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Br. 446, At the Pinocchio exhibit: George Simko, Docent Rick, Virginia Impastato, Dolores Finch, Joyce Tesoro, Biagio Pavia, Tony Santorufio, Dominico Ricci, Peter Tesoro, Tom Bracuto, Fr. Ned O'Donnell. Front Row: Amy Pasquarelli



On April 21st the ICF Scholarship Committee met and judged 1st year scholarships applications under the leadership of Chairperson Carmen Kilcullen (pictured on far right). Judges from left to right are Bob Acquistapace, Dante Galeazzi, Deborah Rodondi, Leonard Rossi, Denise Antonowicz, Kathy Trevizo, Joan and Jerry Delfino. Received donations to award more than 123+ scholarships from the Federation's Branches, Districts and Individuals. Congratulations to our deserving students.



Br. 390, Liz Saalwaechter, Lucy Orsi, Betty Hollars getting ready to cut up the desserts

## Grand President's Monthly Message

Deborah Rodondi

Wishing everyone a HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!

Enjoy all those backyard barbecues, time with family and making great memories. I always smile when I think of my dad and grandfathers BBQing. I can see dad sitting on a bench with an umbrella BBQing in my backyard in Virginia Beach, VA. My maternal nono Joe (in Pleasanton, CA) loving to add a boost to the flames so that it singed the mandarin orange tree and my paternal nono BJ (in south San Francisco) BBQing in his suit.

By now many of you have selected your delegates and alternates for convention. If you haven't, your June meeting is the time to finalize this and forward the information to the ICF office. We are all looking forward to seeing many of you there. We are working on some surprises that you will enjoy. If possible, come a day early and support the Orange District's Thursday night event (see flyer in Bollettino) – a great start to the weekend.

Don't forget to add the names of your loved ones to our convention memorial mass for \$5 per name. The names will be on a nicely designed sign board at the mass. Your loved one did not have to be an ICF member to be included in the memorial mass.

Have you done your apostolate report? How about your heritage report? It takes just a few minutes to fill out and send into the ICF office. The committees look forward to hearing from you.

Applications for 2nd, 3rd and 4th year scholarship have gone out to those students that were recipients to a 1st year scholarship. So, if you know someone who received the 1st year scholarship, remind them to look for and send in the application for 2nd, 3rd or 4th year.

This month is the quarterly Central Council meeting. This one will be in San Jose at the St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall. Lunch is at noon for \$15 and the meeting will follow at 1 p.m. You are welcome to join us and see what we are about.

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## Heritage -- Happy Father's Day

Louise Vento

By being involved in the ICF Heritage programs, I have been able to inspire my grandson Michael Porter to write a paper on immigration. He tells about why and how the immigrants came to America and the hardships they endured. He tells about Ellis Island and the Government quotas for each country. He ends it with an article on his Great, Great Grandfather and how he came to America in 1901 from the Azores Island of Portugal and how it took him until 1965 to realize his dream of becoming an American Citizen. He



tells about today's immigrants and concludes like this. Between 1880 and 1920 over two million immigrants came to America. They came from many different countries to escape hardships and to look for a better life. The immigrants paid passage to America, but some were stowaways like his Great, Great Grandfather Antonio de Freitas. Ellis Island is a reminder to all of us the importance of immigrants to this country. America is truly a place where we can get to enjoy many cultures. We continue to learn about other countries from those who immigrate every day.

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## Message from our Spiritual Director

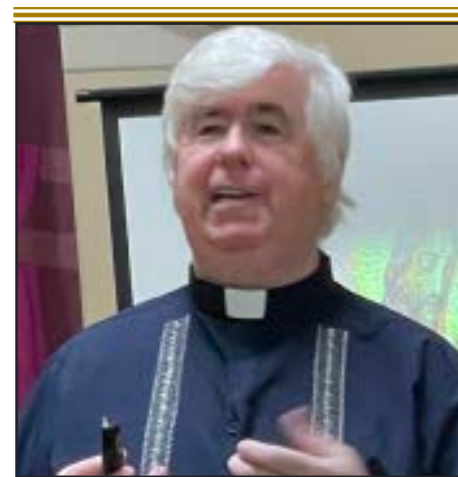
Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation:

Every Catholic home in the Ireland in which I grew up, many moons ago, had a picture of the Sacred Heart hanging on a wall in the kitchen. Inscribed in the picture were the names of all of the family members. Suspended beneath the picture was a little lamp, kept alight by kerosene and hooded by a little red lampshade. Because the lamp was small, it had to be filled every day. And every evening, in my teenage years, I refilled it. The chore became a ritual. I was the family's high priest at our kitchen's shrine and guardian of the flame that spoke God's blessing. June is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart and the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is centered on the Heart of Jesus as the sign of Divine love.

When we hear the name, "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus," most of us probably think of a statue that appears in many of our churches; the image where Jesus stands with his heart, burning with joy and love for us, exposed to all. Many of us probably do not think any deeper about this statue, and yet, we are called to more. Pope Francis, reminds us in a homily on the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, said "It is more difficult to let God love us than to love Him! The best way to love Him in return is to open our hearts and let Him love us."

Every time we see these statues, we are reminded to open ourselves to the love of Christ and give ourselves completely to Him as he does. He lays his heart open before us as an example of how to live our lives. In this month of June, let us express our love to this Sacred Heart to whom our families are consecrated and place our total trust in Him and run to Him in our problems and needs. This Sacred Heart which is burning with love for us will protect us and care for us and give us peace and tranquility. In the words of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, "We must never be discouraged or give way to anxiety... but ever have recourse to the adorable Heart of Jesus."

Remember the words of Jesus in sacred scripture, "Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart" (Mt 11:28-30). There will be times when our leaders of our Branches feel lonely, exhausted, not sure about the future and at times frustrated. Jesus invites us to place ourselves, our worries, and fears, into His sacred, gentle, and humble heart. Learn from the heart of the Father the attitudes of love, tender concern, and compassion. Remember that devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is not magic or some automatic ticket to heaven; it is a sacred way for us to encounter the



Father Christopher Bennett  
ICF Spiritual Director

fullness of the Gospel; the good news of God's saving love poured out for us in Jesus Christ.

May the love of the Sacred Heart bless all the good works of our Branches, 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*



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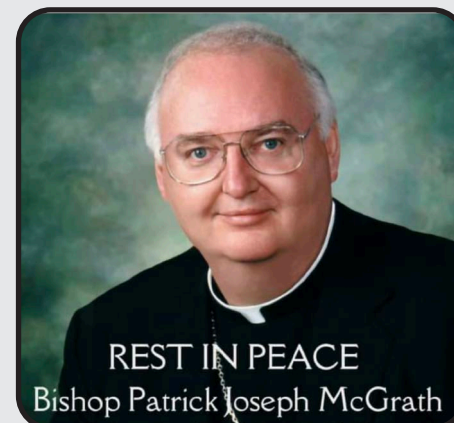
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## In Memoriam



REST IN PEACE  
Bishop Patrick Joseph McGrath

Emeritus Bishop P.J. McGrath passed away May 7, 2023. Bishop PJ was loved by so many who knew him and the Diocese of San Jose was blessed by his ministry as their bishop for 20 years (1999-2019). We offer our prayers for the repose of his soul and for the consolation of his family and his friends.

Bishop Cantú visited Bishop P.J. McGrath while in Hospice Care. They prayed together, and Bishop Cantú offered him the anointing of the sick and Holy Communion. He asks for your prayers for a peaceful transition to the Lord's house. He is very much at peace."

Through the intercession of St. Joseph, St. Clare, and all the Saints, may God bless Bishop P.J. McGrath with eternal rest from his labors and bless our Diocese of San José with consolation and peace. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.



## What is so rare as a day in June? -J. R. Lowell

Carmen Kilcullen – Apostolate-Charity Committee

June is most likely named after the goddess, Juno, the ancient Roman goddess of childbirth and marriage. Another theory is that June is named after Lucius Junius Brutus, founder of the Roman Republic. June is the sixth month of both the Julian and



Gregorian calendars. It contains the summer solstice in the Northern Hemisphere and the winter solstice in the Southern Hemisphere.

At the start of June, the sun rises in the constellation of Taurus, and at the end of June, the sun rises in the constellation of Gemini.

June is a popular month for weddings. This month is associated with beauty in all forms, from flowers to sunlight.

Month-long observances include ALS Awareness Month, Caribbean American Heritage Month, and Sacred Heart of Jesus Month. June 14th is Flag Day; June 18th is Father's

Day and June 19th is Juneteenth. June 24 brings Midsummer Day, traditionally the midpoint of the growing season.

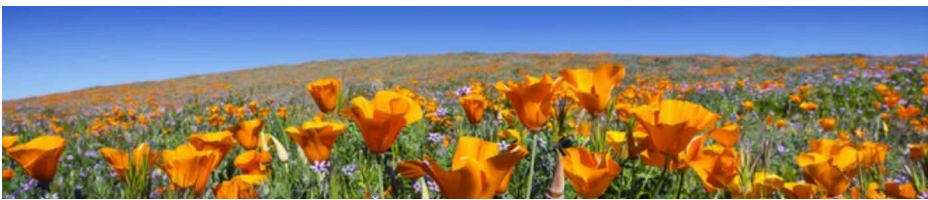
Our saints for the month of June are some that I have chosen which are undoubtedly unknown to most of us. For more information, check the Internet.

- St. Blandini – June 2
- St. Francis Curaccioli – June 4
- St. Romuald – June 9
- St. Aquilina – June 13
- St. Julian Falconieri – June 19
- St. Joseph Cofasso – June 23
- St. Irenaeus – June 28
- St. Vincenza Gerosa – June 28

Note: I am going to speak on these saints at the Santa Rosa Day of Recollection on June 4th.

Best wishes for a happy summer! I hope that you have many fun things on your agenda.

*Carmen*



## ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS!

**Hello everyone!**

Summer is here and this is the time when vacations start up.

Why not try a "Staycation" this year?

There's a great area of Southern California called the Temecula Valley. On Friday, July 28th, we will be having the first Southern California ICF golf tournament bringing together the four Southern California regions - LA, Orange, San Bernardino and San Diego. The Temecula Creek Inn will be the site of the tournament and it's gorgeous. It's right next door to the Pachenga Casino and just down the way from the wonderful wineries that are scattered all over the region.

Come on down and spend the weekend playing golf, join us for an Italian buffet afterwards, head over in the evening to the casino or winery. I guarantee you that a fun time will be had by all. You can find all of the details here in the Bollettino.

I hope to see you there.

If you cannot make it to SoCal on July 28th, check out Bennett Valley in Santa Rosa. Shotgun in Santa Rosa at 8:30 a.m. The registration includes your green fees, range balls, a shared cart, and a buffet afterwards.

These events are 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 **Bollettino** for more information on both tournaments. I'm looking forward to it and good luck to those who are going to golf.

## Membership Committee Spring Greetings

Perry Shurko

Membership Chairperson

Well, June is here, and it marks the end of the fiscal year. The final statistics report won't be out until July 1st, but as of the writing of this article we



have about 6,200 members. It's been a rough few years with the pandemic hindering so much of our lives, and recovery has been tough.

During the pandemic, I recognized all branches that made any gains in membership. I mean, if you were able to gain members when the world was shut down, that was an accomplishment. But we are back to "normal." We are operating, meeting and fundraising. So, I will be going back to recognizing and giving achievements of merit based on the style used prior to Covid. We will have three categories - 50 and under, 51 - 100, and over 100 members. I will give recognition certificates of merit to the top three branches per category based on the highest increase by a percentage.

The other certificate of merit is the Retention certificate. This is for any branch that is able to retain 100% of its members for the fiscal year. Any branch that loses a member through a cancellation or a transfer out is disqualified. It's not always easy to retain members, but that's where you come into play. Doing everything possible to keeping your members in the federation is vital. It also shows dedication.

June also marks our Federation's 99th year. Just think about it, next year, in June of 2024, we will be 100 years old. There are big plans in store for us. Let's make this next year a real banner year and do all that we can to try and gain more members.

I would like to thank the Membership Committee for all of its hard work and dedication to the ICF. Andy Pappani, Mike Rossi, Pat Mages, Vince Piro, Teresa Helfand, Patty Jarrett, Maria Di Paolo, Leonard Zasoski, and of course our Grand President Deborah Rodondi, Grand First Vice Denise Antonowicz, and Grand Second Vice Franklyn Lopes.

Lastly, Happy Father's Day to all of the dads out there. Thank you for all that you do!

*Perry Shurko, Membership Chair.*

## Cooley's Anemia Donations (Report as of May 5, 2023)

Branch 417

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Jane Shaw

In Honor of the Birthday of Gina Edgar

## Scholarship Donations (Received as of May 5, 2023)

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# Family Recipe--Zuppa Toscana

Deborah Rodondi, Grand President

This Zuppa Toscana is said to be better than a national chain Italian restaurant!

### Zuppa Toscana

- 1 lb. Italian sausages (use spicy to get that signature flavor)
- 4-6 russet potatoes, chopped (I dice)
- 1 onion, chopped (I dice)
- 1/4 c. REAL bacon pieces (optional)
- 2 Tbsp minced garlic (about 3-4 cloves)
- 32 oz. chicken broth
- 1 c. kale or Swiss chard, chopped (I use the chard, stem and all--and more than 1 cup)
- 1 c. heavy whipping cream
- 2 Tbsp flour
- 1. Brown sausage links in a sauté pan.
- 2. Cut links in half lengthwise, then cut slices.
- 3. Place sausage, chicken broth, garlic, potatoes and onion in slow cooker. Add just enough water to cover the vegetables and meat.
- 4. Cook on high 3-4 hours (low 5-6 hours) until potatoes are soft.
- 5. 30 minutes before serving: Mix flour into cream removing lumps.
- 6. Add cream, kale, and bacon to the crock pot, stir.
- 7. Cook on high 30 minutes or until broth thickens slightly.
- 8. Add salt, pepper, and cayenne to taste.

NOTE: The sausage is easier to cut up if you cook it a little bit. Then, I slice lengthwise in half, then slice each half into 3 strips, and then cut into small pieces. Then, I brown the pieces a little more before putting into the soup.



