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Be the Light—Newly Elected ICF Central Council



Congratulations to our newly installed Central Council Officers. BACK ROW: Robert Basuino (Grand Sentinel), Dante Galeazzi (Grand Trustee), Rosemary Cook (Grand Trustee), Perry Shurko (Grand Trustee), Leonard Rossi (Grand Parliamentarian). FRONT ROW: Deborah Rodondi (Grand Secretary, Past Grand President), Franklyn Lopes, Jr. (Grand 1st Vice President), Fr. Christopher Bennett (Spiritual Director), Lauren Kilcullen (Grand 2nd Vice President), Lisa Crudo (Grand Treasurer). Not pictured: Denise Antonowicz (Grand President).



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2023 Convention Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following members who won a Prize in the Convention Raffle.

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2nd Prize, \$1,500 + \$150 Sellers's Prize
Barbara Gabriel, Br. 213, South San Francisco, CA

3rd Prize, \$1,500 + \$100 Seller's Prize
Maria Di Paulo, Br. 379, Huntington Beach, CA

4th Prize, \$1,000 + \$100 Seller's Prize
Mora Taormino, Br. 28, Gilroy, CA

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Teri Hurlbut, Br. 442, Pleasant Hill, CA

6th Prize, \$500 + \$100 Seller's Prize
Renato Specchierla, Los Angeles, CA

7th Prize, \$500 + \$100 Seller's Prize
Nancy Cootes, Br. 115, Rolling Hills, CA

Grand President's Monthly Message

Denise Antonowicz

"Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy. They are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

-Marcel Proust

Honored Clergy, Fellow Central Council Officers, and Members; Convention Delegates and Guests; and my dear family. It



is an honor for me to accept the position of Grand President of the Italian Catholic Federation, an organization with a proud past and an exciting future. I want to acknowledge the achievements of our outgoing Grand President, Deborah Rodondi.

Debbie, we have benefitted so much from your term as Grand President. Your leadership of the ICF was steady and assured but most of all had a clear vision for the changes that the ICF needed. Your legacy as Grand President made us a better organization and you had a vision and strategy suited to our times. It is a vision and strategy that is right, that is necessary, and that benefits the ICF. Thank you again, for your leadership and guidance.

And so, on to the future.

Over the next two years we will continue to build on our strengths, but also take on new directions.

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Please keep your submission positive and informative.

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Include district name, branch number and branch name in all submissions.

Thank you!

Message from our Spiritual Director
Mary and We on the Synodal Journey—Traveling, Greeting, Proclaiming

Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation:

As I think of the meaning of synodality in the Catholic Church, I am reminded of the Irish poet and novelist James Joyce's (1882-1941) famous description of the Catholic Church in "Finnegan's Wake:" *Here comes everybody!* Can that ever be true of our Church again? Can the synodal journey take us there together?

As we journey in the Synod of the Church, we have a particular responsibility to keep in mind our ethnic and cultural communities and ensure that they are being well served and fully included in our ICF faith family. We must recognize our diversity for what it is — a gift from God.

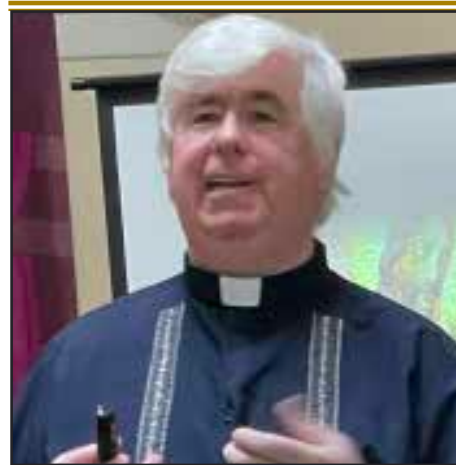
As we embrace our 100th Anniversary, our branches must look beyond themselves to engage in mission and evangelization. Our districts and local branches, are a great place for others to be nourished in our life in Christ, from which we are sent into the world to make a difference, alleviate suffering, care for the afflicted and advocate for the voiceless. In service of others, especially the poor, we encounter Christ. As disciples and members of the Italian Catholic Federation, we carry Christ to others in the world and bring them to Christ in return.

As the Synodal church, when we are in mission, we are at the service

of others; being available to them, showing our values and priorities; partaking in their vulnerabilities and sharing their uncertainties. And at the end of our mission, we return home. We return to ourselves with memories to cherish; we return to review and restore ourselves. Mission is in fact going forth and coming back.

