This weekend was bittersweet for me, and it was my final Central Council meeting as the Grand President. Hard to believe that two years have gone by, and at our National Convention, I will be turning over the position to a new Grand President.

I have enjoyed my time as your Grand President and want to thank all the Districts, Branches, Central Council Members, members, and individuals who have supported me during this time and throughout my time on the Central Council.

The Convention Committee has been busy finalizing everything for this year’s convention at Costa Mesa. We are looking forward to seeing all the branches in attendance. Don’t forget to send in your registration information, any additional reservations for the many events, the memory, and sponsor names. Heritage and Apostolate committees are waiting to receive your reports, so don’t forget to send them, no matter how small or large they are. If you head down to the convention early, consider going to the dinner dance being hosted by the Orange District, it should be a great time.

At this past Central Council meeting, we voted to decrease the number of Central Council members from 20 to 16. Therefore, there will be 8 elected and 8 Life Members on the Central Council. So, at the convention this year, you will be voting 8 people into Central Council. The number of Life Members will decrease by two when the next two Life Members term out; they will not be replaced. If you are wondering why we have done this, the cost of doing business has increased over the years, our membership has slowly been decreasing, our annual budget has been in a deficit and our General Funds have greatly decreased. We have been reviewing all aspects of our operation and are making adjustments wherever possible, this included the number of Central Council members.

Let’s Rebuild Membership
Perry Shurko
Membership Chairperson

Hello, fellow members, and welcome to July. I hope that the summer has been good to you so far. With summer in full swing, many of you are on vacation, or will be traveling and taking time off. However, one area that never takes time off is keeping focused on our membership. Membership numbers are slipping, and one of the reasons for that is we are losing more members than we are gaining. Over this last fiscal year — July 1, 2022 through June 2023, we lost over 700 members from cancellations. Either the members just cancelled on their own, were dropped for nonpayment or branches closed down.

So, what can I do about that you may ask. Or what should I do? The answer is: let’s see if we can get some of those lost members back into the fold. I’m asking every branch that’s had a decline in membership to try and contact cancelled members and see if we can lure them back. You never know, maybe they just might say yes. This is our task over the next few months, or you might say your homework for the summer, getting back our members who have strayed away.

I wish you all a great summer and Happy Independence Day. Stay safe and healthy and we will see you in Costa Mesa for the convention.

Perry Shurko, Membership Chair.

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Message from our Spiritual Director

Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation:

Most of this generation of Italian immigrants took their first steps on U.S. soil in a place that has now become a legend—Ellis Island. In the 1880s, they numbered 300,000; in the 1890s, 600,000; in the decade after that, more than two million. By 1920, when immigration began to taper off, more than 4 million Italians had come to the United States and represented more than 10 percent of the nation’s foreign-born population. As we celebrate July 4th, my thoughts are drawn to a poem that is inscribed in bronze on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty. It is a heartfelt invitation and welcome to all the aliens and strangers who arrive on our shores seeking both freedom and opportunity. Speaking for all of us, Lady Liberty says, “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.”

Our Independence Day is about celebrating the gift of our freedom and the sacrifices made to earn and keep it. The Founding Fathers believed in Christian principles and wanted a country that not just reflected those principles but lived those principles. We are born with the ultimate gift of freedom. God gives us freedom. He let us make choices. The question with free will is how we will use it? Will we use our free will to give glory to ourselves? Or will we use our free will to give glory to God?

Let us take some time to think about our freedom. To thank God for the sacrifices people have made to earn and preserve this precious gift. To thank God for the gift of freedom so we can freely choose to love Him and one another.

Let us remember that when we gather for the Eucharist we are gathering as the Body of Christ and gather at our Branch meetings we are to be for the stranger in our midst the presence of Christ. And we are to see in the stranger the presence of the resurrected Lord, for that is where he promised us, he would be — in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the stranger, the prisoner, the ill. Let us not just celebrate the freedoms we have in the United States but let us remember the more profound gifts we have received from God. Let us commit to being a church community that knows and follows what Jesus teaches. As we receive the Eucharist, let us truly become the Body of Christ for our church community, for our Branches and our country.

Remembering the Declaration of Independence was written by thirteen different colonies, but within the document, they are called we. “We hold these truths to be self-evident…” Jesus set you and me free as individual, but we live out this freedom as His Church. One body with many parts (1 Corinthians 12:1-27). As we embark on marking the 100th anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation, 2024, we are grateful that the Holy Spirit has guided this faith-filled community. Our Parish Branches are going strong, our works of charity are alive and active. We are blessed and foresee a bright future ahead. Remember, when your “I” becomes “We,” it’s amazing what we can accomplish.

I pray for you sisters and brothers in Christ, for your Branches, in gratitude for your faithful, creative, and generous service to the parish communities that you serve. May you and our faith family of the Italian Catholic Federation, be filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit. I promise to remember you in my prayers, even as I would be grateful for a place in yours. May God bless you and those that you love.

Fr. Chris

Father Christopher Bennett
ICF Spiritual Director

The 2nd - 4th Year Scholarship Program

The 2nd - 4th Year Scholarship Applications have been mailed out to the eligible students who previously won a 1st Year Scholarship and the letter requesting donations has been sent out to the Branches and Districts. The donation for a 2nd Year Scholarship is $500.00, a 3rd Year Scholarship is $600.00 and a 4th Year Scholarship is $1,000.00.

The Deadline for Donations and Applications is August 1, 2023.

Please discuss participating in the program at your meetings by making a donation of a full scholarship, if possible, or a partial donation of any amount. Partial Donations do help to make other scholarships possible when that money is grouped together. Individual Donations are welcomed as well.

If you have any questions, please call the ICF office toll-free at 1-888-423-1924.
The 4th of July is the anniversary of the day the Declaration of Independence was signed by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The founders considered it as an important event, rejoicing and celebrating. The Liberty Bell rung on July 4th along with church bells to announce the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. The Liberty Bell is inscribed with the words: proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.

John Adams said, “I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as a great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by acts of devotion to God Almighty. It should be celebrated with parades, shows, games, bell ringing, bonfires and great illumination in the sky from one end of the continent to the other from this time forward and for evermore.”

Through the years many people have been injured or killed by guns and fireworks while celebrating Independence Day. Today, many states forbid the sale of fireworks and stress a safe 4th of July with community celebrations of a safer patriotic nature. Enjoy your independence.

Italy celebrates a similar anniversary on April 25th, their Liberation Day. In April 1945 the allies advanced into Italy and put an end to the German invasion. On April 25, 1945, all the cities of Italy rose up together and the Italian Republic under Benito Mussolini collapsed. Mussolini was no longer in power. People took to the streets and celebrated their liberation. The war ended and a new Constitution of States was drafted. On that same day, a referendum was held to let the people of Italy choose the Monarchy or a Republic. In Italy and Sicily, everyone stays home to celebrate Liberation Day. Italy and America have much in common as they both celebrate Independence or Liberation.

Happy Independence Day!
The American Saints

Rosemary Cook – Apostolate-Charity Committee

In July, we observe Independence Day and celebrate the founding of the United States of America as a stand-alone nation. Part of our patriotism this month can include celebrating American saints! The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops recognizes eleven American saints who exemplified Catholicism and performed extraordinary service in this country.

Three of the eleven were born in the United States. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton of New York became the first American-born saint when she was canonized in 1795. She established the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph and is considered the founder of the U.S. Catholic School system.

St. Katharine Drexel from Philadelphia started a religious order of sisters to serve Native and African Americans and founded Xavier University in New Orleans, the only Catholic historically black college in the U.S. And, St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized in 2012 as the first indigenous American saint. She was raised in New York and is remembered for her chaste devout life and as the patroness of ecology and the environment.

The other eight were immigrants who came to serve people in America. In 1977, St. John Neumann was the first male U.S. citizen canonized. Originally from modern-day Czech Republic, he was ordained a priest in New York and was instrumental in beginning diocesan Catholic education. St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, St. Isaac Jogues, and St. Anne-Therese Guerin were all French missionaries who opened schools in Louisiana, New York, and Indiana/Illinois respectively. St. Damien de Veuster from Belgium and St. Marianne Cope from Germany dedicated their lives to serving those with leprosy who were quarantined on the island of Molokai, Hawaii. Originally from Spain, St. Junipero Serra started the Spanish missions in California, opening nine of the twenty-one missions in the state. And, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, the ICF’s co-patroness, founded orphanages, convents, and schools upon her arrival in New York which served Italian immigrants like herself. Canonized in 1946, she was the first American citizen to become a saint.

As we decorate with red, white, and blue this month, we can also celebrate the many holy men and women who have shared our American nationality and shaped this country with their faith-filled contributions. And, we look forward to more American saints among us!
Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

Received as of June 9, 2023:

**IN MEMORY OF:**
- Joseph Ornelaz
- Most Reverend Patrick J. McGrath
- Giovanni Cormier
- Lina Ponzo and Chinza Ponzo
- Most Reverend Patrick J. McGrath
- Michael Vincent Curulla
- Robert Pesce
- Marie Locatelli

**DONATED BY:**
- Denise Antonowicz
- Officers/Members of Br. 191
- Officers/Members of Central Council
- Lorraine and Mike Nunziata
- Officers/Members of Br. 21
- Officers/Members of Br. 21

**GET WELL WISHES:**
- Bryan Stow

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**
- Rose Arnaudo
- Rose Arnaudo

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF HELP AND ADVICE:**
- Karen Rossi - Br. 285 Mentor

**IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:**
- ***A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Perry Shurko of Branch 362 - Downey.***

*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.

Live to Give Blood Donations (Received as of June 9 2023)

- Carol Fuhrman
- Mary Ann Maggio
- Duane Simpfenderfer
- Pat and Lou Mages
  - Get Well Wishes for Laurice
  - Levine
- Anonymous
  - Get Well Wishes for Kerstin
  - Ellsworth
- Rick Castelanelli
  - In Honor of the Birthday of Liz
- Castelanelli

Scholarship Donations (Received as of June 9 2023)

**1st Year Scholarships:**
- Mr. and Mrs. John Lochner
  - In Honor of the Birthday of Rose Arnaudo
- Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jaramillo
  - In Honor of the Birthday of Rose Arnaudo
- Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pinkston
  - In Honor of the Birthday of Rose Arnaudo
- Mrs. Lydia Norcia
  - In Honor of the Birthday of Rose Arnaudo

**2nd - 4th Year Scholarships:**
- Shirley Catania
  - In Memory of Mary Kay Awalt
- Donna and Richard Pfaff
  - In Memory of John Sellaro
- Mr. and Mrs. John Bond
  - In Honor of the Birthday of Rose Arnaudo
- H.T. Rehbock and A.P. Hiraki
  - In Honor of the Birthday of Rose Arnaudo
- Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Fiorentino
  - In Honor of the Birthday of Rose Arnaudo
- Elke Johnson
  - In Honor of the Birthday of Rose Arnaudo

- Mr. and Mrs. Philip Knopf
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bambas
- Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Blackstock
- Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sorich
- Anonymous Donation
  - In Honor of the Birthday of Rose Arnaudo
- Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kilcullen
- Richard and Valerie Voté
- Get Well Wishes for Marie Mungai
- Officers/Members of Br. 435
  - In Memory of Helen Justino
- Bob and Elaine Oostris
  - In Honor of the Birthday of Jerry Delfino
- Officers/Members of Br. 237
  - In Memory of Gloria Castaneda

ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS!