I made this a few weeks ago for Tony and myself. It is definitely a must addition to your soup recipes. We gave it a 4 thumbs up (2 for each of us). We enjoyed this with a green salad and a loaf of San Francisco Sourdough French bread from our favorite bakery "Raymonds." What is even better, is that you can prep it the night before, put the crockpot on in the morning (on very slow cook). When you get home from work, the house smells delicious and it is ready to eat.

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

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

*Buon Appetito!*

## Welcome New Members (Report as of May 5, 2023)

Branch 021	Lisa Foley	
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	Nicole Ushakoff	Zoe Ushakoff
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	Marissa Dykes	Lars Momsen
	Caroline Trunzo	
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Branch 413	Edna G Bennett	
Branch 435	Carrie M Ross	
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Branch 443	Patricia A Andrizzi	
Branch 446	Grace Ricci	Michael Ricci

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# Book Review: *Red Sauce: How Italian Food Became American*

Vince Piro, Past Grand President

## *Red Sauce: How Italian Food Became American*

By Ian MacAllen

Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2022

I love books that integrate the history of a people or region within the story of something else, such as Gerald Haslam's *Working Man's Blues*, which combined the history of California within the story of country music in the state. *Red Sauce: How Italian Food Became American* by Ian MacAllen is just such a book. As the author tells the story of *red sauce*, that staple of Italian-American and American cuisine, he also details the history of Italian immigration to the United States. This makes for a fascinating read on many levels - from a culinary exploration to a narrative of Italians in America.

MacAllen's premise is that the story of *red sauce* and how it became a culinary staple in the United States reflects the story of how Italian-Americans moved from a marginalized, ethnic group into mainstream America. The book follows the progression of "red sauce Italian" from its beginnings in Italy to its transformation in the United States where it became a distinctly different cuisine. This progression also mirrors the transformation of Italian-American culture. As the publisher writes, "[the book] is a fascinating social and culinary history exploring the integration of red sauce food into mainstream America alongside the blending of Italian immigrant otherness into a national American identity."

MacAllen explains the premise of the book, "I set out to discover the stories surrounding the origins of red sauce recipes and offer a narrative history of how and why red sauce came into existence. What I found was the story of poor immigrants working hard, integrating into their new nation, sharing their cultural and culinary traditions and eventually becoming a seamlessly accepted part of the broader American culture. I had found the story of the American dream."

As Italian immigrants integrated into their new country, they created new recipes and modified old ones, usually based on Southern Italian dishes since many of the new immigrants were from that region. As the author notes, "ethnic Italians invented dishes like lobster fra Diavolo, spaghetti and meatballs, and veal parmigiana, and popularized foods like pizza and baked lasagna that had once been seen as overly foreign. Eventually, the classic red-checked-table-cloth Italian restaurant would be replaced by a new idea of what it means for food to be Italian, even a "red

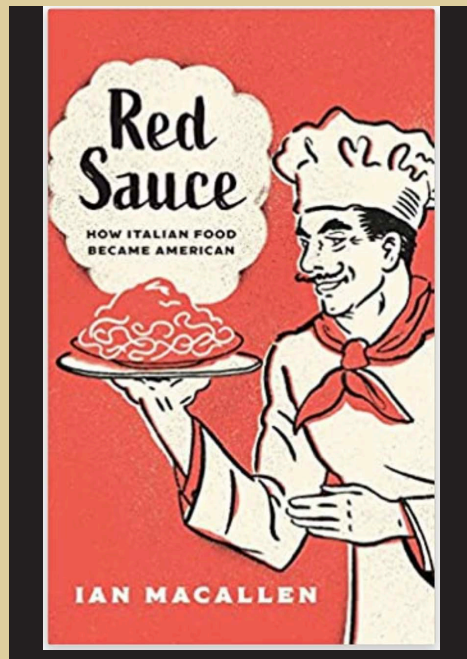
sauce became entrenched in American culture."

One of my favorite chapters is an early one, "Salty Like the Sea," which, in part, tells the story of Olive Garden and how it illustrates that "Italian American food has become simply American food." As the author notes, for better or for worse, "Olive Garden had come to represent a certain kind of authentic America," illustrating the shift of Italian-Americans from the margins of society to middle class America. However, as Italian-Americans were not originally accepted into their new country, "Red sauce has not always been such a widely available, widely accepted, widely eaten cuisine." And as Italian-American cuisine became something distinct from Italian cuisine, Italian-Americans eventually became distinct from Italians. MacAllen writes that "Italian red sauce cuisine is influenced by the traditions of Italian immigrants, but it is not Italian food." I think the same could be said for contemporary Italian-Americans: we are influenced by the traditions of our Italian ancestors, but we are not Italians and, in many ways, we are distinctly American. Kind of like "red sauce."

Other chapters focus on macaroni, lasagna, pizza and "meat and tomatoes." In every chapter, the reader is treated to a detailed and fascinating culinary and cultural historical narrative. MacAllen is clearly a historian devoted to his subject—writing with a fascination for detail and stories.

MacAllen also acknowledges that more recently, Northern Italian food—as opposed to the red sauce cuisine influenced by Southern Italian traditions—has become seen as more authentically Italian. "...Red sauce has been displaced by 'northern' Italian food. Television personalities, contemporary cookbooks, and eventually social media have reinforced the importance of seeking out authentic Italian recipes, red sauce has fallen out of favor, even as pizza, lasagna, and spaghetti and meatball have grown into American staples." However, *Red Sauce* reminds us of our journey from Italian immigrants—often from Southern Italy—who were seen as the "other" to Italian-Americans, who became a vital part of the American dream.

Ian MacAllen is a writer and book critic. He has written reviews and interviews for Chicago Review of Books, Southern Review of Books, The Rumpus, Trampset, Electric Literature, and Fiction Advocate, with other nonfiction in The Billfold, Thought Catalog, and io9. His short fiction has appeared in The Offing, 45th Parallel Magazine, Little Fiction, Vol 1. Brooklyn, Joyland



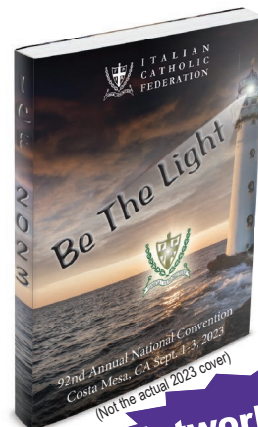
Magazine, and elsewhere. His maternal grandfather was born in Bagnoli del Trigno in Molise, Italy and his maternal grandmother's family was from Naples and Sicily. He is descended from a line of Sicilian Strega. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife and son.

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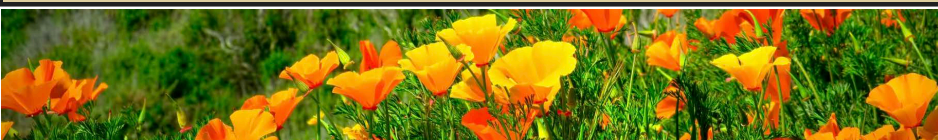
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## Live to Give: Giving Blood

Lisa Crudo,  
Central Council Member

As Catholics we believe that Jesus gave his life blood for us.

In the Bible, Leviticus 17:11 reads: *For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.*



As we are nearing our annual convention it is important, now more than ever, to consider donating blood this year at our Convention Blood Drive. I'm sure we all know someone near and dear to us who has had a recent surgery, or medical crisis that has required some needed blood.

Case in point is our own beloved Laurice Levine, who besides needing constant transfusions, just underwent a major surgery requiring yet more blood.

Also, the unrelenting news cycle of violence, and natural disasters can make us feel powerless most of the time. But there is something you can do that always makes a difference to others.

### **Give blood!**

It is this wonderful selfless act that saves lives; please consider being a blood donor this year.

*With gratitude and love,  
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\$60 per person

Soup, Salad, Rolls & Dessert

Choice of Rack of Lamb with Scalloped Potatoes & Vegetables or  
Breast of Chicken Chasseur with Vegetables & Rice

5:00 pm No Host - 6:00 pm Dinner

## More Information to Follow

## Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library

by Carmelo Sabatella

On April 23, 2023, ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee members Carmelo S. (NBr 67 & Br. 108), Andrea L. (Br. 317) and Kris K. (NBr 67) attended the 90th Birthday celebration of Sister Regina Palamara of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Saint Finbar Catholic Church in Burbank. Senator Anthony Portantino presented Sister Regina with a Resolution from the State of California, Parishioners sang Happy Birthday along with members of several organizations including the Burbank Knights of Columbus, the Mother Cabrini Literary Guild, Villa Cabrini Alumni, Friends of Cabrini, to name a few, along with several members of the Missionary Sisters

of the Sacred Heart of Jesus who came from the Mother Cabrini Shrines in New York and Chicago to speak about Sister Regina.

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](http://www.icf.org).

- June 11th – Open House 10 a.m. to 2 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  
-- Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee  
E: cas1810@aol.com; C 626-372-7812



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2023 CONVENTION EVENT RESERVATIONS AND NAME BADGES

Branch #:

City:

District:

Please use additional sheets, if needed.  
Also include names of guests not buying event tickets to ensure a nametag is prepared.

	Print First Name	Print Last Name	Friday Bingo \$25	Friday Dinner \$75 Children \$30	Saturday Dinner \$75 Children \$30	Sunday Lunch \$45 Children \$25	Total
Delegate 1				included	included	included	
Delegate 2				included	included	included	
Delegate 3				included	included	included	
Delegate 4				included	included	included	
Member/Gst							
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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.

Clergy Title	Print First Name	Print Last Name	Friday Bingo \$25	Friday Dinner \$75	Saturday Dinner \$75	Sunday Lunch \$45	Total

-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: \$

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary  
Scholarship Fund Donations\*

Received as of May 5, 2023:

IN MEMORY OF:  
Lisa Donley  
Flo Mooneyham  
Father Stanislaw Zak  
Frances O’Sullivan Landeza  
Iggy Alessandrino

DONATED BY:  
Officers/Members of Br. 380  
Patricia Putkey  
Officers/Members of East Bay District  
Officers/Members of East Bay District  
Officers/Members of Br. 380

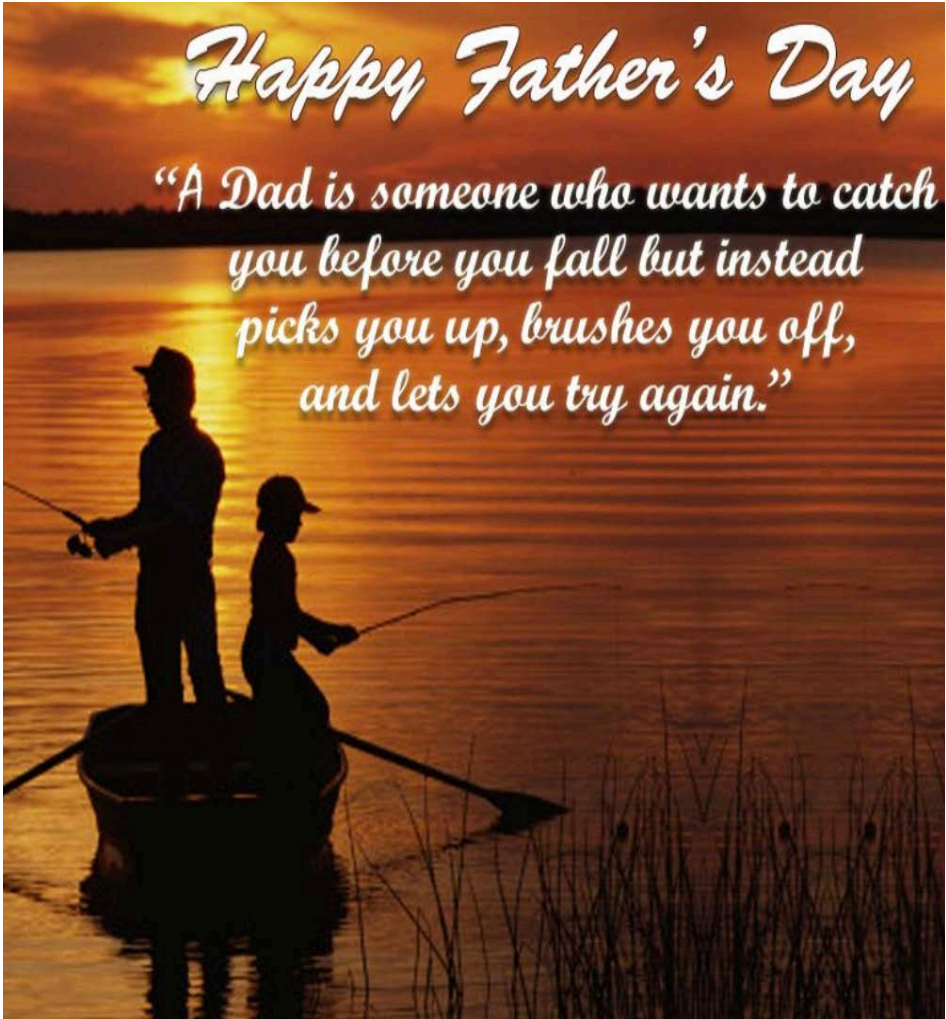
GET WELL WISHES:  
James Smith  
Marie Mungai  
Nancy Prevedelli  
Manuel Martinez

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.  
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IN CELEBRATION OF 50 YEARS ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD:  
Father Ron Shirley

Elaine and Richard Valentine

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





# 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

**Local Airports:**  
John Wayne Orange County 3 miles  
Long Beach 20 miles

**Self-Parking**  
\$15 plus tax (no valet discount)

**Nightly Rate:**  
\$135 plus tax  
The rate is available until August 7 or when we sell out.

**Group Code:**  
ICFICFI (1 King)  
ICFICFO (2 Queens)  
www.marriott.com/snawi  
(800) MARRIOTT  
Note: The code will not work on the Marriott app.

**For More Details:**  
Get updates first on the ICF Facebook page, keyword: Italian Catholic Federation. Also visit our website, icf.org, and read the Bollettino.