In a nutshell, Pope Francis is leading us to rediscover a reality that has been at the heart of the Church's life from the very beginning. Echoing both Scripture and ancient Christian writers, he speaks of synodality not as a recent innovation but rather as a constitutive part of the Church's life. It goes to the heart of being "the Body of Christ" and "the People of God." It's at the core of the Church as a "communion" of believers, united to one another as Eucharistic allies, in Christ through the Holy Spirit. Synodality requires us to build a "culture of encounter" in the grace of the Holy Spirit. It means creating an atmosphere of hospitality and welcome, wherein we learn how to live our faith together, in patience and charity.

And so, as members of the Italian Catholic Federation we are invited to walk together — in a synodal way, a way of encounter, listening and discernment. As a church, we are in a process of synodality that calls us to prayer, contemplation, listening, discernment, and mission. Our



Father Christopher Bennett
ICF Spiritual Director

experience of synodality is much like the disciples' mission — it is a new and powerful invitation to be Christ's presence in our world.

So, my dear brothers and sisters, let us ask our Blessed Mother Mary to go with us and to help us to put love into everything that we do for the Italian Catholic Federation. 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.

Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. Chris



Heritage -- HALLOWEEN

Louise Vento

Halloween is celebrated on October 31st. The name Halloween means a holy evening because it takes place the day before All Saints Day. In the 700s the Roman Catholic Church named November 1st as All Saints Day. It is a day to offer prayers and masses for the souls in purgatory. It is recommended for all Catholics to attend mass.



Halloween is for the young and old. they dress up in costumes and play games, go trick or treat, bob for apples or sit around and tell ghost stories. We decorate our homes with

carved pumpkins, corn stock, leaves and jack-o'-lanterns and hand out treats to all the children. Many pranks have been played out on Halloween with damage to people's property.

The Druids believed that on Halloween eve the ghost, spirits, fairies, witches, elves and cats came out to scare people. They performed their rites at midnight under the light of a full moon. Children were afraid to walk past a cemetery at night. The Druids believed that cats were once human beings and they were changed into cats as punishment for having an evil way. No matter what you believe or celebrate, keep it fun and safe.

Happy Halloween.

2023 APOSTOLATE/CHARITY COMMITTEE – CONVENTION REPORT

Total Number of Branches – 100 Total Reports Submitted – 65

Of the 65 Branches Submitting an Annual Report:

- 65 Branches submitted an Apostolate Charity report in 2022
- 52 Branches have an Apostolate Chairperson
- 28 Branches give an Apostolate Report at each meeting
- 22 Branches have an active Chaplain
- 4 Branches attend Mass together Monthly
- 14 Branches attend Mass together Quarterly
- 9 Branches attend Mass together Semi-Annually
- 14 Branches attend Mass together Annually
- 48 Branches recite the rosary or pray for special intentions at each meeting
- 52 Branches offer Masses for deceased members
- 48 Branches donate to the Providenza Fund

Participation in Branch or District Sponsored Events:

- Retreats 2 Branches Pilgrimages 9 Branches
- Day/Night of Recollection 17 Branches Bishop's Days 47 Branches

Participation in Parish Life:

- 127 Mass Greeters 148 Lectors 227 Eucharistic Ministers
- 102 Ushers 77 Choir Members 52 CCD Teachers

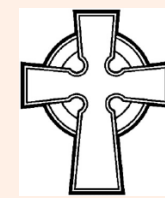
Total Dollars Donated = \$363,017.00

The Districts and Areas listed below had 100% participation in the Apostolate/Charity program:

Contra Costa – East Bay – Reno – Marin – Santa Clara Valley

Branches with highest monetary donations for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023:

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1-45 Members | 46 - 74 - Members |
| 1 – Br. 362 Downey | 1 – Br. 108 South Pasadena |
| 2 – Br. 237 Gardena | 2 – Br. 432 Brentwood |
| 3 – Br. 179 Glendora | 3 – Br. 368 San Jose |
| 4 – Br. 374 La Canada Flintridge | 4 – Br. 198 Santa Rosa |
| 75 - 129 Members | 130 or More Members |
| 1 – Br. 392 Chicago | 1 – Br. 36 Monterey |
| 2 – Br. 111 Montebello | 2 – Br. 52 Healdsburg |
| 3 – Br. 291 Arroyo Grande | 3 – Br. 28 Gilroy |
| 4 – Br. 391 San Jose | 4 – Br. 390 Tracy |



Thank you to our Apostolate/Charity Chairpersons and members for your hard work and dedication!