So Cal Region Golf Tournament
Rescheduled for Saturday, October 28th.

We are moving the date of the tournament from July 28th to October 28th for the So Cal Region Golf Tournament. This is to allow us more time to get golfers to sign up, and also to avoid the summer heat of Temecula. We’ve also moved it from a Friday to a Saturday. Again, we feel more golfers will sign up to play on a Saturday instead of taking the day off on a Friday. Some people also stated that they will be on vacation in July.

We hope you will still come out and support us by either playing golf, sponsoring a hole and / or joining us for the Italian buffet lunch and raffle.

*If you still want to play on July 28th, go to Bennett Valley in Santa Rosa. Shotgun in Santa Rosa at 8:30 a.m. Checkout flyers in Bollettino for more information.*

Thank you for understanding.

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"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."

—Ronald Reagan
Testimonial for

DEBORAH RODONDI

Basque Cultural Center
559 Railroad Avenue - So. San Francisco

$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

Mail Reservation form and
1 check per Branch (made to ICF)
no later than October 23, 2023 to ICF Office
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

HAVE A BLESSED DAY
RESERVATIONS FORM
FOR THE
TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR
PAST GRAND PRESIDENT DEBORAH RODONDI

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A check in the amount of ____________ is enclosed.

PLEASE MAIL FORM AND CHECK NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 23, 2023 TO:

Italian Catholic Federation
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, California 94621

Branches will be seated together unless notified differently.
When the Stars Were Still Visible
By Maria Mazzioti Gillan
Stephen F. Austin University Press, 2021

In *When the Stars Were Still Visible*, Maria Mazzioti Gillan looks back at her long life, remembering and reflecting on the people and places that give it meaning. And while such a book of poems could turn to nostalgia with an overly sentimental longing for a return to the past, Mazzioti Gillan is an honest enough of a poet to remember that our lives are filled with both joy and pain.

The book starts with *Where the Stars Were Still Visible*, in which the word “remember” appears prominently seven times as it evokes the author’s past. It is through her memories that she chronicles her life as a child of Italian immigrants living in Paterson to her life as an aging and accomplished writer. However, Mazzioti Gillan fights against nostalgia to a more truthful reflection of her life. Certainly, this is a book of very personal memories - as could only be written by someone who has lived a long life - but it is an attempt to meld together - perhaps one could say “wrestle together” - both the happiness and suffering one feels looking back. And while there are many sentimental moments, there are also memories of the alienation, awkwardness, and distress that we all feel at moments in our lives.

In these poems, we find Mazzioti Gillan remembering her childhood in New Jersey where Italian immigrants were “Carrying Their Hometowns to Paterson.” As she writes, “it was as though these new immigrants / carried their hometowns to Paterson, / carrying their dialects, and mores / and the pungent cheeses their relatives sent / to them / so they’d have a piece of / their hometown to Paterson, / carry ing their dialects, and mores / and the pungent cheeses their relatives sent / to them.”

Mazzioti Gillan remembers the familial love of her childhood, but she also recounts feeling marginalized as “dreamy, shy, a child afraid of everything / always afraid that I’d make a mistake, speaking Italian instead of English, / my long thin face, my sausage curls, / my huge dark eyes.” This contrasted with the idealized image of beauty in America: blonde, thin, “athletic.” These feelings of alienation and inadequacy follow the poet throughout her childhood and even into adulthood. The author writes towards the end of book, “How many years have I spent / trying to appease the child who still / covers me - that being / who did not know how to find the words to free it / from the prison of her circumstances...” She must come to grapple with these feelings.

The author also remembers her loving husband who died a painful death and for whom she longs for daily as “lone enemy. As she writes, “Ghost voices surround me like fog / all my dead / and my children’s voices...”

Mazzioti Gillan is an artist, poet and professor. She is a recipient of the 2011 Barnes & Noble Writers for Writers Award from Poets & Writers, and the 2008 American Book Award for her book, *All That Lies Between Us* (Guernica Editions). She is the Founder and Executive Director of the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College in Paterson, NJ, and editor of the *Paterson Literary Review*.
July 2023

Your support is greatly appreciated.
-Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President, ICF, LAADC

Mother Cabrini Chapel Com-
mittee
E: cas1810@aol.com; C 626-

On June 11th Mother Cabrini Open House was held during the annual St. Francis Xavier Church Fiesta. Several parishioners visited the Cabrini Chapel and Open House hosted by Andrea Linn of the ICF San Gabriel Valley Region.

Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House schedule is 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.

- July 9th - ICF LAADC Coolcy’s Anemia BBQ in Connolly Hall at Holy Family Church South Pasadena from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- Sept. 10th - Open House 10:00 am to 2:00 pm host Santa Barbara/Ventura Region.
- Nov. 12th – Open House 9:30 to 10:30 am hosted by the San Fernando Valley Region;
- December 3rd - Annual Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage, Mass and Luncheon at Saint Francis Xavier Church 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504 from 12:30 pm.

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
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ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2023 CONVENTION EVENT RESERVATIONS AND NAME BADGES

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

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

Travel Highlights

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

Nightly Rate:
$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.

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

Self-Parking
$15 plus tax

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.

Saintly 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

$75 Non-Delegates
$30 Children 10 and younger
(More, TR4)

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)

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

Please RSVP using the reservation form.

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

**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

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

Please RSVP by August 15 on the branch reservation form.
Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

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

Dear Members:
We are sad that Jeanne Macchello, our member of 59 years passed away. Jeanne was the secretary of Immaculate Conception School for approximately 50 years. Our heartfelt sympathy to her family.

Please return the ICF Raffle tickets. Thank you.

Happy 4th of July and enjoy the summer!

Cordiali Saluti
Diana Cresci

San Francisco
St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Happy 4th of July to all of our members.
Please mark your calendars that our Anniversary Luncheon will be held on Friday, September 8th, at the Basque Cultural Center. More details will follow.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.
To those members who have returned their raffle stubs and sent in their checks - thank you very much. Grazie!!

To our members celebrating a birthday in July - many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.
Please stay well. We all love you and miss all of you!!
Ciao,
Eva Porata, President

SAN MATEO

District Council
Happy Fourth of July!
We have a large number of branches that have not paid their District dues.
Please send your check payable to San Mateo District to Bea Tomasello, 1348 Palomina Avenue, Burlingame, CA 94010.

Don't forget to elect your Convention delegates and make your reservations early. Also please be sure to sell the convention raffle tickets. It is a good way for your branch to have a fundraiser.

Our July meeting will be in person at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame, at 7:00 p.m. in the small hall.
Ciao, Barbara

San Mateo
Br. 137, Our Lady of Angels

We are looking forward at the end of June - June 25, 2023 (4-5 No Host cocktails - 5:00 p.m. Dinner) to our Ravoli dinner as this is our only major fundraiser of the year. Please contact Bea Tomasello by June 19, 2023, and RSVP if you have not bought your tickets yet.

Anyone wishing to attend convention festivities over Labor Day weekend, please let President Dorene know. The Convention will be held in Anaheim near Disneyland.

Summer is almost here, and we have some club events planned:
JULY 13 - Hot Dog dinner where our Scholarship winners will be in attendance. Chaired by Bob and Bea Tomasello
AUGUST 10 - Members Appreciation – Appetizers & Dessert - chaired by Mary Ann Camacho and Roz Emery - no charge
SEPTEMBER 14 - Pizza/Salad – Convention Reports

Note: Dorene will be attending the “Eucharistic Congress” at the San Francisco Archdiocese on June 10 and will report at our July meeting.
Convention 2023 Drawing tickets were given out. They are $20.00 per book but the branch gets to keep $10. Please leave the staple in when returning to Lori Clynne at 30 Mounds Rd. #401, San Mateo, CA 94402.

WISHING ALL A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

PLEASE KEEP THE ILL OF OUR BRANCH and OTHERS IN OUR PRAYERS:
Mary Bodisco, Anita Cece, Carmela Gigliotti and Melanie Yeager along with Kathy Traviso and Jackie Barnes from Branch 19.

God Bless,
Roz Emery
fundraiser of the year

San Mateo
Br. 213, St. Augustine

Pizza was enjoyed by all at our June 13 meeting. Unfortunately, our scholarship recipient was unable to attend.
Best wishes and good luck to Halena Hill!! She will be attending University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Also, our other scholarship recipient from San Mateo District, Nikolaus Ketchem will be attending University of Notre Dame in Indiana. Congratulations to both of you!

At our officers meeting on May 23, we discussed the following proposed future events:
Cypress Lawn Cemetery Trolley Tour: We have 18 people signed up, just waiting for a date.
We are looking into a future Red Hawk Casino Bus Trip and will give details when we get the information.
We will invite guest speakers regarding senior scams and “looking for a new place to live”.
Horse races at Golden Gate Fields, next year.
Please note: Our dinner meetings start at 4:30 p.m. for socializing and 5:00 p.m. dinner served. We voted to have members sign up to bring dinner each month, as we did in the past.

SUNSHINE: Member Carolyn Ternullo is recovering at Vanassa Care Home in San Mateo. Let her know you are thinking of her; please send a card to her home and her son will see that she receives them.

There will be NO meetings in July and August, as many members are away during summer.

Next regular meeting: September 12 - Convention report.
See you in September.

Menlo Park
Br. 351, St. Patrick

Happy Fourth of July!!
Thanks to all of our cooks for the June meeting. We had hotdogs and all of the trimmings. It was delicious and everyone had an enjoyable evening.
The desserts were also yummy!
Thank you!
No meeting in July
Our August 3, 6:30 p.m. meeting and dinner will be lasagna with all the trimmings. Please let me know if you would like to attend 650-444-6999.
Sylvia Row will be our delegate for the Convention in Orange County. Thank you, Sylvia, we look forward to hearing your report.
Please sell or purchase your convention raffle tickets. The branch will keep $10 from each book sold. It is an easy fundraiser. If you didn't receive your tickets at the June meeting, you will receive them in the mail.

Thank you to Bob Tomasello, our District Mentor who was able to attend our meeting.
Please keep our sick and deceased members in your prayers.
Hope to see you in August. Be well.
Ciao,
Barbara

Marin
Novato
Br. 332, Our Lady of Loreto

Looking back at last month, we are happy to report that our Family Picnic was a wonderful day of great food and fun, blessed with the joy of seeing grandparents, parents, and children enjoying time together. Thank you to all our members, the chefs, and the many who decorated, took reservations, and oversaw the activities. We are grateful for your spirit of generosity.