**All Are Welcome!**  
The ICF Convention is open to all ICF members, clergy, family and friends.

*Be the Light*

Convention Overview Thursday: Welcome Dinner Friday: Registration, Bingo, New Delegate Orientation, Open Forum, Meet the Central Council Candidates, Opening Ceremonies Dinner Saturday: Memorial Mass, Workshops, General Session, Central Council Election, Sainly Saturday Banquet Sunday - General Session, ICF Awards Luncheon, Concelebrated Mass, Installation of Officers

## Convention Thursday Night Dinner/Dance

# That's Amore!

Orange District invites you to

## A Taste of Italy

featuring The Sicilian Band

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

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

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

...Carpools, Uber/Lyft, or Taxi...  
Recommended for transportation to/from the venue.

**Let's celebrate together as one big ICF family!**

RSVP and payment due by August 10, 2023

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch # \_\_\_\_\_  
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Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch # \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ and Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail RSVP and payment to:  
Make payment to: Italian Catholic Federation Branch 379  
Mail to: Jane Wescott  
16072 Jereva Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
Check Memo Line: Thursday Dinner

## Federation Anthem

### (Inno Ufficiale)

Noi vogliam Dio ch'Ei ci protegga Ch'Egli ci guidi sul  
buon sentier, Se nella lotta Ei ci sorregga  
Sarà del male vinto il poter.  
Sorge da queste squadre-il grido della Fè Noi vogli-  
am Dio chè nostro Padre  
Noi vogliam Dio chè nostro Re.  
In questa terra libera e forte Portiamo il fervido nos-  
tro vigor, Pronti a difender, nobil coorte.  
Di Cristo il nome che ci sta in cuor.  
Sorge, ecc.  
Dinanzi al nostro simbol crociato Sparisca l'odio e la  
viltà:  
Uniti e stretti sfidiam l'agguato Del mondo folle,  
dell'empietà.  
Sorge, ecc.  
Su noi risplende santa la luce  
Che vien da Roma e il Suo Pastor: La Chiesa è guida  
e Cristo il Duce Che insegna a noi dovere e onor.  
Sorge, ecc.

## Sainly Saturday Banquet

"Consult not your fears, but your  
hopes & your dreams."  
-Saint Pope John XXIII

"Faith in action is love and  
love in action is service."  
-Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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

**Banquet Menu:**  
Spinach and Frisee Salad  
with blackberries and balsamic vinaigrette  
Slow Braised Short rib  
with fresh seasonal vegetables and rice pilaf  
Cheesecake  
with fresh berries  
Coffee and Tea  
(Other beverages available at the no-host bar)

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

Please use the branch headcount  
form to make your reservation.

**Delegates**  
Included in Registration

**\$75 Non-Delegates**

**\$30 Children 10 and younger**  
(Menu TBA)

**Suggested Attire: Semi-formal**



# 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:*

*Mixed greens topped with strawberries, candied walnuts  
and champagne vinaigrette*

*Grilled chicken with mushroom demi-glace,  
seasonal vegetables, garlic mashed potatoes*

*Chocolate decadence cake*

*Coffee and Tea*

*(Other beverages available  
at the no-host bar)*





## CONVENTION BINGO

Westin South Coast Plaza  
Friday, September 1  
2pm - 4pm

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

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

Jackpots are based on the number of participants.

Please make your reservations on the branch headcount form.

## Italian Catholic Federation

## 2023 Awards Luncheon

*Honoring the recipients of the Grand President's,  
Family of the Year and Young Adult Leadership Awards*

**Sunday, September 3**  
**12 noon**  
Westin South Coast Plaza

Delegates  
included with registration  
\$45 non-delegates  
\$25 children 10 and younger  
(menu TBA)

Please RSVP by August 15 on  
the branch reservation form.

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

**Suggested Attire: Business Casual**



# 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](mailto: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

**Deadline extended to June 15th!**



## Branch Reports

### SAN FRANCISCO

#### San Francisco

##### Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:

We wish all Branch 1 Fathers a very Happy Father's Day!

*Cordiali Saluti*  
*Diana Cresci*

#### San Francisco

##### St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers. We all owe them for the many things they do for us!!

We hope our mothers had a nice day with their families.

To our members celebrating a Birthday in June - many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

When you receive your Convention Raffle Tickets, please return your stubs and your check as soon as you can. Tante Grazie!!

We attended the Maltese Bingo Dinner on April 15th. This is always a nice evening.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers. Thank you for all of your prayers for our nephew and Grandson John. John is doing well with his treatments. We appreciate your thoughtfulness!! Mary and Eva.

*Ciao,*  
*Eva Perata, President*

### SAN MATEO District Council

Happy Spring!

Our May meeting will be in person at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame, at 7:00 p.m. in the small hall. Hope to see all of our branches there.

We still have some District branches that have not yet paid District dues, please send your \$50 branch check payable to San Mateo District to Bea Tomasello, 1348 Paloma Avenue, Burlingame, CA 94010.

All branches should be electing their delegates for the convention. Please make your hotel and flight reservations soon so you can get good rates.

Also, let's remember to support our District branches as they have their fundraisers. I know there are some coming up in June and it would be great to see representation from all.

*Thanks. Ciao, Barbara*

#### Colma

##### Br. 19, San Vincenzo De Paoli

Happy Summer!

At our May meeting we voted to take June and July off. Our next meeting will be Monday August 14 at President Deborah's house. Menu will be hot dogs and all the fixings along with a nacho bar.

Keep our Pastor and branch Chaplain Father Alex's mom (Perla) and her family in your prayers (she passed in May). We have sent a donation to the ICF Providenza Fund in her memory. A few days after her passing, Deacon Juan Ruiz from Holy Angels passed away - we will also send a donation in his memory.

Thank you to Kathy Trevizo who has agreed to be our delegate to convention.

*Ciao!*

#### Burlingame

##### Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

Our committees are all preparing for our Ravioli dinner being held in the O.L.A. gym on Sunday, June 25th, 2023, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Dinner will include Anti-pasta, salad, ravioli and dessert. Wine will be included at the table during the meal. RSVP by JUNE 16, 2023.

The pricing will be \$35.00/pp, \$12.00 for children under 12 years, 5 years and under are free. Mary Ann Camacho and Jim and Luci Witherspoon have generously donated \$100.00 each for two of our raffle prizes. Anyone wishing to donate a raffle prize please see our president.

We are planning a branch Mass in the near future for members of our group who have passed away. Those being remembered are: John Campanile, Frank Clyne, Joe & Elena Malta, Steve Martinelli, Deanna O'Regan, Jack Sherratt, Betty Wuestefeld and Ron Small. If someone is missing, please contact Dorene at 650-504-3192 to add to the list.

Special thanks to Maria Camicia. Lori Clyne, Bea Tomasello and Ed Gigilotti for the delicious soups they prepared for our last month's meeting. Also, Luci Witherspoon for donating the salad.

Please keep our ill members in your prayers: Mary Bodisco, Anita Cecena, Melanie Yeager and kindly include Kathy Traverso and Jackie Barnes who are both from Branch 19.

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE TO ALL FATHERS who are with us or watching from above.

*God Bless,*  
*Roz Emery*



#### South San Francisco

##### Br. 213, St. Augustine

Our May 9th meeting was a potluck dinner, which we had not had for some time. Our members outdid themselves with a beautiful array of delicious goodies which were enjoyed by all! And plenty of leftovers to take home!

Our regular meeting on June 13 is customarily a pizza dinner celebrating our scholarship recipient. Unfortunately,

Helena Hill will not be available, but we hope she will join us via Zoom! Helena is the granddaughter of our member, Faith Hill. We were also pleased to hear that Nickalus Ketcham, grandson of our member Jackie Smith, was awarded a first-year scholarship from the San Mateo District! Good luck to both of them!

We were saddened by the passing of Hank Goulden, brother or our long-time member, Faith Hill. Please keep Faith and her family in your prayers. Please also pray for our member Carolyn Ternullo, who recently had an accident and was hospitalized for several days. She is recuperating at a rehab facility near Redwood City. Please keep Carolyn in your prayers.

*Happy summer to all!*

#### Menlo Park

##### Br. 351, St. Patrick's

Thanks to all of our cooks for the May meeting. It was a very delicious ham dinner with all of the trimmings including the fabulous desserts. Thank you!

Our next meeting will be June 1, and dinner will be a surprise. Please let me know if you would like to attend 650-444-6999.

Bob Tomasello, our District Mentor, was in attendance and let us know we need to elect a delegate to attend the Convention in Orange County this year. We will discuss this at our June meeting.

Hope to see you in June. Be well.

*Ciao,*  
*Barbara*

### MARIN

#### Novato

##### Br. 332, Our Lady of Loretto

It's Picnic Time!! After a long hiatus, our Family Picnic is back, and we couldn't be more excited about the plans for a wonderful day, including a delicious BBQ, music, games, and time to spend with family and friends. Teaming up with Club Italia made it

possible to secure a beautiful venue for the day. The picnic will be held at Stafford Lake Sunday, June 25, from 11:30 to 4:00. The price is \$20 per person, and \$10 for the children's menu. Make your reservations early because you don't want to miss out on all the fun.

This month's shout out goes to Frank and Rosella Piazza, who each month "work the door," greeting our guests and collecting the dinner fees. The Branch is very grateful for their cheery and dedicated service.

Happy Anniversary to our Branch, celebrating 46 years this month. Through the efforts of so many members, our Branch is presently enjoying the largest membership numbers since our founding. We are especially grateful to our incredible chef, Angela Mc Duffee, and her amazing kitchen crew, the Salvestrin and Raccanello families, who treat us to delicious dinners month after month. They are the cornerstone of our success.

Happy Father's Day to all our dads. May God continue to bless you and your families.

### LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

June has arrived and we are halfway through the year. The time flies so fast.

Last month the LA district got together for its Spring district meeting. We talked about the upcoming golf tournament, convention, our Fall Bishop Banquet and the Cabrini Pilgrimage. One of the most important items we talked about was the 100th Anniversary Gala which will take place on June 29th, 2024. A planning committee is being put together and we are in search of a place to have the mass and luncheon at. Once we have secured something, those details will be released.

Speaking of the golf tournament, sponsorships are coming in, which is great, but we are still in need of golfers, so if you are a golfer or know of one, please consider signing up. Check out the *Bollettino* for all of the details.

I'd like to wish all of the dads out there a very Happy Father's Day and if you're graduating this year, congratulations! Enjoy your summer and stay safe out there.

*God Bless.*  
*Perry Shurko, LA District President.*

Deadline for July  
*Bollettino* is June 10th.  
Send articles & photos  
to  
[editor@icf.org](mailto:editor@icf.org)



## Br. 67, National Branch, St. Peter

On April 17, 2023, President Carmelo S. Joined Members from several ICF Branches in the LAADC in welcoming the new Italian Console Generale of Los Angeles Raffaella Valentini to Los Angeles. This event was coordinated by the Little Italy of Los Angeles Association and held in Casa Italiana at Saint Peters Italian Church in downtown Los Angeles.

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

### SAVE 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 attend.

## South Pasadena Br. 108, Holy Family

On April 23, 2023, ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee members Carmelo S., (NBr 67 and Br 108) Andrea L. (Br 317) and Kris K. (NBr 67) attended the 90th Birthday celebration of Sister Regina Palamara of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Saint Finbar Catholic Church in Burbank. Senator Anthony Portantino (Br. 374) presented Sister Regina with a Resolution from the State of California. Speakers included Missionary Sisters from the East Coast Mother Cabrini Shrines.

### SAVE THE DATES

- June 11th – Mother Cabrini Chapel Burbank Open House 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

- June 17th - ICF Wine and Beer Tasting from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm in Connolly Hall. More information to follow.

- Sept. 10th - Mother Cabrini Chapel Burbank Open House 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

We 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 Branch members and friends of ICF who recently have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace.

*Keep safe and stay healthy,  
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA  
Past President  
ICF Branch 108  
C 626 372-7812 E cas1810@aol.com*

## Montebello Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our June General Meeting will be on Thursday, June 15, 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: Elsa Wadzinski, Judd Wadzinski, Francisco Garcia, Gary Brougher, Anasofia Veneziano, , Luciano Scorcica, and Franco Sergi. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

Congratulations to Caroline Beerbower from Marymount High School in Los Angeles who won the Branch's \$400 College Scholarship.

We received applications and essays from St. Benedict School students and we will be awarding two \$500 Phillip & Phyllis Pace Scholarships to graduating students. Also, we received applications and essays from Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School students and we will be awarding two \$500 Pace College Scholarships to graduating students.

Recently our Branch donated \$2,000 to St. Benedict Church, \$200 to the St. Benedict Spring Festival which was held on May 19, 20, and 21, 2023, \$200 to St. Benedict School for their Casino Night fundraiser, and \$500a to GoFundMe for Laurie Levine as support for her recent surgery.

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

*Ciao! A presto.  
Frank Salomone, President  
ICF 111 - St. Benedict, Montebello*



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

We are happy to announce that Mia Castillo and Jack Dibernardo graduating seniors from Palos Verdes High school have been awarded this year's branch 115 ICF scholarship. These scholarships are made possible through the hard work and generosity of our branch. We wish these students best of luck!

Mass for St Anthony requested by our branch will be held on June 13th at 8am at Mary Star of the Sea Church. In addition, the Artiano family has requested a mass for St Anthony on June 13th at St Anthony of Padua in Gardena at 10am. Monsignor Sal Pilato will be the officiant.

Join us on June 15th for our general meeting. Meeting to start at 7:30 p.m. Up for discussion will be our parish fiesta held July 21-23.

Our next casino turnaround will be held on June 22nd to Harrah's Casino. We will depart from the Boys and Girls club at 8:30 a.m. \$30.00 per person. Call Pauline Iacono for reservation 310 832-0563

Our adopted seminarian Cole Buzon will become a deacon on June 24th. Mass will be held at Christ Cathedral. Please keep this young man in your prayers.

Our sincere condolences to Marianna Costa Bradford for the passing of her husband Russell. Russell became a member in 2012. He will be missed. MaryAnn's sister Judy Matilda also recently passed away. May they both rest in peace.

With your agenda you will find a book of convention raffle tickets. Please support our branch by selling or purchasing the raffle tickets. \$20 per book. Our branch retains \$10 which helps defray the cost of sending the delegates to the convention.