Welcome New Members (Report as of September 8, 2023)

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Branch 019 | Pamela Ivani | Robert Ivani |
| Branch 036 | Gabriel F Gargiulo | Sophia Gargiulo |
| | Terrence L Gargiulo | Lina Moretti |
| | Denise A Morton | Robert A Sequeira |
| Branch 067 | Gloria D Yates | |
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| Branch 291 | Shirley Di Rado | |
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| Branch 342 | Melanie A Fathali | Parviz Fathali |
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| Branch 352 | Sally Bankert | Ron Riniker |
| Branch 391 | Mary T Hole | Rosary H Hole |
| Branch 438 | Cheryl Cassity | Carla C Davis |
| | Geoffrey C Davis | John M Elezarraraz |
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| | Melissa L Galli | Patty Kobzi |
| | Richard Kobzi | Bette Nicolai |
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MAUI WILD FIRES RELIEF FUND

In early August 2023, a series of wildfires broke out in the U.S. state of Hawaii, predominantly on the island of Maui. The fires prompted evacuations, caused widespread damage, the loss of at least 115 lives and many other residents are still missing.

The Federation started a relief fund for all those who were devastated by the fires in Maui at our I.C.F. Convention Sunday Mass over Labor Day weekend. The donations came to a total of \$2,207.00. We are pleased by the response that we received.



Districts, Branches and Individuals are encouraged to donate to our relief fund. Donations will be accepted until December 31, 2023. Please send a check to the I.C.F. office made out to Italian Catholic Federation. On the memo line, write Maui Wild Fires Relief Fund.

Please be generous and consider donating to the fund as our fellow Americans begin the recovery process from the devastating fires. Let us continue to pray for peace in our World and consolation to those impacted by this event.

Gifts of Love Donations

(Received as of September 10, 2023)

- Branch 217
- Branch 351
- Branch 395
- Eva Stern
Speedy Recovery Wishes for Diane Castillo
- Eva Stern
In Memory of Marie Antonowicz
- Aurora Roselli and Pia and Don Murphy
In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen
- Barbara Firpo
In Honor of the 102nd Birthday of Josephine Alioto
- Richard and Barbara Thomas
In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen
- Darlene and Ann Fitzgerald
In Memory of Marie Antonowicz

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

Received as of September 10, 2023:

IN MEMORY OF:

Joe Sangiacomo
Russell Vento
Russ Vento
Russell John Vento
Bill Billings
Russ Vento
Russ Vento
Carol Barcelos
Barbara Hill
Catherine Zanotti
Marie Antonowicz
Marie Antonowicz

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Susan George
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Bruce and Lonnie Swarrigim
Paul and Patricia Lipari
Louise Vento
Louise Vento
Joey Bonino
Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Louise Vento

GET WELL WISHES:

Roselynn McNeal

Officers/Members of Central Council

IN HONOR OF A 50TH JUBILEE:

Sister Pauline Mary

Jim and Patty Jarrett

HAPPY 99TH BIRTHDAY:

Mary Perata

Jo-Ann and John Donivan

THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH MOVING ERRANDS:

Nancy Santos

Jim and Patty Jarrett

THANK YOU FOR BEING CO-PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT:

Nina Malone

Officers/Members of Blessed Sacrament District
Officers/Members of Blessed Sacrament District

Paul Scarpelli

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:

A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Branch 130 - Redwood City.

*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.



Cooley's Anemia Donations

(Report as of September 10, 2023)

Branch 10	Branch 395
Branch 14	Branch 443
Branch 28	Branch 447
Branch 52	LA Archdiocese District BBQ
Branch 108	Patricia Andrizzo
Branch 130	In Honor of the Birthday of Ritamarie
Branch 217	Downey

Family Recipe--Brownie Brittle

Deborah Rodondi, Grand Secretary/Past Grand President

After all the preparing and planning, convention is now a part of our history. I was blessed to be the Grand President for this convention. What a wonderful weekend, filled with renewing friendships, making new ones, seeing some of our Spiritual Leaders in action, sharing conversation, ideas and of course food. We were blessed to have Marie Antonowicz with us throughout the weekend and are saddened by her passing the Tuesday after Convention. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family. I also want to thank all the convention goers I had a chance to talk with and their positive feedback and stories on the recipes they have tried from these articles. THANK YOU and I hope we share many more recipes in the future.