As we have been doing over the past few months, we would like to acknowledge another important group of volunteers. A huge thank-you to Angela Mc Duffee and her team, who provide our Branch with delicious meals each month. We’ve lost count of exactly the number of years that the Salvestrin and Raccanello families have been cooking for the Branch, but we know it’s close to 30 years. We are so grateful for their long dedication, and in true Italian style, for bringing us to the table, to share food, laughter, and friendship.

August is our vacation month, so there will be no meeting in August. We look forward to seeing everyone again September 12. Don’t forget to mark your calendars and sharpen your pencils. September will be back to school time for us, and that means another Italian lesson.

Thank you to all the Branch delegates attending the Convention. We hope that there is rich discussion, contributing to new ideas, to help grow and invigorate our wonderful ICF.
Br. 67, National Branch, St. Peter

On June 17, 2023, President Carmelo S. Joined National Branch 67 members in person and via Zoom in a branch meeting that included Fr. Gianantonio Pastor of St. Peters Italian National Church.

ICF National Branch 67 is a virtual branch that reaches out to members and nonmembers who do not have an ICF in their area and would like to be a part of the ICF Family. We also would like to have your input as we continue to develop this branch online. Visit ICF.org and select ICF National Branch 67 for more information. You are welcome to join us at ICFCatholicNationalBranch67.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.com

SAVE THE DATE
- Next ICF N Branch 67 Committee Meeting on July 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in person and via zoom. Contact us at email: cas1810@aol.com if you would like to Join us at this meeting. ICF Members and Visitors welcome. Zoom link will be forwarded one week prior to meeting. Questions? Call: 626-372-7812.

South Pasadena
Br. 108, Holy Family

On June 11th ICF Branch 108 held its annual Picnic at Holy Family Church Connolly Hall. Members enjoyed lunch and playing Bean Bag Boccie indoors along with fellow members. A short meeting brought members up-to-date with upcoming events for Branch 108.

On June 9, ICF Branch 108 Board Trustee Jackie Ficht gave ICF Branch 108 Frank Bratta high school scholarship to eight grade Holy Family School graduates Laura Wong (Mayfield High School) and Nathan Trotter (St. Francis High School). Members also celebrated June Birthdays of members Elain P, Linda S, Dante S, and Lisa S, and Wedding Anniversary of Bill and Aggie D (28 yrs.).

SAVE THE DATES
- July 9th - ICF LAADC Cooley’s Anemia BBQ in Connolly Hall Holy Family Church in South Pasadena CA from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Aug 31 to Sept 3rd - ICF Annual Convention at Westin South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa.
- Sept. 10th - Mother Cabrini Chapel Burbank Open House 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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 on 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. As you may know, we will not have a general meeting during the month of July. The Branch will have a Picnic on Sunday, July 30, at Sanchez Adobe Park in Montebello. We will be sending everyone a Picnic Flyer with all the details. Come and join us for lots of fun, delicious foods, bocce games, and socializing.

We are happy to report that based on our review of the ICF Phillip & Phyllis Pace Scholarship applications and essays we received from graduating St. Benedict School students, the two winners of the $5000 Phillip & Phyllis Pace Scholarship are Zyggy Hernandez and Rafael Romero. Zyggy Hernandez plans to attend Saint Joseph High School and Rafael Romero plans to attend Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School. Congratulations to Zyggy and Rafael!

Additionally, we are happy to report that based on our review of the ICF Phillip Pace Jr. and Salvador “Sam” Pace Scholarship applications and essays we received from graduating Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School students, the winner of the $5000 Phillip Pace, Jr. Scholarship is Maria Tadian. Maria will be attending Cal State University, Long Beach. The winner of the $5000 Salvator “Sam” Pace Scholarship is Elijah Huerta. Elijah will be attending Cal State University, Northridge. Congratulations to Maria and Elijah!

Our August General Meeting, will be on Thursday, August 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the 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 in the months of July and August: Chiara Sorze, Manuel Rodriguez, Carmelo Palmeri, Rose Mary Broughter, Paul Adragna, Terry Saracho, Barbara Garcia, Giuseppe Veneziano, and Ruben Valdez. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compianno a tutti!!

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

God Bless!
Frank Salomone, President
ICF 111 - St. Benedict, Montebello

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

It’s parish fiesta time! This year we will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of the fiesta. Fiesta will take place on July 21st thru the 24th. Our branch will host the meatballs/sausage and pizza booth. Help will be needed on Thursday July 20th to prepare meatballs and sausages. Volunteers will also be needed to man the booth all 3 days of the fiesta. Please call Pauline Iacono for information or to sign up to help: 310 - 832 0563. It is such a worthy cause and lots of fun! All help is appreciated.

Since we will be making meatballs on July 20th Our monthly July meeting will be held a week earlier July 13th at 7:30pm in parish center. We would love to see more members attend meetings. Joining together makes us all stronger! Please plan on attending.

Up for discussion will be the Mass and dinner dance in honor of St. John Joseph of the Cross on August 19th. Please purchase or sell the convention raffle tickets that were mailed out.

Our branch will receive half of the sale which helps to defray the cost of sending delegates to the Convention in Washington D.C.

A very special Happy 95th birthday to long time member Tony Dibernando. Tony has been a core member of our branch for many many years!

A Happy Fourth of July to all and safe travels to all!

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Arcadia
Br. 218, Holy Angels

Back up a bit, we had a wonderful turnout for our Mother’s Day celebration at Don Ricardo’s Restaurant.

Father’s Day celebration was well attended also, thank you to Scott and Jerry for putting on a great Hawaiian cookout. The branch has given scholarship awards to two persons, Mrs. Celine and Dillon Vazquez.

Congratulations to these well deserving students.

There will be no meetings in July and August. The branch has been discussing some very interesting projects and we look forward to starting up again in September with some fresh ideas.

Everyone have a great summer and hope to see all of you in September.

Lolly M.

Gardena
Br. 237, St. Anthony of Padua

Dear members,

The month of June was an exciting one for our graduates. We were especially pleased to award several deserving students scholarships.

Audrianna Bellotti from South High received the college award in memory of charter member, Angie Publico.

From our neighborhood parish, St Catherine Laboure, attending Bishop Montgomery in the fall is Mia Farges-Fierros.

Receiving scholarships from our Parish, St. Anthony of Padua School are essay winners, Sofia Layug and Franklin Patel. Sofia will be attending St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy and Franklin will be moving on to Bishop Montgomery High.

We again honored our outstanding altar servers for their dedication to this ministry. Aileen Galicia will attend St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy and Chiedozie Onyeji, will join Franklin at Bishop Montgomery HS.

We pray for their future successes and God’s blessings for health and happiness.

These scholarships are made possible by generosity of our parishioners. We thank them for the many years of support.

Speaking of support, we are now planning for our annual Columbus Day dinner/dance. This is our major fund raiser and we are so blessed for our many benefactors!

A prayer for healing in the world ‘O God, the need for healing in the world is great and the difficulties our nations face are many. We ask for your help and healing presence in all world concerns. Guide our thoughts, words and actions towards one another so that each nation might find peaceful, just and ethical solutions. Amen”

Darianst (Mission)
Downey
Br. 362, St. Raymond

Happy Birthday America! 247 years old. July is here and summer is rolling right along.

Last month our branch held its annual awards and recognition night by honoring our high school seniors, some of our 8th grade students, ministries, ICF charities, previous Pope St John XXIII award winners, Sisters of the Holy Faith, and community nonprofits with donations made possible by all of our hard-working officers and members of our branch and the parishioners of St Raymond. We also bid farewell to the principal, Mrs. Rodarte, as she moves on to be the principal of St Pius X / St Matthias Academy just down the street from us, and we welcomed Ms. Pacheco as our new principal.

As summertime is here with us, let’s not become too relaxed, as we still have lots prepare for. On the 16th of this month, we will hold our summer Bingo luncheon with a BBQ pulled pork sandwich and watermelon. Tickets are $20.

In case you haven’t heard, the Southern California Region golf tournament has been pushed back a few months and will now be held on October 28th. This will allow us more time to sign up golfers and get us out of the Temecula Valley summer heat. It will still be held at the Temecula Creek Inn.

Branch 362 is sponsoring a hole and we hope you can come out and support the ICF by joining us for lunch. Remember, you don’t have to be a member to play in the tournament. St Raymond has been blessed with another newly ordained priest – Fr. Cesar, who joins our parish as an associate pastor and chaplain at St Francis hospital. We look forward to his presence at our parish.

In a couple of months, we will be gathering in Costa Mesa for our annual convention. The Orange district will be our hosts for that weekend, and we always look forward to gathering with all of our friends and fellow members. I will once again be running for a seat on the Central district. Please register!

I wish you all a very safe and fun filled summertime. Enjoy your Independence Day holiday. If you’re traveling this summer, have a great vacation.

God bless you all, and God bless the United States of America.

Perry Shurko, branch president.

Deadline for August/September Convention Issue of the Bollettino is Aug. 1.

Send your articles & photos:
editor@icf.org

Be sure to include branch name and number.

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

Our branch held a beautiful event in June at the La Canada Country Club. A private Mass presided by our Pastor and Chaplain, Fr. Jim Bevacqua, was attended by 37 members and parishioners and was followed by a lavish lunch. Members assisted at Mass as lectors (Joel Wynton and David Capurso), Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Flora Murphy and Lori Canova) and altar server Lila Nastro. President Phyliss Harb led us in the Prayer of the Faithful. Thank you, Robert DePietro for arranging the venue and Al Restivo for planning and coordinating the Mass.

Another special event is coming up on the evening of August 13th. It will be held at the home of Robert and Jo Barbera and will include live musical entertainment. You won’t want to miss it! Be on the lookout for details and respond quickly as space is limited.

Italian classes have ended and have netted our branch over $3,000 dollars! Thank you, Raul Acevedo for coordinating the classes. These funds plus our very successful St. Joseph event will allow an increase in our future donations to charities and scholarships.

Wow! Nine new numbers so far this year and still counting. Our strength is in numbers, so please encourage your friends to join our branch. Remember: the more the merrier!

Perry Shurko, President of the ICF Los Angeles District and member of the Central Council spoke at our June meeting about upcoming events and answered questions about ICF sponsored charities. We also met our St. Bede School Scholarship Recipients. Dates to remember:

Sunday, August 13th- Dinner and live musical entertainment at the Barbera’s Tuesday, Sept. 19th - 6:00 General Meeting: Convention Report by President Phyliss Tuesday, October 17th- 6:00 General Meeting: Special Columbus Program Sunday, Nov. 12th- Cabrini Mass, Pilgrimage, and Luncheon Have a Happy, Healthy, and Renewing Summer.

Diane Restivo

Thousand Oaks
Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon

Branch 380 got together for our June general meeting at the home of Pat and Lou Mages. It was great to socialize and share good food and memories of our fathers. We brought photos to share and everyone enjoyed hearing the stories.