*Happy Father's Day to all!  
Anita Trujillo*

## Gardena Br. 237, St. Anthony of Padua

Dear Members,

Last month our branch welcomed St Mother Cabrini to St. Anthony's. Msgr Pilato, ordered her several months ago and we are very excited to have her join our litany of saints.

This month we will provide several students with scholarships. Details will be announced next month.

Recently several of our branch ladies attended the Bocelli concert at the Hollywood Bowl, it was a great evening! Good food, good music, good fun.

"Entrust everything to Jesus and do nothing on your own and you will always have great freedom of spirit." St Faustina

*Cordially,  
Micheal Bohannon Roa*

## Downey Br. 362, St. Raymond

Hello and Happy Summertime to you all. June is here and it's time for graduations and summer vacation.

Last month our branch celebrated with our annual Awards and Recognition Night by honoring some of our ministries such as Life Teen, St Vincent de Paul and the Tijuana Orphanage. We also honored the Holy Faith Sisters who taught at St Raymond for so many years. Five of the 8 graders received a \$200 scholarship and Blake Collins from St Anthony High School received a \$400 scholarship. We gave donations to Wells of Life, His Nesting Place and the Downey Abuse group. Cooley's Anemia, Gifts of Love and St John Seminary also received donations. The big winner of the night was our parish. I presented our pastor Fr Sam Ward with a check for \$5,000! He was pleasantly surprised. In total, \$11,000 was given out this year. This was the first year in quite some time that we were able to give away so much money.

June will be a quiet month for us at 362. Sometimes you just need a break. But don't worry, we will be back on July 9th with our next Bingo lunch. The theme will be Americana! Red, White and Blue. June will also mark the 99th year of the ICF and we will be preparing for June 2024 to celebrate the 100th year.

I want to wish all of the Dads out there a very Happy Fathers Day. You guys Rock! God Bless and we will talk again next month. Perry Shurko, Branch President.

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

IMPRESSIVE RESPONSE TO  
ITALIAN CLASSES AT BRANCH  
374

Thirty-eight learners began six Saturday morning classes in either beginning or advanced Italian language instruction at the St. Bede Parish Center in La Canada Flintridge.

At the opening session, Professor Laura Godio (in white) stands next to Raul Acevedo, branch event coordinator. The participants, facilitated by a second instructor, Raffaella La Scala, were split into two sessions based on language proficiency.



**Thousand Oaks****Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon**

Happy Spring to everyone! Branch 380 celebrated by honoring our mothers and our Blessed Mother Mary at our May meeting. We enjoyed a delicious pizza dinner and prayed the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We will have one more meeting in June with a potluck dinner before taking a break for the summer.

We are mourning the loss of one of our branch's charter members, Iggy Alessandrino. We are thankful for all of his contributions to our branch and we are keeping his wife Blanche and family in our prayers.

**Simi Valley****Br. 443, St. Rose of Lima**

A Mother is a Blessing from God.

Join us on Friday, May 19 at 7:00 pm to Honor our Mothers.

You may bring a picture and other items to share as you talk about your mother.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert. All are welcome.

ICF meeting will be held at St Rose Church Hall 1305 Royal Ave.

*Peace and Blessings,  
Josephine M. Perini*

**Oakland****East Bay****District Council**

Well, we have been busy celebrating anniversaries for the East Bay District: Branch #343 celebrated their 44th Anniversary in April to be followed by Br#10, with their 97th and Br#285 with their 50th in May. Their parties will be close together, one on the 20th and one on the 21st. Happy Anniversary to All.

Happy travels to those from Br.#10 who have gone to Rome.

Attention! the raffle calendars are here, get ready to make those big sales.

Happy Father's Day to all fathers who have helped us along the way.

*Pat Grasso,  
District Sec.*

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

**Alameda****Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie**

*Our annual barbecue is scheduled for Sat., July 22 at 6 p. m. in the schoolyard of Saint Philip Neri School, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda. The event includes a baby shower for Birthright. The menu is hamburgers, corn, watermelon, bottled water, soda, wine, beer and dessert. Prices are \$15 for adult members, \$20 for adult non-members. \$10 for children 5 to 12 and free for children under 5.*

For reservations, please contact John Zugnoni, (510) 326-3474 or john@zugnoni.net by 9 p. m. on Monday, July 17. Payment in advance, please, by check made payable to ICF Br. 10 and sent to Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great Parish Office, Attn. ICF Br. 10, 3101 Van Buren Street, Alameda, CA 94501.

Eight of our officers were among 16 parishioners of Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great who toured religious sites in Italy between May 1 to 9. Fr. Joseph Pathyil, mf, our chaplain, celebrated Mass in churches in three of the four cities which we visited. Thank 2nd VP, Ken Dorrance, who organized the voyage, Proximo Travel of Massachusetts, Primo Transportation limousine service of the Bay Area, tour guide Elianora Maiani of Rome and the wheelchair-wielding crews.

Congratulations to Halie Doan, a 2019 winner of a Central Council ICF first-year scholarship for seniors. Halie graduated from San Diego State University and is accepted into Harvard University graduate school. She is the granddaughter of Br. 10 members Sheila & Bill Doan.

We will soon be awarding Dave Rose Memorial Scholarships to four graduating eighth-graders of Alameda's two Catholic grammar schools, Saint Joseph Elementary and Saint Philip Neri. The scholarships are each in the amount \$500. The honorees are selected by the teaching staff of their respective schools.

*John Zugnoni  
Branch 10 publicity*



Br. 91, sample of 2022 necklace

**Oakland****Br. 91, St. Lawrence O'Toole/ Divine Mercy**

Again, this year has been a challenge to hold meetings due to the weather and health issues. So, we haven't held any fundraisers yet that support our charities. But, during this time, my husband and I are making something special again that will be raffled off as a fundraiser for Branch #91. As jewelers, we are creating a unique piece that any member can be proud to wear! This cross necklace is sterling silver and yellow gold - a true one of a kind!

It has a golden I.C.F. logo on the front side. It will have one diamond that weighs appx. 0.12cts. It will hang on a 24" silver chain. It measures 2 1/2" long by 1 1/4" wide.

Attached is a picture of the 2022 necklace for an idea. So, for each \$5.00 donation, you get one chance to win. The more you donate, the better your chances! So, \$20.00 = 5 tickets this time.

We will run this raffle during June & July. The winner will be chosen by July 31st. I can text or email a copy of your ticket stubs so you can see your tickets. For those who can, a Zoom of the drawing will be set.

You can buy tickets by check and make it to: ICF Branch #91. Include name, address, phone number and email address, if possible.

OR PayPal me and earmark for ICF Raffle : donivanandmaggiora-com@yahoo.com Please send your check to me: Jo-Ann Maggiora Donivan 3350 Wisconsin St. Oakland, CA 94602

*Rispettosamente,  
Jo-Ann M. Donivan, President*

**Fremont****Br. 215, St. Francis of Assisi**

Happy June! Blessings to all and Happy Fathers' Day to all fathers, grandfathers, and godfathers!

June 10th and 11th is the Corpus Christi Parish Festival. Tuesday, June 13th is our next Branch 215 zoom meeting. July 16th is our Taste of Sicily Summer Luncheon at one of our member's homes at 12:30 p.m.

September 21st is our Fall Bingo Desert event! More info to follow...

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

And, please check out our Branch 215 webpage at: <https://sites.google.com/view/italian-catholic-fed-branch215/home>

Have a wonderful June with our glorious spring weather and blessings for a season of renewal and hope!

*Dio ti benedica,  
James Francis McGee, Vice President*

**Livermore****Br. 285, St. Filomena**

Our last meeting in April had a very special guest, Sarah Bates, one of the few independent San Francisco Bay salmon fishermen. We learned of the history of the Bay, of the different boats, and of the fisherman who began it all. There are only 25 fishermen currently in San Francisco Bay. We definitely would like Sarah back again next year.

Spring and summer promise to be an exciting time for our branch meetings and fund raising with so much planned. We will be having dinners, bocce, wine tasting and of course more Bingo!

On Sunday, May 21, at 5:00, we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our Branch along with dinner at one of our favorite Pleasanton restaurants, Pastas.

June 25, Sunday at 5:00, begins with a light supper followed by a game or two of bocce and will include our scholarship winners and their families as our special guests.

Our District Communion is scheduled for Sunday, July 30, starting with 12:00 Mass. We are looking forward to getting together with our district ICF fellow members at St. Augustine's.

Bingo again! On Saturday, August 26, our branch will be joining with Golden Friends at St. Michael's for another round of bingo and raffle prizes.

Plans for the fall include Wine Tasting and the Italian Movie Scene.

If you are interested in joining us for any of our upcoming events, please contact us for more information. Everyone is always welcome.

*Virginia Williams  
Secretary*

**Castro Valley****Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace**

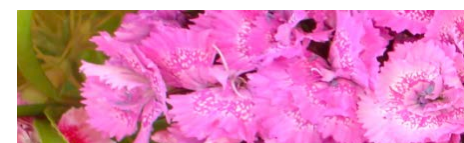
Since our fun anniversary in April, which we did not cook, we have been enjoying meals prepared by Melody and her crew, thank very much. This time it was a Taco Bar.

It is time to begin selling those prize-winning calendars. Remember, this is an easy fund raiser for the Branch since part of the money stays with the Branch. So, let's pitch in!

We are looking forward to our Food/Bingo session this summer.

A Happy Father's Day to our fathers and those who acted as fathers to us.

*Pat Grasso,  
Branch Sec.*





## CONTRA COSTA District Council

Greetings from the Contra Costa District Council!

Our annual District Mass and Breakfast was held on Sunday, May 7 in Brentwood at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. A delicious breakfast followed. We thank Branch 432 Brentwood for hosting and Mary Cook for being our photographer.

Plan to join the next District Meeting. It will take place on Thursday June 8 at 7 o'clock pm. We will meet at Christ the King Parish Hall at 199 Brandon Road in Pleasant Hill. A reminder email will be sent which will include the meeting room location.

Branches, it's time to sell convention raffle tickets. This is an easy fundraiser. Good luck to all. Have you sent your convention yearbook ad? Don't be left out. Also, don't forget to mail your branch Apostolic reports to our Apostolic Chairperson by the June 30th deadline. We hope to have 100 percent participation again!

Former District Officer, Toni Reeder passed away recently. We remember her commitment to our district as well as to her Richmond branch. We will miss her!

We extend Happy Fathers' Day wishes to all the dads, granddads, and godfathers. Many blessings to each and every one of you!

That's all for this time. Have a great month!

*Patty Jarrett*  
*Past President/District mentor*

### Crockett Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici!

June brings us Father's Day and also marks the beginning of the summer season. Both evoke fond memories of backyard BBQs, the crack of a baseball bat, and excruciatingly long (but completely fun) family road trips. For many, it reminds us of all the great times we spent with our dads.

Famously, Mark Twain said the following about his father: "When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years". (Sound familiar?)

Mucho Gracias to Al and the crew for preparing a delicious fiesta feast for our May meeting.

Congratulations to our convention delegates; Pat Botta, Nancy Carlos, and Vonda Lesti-Egan. What a great group of ladies to represent our club!

We also send congratulations and best wishes to this year's scholarship recipients:

-Delaney Dusi – Branch 14 Scholarship

-Tanya Peters – Branch 14 Scholarship

-Sara Skenfield – Botta Family Scholarship

-Margaret Lagrave – DeTomasi Family Scholarship

-Keira Dooley – Dooley Family Scholarship

Sadly, we have lost one of our long-time members, Lena McCrossen. Lena was a beloved and active member for 47 years until she passed away at the age of 106. She will be greatly missed.

We send Rita DeTomasi and Lois Ramos our hopes for a speedy recovery.

Please join us for our next meeting is our Scholarship Dinner on June 13th at 6:30. We'll be serving an Italian pasta dinner. Cost is \$12.00. Hope to see you there!

*Happy Father's Day to all!*

*Blessings,*

*~Helen*

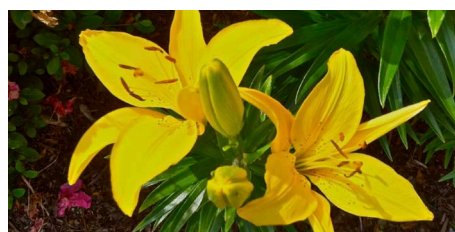
### Pittsburg Br. 72, San Domenico

As you know we voted to close. We enjoyed memories. We treated each other like family. I remember being asked to join. The late Larry Bastain (Bucky) told my family we should transfer to Pittsburg. We were in the Pinole branch. Our kids wanted to take part. Larry said we love kids. The bus trips were a hit as was bingo. We started at St. Peter Martyr church. There were huge St. Joseph's Day celebrations. People would be turned away as it would sell out. The late Eleanor Russo O' Laughlin walked the streets of Pittsburg going door to door getting folks to join. We moved to Good Shepherd church.

There is a song called, "what I did for love." We loved our branch and each other. We thank our charter members, past and present officers and members. The late David Botta for being our deputy. The late Helen Politakes for holding three offices for years. Rose McNeal for taking those offices over. Joann Thilgen for chairing bus trips. Josie Leontini for hosting meetings. Jim Jarrett for setting tables up. Peggy Aiello Hagerthy for being our mentor.

If interested in transferring, let me know.

*As we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti ... Your President. Patty Jarrett*



### Richmond Br. 154, St. Raymond

On April 17, 2023, our branch lost our beloved Toni Reeder to cancer. Toni joined the ICF in 2007 and has been an active member from the start. Toni has been the branch financial Secretary for many years. Toni has also served in district positions as well. Toni could always be counted on to get things done, whether it be getting the apostolic reports done or making a salad for the branch dinners.

Toni encouraged her family to be involved in the ICF, daughter, Alicia Trevino is a past branch president, her grandson, Ruben is a past board member and most recently her great granddaughter, Rosabella McConnell, became the youngest branch member at eight years old!

We are grateful to Father Al Menon for the beautiful mass he said at our May meeting in honor of Toni. Rest in peace dear friend.

Our newest and youngest member, Rosabella McConnell recently made her first Communion. We congratulate you, Rosabella, we see an ICF presidency in your future!

Reminder: No meeting in July. Next meeting: Saturday, August 12th, 2023, 12 Noon, BBQ.