Today I am going to share a sweet treat with you. A co-worker of mine was telling me about these brownie bites she bought at a major warehouse store. She informed me that it was hard to not just sit down and eat the whole bag, so she figured she better find a recipe to make them. A recipe is also helpful as at the major warehouse store these items are sometimes a one-time purchase and then they are no more. For me, I like these as I am a fan of crunchy cookies not soft, and of course add semi-sweet chocolate with nuts to the mix and you have a winner.

BROWNIE BRITTLE

- 1 ¼ cups sugar
- 1/3 cup bittersweet chocolate, roughly chopped
- ¼ cup water
- 2 eggs, room temperature
- ½ cup flavorless oil (sunflower, canola, vegetable)
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- ¼ tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- ½ cup walnuts, chopped (optional) (I use pecans)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter and line an 11"x17" cookie sheet—I used parchment paper. Set aside.

In a medium microwavable bowl combine the sugar, bittersweet chocolate and water. Gently microwave for

about 2 minutes or until the chocolate has melted. Set aside to cool.

Into the cooled chocolate mixture whisk in the eggs, oil and vanilla, until smooth.

Over the chocolate mixture sift in the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder and salt. Fold in the dry ingredients until there are no more streaks of flour.

Pour the batter onto your prepared cookie sheet and smooth out all the way to the edges. Scatter chocolate chips and walnuts over the batter. With the walnuts on top it allows them to get a wonderful roasted flavor, which adds a great element to the flavor of this treat.

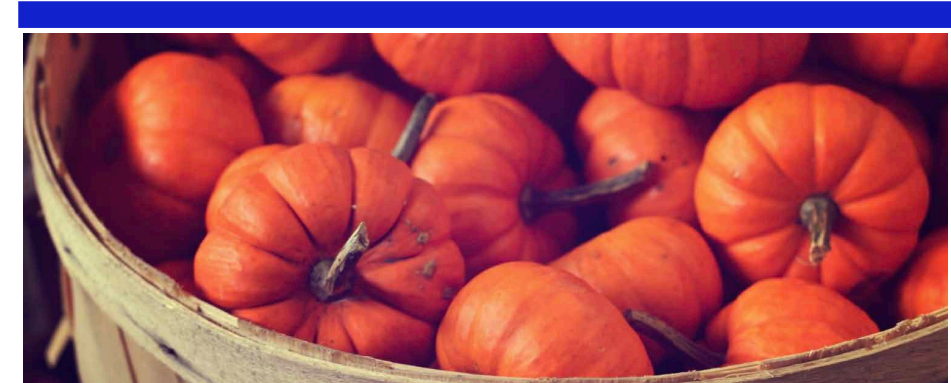
Bake for 30-40 minutes or until firm to the touch. Be careful not to over bake as it is easy to burn. Once the brittle cools completely it will crisp and harden. The thinner the better, so I don't want you thinking that the 11x17 inch pan is too big---it is not! When cold, break into big and small pieces. Enjoy alone or with ice cream.

Store at room temperature in airtight container for up to 10 days.

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

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

Buon Appetito!



Scholarship Donations

(Received as of September 10, 2023)

1st Year Scholarships:

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen

Elizabeth McDowell

In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen

Officers/Members of Central Council

In Memory of Marie Antonowicz

2nd - 4th Year Scholarships:

Bob Basuino

In Honor of the 65th Wedding Anniversary of Bob and Kathy Acquistapace

Alison Coughlin

In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen

Janine and Alan Boone

In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen

Mary Rose Teves and Tom Dawson

In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen

Missy Kohl Rubinstein

In Memory of Dean Primrose

Officers/Members of Br. 435

In Memory of John Sellarolo

Bob Basuino

In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen

Bob and Elaine Osorio

In Honor of the Birthday of Joan Delfino

Joan and Jerry Delfino

In Honor of the Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen



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Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco

Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:

On Wednesday, November 1st at 1 p.m. President Vic will have a luncheon at his house in Daly City. Invitations were sent to Branch 1 Members. Please call Vic at 650-755-1369, if you are able to attend.

*Cordiali Saluti
Diana Cresci*

San Francisco St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Happy Columbus Day on October 12th.

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

We will have a full report on our Anniversary Luncheon that was held on September 8th in the next issue of the *Bollettino*.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Please take care of yourself and be safe.