We discussed the upcoming ICF convention and future events. We will take July off and meet up again in August. Our thoughts and prayers are with all our branch members and we wish everyone a happy start to the summer.

Simi Valley
Br. 443, St. Rose of Lima

Again, our members will be volunteering at the go-to event of Simi Valley:

the Knights of Columbus CHILI COOK OFF, CAR SHOW&MUSIC FESTIVAL.

We help in the food booth: selling drinks, snow cones and ice cream. The 34th event is June 24, a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at St Rose of Lima school grounds, 1305 Royal Ave 93065.

In the past, thousands of people have attended- sampling plenty of chili, playing in the Kids Zone, looking at over 130 vintage cars, shopping at vendor booths, listening to great music- all for $20.

The Cook Off is an annual event where people from various communities come together to vote for the favorite chili. Live remote with local Radio and TV will be there. Awards will be given for 16 categories of cars including Classic, Custom, Muscle, Trucks, etc

The event includes music performers: Vinyl Gypsies, Caught Red Handed and Checkered Past.

Proceeds benefit KC charitable good works. Come and join us.

Peace and Blessings,
Josephine M. Perini

Rancho Palos Verdes
Br. 444, St. John Fisher

Gina Albi, brought her wood carved, exquisite 4 ft Statue of our Lady, to our Post Mother’s Day celebration. The statue has passed from one generation to the other it now resides in her home by her fireplace. Bouquets of Red Roses honoring our Lady set the stage for the evening ahead.

Hany Francis, our president led us in prayer before we began dinner. From stuffed mushrooms, chicken marsala, eggplant salad to dessert, everything was delicious. After dinner, each member shared the story of their mother. Everyone listened quietly to the stories of our mother’s love. Each memory was dearer than the next one. Jesus loved his Mother Mary and performed his first miracle in Cana at her request. The Holy Family is still the prime example of everyday love. Our meeting was full of memories, sharing and love that evening.

We can share our love and kindness wherever we go, like our mothers did before.

Ciao, Patty Longo Hansen

Oakland

East Bay District Council

Well, the "Cat is out of the Bag", the District is planning a testimonial to honor Lisa Crudo for her many years of service as President of the East Bay District on June 24th. She still does not know where, but we do!

Branch #285 has completed plans for our District Communion which will be on Sunday, July 30th at St. Augustine’s Church in Pleasanton at the noon Mass. There will be a light luncheon to follow in the hall next to the Church.

There is still time to see the A’s as part of Italian Night on Friday, July 21st, tickets are $33.00.

We are sad to report that our dear Chaplain, Fr. Mario has been laid up with his leg in a cast/boot. On the plus side Sentinel, Carolyn Cardinelli had surgery on May 11th and is doing well and into rehabilitation. Something for Father to look forward in joining her.

We are asking all Branches to send delegates to the convention. Also, try to sell those raﬄe tickets, the seller is also a winner. We also hope that you got your pictures to Lisa for the Yearbook.

Here’s hoping that all have a safe and sane 4th of July.

Pat Grasso,
Dist. Sec.
Our annual fundraiser for Branch #91 is now on until the end of July—July 29, 2023, to be exact! The proceeds will be used to support our charities including Cooley’s Anemia, scholarships & more. As jewelers, John & I have created a unique piece that any member can be proud to wear! This cross necklace is sterling silver and 14 kt. yellow gold—a true one of a kind! It has a golden ICF logo on the front side. It will have one diamond that weighs appx. 0.07cts. It hangs on a 24” silver chain. It measures 2 1/2” long by 1 1/4” wide. We value this donation at $300.00. So, for each $5.00 donation, you get one chance to win. The more you donate, the better your chances! So, for a special $20.00 = 5 tickets this time. We will run this raffle during 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 and I can give you the code when we are closer to the drawing day. You can buy tickets by check and make it to: ICF Branch #91. Include name, address, phone number and email address, if possible, in a note. OR PayPal me and earmark for ICF Raffle: donivanandmaggiora-com@yahoo.com

Please send your check to me:
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Rispettosamente,
Jo-Ann M. Donivan, President

Fremont
Br. 215, St. Francis of Assisi

Happy July! God bless America!

July 16th is our Taste of Sicily Summer Luncheon, August 12th is our Tortellini Dinner, and September 21st is our Fall Bingo Dessert 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 July with our glorious summer weather!

Dio ti benedica,
James Francis McGee
Vice President

Livermore
Br. 285, St. Filomena

Happy 4th of July
July is a fiscal beginning for ICF, and Branch 285 is also planning for the year ahead. Our members will enjoy bings, wine tasting, local jaunts, and fellowship. July is also the month our country celebrates its beginning. Just as our founders worked to develop a successful country based on Judeo-Christian values, so too our Board is holding meetings to decide the best way to create an active year. This month, July 30th, will be the District Communion at St. Augustine’s Church in Pleasanton. Noon Mass will be followed by lunch in the Hall. Future months will feature heritage talks, travel to local places of interest, wine tasting of Italian wines and our annual Mass of Remembrance. It is our hope that sound planning will bring together our members for an enjoyable and productive year.

Past president, Carolyn Cardinalli, underwent successful back surgery in May. She is now recovering at Creekside Skilled Nursing in Pleasanton. She would appreciate prayer, a card, or a visit. This month we are saying goodbye to Branch 285’s Chaplain, Father Fili Barrera, who will be transferred to a parish in Concord. He has inspired us for several years, especially at the Mass of Remembrance. He will be greatly missed, but we hope to invite him to a future get together.

Enjoy your summer and celebrate the 4th with family and friends.

Ciao,
Elaine Meier

Castro Valley
Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

We had a most wonderful dinner of Lasagna and Salad with many of our “old timers” returning. Nice to see them back again. Next month we may be able to have our hot dogs outdoors!

Our Pastor, Fr. Ray has invited ICF members to speak from the pulpit, in order to introduce the ICF to the parishioners and to see if they may like to join us. We are also planning a BINGO that begins with food to also introduce us to more people. Now to set the dates and try to bring in more from both parishes.

We are encouraged to sell those raffle books and increase our Branch coffers. Remember, some of that money stays with us, easy fund raising.

We still have time to join the Italian Night at the A’s. It’s on Friday, July 21st, tickets are $33.00.

Here’s hoping that you have a safe and sane 4th of July.

Pat Grasso,
Branch Sec.

Lots of news!
You are all invited to our annual barbecue scheduled for Saturday, July 22. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. in the schoolyard of Saint Philip Neri School, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda. Prices are: children under five, free; children 5 to 12, $5.00; adult members, $15.00, and adult non-members, $20.00. The menu includes hamburger, corn, watermelon, bottled water, soda, beer, wine and dessert. We will be accepting contributions for Birthright and will also conduct a raffle.

For reservations, please contact John Zugnoni, (510) 326-3474 or john@zugnoni.net, by 9:00 p.m. on Monday, July 17. Payment in advance by check made payable to ICF Branch 10 and sent to the Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great Parish Office, Attn. ICF Br. 10, 3101 Van Buren Street, Alameda, CA 94501.

Fifty satisfied guests joined us for our 97th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday evening, May 20. Redoubtable chef Ben Ratto prepared a fabulous meal of salad, roast pork, risotto and corn. ICF Grand Parliamentarian Leonard Rossi, who doubles—fingitively—as a high-level softball first base umpire, initiated four new members, including Father Paul Kannampilly, m.f., associate pastor of our sponsoring parish.

The winners of our four $500.00 Dave Rose Memorial Scholarships have been selected. The awardees are Sophia Ceja and Savannah Gray of Saint Joseph Elementary School and Olivia Pembroke and Wyatt Sacco of Saint Philip Neri School. Wyatt and Savannah will be entering Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School in Alameda in August, while Sophia and Olivia will be attending Bishop O’Dowd High School in Oakland. The scholarships are presented to graduates of Alameda’s two Catholic elementary schools who will be going on to a Catholic high school.

You will see our number as you begin the back nine at the ICF Charity Golf Tournament in Santa Rosa on Friday, July 28. We are again sponsoring the 10th hole.

Enjoy your summer! John Zugnoni
Branch 10 publicity
Come celebrate Monterey’s Italian heritage and cultural traditions. This special festival honors the local fishermen of Monterey, both past and present.

The family friendly free event shares the sights, sounds, food and culture that make the Italian experience so special. Enjoy three days of authentic Italian cuisine, great music, dancing, fun and friendship. The delicious flavors of Italy include Calamari, Steak and Sausage Sandwiches, Pasta, Arancini, Cannoli and more. There is also an array of Italian and Festa Italia-themed merchandise and craft vendors.

The first Festa Italia in Monterey was celebrated in 1933 when a statue of Santa Rosalia, the patron saint of Sicilian fishermen, was donated to the San Carlos Cathedral. Sicilian fishermen prayed to their patron saint for a safe journey and bountiful harvest. Remember our cultural heritage to pass on to future generations. Festa Italia celebrates these traditions and keeps our stories, old and new, alive to ensure that our heritage is never lost. Everyone is welcome to join in at this fun, festive event!

At a Glance:
What: 90th Festa Italia held by the Festa Italia Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization
Festival Entry Cost: Free
Where: Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park, Downtown Monterey
When: Friday – Sunday, Sept. 8-10
Friday, Sept. 8th – 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
The Money Band
Saturday, Sept. 9th – 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Opening Ceremonies and Procession to Old Fisherman’s Wharf for the traditional blessing of the fishing fleet followed by entertainment and all event activities.
• Mike Marotta Band including Dave Marzetti, Erasmo Aiello, Rachel Marotta, vocalists, and Dennis Murphy and Paull Tarantino
• Tarantella Dancers
• Anthony Lane Band
• Pasquale Esposito
Sunday, Sept. 10th – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
• Mike Marotta Band and friends
• Anthony Lane Band
• Pasquale Esposito
Bocce Tournament – Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9th and 10th at the bocce courts at the Custom House Plaza –
Tickets are sold for raffles for a variety of prizes (need not be present to win)
Information: (831) 594-1500 or email mail@FestaItaliaMonterey.org; www.FestaItaliaMonterey.org

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT

MARIN AREA

FRESNO DISTRICT

Br. 352 at Eataly
Festia Italia Tarantella Dancers
Calamari!
Fresno Distric Cannoli Lesson
Br. 352, Eataly Cannoli Lesson
Br. 308, Antionette & Angelo Pecora
Br. 308, Anita Pinasco Marcioschi
Br. 352, It's social hour at Br. 332...Always a good time!
SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT

Br. 368, Barbara & Bill Ruffner Family at Brick Dedication

Br. 445, Rest in Peace John

Br. 445, Happy 90th Birthday Barbara!

John Philip Sellarole
April 16, 1939 - May 15, 2023

Br. 368, Rest in Peace John

Br. 368, Praying the rosary at Mary’s Crowning.

Br. 184, Marie Antonowicz asked Richard Amico to dance with her to an Elvis Presley tune at Rose Amano’s birthday party!

