

I.C.F. 92nd Annual Convention Agenda

Costa Mesa, California • Aug. 31 - Sep. 3, 2023

THURSDAY, August 31, 2023

6:00pm

Social Sts. Simon & Jude Church
 “That’s Amore” Dinner Dance

7:00pm

Dinner

FRIDAY, September 1, 2023

7:00am-2:00pm

Blood Drive Laguna

1:00pm-2:00pm

Delegate Registration East Galleria

2:00pm-4:00pm

Bingo Mesa Verde
 Presented by the Ways and Means
 Committee

4:00pm-6:00pm

Delegate Registration East Galleria

4:30pm-5:15pm

Heritage Workshop Mesa Verde
*Letters from Italian America and
 Journaling Family Memories*

In this workshop, Francesca Taylor and Eugene Salandra, Branch 67, will share letters and photographs from their Italian-American ancestors. Participants will then be invited to share selections from their own family letters. We will reflect on what these mean for heritage, family, and faith. Also to be shared are tips and practical suggestions for journaling and recording the memories of older loved ones. By listening to their stories, their experiences become a solid legacy for future generations.

5:30pm-6:00pm

New Delegate Orientation. Mesa Verde
 Presented by: Grand 1st Vice President
 Denise Antonowicz and Grand 2nd Vice
 President Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

6:30pm-7:00pm

Meet the Central Council Candidates
 East Galleria

7:00pm-11:00pm

Opening Ceremonies Dinner Dance
 Santa Ana/Costa Mesa

Dinner reservations required

Cash bar available

• Call to Order by the Convention
 Director:

Roselynn McNeal,
 Central Council Life Member

• Mistress of Ceremonies:
 Theresa Sabatella-Shaw,
 Central Council Member

• Opening Prayer

• Presentation of Colors:

Scouts of America, Troop 1134,
 Huntington Beach

• National Anthem

• Introduction of the Grand President:
 Deborah Rodondi, Central Council
 Life Member

• Welcome and Presentation

from the Host District:

Joe DiGrado, Orange District
 President

• Greeting from the Grand President:

Deborah Rodondi

• Roll Call of Districts

• “Be the Light” Inspirational Message:

Reverend Christopher Bennett,
 Spiritual Director

• Closing Prayer

• Federation Anthem:
 “Noi Vogliam Dio”

Dancing to follow until 11pm.

SATURDAY, September 2, 2023

8:30am-9:00am

Final Delegate Registration . East Galleria

8:45am-10:15am

Clergy Vesting Room
 San Juan (2nd floor)

9:00am-10:00am

Memorial Mass
 Terrace Pavilion (2nd floor)
 Reverend Christopher Bennett,
 Spiritual Director, Presiding

10:15am-11:00am

Spiritual Workshop
 Terrace Pavilion (2nd floor)

*Lighthouses don’t fire cannons to call
 attention to them shining-they just shine.*

You and I are like those lighthouse
 keepers. God’s flame was lit on the
 inside of us when we first believed.
 Subsequently, we have two critical jobs
 to keep that light burning brightly. The
 first is to continually add oil to fuel the
 flame. The second is to polish the soot off
 the glass, so it is always sparkling clean.
 Join our Spiritual Director, Reverend
 Christopher Bennett, for one of his two
 workshops and learn how to keep your
 lighthouse shining.

10:15am-11:00am

Open Forum Santa Ana/Costa Mesa
Sharing is Caring

This open mic opportunity encourages
 Federation-wide dialogue. The Executive
 Committee will respond to your questions
 and hear your suggestions. Sharing
 your success stories will provide fellow
 members with ideas to bring back to their
 branches.

11:15am-12:00pm

Spiritual Workshop (repeated)
 Terrace Pavilion (2nd floor)

Presented by: Reverend Christopher
 Bennett, Spiritual Director

11:15am-12:00pm

Finance Workshop. . . Santa Ana/Costa Mesa
Accounting that Makes cent\$
 The Finance Committee will help you
 navigate the world of ICF financial
 practices. Topics to be covered are:
 budgeting, accounting procedures, the
 duties of and the relationship between the
 financial officers, as well as checks and
 balances.