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

I hope everyone had a beautiful Easter with family and friends. Many members were away and enjoyed spring breaks with their loved ones. Our quarterly Mass was held the first Sunday of April. After a beautiful Mass, members met at Wence's for brunch. Our next quarterly members' Mass is scheduled for Sunday, July 9. Look for more details in future emails.

On April 18, our branch hosted Winter Nights. It was a very heartwarming evening sharing fellowship with many grateful people. Juliette and Diana did a great job coordinating the dinner for that night. The following evening was Pizza Night at

St. Stephen's site. Great meeting and a good time was enjoyed by those present.

The Tea on April 29 was wonderful! Lots of planning and preparation made this another success. Many thanks to all of the table hostesses and to the servers, the bartenders as well as Carol, Joan, Jen, Juliette and Diana who participated in this major fundraiser. Everyone's help was appreciated. The change in venue and the delicious delicacies prepared by Carol and her kitchen crew, were enjoyed by all who attended.

Two scholarships will be presented to graduating 8th graders. Come to the May 19 meeting to see the honorees and feast on pasta with pesto and sausages with salad.

Il festival della parrocchia e' il 2 e 3 di giugno. Venite per un po' di divertimento e rissate!

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

## BLESSED SACRAMENT District

### Auburn Br. 342, St. Joseph

Congratulations to our eighth-grade scholarship recipients Joie Sockman and Cardina Diaz - Claus. Both of these ladies graduated from St. Joseph's in Auburn and will attend a Catholic high school in the fall. Joie and her family are Branch 342 members. The names of our high school scholarship recipients were not available at the time of this article submission.

We encourage you to attend Corporate Mass with your fellow branch members on Sunday, June 4th. We will attend the 9:30 mass at St. Joseph's in Auburn. It would be wonderful if as many members as possible could attend this event. We will also be having a membership drive after mass.

*Ciao!*  
*Pam Andersen*





CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT



Contra Costa District met in Brentwood for its annual Communion Breakfast. After the 9:00 Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, members from Branches #13, #14, #432, and #442 dined on pancakes, sausage, and eggs. Seated left to right: Gene and Marilyn Simonetti, Mary & Tom Cook, Diana Mackinson, Lois & Carla Contestable, Bruce Pedrotti, and Joan Cummings. Standing: Pat Rebollar, Sheila & Michael Nilo, Linda & Deacon John Kortuem, Eileen McGauran, and Bob Rebollar.



Br. 154, Roseabella McConnell First Communion



Branch 14 , Crockett lost one of our 106 year old members, Lena McCrossen. She has been a member for 47 years and was our Apostolate/Charity Chairperson for over 30 years. She was dedicated to our club. R.I.P Lena .



Standing outside of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Brentwood, ICF District members gathered for a photo; from left to right: Lois and Carla Contestable (#14), Mary and Tom Cook (#13), Diana Mackinson (#442), Gene and Marilyn Simonetti (#432), Eileen McGauran (#4 42), Joyce Toste (#432), Joan Cummings (#442), and Philomena and Steve Sawco (#432).



With fond memories of Br. 154, Toni Reeder



Br. #13: 96th Anniversary celebration. From left to right: Bill Broussard, friend of the ICF, seated next to branch members Mary Cook, Mary Billecci, Rose-Billecci-Santos, President Tom Cook, friend Nancee Aboussie, and Teresa Bolla from branch #442



Branch #13 members, Mary and Tom Cook seated with Contra Costa District President Diana Mackinson at the District pancake breakfast at IHM in Brentwood



Br. #13: Chaplain Deacon Albert Dizon with his wife Yolly enjoy our 96th birthday party.



Br. #13: St. Catherine of Siena Parochial Administrator Fr. Mike Nufable, Franciscan Friar of the Renewal Fr. Luke Leighton, and Cindy Buscaglia join ICF Br. #13 members Karen Glen and President Tom Cook in serving over 150 attendees including Carol Padlo of Br. #442 at the recent Pasta Bingo dinner. Branch #13 thanks all those who participated, contributed, and supported this fundraiser--the first in four years!



Branch #13: St. Catherine of Siena was present at the 150th parish anniversary in the form of this first-class relic



Dennis Hoffmann and Al DiPrima working hard in the kitchen for Crockett , Branch #14 Special Cinco De Mayo Dinner . Great Job !!



Br. #13: Pasta Bingo fundraiser was a success in part thanks to our table sponsors who are very much appreciated.



Contra Costa District president, Diana Mackinson, is seated next to Branch #14 members Lois and Carla Contestable and Bruce Pedrotti at the annual Communion Breakfast.



CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT



Br. 442, Installation of new members.



Branch 442 Christ the King, Pleasant Hill's Ladies' Tea held on April 29.



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MARIN AREA



Three generations of the Mark Trello family sharing their joy with Br. 332 members.



Jean, Sandy and Kathy enjoy catching up before dinner at Br. 332.



SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT



Br.445 Happy Birthday Larry & Gina Farro



Br. 445, Birthday wishes to John!



Br. 445, Mentor Jim Jones and Member Chic Cannon



Br. 408, Kate Shimshock and Steve Richey



Br. 445, Italian Easter Celebration



Br. 391's Cathleen Lencioni



Br. 391's Multicultural Springfest Italian and Mexican Cuisine



Br. 391 ICF Springfest Wine Servers



Br. 391's Marcie Rossi, Silent Auction Table



Marie Antonowicz of Br. 184, surrounded by Pirates of the Caribbean



Br. 184, Stewart, a Minion, with Marie Antonowicz and Grand 1st Vice President Denise Antonowicz



Branch 191 Players at Game Day



Br. 391's Multicultural Springfest Asian Cuisine



Branch 191 Deep in thought of how to win!



Branch 191, And the winner is??...



Member of Br. 184 Rose Arnaudo, serenaded by Elvis Presley at her Birthday Celebration!



SCV DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 408, Patricia, Sandra Donna and Barbara Serving at Br 408 Panacake Breakfast



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CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT



Br. 36 High School Scholarships



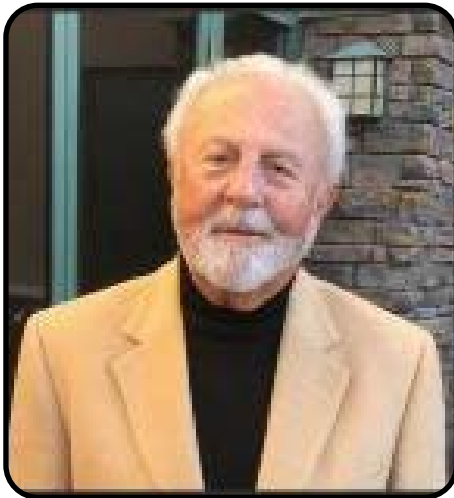
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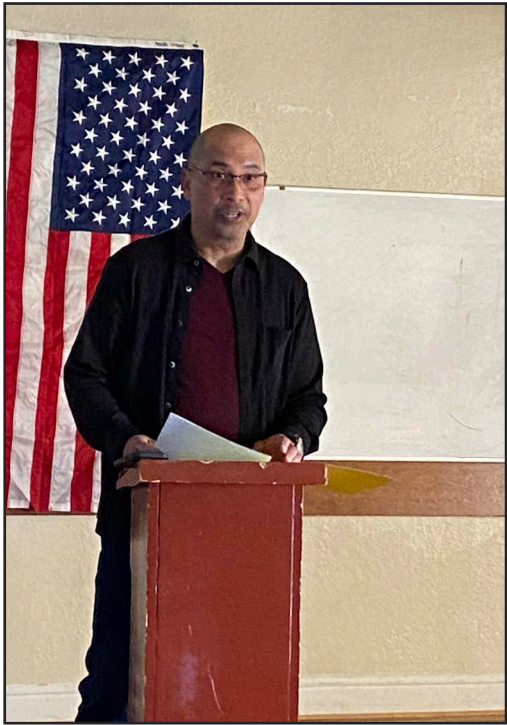
Father Ron Shirley 50th Anniversary.



Marie Josephine Caramazza 1928-2023 Branch 36



Anthony Ferrante 1935-2023 Branch 36



Br. 51, Art ICF Presentation



Popolizio Family Branch 36.



Joanna Van Blaricom and Kathleen Sullivan did a great job putting together a beautiful St. Joseph's Table for Br. 291. All food and household items brought in by our generous members were donated to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program.



LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT



Josephine M. Perini and grand nephew Joseph Perini [7] members of ICF Branch 443.



Br. 111, April birthdays



Top: Carmelo S. NBr 67, Neal DiLeva Br. 115, Consul General Raffaella Valentini, Anna DiLeva Br. 115. Bottom: Maria B. Padre Pio Society, Ann P. Federated Italian Americans of Southern California, Carmela F. San Pedro.



ICF 111-April meetings



ICF 111-Mass



ICF 111-Mass & Luncheon at Park



Impressive Response to Italian classes at Branch 374



Br. 380, Mother's Day celebration



LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



Ladies from Branch 237, Gardena enjoying an evening with Andrea Bocelli, at the Hollywood Bowl.



Msgr. Sal Pilato and Jr Branch President of 237, Jordan Roa welcomes Mother Cabrini as she becomes the newest addition to the collection of Saints, at St. Anthony of Padua, Gardena.

BLESSED SACRAMENT DISTRICT



Br. 438, Prom King and Queen



Br. 438, Prom Night



Br. 438, Prom Night



Br. 438, Prom Night



**Roseville****Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi**

Branch 438 has been busy this Spring! Our first ever Prom Night was so much fun! Those who attended, danced to a mix of music from D.J. Mike Leahy and received a portrait as a remembrance of the evening. Thank you to the hard work of our many volunteers, especially Pat Brown, Elizabeth and Mary Anne Snyder and the Aguilar family.

I hope you were able to attend our Cinco de Mayo celebration at our May Branch meeting. Seminarian Matthew Grehm and his parents were our guests for the evening. It was great getting to meet this special young man. We thank the Aguilar family for providing the wonderful homemade Mexican dinner that we all enjoyed. Delicioso!

Branch 438 is teaming with our Blessed Sacrament District to host a Bingo fundraiser here at St. Clare on May 20th. Tickets are on sale for \$25.00, which includes 10 games of Bingo and a hearty lunch of spaghetti and meatballs. Come join us to see if you'll be one of the lucky winners!

We'd like to announce the newest members to our ICF family; Gayle and John DeGregori, Florence DeVito, Antoinette Berman, Mary Jo Nicolosi, Alma Cortez, and Virginia Wedding. Welcome!

Mark your calendars for Pizza Night at our next Branch meeting on June 16th.

We remember everyone in need of our prayers and ask the Lord to bless all the wonderful Fathers in our lives. Happy Fathers Day!

*Ciao!*  
*Anne Finn*

## **SANTA ROSA District**

**Healdsburg****Br. 52, San Francisco Di Sales**

We are happy to welcome Fr. Sean back from sabbatical! We thank Fr. Raphael for his service to the parish in Fr. Sean's absence.

Upcoming events:

ICF Meeting: Tuesday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

ICF Monthly Mass: Sunday, June 4 at 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Friday, July 28: Calling all golfers! ICF Central Council Golf Tournament at Bennett Valley Golf Course. 8:30 a.m. Shotgun start. Please see information in the *Bollettino* or call me at 707-595-3111. \$180 for golfers including BBQ Buffet. \$50.00 for

BBQ only. There are many sponsorship opportunities available, also.

I have sent out the ICF Raffle tickets, please purchase your book of tickets by August 1. We keep half of the proceeds, which helps our charities.

*Happy Father's Day!*  
*Lauren*

**Cloverdale****Br. 75, L'Annunciata**

We're celebrating our Chaplain, Father David Galeana's birthday a week early. We were to have our Wine and Food Pairing May 7th, but Father's birthday took precedence. This event has been rescheduled to June 25th.

Our regular Dinner/Meeting next Thursday will celebrate both Mothers and Fathers and feature a meet and greet for our scholarship recipient, Marissa Arreguin, the very loved granddaughter of Raul and Kathi who have been members of Branch #75 for many years.

We're asking branch members to prepare a special dish that reminds them of their mom or dad. I can't wait to see what we're eating!

*Chow! I mean Ciao*  
*Patsy Buchignani*

**Petaluma****Br. 127, St. Vincent**

Dear members,

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our chicken cacciatore dinner. It was a great success. A special thank you to all those who helped with prep, set up etc.

This month Lucy Will be sending out the raffle tickets for the convention. The central council Will receive half of the sales to help with convention expenses and the other half will remain with the branch to help defray the cost of sending a delegate

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.

*Dennice DiGirolamo*

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Include your  
branch number.**

**Arcata****Br. 144, St. Mary**

Branch 144 enjoyed a co-anniversary with Branch 145 of St. Bernard's Eureka on Sunday, April 30th (photo). It was a real treat to get together with our fellow ICF members across the bay. Bob, and wife Cathy, Aquistapace (photo) attended as well as Butch Bondi (recipient of this year's District President's Award, accompanied by his girlfriend Terry. Butch is a former member of Branch #145. Both of them were students of Bob Aquistapace in high school. Small world! Also in attendance were Dorene O'Rourke, President of St. Eugene Branch in Santa Rosa, and her boyfriend Tom Nguyen.

Our 2023 High School graduate local scholarship recipient is Raven Alvarez (photo) She will be graduating from Arcata High School this June then spend the summer being a rafting guide up on the Trinity, except for one week when she will be in Washington DC attending the Native Youth Conference, which is focusing on Solutions on Climate Change. She will be attending a community college near Tucson, AZ and studying the language, culture, and history of her native tribe. She is also fluent in Spanish. Her dad, Justin, is a new member of our branch and chair of our Parish Council.

Our monthly meetings are held the first Friday of the month @ 10 a.m. at the Fr. Kelly Room at St. Mary's. We have started having a light brunch with the meeting. We enjoyed home-baked muffins, frittata, and sausage at May's meeting. Looking forward to the June 2nd meeting in celebration of Father's Day.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Anne Carlisle Eanni*  
*Secretary*

**Eureka****Br. 145, St. Ambrose**

Thank you to all of the Santa Rosa district council members and friends who travelled from Sonoma County to attend the 64th anniversary luncheon of branches #145 and #144 on May 30th.