Br. 365, George and Jan Guglielmo with granddaughter Isabella Marilyn Maggetti.

Br. 28 – Scholarship winner Will Anderson with grandmother and ICF Br. 28 member Betty Angelino.

Br. 28 – Scholarship winner Will Anderson and Bridget Reynolds.

Br. 28 – Scholarship winner Bridget Reynolds with her parents Paula and Dave Reynolds.

Br. 28 May Celebration!

Br. 28 – Diana Berry, Branch President introducing scholarship winners Will Anderson and Bridget Reynolds.
SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT

Attending District Meeting From Arroyo Grande - Joe Franco, Theresa Aston, Laura Vopatek, Abby Gallagher, Joanna Van Blaricom, Throc Scudder (right side)

Br. 36, Gary & Helen Plummer

Br. 36, Dante Galeazzi & Josephine Favazza

Br. 36, Marie & Denise Antonowicz

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SAN DIEGO DISTRICT

Br. 246, members at Million Meal Project

Br. 246 members at Knights of Columbus breakfast

BLESSED SACRAMENT DISTRICT

Br. 438 Cinco de Mayo Dinner

Br. 45, Audrey Bashore, 8th Grade scholarship recipient from Br. 45, St. Mary, Sacramento. Congratulations!

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Br. 45, Francesca Schroeder, 8th Grade Scholarship recipient from Br. 45, St. Mary, Sacramento. Congratulations!

Br. 45, Siena Mazza, UC Berkeley graduate and scholarship recipient from Br. 45, St. Mary, Sacramento. Congratulations!

Br. 438 Cinco de Mayo Dinner

Br. 438 Seminarian Matt Grehm
LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT

ICF 115, San Pedro Cancer Survivors Relay for Life

Branch 362 Awards Night

ICF 115, San Pedro Cancer Survivors Relay for Life

ICF 111, May Birthdays—Carmelita, Filomena, Salvatore & Alfred

ICF 115—May Meeting

ICF 111 Meeting—Amiche

ICF 111 Meeting—Amichi

Celebrating branch 115 members Nancy Ventimiglia and Pauline Iacono at San Pedro’s Relay for Life

Aileen Galicia and Chiedozie Onyijii altar servers and Sofia Layug with Frankin Patel essay winners, congratulations to all.

ICF 111-May Birthdays—Carmelita, Filomena, Salvatore & Alfred
Br. 374 Chaplain Father Jim Beveacqua saying Mass at La Canada Country Club for our 374 Mass yesterday.

Br. 444, Guido Frassinelli

Br. 444, Bottom Row, Kathleen, Patty, Gina, Cristina, Tonia; Back Row, Hany, Karis, Guest, Dolly, Bruno, Don

Br. 444, Guido Frassinelli

Br. 444, Dolly, Cristina, Carol and Kathleen.

Br. 444, Cristina and Patty

Br. 374

Br. 374

Br. 380, Monthly meeting enjoyed at the Mages' home

Br. 67, St. Peter's Italian National Church
**CONTRA COSTA District Council**

Greetings from the Contra Costa District!

Our last meeting was held on June 8. We are looking forward to our next outing on July 21. We will enjoy the festivities at the Italian Heritage Night Game of the Oakland A's. It’s always a fun evening with Italian entertainment and baseball! We thank our Vice President, Bruce Pedrotti for chairing this event and hope many will plan to attend.

Many of us will attend the convention in Costa Mesa, California over Labor Day weekend. The convention director, Rose Mc Neal joined us at our June district meeting and updated us on the Convention progress. Best wishes to Rosemary Cook from Branch 13 Martinez who is running for re-election to the Central Council. Thanks also to Mary Cook for designing our yearbook ad.

We voted to have a District Evening of Recollection with dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Christ the King Church Hall. It is tentatively scheduled for Thursday evening, October 26. It will be conducted by our district orator and president of Branch 432 Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Brentwood, Deacon John Kortuem. We encourage all members of our seven branches to participate in this opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and share our faith with one another.

Presidents and Branch Representatives should plan to attend our next district meeting which will be held September 14 at 7:00 p.m. We will again meet at Christ the King Parish Hall in Pleasant Hill. Please appoint an alternate member to attend if you are unable to be there. Each branch should have two delegates in addition to district officers and branch mentors. Guests are welcome.

A reminder to all branches to send your raffle ticket stubs and payments to the Office no later than August 15. Have a happy and safe Fourth of July. That's all for this report. Have a great month!

Patty Jarrett
Past President and District Mentor

**Martinez**

Br. 13, San Martinio

In June, we marked the birthday of the Church on Pentecost. That was the beginning of the Catholic church and the start of its mission to the world. On June 9, Branch #13 marked its 96th year in the Federation established in 1927. Members, families, and friends celebrated with a birthday party in the church yard!

In June, we also honored our fathers on earth, all fathers, Godfathers, father figures, and our Father who art in heaven. Just like our heavenly Father, every father should remember one day his children will follow his example, though maybe not as well as he. He is the first man in his children's life, and probably the most influential. Let’s remember, then, to walk in a manner worthy of God!

Moving into ordinary time on the liturgical calendar and into a somewhat relaxed unencumbered summer, we take a rest from work and relax our bones. Branch #13 takes a two-month hiatus on meetings and gatherings again in August. We celebrate the federal holiday in America on July 4 commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States in 1776 with extended daylight. We never, though, take a break from God. When travelling, consult MassTimes.com to find a Catholic Mass near you. Visit a new church and meet others in the community you find yourselves vacationing.

Our prayers are welcomed and needed. Several members of Branch #13 attended holy hours offered during the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival week; participated in the Diocesan 24-hours for the Lord in St. Catherine church; and have begun a “Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary” to coincide with the dates of the Diocese’s consecration journey ending on the feast of the Queenship of Mary in August.

Our branch has joined the district in lending its support to member, Rosemary Cook, in her campaign for Central Council. We admire her dedication to the ICF and her desire to lend her strengths to the Federation at its core. Please pray for her as she undertakes this journey; and we invite this year’s delegates to get to know her and her goals at the convention.

Pray for our graduates, parents, priests, and each other. Enjoy a peaceful summer. Be restored, renewed, and revived. “Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has all ready become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.” Matthew 24:32

Arrivederci,
Mary Cook

**Concord**

Br. 214, Todos Santos

My message from last month wasn’t put in the June issue because of an error on my part. I apologize and want to include some things I wanted to post last month.

Four members from our branch attended the funeral for Anna Rafeel in April 24th. She was 97 years old. A member of our branch for 48 years. We looked forward to her saying the blessings of our food in Italian. She was a wonderful lady and had 4 wonderful children and 8 grandchildren. She loved sharing her Italian culture, food, and language with those around her and taught Italian lessons. She loved spending time with her family and friends. She will be missed by all.

We are looking forward to our members appreciating barbeque at the lovely home of Diane Hasty. It will be a western theme.

Remember the A’s baseball game on July 21st. Our branch has members going.

On September 9th we are hosting a pasta/bingo event at Cauche hall. More information to follow. This is a fun fundraiser with good food, bingo, cash prizes, and raffle prizes and numbers called by Ed McGuirk with his funny jokes. Lol.

Also, we are planning to go to the Italian Festa in Reno on October 6th. Make your reservations at the Silver Legacy. Fun times.

We wish Frank and Maria Ascagno health and happiness in their home in Napa. We miss them. I wish all fathers a very happy Father’s Day and wish all a healthy, safe summer.

Ciao Ciao
Norene Deluca
Concord Branch #214

**Danville**

Br. 352, San Isidore

If you’re craving all-things-Italian and can’t make it to Italy, try visiting Eataly! Our Branch organized a three-course lunch at La Pizza & La Pasta in the Silicon Valley location. The food was outstanding (we even stuffed our own cannoli!)—and so was the service! We squeezed in time for shopping at the 3rd floor Italian grocery and the 2nd floor of Italian wine & liqueur. And we did not miss the coffee, pastries, & gelato on the 1st floor - we’ll be back!

Our May dinner meeting celebrated a belated Cinco de Mayo. Our member chefs had a break as we enjoyed Tortillas El Molino’s Mexican dishes of chicken, steak, cheese enchiladas, rice & beans, along with their homemade tortillas, chips & salsa. No one left hungry. We also enjoyed the motivational messages from our guest speaker, award-winning Coach Frank Allocco, Sr. The stories of his life from New Jersey to Norte Dame, successfully coaching basketball at NJIT, St. Peter’s, & De La Salle High Schools and the relationships built along the way were remarkable. Thank you, Coach!

June found us honoring our high school scholarship recipients & their families at our monthly dinner meeting. This included graduates Helen Rago from Carondelet High School and Gian Ciapponi from San Ramon Valley High School. Thanks again to Chef Russ & crew (Patty, Kyle, Marsha) & our member volunteers for the outstanding pasta & meatball dinner, enjoyed by all!

We will be on vacation for the month of July, so our next dinner meeting will be held Monday, August 7th at 6pm in the St. Isidore Room. Watch your email for the Evite - and invite a friend!

Happy summer to all!
Ciao, Branch 352

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**BLESSED SACRAMENT District**

**Sacramento**
Br. 45, St. Mary

SAVE THE DATE for our next dinner event on Sunday, July 23, at 6:00 p.m. At this writing, plans for renovations in the Church may prevent us from having the event in Giovanni Hall on this date. Please contact me for more information at (916) 508-1199.

Congratulations to our 8th grade scholarship winners. FRANCESCA SCHROEDER won the $500 Ledas Pasquini Memorial Scholarship and AUDREY BASHORE won the $500 Shirley Pasquini Bennett Memorial Scholarship. We commend them on their accomplishments at St. Mary’s School and wish them much success in High School. Congratulations to SIENA MAZZA who graduated from UC Berkeley in May. Sienna has been a recipient of an ICF scholarship all four years of college and has an amazing resume. She has accepted a position with the Dallas Museum of Art, and we wish her much continued success! Sienna and her family are branch members and very supportive of our events. Wishing all our graduates the very best! (Photos shown under “Blessed Sacrament District”)

Buon Complianno to Branch members with July birthdays: Antonette Bonanno, Mariann Isola, Melissa Keller, Marie Leonard, and Donald Pasquini. Have a blessed and joyous day!

Happy 4th of July
Ciao, Janine

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**Deadline for August/September Convention Issue of the Bollettino is Aug. 1.**
**Send your articles & photos:**
editor@icf.org
**Be sure to include branch name and number.**
**Roseville**  
*Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi*

The Blessed Sacrament District and Br. 438 hosted a joint Bingo fundraiser here at St. Clare on May 20th. What a fun way to raise money for our many charities! We played 10 games of Bingo and enjoyed a delicious lunch of spaghetti and meatballs. Were you one of the lucky Bingo winners? If not, maybe you went home with one of the many beautiful raffle prizes. Thank you to all the Branches who donated to the raffle. Mark your calendars for our next joint Bingo fundraiser here at St. Clare on August 19th. You won’t want to miss it!