12:00pm-1:30pm

No-host Lunch Break
 Refer to Dining Guide

12:00pm-1:30pm

Chaplains’ Luncheon. China Cove

1:30pm-3:30pm

Convention General Session
 Santa Ana/Costa Mesa

Assigned delegate seating

• Call to Order

Deborah Rodondi,
 Grand President and Central Council
 Life Member

• Opening Prayer

• Pledge of Allegiance and Federation
 Salute

• Introduction of Central Council, Clergy,
 and Staff

• Adoption of Rules/Regulations

• Credentials Committee Report

• Welcome First Time Delegates

• Approval of Treasurer’s Report

• Proposals

• Speeches of Central Council Candidates

• Central Council Election

• Attendance Drawing

• Closing Prayer

• Adjournment

3:30pm-4:30pm

Teller’s Committee:
 Ballot Tabulation. Viejo

6:30pm-7:00pm

Banquet Social East Galleria
 Music by: Opera Italia
Cash bar available

7:00pm-9:00pm

Saintly Saturday Banquet
 Santa Ana/Costa Mesa
Reservations required

• Welcome

Joe DiGrado,
 Orange District President

• Master of Ceremonies
 James Jones, Past Grand President,
 Central Council Life Member
 Emeritus

• Invocation:

Reverend Christopher Bennett,
 Spiritual Director

• Dinner is served

• Remarks from Local Dignitaries
 • Presentation of the Saint Teresa of
 Calcutta Award to Reverend John
 Hardin, OFM and Sister Margaret
 Keaveney, DC, FACHE

by Deborah Rodondi, Grand
 President and Central Council
 Life Member

• Closing Prayer

• “God Bless America”

SUNDAY, September 3, 2023

9:00am-10:30am

Convention General Session
 Terrace Pavilion (2nd floor)

Open seating

• Opening Prayer

• Resolutions and Communications

• National Charity Presentation

• Response

• Committee Recognition:

Apostolate/Charity, Heritage,
 Membership, Scholarship

• Charitable Donations

• Central Council Election Results

• Convention Site Report

• Attendance Drawing

• Closing Prayer

• Adjournment

10:30am-11:15am

Central Council Meeting.
 Terrace Pavilion

12:00pm-2:00pm

Awards Luncheon
 Santa Ana/Costa Mesa

Reservations required

• Welcome

Roselynn McNeal,
 Convention Director, Central Council
 Life Member

• Mistress of Ceremonies

Maria DiPaolo, Central Council
 Member Emeritus

• Opening Prayer

• Lunch is served

• Presentation of the Grand President’s
 Award to Ritamarie Downey, Br. 443
 Simi Valley

by Deborah Rodondi, Grand President,
 Central Council Life Member

• Presentation of the Young Adult
 Leadership Award to Katharine A.
 La Corte, Br. 218 Arcadia

by Deborah Rodondi

• Presentation of the Family of the Year
 Award to Angelo and Antoinette
 Pecora, Br. 308 Fresno

by Deborah Rodondi

• Closing Prayer

2:30pm-5:15pm

Clergy Vesting Room
 San Juan (2nd floor)

3:00pm-5:00pm

Concelebrated Mass and Installation of
 Officers Terrace Pavilion (2nd floor)

• Mass

The Most Reverend Timothy E. Freyer,
 D.D., Presiding

• Installation of Central Council Officers
 Installing Officer, Deborah Rodondi
 Past Grand President, Central Council
 Life Member

• Remarks by the 2023–2024
 Grand President

• Convention Raffle

Presented by: The Ways and Means
 Committee

• Federation Anthem

Allen and Crystal Watts, Br. 281
 Bakersfield

• Adjournment