*Ciao,
Eva Perata, President*

SAN MATEO District Council

Let me first thank all of the delegates that attended the Convention in Costa Mesa and presented the information for our 2024 Convention celebrating 100 years of the Italian Catholic Federation!!

Please make sure your branches attend the Testimonial dinner honoring our outgoing Grand President Debbie Rodondi. The deadline for reservations is October 23 and we should be sending one check for the District which means your checks need to be turned in by October 16, 2023 to Bea Tomasello. If you have any questions, please give me a call 650-444-6999. Thanks.

Chaplain's luncheon and Bishop's Day will be celebrated at the same time at the Basque Cultural Center on November 12.

I hope you all have a Happy Halloween!

*Ciao
Barbara*

Burlingame

Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

We are looking forward to our Autumn Season with several celebrations in store. At our SEPTEMBER meeting we will share our "MAKE A SANDWICH" meal.

October 22nd St. Dunstan, Millbrae Polenta Dinner: Cocktails 4 p.m., Dinner 5 p.m. - \$45.00 Antipasto, Salad, Polenta, Chicken, Sausage, Wine and Dessert. Whoever wants to attend, make a check out to Branch 173 and our Treasurer will send in 1 branch check. Deadline is October 1, 2023

Items to look for in November: Testimonial dinner for outgoing Grand President Debbie Rodondi: November 4, 2023. It will be held at the Basque Cultural Center, 559 Railroad Ave. SSF. No host cocktails 5 p.m. dinner at 6 p.m., \$60.00. November 12, Chaplain's Lunch 1:30 – Basque Cultural Center - SSF - More details to follow.

MISC: Convention for 2024 will be at the Marriott in San Mateo. The ICF will be celebrating our 100th year. The San Mateo District and various branches will be helping plan the festivities. A lot of help will be needed by all!

Happy Halloween and enjoy the fun of giving safe treats to the kids!

*God Bless,
Roz Emery*

South San Francisco Br. 213, St. Augustine

October 10 Meeting: We will have a presentation by guest speaker, Terrie Tomasello, regarding how to avoid being scammed. Dinner will be provided by Donna DeVoe, Dianne Pangburn, and Marianne Cameron. Hope you all will join us.

CONVENTION: We had a lucky winner from our branch at the convention. Barbara Gabriel was a second prize winner on the convention raffle \$\$\$! Congratulations, Barbara! Joyce and Barbara gave a report on the convention at last month's meeting. The 2024 ICF calendars are here; call Roberta at 650/355-0813 if you would like to purchase one.

Red Hawk Casino Bus Trip: Tentatively planned for March or April 2024. We need 50 to 55 people to fill the bus. So, we will need help from our members, friends, relatives and perhaps other branches.

REMINDER: Testimonial Dinner for Deborah Rodondi to be held at the Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco, on November 4. Deadline for reservations is October 23. For more information, call Roberta.

We are still waiting for a date for the Trolley Tour of Cypress Lawn Cemetery. We have 18 members signed

up. The tour is limited to 24 guests.

Election of officers for 2024 is coming up! Please consider taking an office. It would be nice to see some new faces on the Board!

Our next dinner meeting will be on Tuesday, November 14, and will be hosted by Judy Crosetti and Jackie Smith.

See you then!

Menlo Park Br. 351, St. Patrick's

Thank you to the Buonocore's for the delicious polenta, stew and sausage dinner with all of the trimmings they served at our September meeting. Many members attended enjoyed this wonderful meal. Thank you too for the Yob's that brought dessert.

We also celebrated the 100th Birthday of Rina Stefani with a birthday cake and singing. Thank you, Paul and Charro. It was quite an evening.

October dinner will be roasted chicken and all the trimmings. Please call Barbara 650-444-6999 or Cory 650-867-8946 by September 27 to reserve your spot.

We will be nominating Officers for our branch at the October meeting. Please let me know if you would like to hold an office.