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Summer is here! We hope everyone enjoys this wonderful time of year with friends and family. We ask the Lord to bless us and keep us happy and safe.

*Ciao!*  
*Anne Finn*

**SANTA ROSA**  
*District*

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

We thank Fr. Sean and Sharon Cowley for the very interesting and uplifting presentation at the Day of Recollection. Everyone enjoyed learning more about the Holy Land.

**Upcoming events:**
- There is no branch meeting in July.
- ICF Monthly Masses: Sunday, July 9 at 10:00 a.m. Mass and Sunday, August 20 at 10:00 a.m. Mass.
- ICF Golf Tournament: Friday, July 28: Calling all golfers! At Bennett Valley Golf Course. 8:30 a.m. Shotgun start. Please see information in the Bollottino or call me at 707-595-3111. $180 for golfers including BBQ Buffet. $50.00 for BBQ only. Hole sponsorships for $100.00 are available also.

**ICF Meeting: Tuesday, August 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rectory.**
Harvest Potluck: Tuesday, September 12: Mark the date on your calendar for a fun evening with delicious food.
- I have sent out the ICF Raffle tickets, please purchase your book of tickets by August 1. We’ll keep half of the proceeds, which helps our charities.
- Happy Independence Day!

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

Branch #144 June meeting was called to order by Vice President Alfred Earl who welcomed the gavel with fi-nesse, thanks in part to Michael, who was elected as president of branch #145 in years past.
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- Congratulations to all the graduates and happy travels to all taking a summer vacation.

**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. we especially want to send a big thank you to all who helped. Our many charities! We played 10 games of Bingo and enjoyed a delicious lunch of spaghetti and meatballs. Were you one of the lucky Bingo winners? If not, maybe you went home with one of the many beautiful raffle prizes. Thank you to all the Branches who donated to the raffle. Mark your calendars for our next joint Bingo fundraiser here at St. Clare on August 19th. You won’t want to miss it!

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

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Gail will really be missed by all our members. Pray for Gail and Steve as they meet the challenges ahead.
- Don’t forget our Scholarship Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Brinker Room on Saturday, July 15th. Make reservations with Doreen at (707) 889-4726. Please RSVP by July 8th.

*Fraternally,*  
*Robert Acquistapace*

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

Hello Members of Branch 209, Sebastopol!

We had a great time at our annual bocce tournament. The friendly competition between members, friends, and family made it fun!
- First place winners: Gene, Lorraine, Ricky, and Kyle Vannetti.
- Second place winners: Ron and Julie Misani, Dave and Cathy Goodwin.
- Third place winners: Dave and Tammy Sereni, Joe Ocaio, and Bill Segale.
- Good Job Everyone! Thank you to the kitchen crew, Roy and Leona Spadoni. Gene Vannetti and Bill Segale for running the bar.
- Special thanks to Ricky Vannetti for being our grounds keeper, weeding around the back of the hall. Most importantly for the impeccable bocce courts to play on! An EXTRA special thank you to Debbi Wallin, for volunteering to be the chairperson for this event. She was well organized and put a lot of time into this. It was greatly appreciated! It was a very enjoyable day for everyone!

- At our June meeting we served a special Mexican themed dinner, with ice cream for dessert. It was a great way to honor our fathers! Good food, being with our members, and family is always fun!
- Our branch acknowledged Fr. Mario for his 33rd Anniversary, at his surprise party, with a cake and $50.00. A potluck dinner was served by the members of the parish. Also, there was a cake that looked like Fr. Mario! Congratulations to all the graduates and happy travels to all taking a summer vacation.

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Thank You,  
*Pam McAlvain*  
*President*
Greetings to all Members,

We are continuing to meet for a monthly dinner meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. Our meetings have included potluck dinners as well as meeting in a room in a local restaurant, at the direction of the chairperson for each meeting. While our group is a bit smaller than past days, we continue to look for ways to carry out the mission of the Italian Catholic Federation. Please encourage anyone who may be interested to attend a meeting to find out what we are about.

On June 13, we will present a scholarship to Morgan Sweet. Morgan is the daughter of Melissa Favini-Sweet, and a St. Joachim School graduate. A pizza dinner is planned.

Wishing all a wonderful summer season. There is no July meeting.

Ciao,
Mary Keitz

Merced
Br. 39, St. Cecilia

All are invited to our annual summer Wiener Roast at Lake Yosemite in Merced on July 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Bakersfield
Br. 281, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Summer is in full swing, and we are very grateful for Jeff and Jan Le-mucchi for hosting our annual salad social/June meeting at their home. Our members have always enjoyed the casual outdoor atmosphere for this event. We’ve begun our raffle ticket sale which is a great easy way for our branch to earn money and possibly win some for ourselves. Also, in the near future is our annual ice cream social/July meeting. Looking ahead to September, Diane Riley has been chosen to represent our branch at the convention which will be held Labor Day weekend in Costa Mesa. We wish all our members a happy and safe summer. God bless!

Theresa Amarante
Paso Robles
Br. 354, Saint Rose of Lima

Thankfully, Branch 354 continues to welcome new members. Amy Edney has submitted her Membership Application, and Russ and Marikay Pannone are considering theirs. We celebrate all of our “old” members and are grateful for those who are newly joining us.

Our Creative Angels, Joan, Roseanne, Irma and Mary Ann have been busy presenting their handmade tray favors to patients recovering at the Vineyard Rehabilitation Center. These four angels with their creative imaginations and big doses of love and joy provide Vineyard’s patients with a little sunshine at mealtime.

A check in the amount of $400 was submitted for scholarships from Br. 354 to the ICF Central Council. Congratulations to Elizabeth Marsalek, grand-daughter of Abby and Pete Gallagher, Br. 291. Through the ICF scholarship program, Elizabeth was awarded a first-year college scholarship.

The Arroyo Grande and Paso Robles Chapters recently co-hosted the District Meeting at Saint Rose Catholic Church. Twenty-eight attendees enjoyed a traditional Italian lunch, with desserts provided by our new members.

A successful, well-attended fundraising event, our semi-annual “almost famous” Pasta Dinner, was held in the Parish Hall May 20. Proceeds are earmarked for ICF scholarships for students at St. Rose Catholic School, local high schools and colleges. Branch 354 is proud of their commitment to support and promote education throughout our area. THANK YOU to all who helped, especially to the students who received many compliments from attendees regarding their friendly and polite service.

Yvonne Maddalena
Recording Secretary

SANTA CLARA
VALLEY
District

Gilroy
Br. 28, Saint Maria Auxiliatrice

At our May 15th dinner meeting, members enjoyed a “potluck” with member provided hot dishes, salads, and desserts. Recognized at the dinner meeting were Branch 28 - 2023 First Year College Scholarship award winners Will Anderson and Bridget Reynolds. They expressed their appreciation to ICF Branch 28 for their awarded scholarship and each spoke about their future education and goals.

Will Anderson is the grandson of ICF Branch 28 members Betty and Frank Angelino and Rosemary Anderson. Bridget Reynolds is the granddaughter of ICF Branch 28 President Diana Berry.

With the new fiscal year beginning in July, we are confirming our meeting dates, fundraisers, and other events for our branch. Once the dates are finalized, these dates will be shared with members. Included in our calendar of events presented to our Parish will be our potlunch fundraising dinner and our shrimp and ravioli fundraiser.

The 2023 Convention Raffle tickets have been distributed to members and we are pleased with the response of the sold tickets. Remember that half the proceeds sold by Branch 28 stays with our branch. Winners need not be present to win, and the seven drawn winners will receive tickets range from $500 to $2500. Sellers of the seven winning tickets will receive an award ranging from $100 to $250. Our delegates for the upcoming ICF convention in Costa Mesa, CA will be Diana Berry, Kim Filice and Siria Pappani. In 2024 the Convention will be held in San Francisco to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of this Italian Catholic Federation.

Peace and God Bless,
Kim M. Filice

Los Gatos
Br. 184, St. Mary the Immaculate Conception

The next Quarterly Mass for our branch will be July 23 at 11 a.m. We will be honored to have Fr. Tony Schurko, Membership Chairman from Central Council, attend and speak to us. Coffee and doughnuts will be served in the Courtyard after Mass. Welcome new member, Richard Geruso. Hope to see you at our gatherings.

The ICF 2023 Convention will take place in the Diocese of Orange County, Costa Mesa, California, from August 31 to September 3. The theme is “Be the Light,” appropriate for our families and for our Country. Michelle Antonowicz will represent our branch.

Our next regular meeting is June 24. At 4 p.m. in the St. Mary Conference Room. Hope to see you there.

Be safe in your summer travels,
Ciao for now, Lucy Amico

San Jose
Br. 191, Saint Frances Cabrini

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San Jose
Br. 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

Sunnyvale
Br. 408, Resurrection

Congratulations to our Graduates!
Patricia Look presented the Br 408 ICF Service Awards to two members of the Resurrection School 8th Grade Graduating Class Ethan Rumohr and Nathan Gelke who were chosen by the School Principal Mrs. Wright at the School Graduation ceremony.

We had over 43 Generous Donors show up at our last Blood Drive.
Sunnyvale was very pleased with these Donations at a time of Critical Blood Shortage.

Our next ICF Blood Drive will be held Sunday 17th September 2023 in the Farana Center.
Remember to sign up for the ICF Picnic @ Vasoon Park in Los Gatos Sunday August 6th. Please contact Patricia for Details.

Patricia will be our Delegate to the Annual ICF Convention which will be held in Anaheim, CA this Labor Day.

Please Pray for our Members who need our Prayers: Laurie Levine, Donna Richey, Al Chantelope, and Dori Belfari.

July 2023
Morgan Hill
Br. 435, Santa Caterina D’Alessandria

Hello Folks,
We are looking forward to our annual barbecue at the beautiful Guglielmo Winery on Thursday, June 22. We plan for many to attend this wonderful event. The news on our Scholarship program is that it is happily reinstated at our branch, Yet another recipient. Grace Gallego our President Giulia’s granddaughter has received a First Year Scholarship for UCLA. She graduated from Presentation High School in San Jose. We have several other members with relatives receiving this honor over the years Rosalie Doyle’s niece, Bella Conti, is another graduate of Presentation and will be attending West Valley College. George and Jan Guglielmo’s granddaughter, Isabella Marilyn Maggetti is receiving her Scholarship from St. Norbert’s Branch 406 in Southern California. She is planning a degree in Youth Ministry or Psychology. John B and Maryann Soric’s granddaughter, Samantha Lee received a Scholarship from ICF when she graduated in 2019 from Notre Dame high School. She will be graduating from Johns Hopkins in Baltimore and aspiring for Medical School.

We are very proud of our Italian Catholic Federation Scholarship’s program. We thank everyone for your support. Hopefully each one of us will be having a Safe and Sane Fourth of July celebration!