Thank you also to member Mary Wheeler for her fun heritage presentation at the April meeting. Her slides from Italy, France, and Austria were very beautiful, educational, and made us all wish to visit Italia ourselves.

The next event for the Eureka branch is our June pizza potluck meeting to honor our two Colivas College Scholarship recipients.

Bocce league play has begun. Each Wednesday at 1PM please join other bocce aficionados for an hour or two of fun at the Redwood Fields bocce courts in Cutten.

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With our Father's Day Potluck on Monday, June 5th, we look forward to some really good hot dishes, salads and desserts. Our potlucks have always been very successful, and we look forward to this event each year.

We were very sad to hear of the passing of one of our members in April. Mario Migliardi passed away suddenly, and he will really be missed. May he rest in peace.

Our seven scholarship winners have been invited to our dinner meeting in the Becker Center on Saturday, July 15. Please plan to attend. More details next month.

Our President, Doreen O'Rourke, has given our Branch excellent leadership and she will represent us well at the Convention.

LADIES!!! You did a great job bringing infant donations to our May meeting for the Life Pregnancy Services in Sebastopol. Bob and Kathy Acquistapace delivered the items, and they were thrilled to receive them along with a \$20.00 cash donation from one of our members.

ICF Branch 209 in Sebastopol hosted a Bocce Tournament on the grounds of St. Sebastian's Parish.

Members Steve and Gail Azevedo and Romeo "JR" Maffia participated along with their friend, Greg Nelson. At this writing the Tournament hasn't taken place yet. In a future *Bollettino* we will announce the winners.

Please pray for our sick members and attend the ICF Masses on Saturday, June 24th at 4:30 p.m. and/or the Mass on Monday, July 10th at 8:00 a.m.

*Happy Father's Day.*  
*Gail Bongie-Azevedo*





## Sebastopol Br. 209, St. Michael

Hello Everyone,

We had a delicious lasagna dinner served at the Scholarship, and Mother's Day meeting in May. It was a pleasant evening visiting with the scholarship winners, and their families.

Our award winner Alonso Vera will be attending the SRJC and take classes in firefighting. Gabriel Delos has plans to attend the SRJC and take classes in mechanics. Jack Lenschmidt will be pursuing his education at the SRJC in business. Dulce Onofre is interested in taking classes at the SRJC in criminal forensics. We wish them the best in their future education.

Lorraine has sent out the 2023 Convention raffle tickets to all the members. The raffle tickets sell for \$20.00 a booklet, our branch keeps \$10.00 for each book sold. Please return your ticket stubs and the money to Lorraine as soon as you can.

I will share some stories about our Bocce tournament in the next article.

Remember our monthly, dinner/meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. We serve delicious food, have great conversations, and discuss business. Most importantly we get to see our friends and family.

It's a good time, and I hope to see you soon!

Thank You for your commitment and support to our branch! Because of you...we continue to be a successful!

July is our vacation month...no meeting...we will be back at it in August!

*Thank You,  
Pam McAlvain  
President*

## FRESNO District

### Los Banos Br. 31, Santa Lucia

Hello again from branch 31, I hope this finds all of you well. It's stuff as usual here in Los Banos. After the holidays we had our fabulous Polenta Dinner fundraiser, followed by Easter and the May Day Fair. To round off this first half of the year, many of us will be celebrating with a graduate of the class of 2023. Congratulations to all our scholarship winners, we wish you all the very best with your futures.

Our next meeting will be our summer potluck. It will be held on August 19th at 6:00 pm at the home of Rick and Terri Post. Keep an eye out for more information coming soon in the mail. God Bless you all!

*Ciao, Giona Boffa*

## Fresno Br. 32, St. Alphonsus

Time has gotten away from me. The last two meetings went well. We were provided lunch. One month lunch was provided from Evelyn and the next month was from Elaine. We have a very small group that attends our meetings. We are hoping to get more people to attend meetings or maybe going off with another branch in the future.

It is with great sadness that we announce our Chaplain Father Gaspar moved to another church. He was wonderful, but we only had him for a short time.

We are looking into possibly asking other branches if they would like to help our branch to purchase some new stained-glass windows for St. Alphonsus Church. Michael is in charge of this, so hopefully we can get some windows for the church.

We are planning to be at The Big Fresno Fair on May 20th. We will get to see the museum. It will be fun because it is the Italian Heritage Museum, and our branch was the first in the Italian Catholic Federation in Fresno County.

We continue to pray for our members. Please pray for Isidra. We hope that she is feeling better. Lord, protect us from sin and awaken our hearts that we willingly share your blessed gifts with our neighbors in need.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day, and we hope everyone has a wonderful Father's Day!!!

*Monica Ficher  
Financial Secretary/Treasurer*

## Merced Br. 39, St. Cecilia

At our May meeting, we were treated to a delicious enchilada, rice, and beans dinner with Tres Leche cake dessert. Thanks to Robyn, Ruth, Estella, Moniquea, Maryellen and all others who helped prepare the meal.

We also elected delegates to the ICF annual convention during the meeting: Robyn Piro, Terrie Rhodes, Michael Belluomini, and Sandy Del Real. Alternates include Jose and Bea Delgado and Maryellen and David Mazzei.

On July 12th, we will hold our annual Wiener Roast at Yosemite Lake. Festivities start at 5 p.m. and include a prayer service, cake walk, raffle, and meal. All members and their families are encouraged to attend what promises to be a wonderful evening.



## Clovis Br. 250, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Happy Birthday greetings to our April celebrants, Jenny Campopiano and Mary Zonarini, and to May celebrants Jeanette Couch and Linda Stockwell.

We had a great turnout for our April meeting which featured a delicious lunch of ham and beans. The Saturday noon-time meetings have proven popular as we are averaging 80 percent attendance.

Little known Popes' Department: St. Evaristus, the 5th Pope (c.100-c.109). Was the first Pope who had known neither Jesus or any of the Apostles; the only facts really known about him are that his father was born in Bethlehem and that he was buried on the Vatican Hill.

We are looking forward to hearing about Wes Johnson's trip to Finland to attend a friend's wedding. Perhaps he also had a chance to discover if he has some Viking in his background.

Angelo and LeAnne are on their way to Switzerland where they will join a Rhine River cruise followed by a trip to Denmark, where Leanne will check out her Viking heritage.

Philosopher Angelino says, "Dove Ci Sono Ragazze Innamorate, E Inutile Tener Porte Serrate"- Where You Find Girls in Love, It is Worthless To Keep The Doors Closed".

Reminder: 11a.m. Mass, followed by lunch at the Seven Restaurant.

Another reminder: We need to sell tickets for this year's convention. Our branch keeps half of all proceeds. See Angelo for your tickets.

Thought for the month: "Keep me from the poison of gossip, Lord...Let me be a peacemaker, not a peace-breaker." (Anon)

*Ciao,  
Francesco Frappacino*



## Bakersfield Br. 281, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

It's hard to believe Branch 281 is 50 years old! Our members gathered at Woolgrowers Basque Restaurant to celebrate, reminisce, and enjoy a good meal. We are so blessed to have Maxine Scatena one of the "Golden Girls" and 50 year member still a part of our branch! Maxine has been a source of wisdom & humor as well as a role model for a whole new generation of Branch 281 members.

As the weather turns warmer we will be enjoying more social events that help strengthen bonds and build community. Our annual Bocce Ball tournament which has been on pause since COVID, is scheduled for June 10th. This event ALWAYS brings out the good natured competitive spirit amongst our members!

*We wish all of you a happy and safe summer on behalf of Branch 281.  
Theresa Amarante*

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

Hello members.

At our May meeting we celebrated Cinco de Mayo by enjoying Mexican food prepared by our Italian chef, Bernie. May is a busy month. Star Wars Day: May the Fourth be with you, Revenge of the Sixth, Mother's Day and Memorial Day.

We also celebrated the recipients of the Nick and Angie Diliddo Memorial Scholarship. Presenting the scholarship was Nick and Angie's son, Frank. Our scholarship recipients are:

Emma Pricolo: graduated from Clovis West High School; she plans to pursue a career in nutrition.

Joseph Cantelmi: graduated from San Joaquin Memorial; he plans to become a physical therapist. Mr. Cantelmi has also been awarded our Branch I.C.F. Scholarship.

Congratulations to our recipients we wish them luck in college and their future endeavors.

Other club news: At our April meeting we welcomed Anna Harguindéguy and her daughter Jean. Anna celebrated her 100th birthday. We also welcomed back Marylen Karsted, Patti Lometti, Ann Raider, Matilda Yonkers. Get well wishes to Leonard Garber and Carolyn Romersa.

May Birthdays: Jo Soligian and Leonard Garber who turned 94!

We'll see everyone at our June 14th meeting. Russ and Bernie are cooking tri-tip.

*Jay Newsome  
President*



## CENTRAL COAST District

### Santa Cruz

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

Buon giorno, Tutti. We celebrated our mothers last month and this month we celebrate our dads. Psalm 103:13 says "As a father has compassion for his children, so has the Lord for those who know Him." We wish everyone a wonderful Father's Day.

We had a really good General Meeting last month: those who came enjoyed a delicious Mexican dinner, fun visits with friends, and a short but informational meeting. So, we hope to see you at our next meeting on June 6th...the more the merrier.

This year's Branch 21's scholarship recipients were chosen. Nicholas Arcangeli received a \$400 scholarship from Branch 21 and Ryan Lansdowne received the \$400 John Orlando Scholarship. We congratulate these two students from Scotts Valley High School. We also want to congratulate newly ordained Father Francisco Garcia who served his first mass here at Holy Cross last month.

As you know, the annual Convention is coming up in Sept and raffle tickets are now on sale. They are \$20 per booklet and \$10 of each booklet sold goes to our Branch. Contact Bill Crowley if you are interested.

Finally, we want to wish a Happy Birthday to three Branch 21 members who have recently turned 99 years of age; they are Josephine Pista, Virginia Stagnaro and Lina Gemignani! Billy Burke once said, "Age isn't something that matters, unless you are a cheese." It does matter in the fact that you three are an inspiration.

*Patty Morelli  
Trustee- Branch 21*

### Monterey

#### Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Happy Father's Blessing to all our Fathers and Grandfathers (Nonnos) may you all have a great restful day. "Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a Dad" Anne Geddes

On April 20, we had a Ham dinner with all the trimmings. Dante Galeazzi, Life ICF member and Andy Pappani, Grand Past President-Life Member conducted our initiation for our new members. During our business meeting- Joe LoManto, Past President presented two 8th Graders from San Carlos School each with a \$500 Achievement Awards to Dominic Pellegriano and Joseph LoManto III.

Sandie Russo and Antonio Russo presented six high school students each

with a \$1,000 scholarship. Anthony Giammanco, Anna Gorman, Spencer Hidas, Gianna Mangiapane, John Pope, and Lillian Young.

Congratulations to Anna Gorman for receiving \$400 Central Council ICF 1st Year Scholarship.

Congratulations to Father Ron Shirley, Br 36 Chaplain, on your 50th Golden Anniversary of your Ordination. May God Bless you always.

May 25: Br 36 celebrated our 92nd Anniversary at the Moose Lodge - Monterey.

All enjoyed a New York Steak dinner with all the trimmings.

June 22: Dinner/Meeting at the Moose Lodge- Monterey- Hawaiian Night-teriyaki chicken and all the trimmings.

\$20.00 members

\$25.00 nonmembers

All reservations are pre-paid at MontereyICF.org or mailed to: PO Box 2286--Monterey, CA 93942

We are having Hawaiian dancers for entertainment. Dress: Hawaiian style - optional More Info: 831-521-8026

We are saddened that two of our members recently passed away, Marie J. Caramazza and Anthony J Ferrante. Our condolences to their families. May they rest in peace.

*Welcome Summer,  
Elaine Valentine  
President Br 36*

### Castroville

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

We have a lot of wonderful things to share this month.

At our May meeting member Art Carbonel was asked by Leonora Barlow, our Heritage official, to present his family's Filipino heritage. He did a great job sharing stories of his parents' meeting and immigration to the United States from the Philippines, the life they established here in Salinas, his marriage to wife Susan and the life they have created with their own family, as well as his career as a California Highway Patrolman, all interwoven with pictures and wonderful stories. Thank you, Art!

Staying with the Carbonel family, congratulations, Natalie, on your graduation from California State University Monterey Bay with a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts. Well done!!

Congratulations to members Nathan Cortopassi and Mazie Rodriguez on the birth of their daughter (and my granddaughter!) Aliyah Maria Cortopassi, born April 21, 2023. She joins mom, dad, and her big brother Nikolas.

Happy birthday to our June members: Nancy Ausonio, Carrie Holbrook, and Father Pedro. May you all have a wonderful and blessed birthday.

Branch 51 donated \$1,000 to our parish to help fund the roof repairs that our church is in dire need of.

Our next fundraiser will be held on August 20. We have decided to do a chicken barbecue. More information will follow.

*Wishing all of you a wonderful summer,  
Stefani Cortopassi*

### Aptos

#### Br. 227, St. Joseph

Our May meeting celebrated Cinco de Mayo and featured Jane Kotila's Enchilada Verde. Helping her with the meal were Irene Cortez's daughter, Janice Erbe, who prepared the refried beans, and Magdalena Martinez who prepared the rice and Flan for dessert. Thanks very much to all of you.

Please offer your get-well prayers to our members who are dealing with health challenges: Manny Martinez, Jerry Shevenell, and Elsa Cardenas.

Payment for Convention raffle tickets can be mailed to Ann Stow or paid to Jane Kotila at the next meeting.

Congratulations to John and Katherine Adams on their recent wedding.

This caught my eye when I was looking for recipes in a 1978 Central Coast District cookbook. There was a page entitled "Take Time for Ten Things" and one of the ten was: "Take time to worship—it is the highway of reverence and washes the dust of earth from our eyes."

*Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there.  
Deanna Musler, Secretary*

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### Arroyo Grande Br. 291, St. Patrick

Since March was such a busy month with our Lenten Fish Frys, Br. 291 decided to move our St. Joseph's Table celebration to our April General Meeting. Members were asked to bring non-perishable food, toiletries and household items to our meeting where we filled two tables full of all the donations. After the meeting, all the items collected were donated to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program. Kathleen Sullivan and her crew did a great job decorating our beautiful St. Joseph's Table that displayed all the generous donations.

