drive

Friday, September 1st
Time TBA

Convention Hotel - The Westin South Coast Plaza

Sponsored by:
The ICF Live to Give Committee

To Reserve a spot please Contact:
Laurice Levine
LLevine430@aol.com or 360-860-2023

See these first on our web site: ICF.ORG
ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2023 CONVENTION EVENT RESERVATIONS AND NAME BADGES

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

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

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

- Total Check payable to ICF Central Council: $

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ICF Convention Community Outreach

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

Donating 1,000 pounds of Spaghetti

This can be achieved if each convention attendee brings 5 pounds of dry spaghetti in their suitcase.

The donation station will be located in the delegate registration area.

Have extra room in your car or luggage? Consider asking members to bring spaghetti to a branch meeting to contribute to the convention fundraiser.
ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
2023 Convention • Diocese of Orange

Thursday, August 31 – Sunday, September 3

Travel Highlights

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

Nightly Rate:
$155 plus tax
The rate is available until August 7 or when we sell out.

Group Code:
ICF23
www.marriott.com/snowi
(800) MARRIOTT

FOR ICF Office Use: Branch # __________ City: __________________________

Delegate Registration

Branch No. ________  City: __________________________

Guest Name _________________________________________ Branch # _____________________
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RSVP and payment due by August 10, 2023

Mail RSVP and payment to:
Mail to: Date:________________________ Email:________________________

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

Delegate registration deadline is July 1.

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

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

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

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

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

Signature of one Branch Officer ________________________ Date: __________

FOR ICF Office Use: Delegates: __________  Guests: __________  Total Attendees: __________
ICF Convention Opening Ceremonies

Friday, September 1, 2023
Westin South Coast Plaza
6:30 pm
Meet the Candidates and no-host cocktails
7:00 pm
Dinner followed by the Opening Ceremonies

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

Please RSVP using the reservation form.

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

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

Italian Catholic Federation Awards Luncheon
Honoring the recipients of the Grand President’s, Father of the Year, and Young Adult Leadership Awards
Sunday, September 3
12 noon
Westin South Coast Plaza

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

Suggested attire: Business Casual

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

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

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

Jackpots are based on the number of participants.

Please make your reservations on the branch headcount form.
The Ways and Means Committee present the 2024 "Daily Raffle Theme"

Celebrating the 1920s

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

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

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

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

Fr. Matthew Williams blesses St. Joseph Table for Br. 144

Chef Alfred Eanni and friends at Br. 144

Br. 198, The Attendance Drawing winner at our April 3rd meeting was Tom Saska. Financial Secretary Linda Sherman presented him with his winnings!

St. Joseph’s table Br. 144

Corned-Beef cabbage participants – Salute’ Br. 144

Br. 75

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