God Bless
Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Soric

San Jose
Br. 445, Transfiguration

The month of May brought joys and sadness to Br. 445. The month started with the celebration of the Crowning of Mary. Members gathered in Transfiguration’s vestibule for prayer and songs after Sunday mass, while ICF member Joan Lang assisted Fr. Tito with the crowning of Mary. Mother’s Day was enjoyed with our families after completing our successful second annual Mother’s Day Cookie Fundraiser! Mid May we gathered for our general meeting and celebrated the 90th Birthday of member Barbara Howell!! Gina Farro baked and decorated two delicious cakes for the celebration. We are blessed and proud to have four active nonagenerians in our branch: Barbara and Bill Howell, Larry Farro and Chic Cannon!

We were all very saddened by the passing of our member John Sellaro who courageously faced a health challenge over the last few months. We want to thank all of you who joined us in prayers for him. John was always a caring and vibrant participant in our branch events. He will truly be missed. Our love and heartfelt condolences to his family. Rest in God’s Love and Peace dear friend.

The Italian American Heritage Foundation’s Annual Festa will be happening the first weekend in August at the San Jose History Park. Their Festa Community Awareness Committee chairperson reached out to one of our members about ICF participation. The idea was brought forward to our local SSV District. Our ICF District accepted the invitation and will head an ICF information booth on August 5th! Happy July 6th Birthday wishes to member Lorraine Sellaro! Buon Compleanno!

Tanti Auguri! Wishing all a Happy and Safe Fourth of July!
Until next month—stay safe and well—Jan Marianelli Stumoher

STOCKTON District

District Bishop’s Day Report for June 10, 2023 Event
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Deadline for August/September Convention issue of the Bollettino is August 1.
Send articles & photos: editor@icf.org

Manteca
Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio

Our active membership numbers are improving as Jay Jones, son of President Birdie Nieri is a new member—and guest Ron Agostini received a membership application.

Ron told us how his father, Mauricio, a member of Mussolini’s Youth, came to this country from Trento, Italy when he was six years old.

Jack Cunial, a Sierra High School senior in Manteca, received an ICF scholarship. He plans to begin his college studies at Modesto Junior College.

Hogan Park in Escalon will be the site of the Stockton District’s picnic on August 20. Our branch will provide the potato and macaroni salads.

Central Council member Dante Galeazzi announced that Branch 343 will be hosting an “Italian Night” at the Oakland Athletics baseball game on July 25. He also had an ICF picture from 1939 that he shared with us.

The Cunial family graciously announced that they will host the annual Bocce/BBQ again this year, in September.

For our dinner, Capocuoco Tony Queirolo served his specialty, oven-baked chicken, with pasta, green beans, salad and dessert.

As always, our meeting was adjoined with the singing of the Federation Anthem.

Multi grazie to Segretaria Anna Mello for her assistance in the preparation of this report.

Ciao,
Mariano
Tracy
Br. 390, St. Bernard

Branch 390 board members and friends got their hands in the thick of it to prepare for the Thursday June 22nd dinner - mixing, shaping and delivering homemade Italian meatloaf, and all the trimmings. No store-bought stuff for our faithful dinner attendees - oh yes, the gooey meatloaf mixed by hands that know what they are doing with ingredients only Mike Bacchetti and his crew of helpers know. They truly make the best meatloaf in these parts as all will attest!

First year $400 scholarship has been awarded to Caiva Sims from Kimball High School in Tracy. Congratulations to all the graduates, including the St. Bernard’s 8th graders who will now be heading out to their high school adventures. Before you know it, they too will be applying for the ICF scholarship dollars that we have been raising without monthly dinners.

We appreciate all the dinner folks that have been coming every month and can’t say that enough! Scholarship granted to these worthy students wouldn’t be possible without your loving support, so keep on coming everyone!

We are looking forward to attending “Be the Light” convention this year - should be a great event.

Our condolences to the family of ICF member Louis Avilla who died recently - may he rest in peace.

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

www.icfbranch390.org

Stay healthy, happy and safe.
Ciao,
Betty

Stockton
Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

Happy Summer ICF Members!

Branch 395 hosted the Stockton District meeting and luncheon on May 21. We had a wonderful meal and a productive meeting with a great attendance of 32 attendees. At our May meeting we chose delegates to the 2023 Convention, and they are Gena and Allen Sturtevant. Gena is our Treasurer/Financial Secretary and Allen is our 2nd Vice President. Both are very active members of our branch. We hashed out ideas for fundraisers and set a date for our annual Polenta and Chicken and Sausage Cacciatoré dinner to be held February 15, 2024. On July 9, our branch will attend mass as a group at 8:45 AM mass for what will become a quarterly gathering. Afterwards we will socialize in our Parish’s coffee shop, the Holy Grounds coffee shop.

By the time you read this it will have already been Father’s Day. I hope all the fathers and father figures had a wonderful, blessed day. Our branch is taking off the month of July. So happy summer and great vacations! We will resume our meetings on August 10. On August 20, we will be participating in the Stockton District picnic at Escalon Community Park in Escalon. It is always a fun day.

Upcoming Events:
July 9; Branch group mass attendance and social
August 10 – Branch Meeting
August 20 – Stockton District picnic

Tanti Aguri,
Josephine Weber, President
Branch 395

SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT

Br. 446 members listening to author Mr. Jim Left discuss his book.

Br. 446, Jim Impastato with cannoli orders

Br. 446, At the Bishop’s dinner: Oliver Garcia-Tirado, Steve Garvey, Tony Santorufo

Br. 446, Scholarship recipient and family with President Tony Santorufo: Mr. & Mrs. Ries, Justin Ries, grandparents Marge and Greg Ruffalo.

Br. 446, Cannoli workers: Jessica Thom, Joe Scoritino, Tony Santorufo, Virginia Impastato, Amy Pasquarelli, Geraldine Keirns, Jim Impastato, Gina and Dominico Ricci.

Br. 446, Jim Impastato with cannoli orders
Angels Camp
Br. 413, St. Patrick

On June 4th we held our annual Baccalaureate Mass for all graduating seniors. It was held on Sunday, at 10:15 a.m. The ICF supplied a cake from the local SaveMart bakery for the graduates, their families and the parish. It was a beautiful event. Branch 413 was able to send our graduates out into the world with a blessing of the Mass. May they all bring Christ’s light to this darkening world.

I would like to thank Monsignor John Armistead, Fr. John Paul Pasala, Suzanne Bakke, and all those who helped in the background to make the celebration happen. God bless you all. The Bishop’s Burse for the Stockton District was held on June 10th. St. Armistead celebrated Mass.

Eleven members of Branch 246 volunteered their Saturday to help pack food for the Diocese of San Diego’s Million Meals Project. The goal of the Project for 2023 was to pack 1.5 million meals to be distributed to families in need across the border in Mexico and in other countries around the world. Branch 246 members were able to pack enough food to fill a total of 51 boxes. We also attended Mass at St. Charles as a group and gathered afterwards in the Parish Hall to enjoy the Knights of Columbus Breakfast Fundraiser. Branch 246 Group Masses will occur at the 10:00 am Mass on the second Sunday of each month.

Ciao – Joe Fontana, Branch President

SAN BERNARDINO District Council

On May 27, 2023, the San Bernardino District of the ICF was honored at the 22nd Annual Bishop’s Dinner and received the “Amar Es Entregarse” award conferred by the Most Reverend Alberto Rojas, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of San Bernardino. The award is conferred to an individual or organization that truly exemplifies the self-giving spirit of the Diocese. The award, established 20 years ago, recognizes those who lived out the Bishop’s Episcopal Moto, which means “love is the total giving of oneself.” The Italian Catholic Federation was one among three apostolic groups to receive the award, including The Knights of Columbus and Serra International. The San Bernardino District of the ICF consists of Branches 210, 217 and 446.

Upland
Br. 446, Saint Anthony

Thanks to the meticulous planning from our Second Vice-President, Jim Impastato, our cannoli sale was extremely successful. Jim organized a production line and streamlined the order processing system. Many of our members participated in creating the cannoli in a fun and friendly atmosphere of shared work. Many parishioners commented about the creamy texture and taste of our luscious flavors. They were also especially grateful for the beautiful holy card of Our Lady of Fatima that we gave them with every order. We planned our sale to honor the feast day weekend. We look forward to planning for another successful sale in the future.

We were proud to learn that the ICF for the Diocese of San Bernardino received the Amar es Entregarse (Love is the total giving of oneself) from Bishop Rojas at a gala awards banquet. Representing our branch were Amy and Danny Centurioni, Mary O’Neil along with President Tony Santorufo. Fr. Jerry Ochetti, District Chaplin, accepted the award on behalf of the district. Special guests were all the seminarians in formation at Serra House. A longtime friend of President Tony Santorufo is Oliver Garcia-Tirado. He has completed his 5th year at Serra House and will be going to Chicago to start theology seminary.

In June we also had our traditional Ice Cream Social in the park for our summer closing activities. This was a fun-filled day with 95% of our membership in attendance. A special guest was one of our scholarship recipients, Justin Ries and his family. Justin is the grandson of our trustee Greg Rufalo. The highlight of our afternoon was seeing the Amar Es Entregarse award which Fr. Ochetti brought to our meeting. We had a presentation by a local author, Jim Left, who spoke about his recent publication. We also enjoyed a violinist, Carolyn Lee, who played Italian music for a sing-along lead by our branch Historian, Joyce Tesoro. District President John Guerin also attended our meeting in the park. Afterwards, we played bocce and Scopa and enjoyed a potluck of treats brought by our members as well as ice cream and toppings brought by the officers. Our branch is blessed to keep growing in membership, which directly impacts our service to faith and family.

BRANCH FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

The Annual Convention Raffle is an excellent fundraiser to boost revenue for your Branch and extend a chance to win cash prizes. The golden ticket books are $20 each. Your Branch keeps $10 for each book sold. Tickets can be individually purchased for $2 each. Address labels were included with each package of tickets. Mail a book to each household to give members a chance to win. Additional books can be requested from the office. Stubs and a Branch check are due to the office by August 15th, so the tickets can reach us in time for the drawing.
Italian Catholic Federation
21st Annual Central Council

**CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**REGISTRATION FEE:**
$180 includes: Green Fees, Golf Cart, Range Balls, Prize Fund & BBQ Buffet Banquet
After price per Golfer $190
Banquet only: $50
Make check ($180 per Golfer - Banquet only $50) 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:**
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**E-Mail:**
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**Deadline**
Friday, July 14, 2023

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

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**Italian Catholic Federation 1st Annual SoCal Charity Golf Tournament**

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

**October 28th Saturday, 2023**

**Shotgun Starts at 8 AM**

**Registration Fee:** $200
**After Deadline:** $210

**Name of Golfer:**
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**Email:**
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**Make checks payable to:**
Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament
8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621
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**SIGN UP DEADLINE**
Friday, October 13th

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**For More Information**
Contact Perry Shrudo
Cell: 562-804-0230
Email: p_shurko@yahoo.com

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

**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:**
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**E-Mail:**
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**Phone #:**
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**Make your checks payable to:**
Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament
8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621
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21st 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 $300
- Hole Sponsor: Sponsor a hole and have your name next to the tee box $100
- Wine Cartage Sponsor: Sponsor the cartage for the wine at the banquet $50
- Signage at each table at the banquet $10
- Closest to the Pin Sponsor: Your name on the sign of the closest to the pin hole (4 available) $100
- Cash Raffle Sponsor: Sponsor the cash raffle at the banquet $20
- Scratch Off Sponsor: Sponsor the scratch off at the banquet $100
- Cash Raffle Sponsor: Sponsor the Cash Raffle. Your name on each bag (10 available) $10
- Scratch Off Sponsor: Sponsor the scratch off at the banquet $50
- Raffle Donations: Donate a basket (minimum $50 value) or money towards a basket (Unlimited)

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My Sponsorship is for Northern CA Southern CA

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CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE NOMINATION APPLICATION

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

I have been nominated by ______________________________/____________________.