At our April meeting we also enjoyed a delicious Greek meal prepared by one of our newest members, Kathleen Fisher. The Greek salad, moussaka, stuffed grape leaves and baklava were enjoyed by all! We also co-hosted a Central Coast District Meeting with the Paso Robles Branch in April. It was a busy month!

This past spring, we were able to pay the full registration costs for our St. Patrick School students, who are members of our Branch, and qualified for our Registration Assistance Program. In addition, we paid the majority of the registration costs for other qualifying Br. 291 members who attend other local Catholic schools. We encourage our members to share with their friends and/or family information on our Registration Assistance Program to promote Catholic education. We also plan on hosting coffee and donuts after masses one weekend this summer to share more about the ICF with our parishioners, introduce them to our Registration Assistance Program and let them know that the ICF does more than just serve up amazing Fish Frys!

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

*Happy Father's Day to all the dads in our lives!  
Keely Sanchez  
Recording Secretary*





## SANTA CLARA VALLEY District

### Gilroy Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

At our April 17th dinner meeting, members enjoyed BBQ hot dogs with all the trimmings prepared by Vince Saso and crew. The dinner was topped off by a dessert table of homemade chocolate items.

A "pass the hat" fundraiser was held at the meeting for Laurice Levine, the outstanding spokesperson for and patient of Cooley's Anemia who is recovering from major Cooley's related surgery. In an outstanding demonstration of member generosity and Branch 28 matching funds a \$4000 check has been sent to Laurice and the family. Our prayers continue for Laurice and her family during her recuperation.

We have a Sunday bake sale twice a year. We had our first bake sale of the year on May 7, 2023 in the Gym at Saint Mary Parish. Members provide baked items, jam/jellies, plants, and homemade quilted items for sale. Our bake sale was a near sold-out event thanks to the parishioners and Branch 28 members who stopped by to purchase items after morning Masses. We are blessed to have continued support of the membership of ICF Branch 28 who dedicate time to preparing items, setting up and selling items for these bake sale events.

Not all our members are able to attend our dinner meetings and events. To keep our members informed, Branch 28 sends out a monthly newsletter to all Br. 28 members. We ask God's blessing on the Italian Catholic Federation and Branch 28 and may our patroness Saints Elizabeth Ann Seton and Frances X. Cabrini provide us with wisdom and guidance going forward.

*Peace and God Bless,  
Kim M. Filice*

### St. Mary Br. 184, Los Gatos

As many of you may know, the Antonowicz Family loves Disneyland. Well, Disneyland is celebrating their 100th Birthday, and it so happens that Marie Antonowicz is celebrating her 100th year as well! So, on their last visit, the family received the Royal Treatment, complete with special photos and special Cake! Please check out those photos of Marie, with daughter Denise Antonowicz.

It's a little early, but please mark your calendar for our next Quarterly Mass.

The date is July 23 at 11:00 a.m. This is a time for members to sit together at Mass, then join outside for coffee and doughnuts. We welcome new members also.

Our Branch #184 meets on the 4th Friday of each month, at 4 p.m. in the Church Conference Room. We hope more members will join us. The next meeting is May 25.

Special wishes to all Dads and Grads, as we enter the month of June.

*Ciao for now, Lucy Amico*

### San Jose Br. 191, Saint Frances Cabrini

Our April meeting was a bit of a change. Our members found themselves playing games, as it was game Day at 191. After a quick meeting, sandwiches for lunch, and then... Let the games begin! Our members participated in Banana Gram, 5 Second Rule, Perfection, and P is for Pizza! There was even a Little Pitching Pennies in the Gym between Debbie Piro and Jim Jones. A nice change of pace for a Saturday Morning.

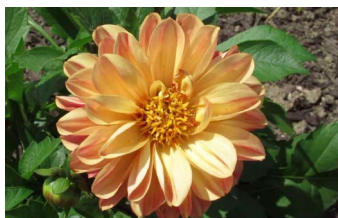
June 10th our branch will be hosting the quarterly meeting of the Central Council. The day will begin with coffee, then on to lunch of the Day. A Taco Bar with all of the trimmings will be served to start the C.C. Meeting. After the meeting, a BBQ chicken dinner will be served. It will take place at SFC in the Bocce Court. All are welcome to attend. (Lunch \$15; Dinner \$30).

Here comes July. Our plans are firming up for our Summer BBQ Chicken Dinner Fundraiser. A BBQ chicken dinner will be served with beans, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Saturday July 22. Cost is \$35 per person. Also, there will be an option for take-out as well. So be on the lookout for the flyer for this event.

Convention is fast approaching. (August 31-Sept 3). Our raffle tickets have been mailed, so make sure you purchase at least one book to help much needed funds for our branch. (We as a Branch keep \$10 from each book sold) We will also be electing our delegates for convention. So please keep the convention in your summer plans.

Congratulations to Melina Guardino, an Archbishop Mitty High School Senior, winner of Branch 191, First Year Scholarship.

*A Happy Father's Day  
Shirley Catania  
Sentinel*



### San Jose Br. 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

Kathy and I are on vacation in Europe so this is just a note to say I will be back in June.

If you have an item or picture you would like to see in the *Bollettino*, please let me know at email myers.tr@gmail.com or text at 408-826-1043. I would appreciate receiving items by the 5th of each month.

*Thank you  
Tom Myers*

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

Our Branch Orator, Sr. Jane Garrison, opened our May dinner meeting with a prayer and President Steve Lencioni thanked Al & Diana Vallorz for their delicious Mexican Lasagna dinner. Steve also thanked our loyal members for setting up and serving during our monthly event.

Four 1st-year scholarships have been awarded to Jeff Abbott, Megan Lawrence, Eleanor Crema, and Lucas Lipari. We look forward to meeting these students and their families at one of our future meetings.

Louise Vento read "To My Mother," a lovely poem written by John Hutchinson when presenting her heritage report honoring mothers.

Our branch's ICF Multicultural Springfest was held in April and included four multicultural food stations, four wine labels, two breweries, an ICF heritage table, and a silent auction. Approximately 150 people attended this successful event that brought in close to \$8,000 in revenue and which will fund most of our charities this year.

This year's ICF Convention will be held in Costa Mesa, CA during the Labor Day weekend. In June, our branch will elect one member to join Steve in serving as our two delegates.

Reminders:

Branch 391 Dinner Meeting—Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 5:30 p.m. social and 6:00 p.m. dinner; ICF Pancake Breakfast—Sunday, June 11, 2023, after 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. masses; 2023 ICF Quarterly Masses—June 11, September 10, and December 10, 2023; Italian American Heritage Festa—Saturday and Sunday, August 5-6, 2023; District BBQ picnic—August 6, 2023 at Vasona.

*Happy Father's Day to all our Dads!  
Janis Patellaro*

## In Memory of Mario Charlie Fiorio 11/28/1929 - 04/29/2023

*It is with great sadness for ICF Branch 28 to announce the passing of member Mario Fiorio. Mr. Fiorio was a First Vice President for more than 20 years and the founder of our annual Polenta Dinner. The polenta dinner has become a favorite yearly event for members and guests.*

*Mr. Fiorio will be missed, but his memory will be remembered by all who knew him and for his contribution to the Italian Catholic Federation.*



## Sunnyvale Br. 408, Resurrection

Happy Father's Day!

The Daughter of one of our Br Members – Evelyn DeAnda - has been awarded our First Year College Scholarship for 2023. We plan to have our usual Cake for our Award Winner and her Family at our next Branch Mtg 22 May.

Thanks to all who helped at the Spring Parish Ministry Service Sunday and ICF/SVdP Pancake Breakfast which was held on Sunday 23 April in the Farana Center after all the Sunday Masses. This was once again a well-attended success.

Our next ICF Blood Drive will be held Sunday 11 June 2023 in the Farana Center.

Please Pray for our Members who need our Prayers: Laurice Levine, Al Chantelope, and Dori Blefari.

## San Jose Br. 445, Transfiguration

Br.445 celebrated Easter a second time in April thanks to member Jim Canger. Jim shared his family's Easter tradition by preparing for us an authentic Italian Easter Pie known as Pizzagaina or Pizza Rustica. To top off this truly delicious meal, for dessert he made his family's recipe for Lemon Ricotta Cheesecakes... Tutte deliziose! Many thanks also to member Jean Cosentino for the festive Easter table decorations! Our Heritage report featured the 'History of the Italian Easter Pie'.

Happy 90th and 85th Birthday wishes to members Larry and Gina Farro. We celebrated their birthdays in April with cake, festive hats and song.

Cheers for many more !!

We also sent our birthday card wishes and a festive hat to member John Sellarole. He and his wife Lorraine celebrated his birthday with family at home. This Spring, John and Lorraine have been very helpful in supporting our Br. 445 Mother's Day Cookie Fundraiser by assembling all the boxes for the cookies. We continue our prayers for John and his family as he deals with a health challenge and ask that you join us in prayer as well.

Our Mother's Day Cookie Fundraiser was a great success! Many thanks to our members, parishioners and friends who supported us in this endeavor! Photos to come next edition.

Belated May Happy Birthday wishes to Jim Canger!

Happy June Birthday June wishes to Joan Lang and Donna Nisich! Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri!

*Happy Father's Day to all! May God Bless you and your families!  
Until next month stay safe and well,  
Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer*

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

Our branch is buzzing with excitement. The event we've been planning for months is arriving. Hosting our first District Bishop's Burse Dinner has taken a lot of organization, and our committee chair, Margaret Foley, has led us commendably. Shortly, the fruits of our labor will be enjoyed by all those in attendance on June 10th to honor Bishop Cotta and our diocese seminarians.

Festa Italiana is Sun. June 11th, 10-5 at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. No booth for us this year due to all our energies devoted to Bishop's Burse Dinner Saturday night. Sooo, now we can attend the Festa and relax with some vino while listening to traditional Italian tunes, take part in judging homemade sauce recipes, and of course, mangia!!

The Brick House Dinner was quite a success. Thank you, members, for selling all those tickets, and to Chris Whiting for arranging this All You Can Eat Pasta Meal with the restaurant. Owner, Geno Cassella, is so very generous in helping our ICF raise funds for our charities and scholarships.

There's no June meeting, but before we go off on summer vacations, we'll be gathering socially for an evening of fun...possibly dinner at the Italian Athletic Club and some rounds of bocce on Wed., June 28th. Keep an eye out for details in our branch newsletter and emails.

To all fathers: Bless them Lord. Let their faith, hope and love shine in our families. Strengthen them as they serve you in our community. Happy Father's Day!!

*Patty Litts, President*

## Manteca Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio

After a tasty dinner of pork ribs, pasta, green beans and salad, prepared by "Capocuoco" Tony Queirolo, our April meeting featured the introduction of Father Madhu Appanapalle, our chaplain and newest member.

It was decided to donate \$1,000 and a case of red wine to this year's Bishop's Burse, to be held at St. Anne's Church in Lodi next month. President Birdie Nieri is appointing a coordinating committee for the 2024 Bishop's Burse, which Branch 139 will be hosting in Manteca.

A number of gift baskets that were not used for our postponed Shrimp Feed were donated to the Knights of Columbus for their recent Priest Appreciation Dinner. Several other baskets were sent to Chest of Hope, a new children's home in Manteca.

"Tesoriere" Michelle Harmon distrib

uted Convention Raffle Tickets to the members present.

Prayer and singing of the Federation Anthem concluded our meeting.

Grazie to Anna Mello for her assistance.

*Ciao,  
Mariano*

## Tracy Br. 390, St. Bernard

May's dinner served up Tri-Tip, which was received so well by our members and their guests that we were encouraged to offer this menu more often. Those of us that help out in the kitchen marvel at the Mike Bacchetti crew that sends out the best tasting food imaginable each month. Thanks again all of you - job well done!

Events on our busy spring calendars included the Stockton District meeting on Sunday May 18th at Presentation Church Hall with Steve Ridolfi presiding. Our branch was pleased to report that we had new members join this year, as reported here in previous articles. Again, we are proud to welcome them and hope they are with us for years to come.

CONGRATULATIONS! Jackson Lieberg, one of our Branch 390 scholarship recipients and grandson of Lucy Orsi, who has just completed his Master's Degree in Secondary Education at San Diego State, after completing the Credential program at San Diego State University. Prior to that, he had completed his BA degree in Economics and History at UCLA in ONLY 3 years! Now teaching in the San Diego County area, he is proof that our ICF scholarship program creates great future leaders and citizens. We are very proud of Jackson!

On Saturday June 10, we will be attending the Bishop's Burse Dinner honoring Reverend Myron J. Cotta, benefitting the Seminary Education Fund. It will be held at St. Anne's Church in Lodi. Then on Thursday June 22nd, our dinner will be homemade Italian meatloaf with all the trimmings!

Steve Ridolfi, continues to post the life of our branch through pictures and stories on our Website. Check out the Heritage section and please submit yours to Steve.

[www.icfbranch390.org](http://www.icfbranch390.org)

*Stay healthy, happy and safe.*

*Ciao,  
Betty*



## Stockton Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

Buon Giorno fellow ICF Members. Since our last report our branch participated in the Stations of the Cross and our great cooks prepared delicious soups for the Soup Supper on March 24, 2023. Our branch will be hosting the Stockton District meeting and luncheon on May 21, so we are gearing up for a great meal. At our meeting on May 11, we hope to hash out some ideas for fundraisers this summer. Some sad news to report. Longtime member William (Bill) Lina passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday April 25, 2023. He was a member of the ICF since December 6, 2008. Bill served our branch well and had taken on several offices. Bill was an educator who served as Principal at many schools, the last of which was John R. Williams School in Stockton, CA. His final years before retirement were spent with his real love...teaching children at Village Oaks School. I have included a photo taken at our last meeting in April just over a week before he passed. He will be sorely missed.

By the time you read this it will have already been Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers and mother figures in the ICF!

Upcoming Events:

Stockton District Meeting – May 21 hosted by our Branch 395 Branch Meeting May 11.