Testimonial dinner for our outgoing Grand President Debbie Rodondi will be November 4, 2023, at the Basque Cultural Center, 559 Railroad Ave., South San Francisco. No host cocktails at 5 p.m. and Dinner at 6 p.m. The cost is \$60 per person. Menu will include: soup, salad, rolls & dessert. You have a choice of Rack of Lamb with scalloped potatoes & vegetables or Breast of Chicken Chasseur with vegetables & rice. Deadline for reservations if October 23

Please send your check payable to ICF branch 351 to Martha Lancestremere or bring it to the October meeting. Chaplain's night and Bishop's Day will be a combined event held at the Basque Cultural center on November 12. If you would like to go, please let me know. Thanks.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers

*Happy Halloween
Barbara*

Millbrae Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Ciao a tutti! Our Polenta Dinner fundraiser is happening this month on Sunday, October 22nd at the St. Dunstan Parish Hall. The social/no-host cocktail hour begins at 4 p.m. with dinner to follow at 5 p.m. It features antipasto, polenta with both chicken & sausage, salad, wine, dessert

AND really great raffle prizes! For example, our friends at the Basque Cultural Center donated a \$100 gift certificate!! Reservations are due by October 17th! Mail your check for \$45pp (payable to "ICF Br. 403") to Rose Marie Morando, 706 Clearfield Dr., Millbrae, CA 94030. Include each guest's name, a phone #, & who you would like to be seated with. For questions, contact Rose Marie at (650) 692-4029 or Eunice at (650) 692-3740.

Our meeting in November (Tuesday, 11/07) will be a social/dessert only, due to other events that month. It begins at 6:30pm at the Parish Hall. There is no cost, but you must RSVP to Eunice at (650) 692-3740.

Lastly, the San Mateo District is holding its Chaplain's Luncheon on Sunday, November 12th at the Basque Cultural Center. Our branch is hosting this event, which begins with a social at 1p.m. and a luncheon at 1:30. The entree choices are roasted veal, salmon & eggplant Parmesan. The cost is \$45pp. This event is limited to 60 people due to room size so RSVP early! Send your check (payable to "ICF San Mateo District") to me, Adonna Amoroso, 886 Tioga Dr., Millbrae, CA 94030. Include a list of guests, entree selections, your branch #, & a phone #. The deadline is Sunday, Nov. 5th. For questions call me at (408) 313-6325. (See our flyer in this issue for more details!)

*Ciao for now!
Adonna Amoroso, Secretary*



**Deadline for
November Issue
of the *Bollettino* is
October 10.
Send your articles
& photos:
editor@icf.org
Be sure to include
branch name and
number.**

MARIN

Novato

Br. 332, Our Lady of Loretto

Every October our Branch celebrates Heritage Month, an opportunity for us to gather and honor the traditions handed down to us from our individual families. This month each member wore a name tag revealing their family's ancestral land. While many of us trace our roots back to "the boot," it is especially wonderful to have so many non-Italian members, who work to insure the stability of our Branch and to promote the ideals of the ICF. We are grateful for the participation and generosity of each and every one of you.

As we near the time for the election of Branch officers, we would like to encourage the many talented individuals in our Branch to consider serving on the board. Several of the present board members are eager to take a step back and to welcome aboard new faces with new ideas. Each position requires a different time commitment, but even the busiest offices can be managed easily, because the workload is so well distributed among the board members. Please consider taking the next step and serving on the board. We need you to keep up the energy and fun moving forward.

We pray that each one of you in our extended ICF family stay safe and well as we move into the busy fall season. Happy Halloween. *Attenzione ai fantasmi, mostri e streghe!!*

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

Well, another ICF convention has come and gone. Thank you to our hosts, the Orange district for a great welcome dinner dance, and thank you to the convention committee, led by Rose Mc Neal, who is stepping down as convention chairperson after 8 years of hard and dedicated work. You Rock Rose!

So, it's time to move on. We have a lot to do for the rest of the year. By the time this *Bollettino* edition goes out, we would have held our district Bishop and Seminararian Recognition luncheon held at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo. Thank you to our Central Council members who came down to help us celebrate, Leonard & BG Zasoski, and Franklyn Lopes Jr. I know that the seminararians really appreciate the ICF, and they love it when we come to visit them.

The ICF So Cal Region golf tournament is upon us. If you haven't signed up to golf, now is the time, don't hesitate. And the deadline to get your sponsorship in is quickly approaching.

Don't forget that you can also join us for the Italian lunch buffet that follows - and / or buy a ball for the golf ball raffle.

On November 12th we will have our annual Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage held at St. Frances in Burbank. Our district installation is being planned and the information will be out soon.

I would personally like to thank you, the members of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District for all of your efforts and hard work. We are the best district!!

Perry Shurko, LA District President.