Signature of Candidate ______________________________/____________________

Branch No. City ______________________________/____________________

Signature of Branch President ______________________________/____________________

Date ______________________________/____________________

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

Central Council Nominee Profile

Central Council Candidate

Name: __________________________________________
Phone #: __________________________________________
Email: __________________________________________
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Italian Catholic Federation

Annual Central Council Election

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

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. (See yearbook information).
- 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.

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

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

For additional information, or for clarification on the campaign process, please contact the ICF Convention Director.
# 2023 First Year Scholarship Winners

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*All scholarship winners are listed by branch and district, followed by their individual names.*
2023 First Year Scholarship Winners

NAME                      IN MEMORY OF                      BRANCH/DISTRICT/INDIVIDUAL
Justin Ries               Carlo Giusti                  San Bernardino District
Sarah Valdivia            Betty Vuestefeld               San Diego District
Annalisa Antenore         Joe and Elena Malta               San Mateo District
Joseph Gracia             Carlo Giusti                  Santa Clara Valley District
Carina Lucia DeRanieri    Deceased Members of Br. 127       Santa Rosa District
Alena Gagnon              Deceased Officers of Br. 127          Stockton District
Halea Franziska Hill      Halena Franziska Hill           Stockton District
Julian Regan              Papa Joe Marsalli               Individuals
Anabella Conti            Antoinette Sunseri               The Antonowicz Family - Br. 5/Br. 36/Br. 184
Hannah Miller             Deceased Members of Br. 127          The Antonowicz Family - Br. 5/Br. 36/Br. 184
Franco Caruso-Commissio   Deceased Members of Br. 127          The Antonowicz Family - Br. 5/Br. 36/Br. 184
William Anderson          Rosie Mammini                  The Albert and Rina Brocchini Family Foundation
Bridget Reynolds          Shirley Silva                   Louise DeTomasi - Br. 14
Anna O’Neil Yeh           John Rossi                    The Dooley Family - Br. 14
Melina Lynn Guardino      Richard Carrera                 Kathleen Scesa Dorr and Tom Scesa - Br. 54
Joseph Silacci            Joseph, Irene and Jerre Paolini   Kathleen Scesa Dorr and Tom Scesa - Br. 54
Jeff Abbott               Wilma and Bert Royeton            Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Eleanor Crema             Bill Scinto                    Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Megan Lawrence            William Gerard Liu               Family and Friends - Br. 391
Evelyn DeAnda             Joseph, Irene and Jerre Paolini   Virginia Coe Orlando - Br. 21
Grace Gallego             Wilma and Bert Royeton            Leonard and Karen Rossi - Br. 343
Jake D. Herrera           Wilma and Bert Royeton            Michael and Donna Santich - Br. 91
Mateya Short              Bill Scinto                    Jean and Bob Segale
Paul Munsell              Br. 127                         Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Marissa Arreguin          Br. 127                         Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Kyle Ghisletta            Deceased Members of Br. 127          Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Lily Anne Roberts         Deceased Officers of Br. 127          Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Gianna Scafani            Deceased Officers of Br. 127          Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Raven Alvarez             Deceased Members of Br. 127          Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Madison Ammirati          Norman and Roseanne Sikes           Family and Friends - Br. 391
Mia Andrlila              Deceased Members of Br. 127          Family and Friends - Br. 391
Michael Celoso            Deceased Members of Br. 127          Family and Friends - Br. 391
Adelina Heath             Deceased Members of Br. 127          Family and Friends - Br. 391
Hayden Leardini           Deceased Members of Br. 127          Family and Friends - Br. 391
William Gerard Liu        Deceased Members of Br. 127          Family and Friends - Br. 391
Marco Vanoni              Deceased Members of Br. 127          Family and Friends - Br. 391
Isabella Israel           Deceased Members of Br. 127          Family and Friends - Br. 391
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Sophia Clark              Deceased Members of Br. 127          Family and Friends - Br. 391
Sarah A. Skenfield        Deceased Members of Br. 127          Family and Friends - Br. 391
Samuel Douglas Whitt      Deceased Members of Br. 127          Family and Friends - Br. 391
Jenna Poncini             Deceased Members of Br. 127          Family and Friends - Br. 391
Margaret Laborde Lagrange Deceased Members of Br. 127          Family and Friends - Br. 391
Anthony Jarrett           Deceased Members of Br. 127          Family and Friends - Br. 391
Keira Dooley              Deceased Members of Br. 127          Family and Friends - Br. 391
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Ryan Lansdowne            Deceased Members of Br. 127          Family and Friends - Br. 391
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**Convention Game:** Contra Costa District: The Talbott Family - In Memory of Pauline Cardoza; East Bay District: Br. 91, John and Carolyn Cardinalli (Br. 285) - Convention Bowl-A-Thon, Jo-Ann Maggiora Donivan (Br. 91) - Convention Bowl-A-Thon, Jo-Ann and John Donivan - In Memory of Bob Anello, Jo-Ann and John Donivan - In Honor of the 99th Birthday of Marie Antonowicz, Jo-Ann and John Donivan - In Honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Bob and Judy Felan, Jo-Ann and John Donivan - In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Annette Maggiora, Roger and JoAnn Dorn (Br. 10) - In Memory of Holly Rainieri, John and Jeanette Zugnoni (Br. 10) - Convention Bowl-A-Thon; Fresno District: Br. 417, Antoinette and Angelo Pecora (Br. 308) - In Memory of Rose Cerbo and Antoinette and Angelo Pecora - In Memory of James Alfred Landry; Los Angeles Archdiocese District: Officers/Members of Los Angeles Archdiocese District - Thank you to Lauren Kilcullen for Los Angeles Archdiocese District Installation, Officers/Members of Br. 362 - In Honor of Perry Shurko, Mary Ann Brewer-Nolan (Br. 179) - Convention Bowl-A-Thon, Pat and Lou Mages (Br. 280) - In Honor of the 99th Birthday of Marie Antonowicz; Blessed Sacrament District: Mark Neuburger and Arianna Smith - Merry Christmas Wishes for Mary Perata and Eva Perata; San Mateo District: Br. 130, Dorene Campanile (Br. 173) - In Memory of Adolfo Del Carlo, Dorene Campanile - In Memory of Barbara Landucci, Dorene Campanile - In Memory of Deanna O’Regan, Dorene Campanile - In Memory of Tony Rivellini and Dorene Campanile - In Memory of Grazia Aloise Valdetara; Santa Clara Valley District: Officers/Members of Br. 5 - In Memory of Angie Souza, Officers/Members of Br. 184 - Get Well Wishes for Denise Antonowicz, Bob Basuno (Br. 191) - In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Bob Acquistapace, Bob Basuno - In Memory of Ed Bertaccini, Robert J. Basuino - In Memory of Bob Cowden, Diana Berry (Br. 28) - Thank You to Frank Angelino, Diana Berry - Thank You to Marianne Peoples, Sal and Denise Campagna (Br. 28/Br. 184/Br. 435) - In Memory of Janice Jones, Giulia Gallego (Br. 435) - In Memory of Edward Bertaccini, Giulia Gallego - With Gratitude to Craig Noah, Giulia Gallego - In Honor of Eva Stern, Amelia Moore (Br. 191) - In Memory of Ed Bertaccini and Richard and Donna Pfaff (Br. 184/Br. 445) - Get Well Wishes for Denise Antonowicz; Santa Rosa District: Br. 145, Br. 209, Larry and Carmen Kilcullen (Br. 52) - In Honor of the 99th Birthday of Marie Antonowicz and Lauren Kilcullen (Br. 52) - In Honor of the 99th Birthday of Marie Antonowicz; Stockton District: Br. 52 - Healdsburg honored our 6th grade heritage essay winners at our Mother’s and Father’s Day Dinner. Pictured are the winners with their teacher and Marie Butler a member of the essay committee.
All the Branch 395 members who helped put on the District Meeting.

Allen Sturtevant and Bernice Nickols from Br. 395 Stockton, with Ida Queirolo Br. 139, Manteca in the background

Dante Galeazzi Central Council representative, from Br. 139 Manteca and Br. 395 member, Diana Rojo with past District President Robert Pachinger Br. 413, Angels Camp.

Tom and Mary Kingshill, Br. 413 Angels Camp and Pat Beglau Br. 395, Stockton, digging into lunch.

Br. 390, Chuck & Marilyn Tuso with Roseann and Craig Miller

Br. 390, Celeste Koster, Amy Foster, Marie, Nicole and Tracy Mifsud…Some of our newest members

Elisa Moberly Br. 82 Lodi and Robert Pachinger Br. 413, Angels Camp

Br. 390, Carole Thoming, Jim Thorning, Allen & Nancy Cossey, & Renee Reece

Br. 390, Art Dykesul serving up a drink to guest Leroy Rickman with Frank Arnaudo waiting his turn.

Br. 395, President Josephine Weber presenting a check to Bishop Cotta for the Seminarians Education Fund at the Bishop's Burse.

Stockton District's Bishop Burse, Br. 390 members St. Bernard's Tracy

Stockton District's Bishop's Day Guest Speaker, Deacon Porfi Cisneros

Stockton District's Bishop's Burse, Dante Galeazzi, Bishop Cotta, Steve Ridolfi

Br. 82, John, Inez, Sylvia, Glen, Nancy Jo, Brick House Fundraiser

Br. 82, Patty & Bishop Cotta, Bishop's Burse Dinner

Br 82, Annette & Steve Ridolfi, Brick House Fundraiser

Br 139, Father Cesar Martinez Vocation Director of the Stockton Diocese celebrating his 8th Anniversary of Ordination and newly assigned to St Anthony's Church

Br 139, St Anthony members enjoying a fantastic evening and feast with Robert Sequeira, Dan Amoral, Bill Bianchi, Dante Galeazzi and lovely Marilyn Amoral.

Master Chef Tony Queirolo instructs his intern Life Member Dante Galeazzi to stir left to right
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