*Tanti Auguri,  
Josephine Weber, President  
Branch 395*

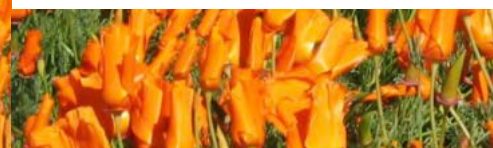
## Angels Camp Br. 413, St. Patrick's

Our branch gave three scholarships of \$500 each to three very deserving high school graduates this year. On June 4th we will hold our annual Baccalaureate Mass for all graduating seniors, with cake after Mass. The branch would like to see an increase in members, so as to continue the good work that helps the parish and Fr. John Paul Pasala.

In May, Fr. Lonachan Arouje passed away. He was an assistant to Fr. Rolly at St. Patrick's, but then became the pastor for St. Andrew in San Andreas. Many of the members of our branch knew him, and we pray that his soul may rest in God's peace.

We pray for all of our ICF members and families. Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

*Ciao,  
Annette Pachinger  
Correspondence Secretary*





# SAN BERNARDINO District

## Upland Br. 446, Saint Anthony

Our first branch field trip was a lot of fun, planned by our 1st VP Joyce Tesoro. We car-pooled to the Italian American Museum in Los Angeles to see the Pinocchio exhibit. We were astonished by the background information concerning the legendary story. It is not the Disney version! It was interesting to see one of the few remaining Italian editions of the original Pinocchio book. The other exhibits in the museum were fascinating, especially the contribution of the Russo brothers to film making and memorabilia from legendary sports figures Mario Andretti and Tommy Lasorda. We lunched at Philippe's,

around the corner from the museum. May was a busy month! We had a cannoli sale over the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima. Our 2nd VP Jim Impastato organized this wonderful event. We are blessed and thankful to have him in our branch. Our tireless members worked after every Mass to get pre-sale orders: over 300 cannoli were sold! A holy card of Our Lady of Fatima was distributed with every order. Our Financial Secretary, Peter Tesoro tracked sales and organized orders. Trustee, Dominico Ricci and Sentinel, Virginia Impastato were a big help along with valuable contributions and expert advice from Jeraldine Keirns. Our members were excited to learn that for the first time in the history of our branch, we had an ICF Scholarship recipient! A \$400 scholarship was won by Justin Ries, a graduate of Saint Damien High School and the grandson of Trustee Greg Ruffalo. We know Justin will have a successful college experience and look forward

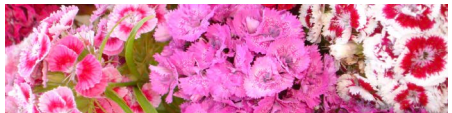
to hearing about his scholastic journey. During our May meeting, George Cerisara gave a beautiful Heritage Presentation. Many of us were surprised to learn about the Italian POW camp in San Bernardino during WW II. George showed us slides and told stories about his life, family and trip to Italy with his grandson. ALL the members of Branch 446 are a blessing. They actively respond when called and are eagerly engaged in all aspects of the ICF. We are excited that our branch keeps growing and growing! Under the leadership of President Tony Santorufo, we have grown to 53 members!!

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# EAST BAY DISTRICT



Br. 91 Sample of necklace from 2022



# SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT



Br. 446, Taking cannoli orders: Dominico Ricci, Joe Sciortino, Tony Santorufo, MaryAnne Miller, Betty Cavanaugh, Dante Zappia with sign, Joyce & Peter Tesoro. Seated: Amy Pasquarelli, Logan Zappia.



Br. 446 Lunch at Philippe's: Fr. Ned O'Donnell, Amy Pasquarelli, Virginia Impastato, Dolores Finch, Nan Judge



Br. 446, George Cerisara giving a Heritage Presentation





MAY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
5/1	Maria Terndrup	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/2	Mia Arkhipov		Dublin, CA	\$30
5/3	Fr. Roberto Pirrone		Gardena, CA	\$30
5/4	Kristina McGee	215	Fremont, CA	\$30
5/5	Leo Gilardi	31	Los Banos, CA	\$30
5/6	Adele Sanchez	130	Redwood City, CA	\$30
5/7	Cathy Harnett		San Lorenzo, CA	\$30
5/8	Maria Catanese-Helberg	14	Martinez, CA	\$30
5/9	Amanda Novak-Murano	362	Downey, CA	\$30
5/10	Marlynn Keith		Concord, CA	\$30
5/11	Mark Shockley		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/12	Reid Allen		Roseville, CA	\$30
5/13	Maria Pena	342	Grass Valley, CA	\$30
5/14	J.J. Gianquinto	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$50
5/15	Pauline Iacono	115	San Pedro, CA	\$30
5/16	Ann Varni		Oakland, CA	\$30
5/17	Carlotta Schauer	285	Livermore, CA	\$30
5/18	Jo Ann Zullo	380	Thousand Oaks, CA	\$30
5/19	Ermelinda Zamora	48	Modesto, CA	\$30
5/20	Connie Baczynski	332	Novato, CA	\$30
5/21	Louise Segreto	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
5/22	Dorothy Semke	403	Millbrae, CA	\$30
5/23	Kathryn Acquistapace	198	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
5/24	Loretta Reaves	227	Gilbert, AZ	\$30
5/25	Fr. Charles Puthota	258	San Francisco, CA	\$30
5/26	Paula Marcheschi	10	Oakland, CA	\$30
5/27	Deacon Mike Haas	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
5/28	Viva Palumbo	379	Anaheim, CA	\$30
5/29	Renee Perkins	308	Fresno, CA	\$100
5/30	Joanne Sartori	352	Livermore, CA	\$30
5/31	Branch 229		Chula Vista, CA	\$30

SEE THESE FIRST ON OUR WEB SITE: ICF.ORG



Sign up to **Save-A-Life**  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual ICF Convention  
**Blood Drive**

Friday, September 1st  
Time: 7:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
Convention Hotel - The Westin South Coast Plaza  
Laguna/Capistrano Rooms  
Snacks~~Prizes~~Raffle

Sponsored by:  
The ICF Live to Give Committee


To Reserve a spot please Contact:  
Laurice Levine  
[LLevine430@aol.com](mailto:LLevine430@aol.com) or 360-860-2023



## Italian Catholic Federation

### Annual Central Council Election

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



www.ICF.org

Expand your commitment to the ICF as a Central Council Member. Candidacy is open to Members in all Branches. The age cap has been eliminated and it is no longer required to be a Convention Delegate to run.

#### Campaign Process:

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

#### Responsibilities of Central Council Members:

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



## CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE NOMINATION APPLICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City/State  
wish to be a Candidate for Membership to the Central Council.

I have been nominated by \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Branch No. City

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Branch President Date  
(or alternate) submitting the name of the above Candidate for nomination.

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

### Central Council Nominee Profile

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

Candidate entries to be included in the Bollettino, must be emailed to both the ICF Office and the Bollettino Editor by **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Email [admin@icf.org](mailto:admin@icf.org) and [editor@icf.org](mailto:editor@icf.org). Submissions should include a clear photo.

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

For additional information, or for clarification on the campaign process, please contact the ICF Convention Director.



# Italian Catholic Federation 1<sup>st</sup> Annual SoCal Charity Golf Tournament



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

**July 28th**

Friday, 2023

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

Name of Golfer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Golfer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Golfer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**SIGN UP DEADLINE**  
**Friday, July 14th**

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

## Italian Catholic Federation

21st Annual Central Council

# CHARITY GOLF

**TOURNAMENT**

**Friday**  
**JULY 28**  
**2023**

**Shotgun Start 8:30 AM**

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

### REGISTRATION FEE:

\$180 includes: Green Fees, Golf Cart, Range Balls,

Prize Fund & BBQ Buffet Banquet

Deadline Friday, July 14, 2023

After price per Golfer \$190

Banquet only: \$50

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

**BBQ Buffet Catered by**  
**Bennett Valley Grille**  
**3328 Yulupa Ave - Santa Rosa**

Name of Golfer: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Golfer: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Golfer: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Golfer: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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

**The Italian Buffet**  
**Great Raffle: \$50 per person**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Make checks payable to  
Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament  
8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

**July 28<sup>th</sup>**

Friday, 2023

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

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

21th Annual Central Council

# GOLF

**TOURNAMENT**

**Friday**  
**JULY 28,**  
**2023**

## "The BBQ Buffet"

Not a Golfer...We have the perfect opportunity for You!  
Come and Congratulate the Winners and Commiserate with the Non-Winners!

Time: 12:30 pm

Place: Bennett Valley Grill - 3328 Yulupa Ave - Santa Rosa

Price: \$50 per person

BBQ Buffet Banquet - No-Host Bar - Great Raffle

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

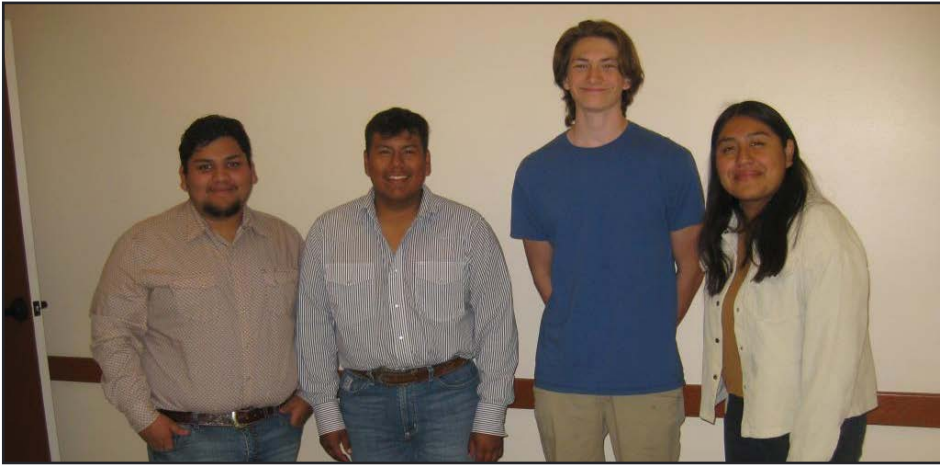
Please make your checks payable to:  
Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament  
8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621  
Deadline July 14th. (Write Banquet on the memo line)  
For More Information: 1-888-ICF-1924 or www.icf.org



SANTA ROSA DISTRICT



Br. 144, Scholarship recipient



Sebastopol #209 St.Michael-2023 Scholarship Winners: Gabriel Deloss, Alonso Vera, Jack Lenschmidt, and Dulce Onofre.



Br. 75



Br. 144, Anniversary celebration

Italian Catholic Federation

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

Temecula Creek Inn - 44501 Rainbow Canyon Rd - Temecula, CA 92592

21th Annual Central Council

GOLF

TOURNAMENT

Friday

JULY 28,

2023

Sponsorship Opportunities

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

Hole-In-One Sponsor: One per Region Available

\$200

NoCal

SoCal

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Hole Sponsor: Sponsor a hole and have your name next to the tee box! (18 available)

\$100

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Wine Corkage Sponsor: Sponsor the corkage for the wine at the Banquet (6 available)

\$ 60

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Signage at each table at the banquet

Closest to the Pin Sponsor: Your name on the sign on the closest to the pin hole (4 available)

\$ 50

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Goodie Bag Sponsor: Sponsor the Golfers Goodie Bags. Your name on each bag. (10 available)

\$ 25

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Raffle Donations: Donate a basket (minimum \$50 value) or money towards a basket (Unlimited)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

My Sponsorship is for Northern CA ☐ Southern CA ☐

Please make your checks payable to:

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament

8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621

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

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

IRS AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

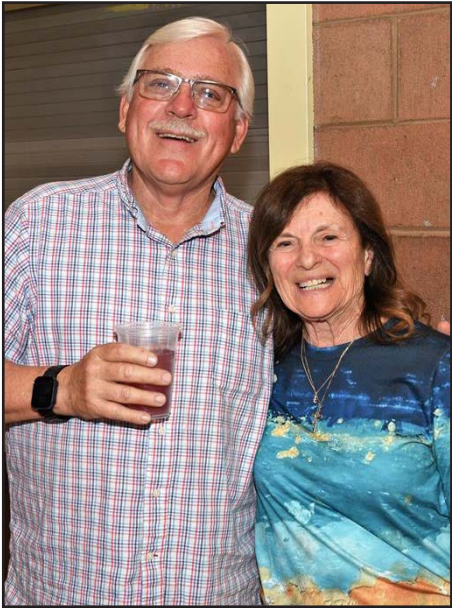
If you have any questions, or need help filing, please call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924.

Thank You,

Lisa Crudo, Grand Treasurer



# STOCKTON DISTRICT



Br. 390, Art Dykzeul and Betty Hollars



Br. 390, Suzanne Dykzeul selling Raffle tickets



Br. 390, food is being served!



Br. 390, Joe Bacchetti bartending with the help of cousin Ann Bacchetti Silva

**Deadline for  
July Issue of the *Bollettino* is  
June 10th.  
Send your articles & photos:  
[editor@icf.org](mailto:editor@icf.org)  
Be sure to include branch name  
and number.**



Br. 395, Bill Lina and Bernice Nichols.



Br. 82 May Blood Drive Lori, Lorenzo, Chris



Br 82 May Blood Drive Donor & 1st VP Lisa



Br 82 May Blood Drive Donor & Member Rick



## FRESNO DISTRICT



Branch 250, Clovis



ICF Branch 250, Clovis



Br. 308, Scholarship Recipients Joseph Cantelmi (L), Emma Pricolo (R). Frank Diliddo (M) presenter



ICF Branch 250, Clovis - (Standing l to r) Mary Zonarini, Flora DePasquale & Jenny Campopiano(1). (Seated l to r) Dina Camoroda, Betty Massa, Carol Rice & Sharon Arnold



Br. 308, Joseph Cantelmi and family



Br. 308, Emma Pricolo and family



Bakersfield Branch 281 Celebrates it's 50th Anniversary



Celebrating Bakersfield Branch 281's 50th Anniversary left to right Valerie Hashim, Maxine Scatena, Kathy Scatena, Betty Zasoski



Br. 281, left to right Valerie Hashim, Maxine Scatena, Kathy Scatena, Betty Zasoski