Br. 67, National Branch, St. Peter

On August 19, 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 Church. New members Francesca "Fran" F. And Fr Nicholas M from Dayton and Canton Ohio joined members with a short introduction, bio and their interest in ICF. Both Fran and Fr Nicholas were very interested in joining this family-based organization and would like to bring their skills to help develop ICF in Ohio along with member David D. From Akron Ohio.

We look forward to working with Fr. Gianantonio as we continue developing the Branch; And will continue scheduling our future NBr 67 Meetings in person and via zoom at St Peters Italian 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 ICF-NationalBranch67.org and complete the application process. ICF may be just the place for you as we are multi culture-based focusing on Faith, Family, Fellowship and Food.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers that they may reach a speedy recovery. And to our former Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward; May they rest in peace.

*Keep safe and Stay healthy,
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President
ICF National Branch 67
C 626 372-7812. E Cas1810@aol.org*



South Pasadena Br. 108, Holy Family

On August 31 through September 3, 2023, Branch Members Theresa and Tad S, Carmelo and Linda S, Diana P and Jackie F attended the 92nd Annual ICF National Convention in Costa Mesa, CA. Branch 108 was awarded 1st Place for Apostolic Works of Charity and Theresa Sabatella Shaw was elected to Central Council for 2024 and 2025. Congratulations to Theresa and to Branch 108 for the successful support of ICF and charitable causes. Congratulations also to ICF members from all Branches for supporting the Anaheim White House Restaurant in Orange County with spaghetti donations totaling more than 3,469 lbs to help feed pasta dinners to those in need serving over "5,000 meals to underprivileged children nightly... in 20 cities at 62 locations." SAVE THE DATES

- October 1, 2023—Bishop Day Mass and Luncheon at St John's Seminary, Camarillo, CA email cas1810@aol.com for more information.

- October 22, 2023—Opera "I'll Campanella di Notta" by Opera Italia at Casa Italiana, downtown, LA. And October 29, 2023 at the Annex Theatre in San Pedro. Call or text: 213 248-2510 for more information.

- November 12, 2023—Mother Cabrini Mass, Pilgrimage, Benediction and Luncheon at St. Francis Xavier Church, Burbank, CA starting 11:30 am. See flyer in *Bollettino* to RSVP and for more information.

We continue to pray for the speedy Resolution of the present crisis and to keep our sick members in your prayers for a speedy recovery; and to our former Branch members and friends of ICF who recently have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace.

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

Montebello Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our October General Meeting will be on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. At this meeting, we will also have Nominations/Elections for 2024 branch officers. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Priscilla Araiza, Vienna Busalacchi, Lina Canzonieri, Crocetta Salomone, and Jeannine Vieni. Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

On Sunday, October 22, 2023, at the 10:00 a.m. mass at St. Benedict

Church, 1022 W. Cleveland Ave., Montebello, the mass will be offered for the living and deceased members of ICF 111. After mass, we will gather at the Taylor Ranch Park, 737 N. Montebello Blvd, Montebello, for a luncheon. The branch will provide a sandwich lunch including chips and a drink.

On Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m., ICF Branch 111, together with St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus will host a Halloween Party at St. Benedict Church Parish Hall. Look out for our flyer with all the details. Come and join us with your family and friends.

SAVE the dates for the following events: more information will follow.

Sunday, November 12, 2023 - Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage Mass & Luncheon.

Saturday, December 16, 2023 - Branch 111 Christmas Dinner, at Salvatore's Italian Restaurant.

Finally, please pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

*A Presto!
Frank Salomone
Branch 111 President*

San Pedro

Br. 115, St. John Joseph of the Cross

Thank you to all who attended and brought such tasty dishes to our September potluck meeting. We all left with full stomachs!

Our next general meeting will be held on October 19th at 7:30 p.m. Election of officers will take place at this meeting. We ask everyone to please consider serving on next year's board. It's not only much appreciated but it is a very rewarding experience for all who step up to the plate.

Upcoming events

Oct 12th day trip to Pala Casino bus will depart at 9am from the Boys and Girls Club. \$40.00 per person

Please call Pauline for reservations 310 832-0563

Las Vegas trip 2 nites 3 days Nov 6th - 8th. Golden Nugget Casino

Carson Tower \$175.00 per person double occupancy \$230.00 single occupancy Gold Tower. \$205.00 per person double occupancy. \$295.00 single occupancy Bus will depart at 9am from the Boys and Girls club

Please call Pauline for reservations

Save the date Nov 12th Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage. Neal to provide more information at October monthly meeting.

Please pray for our sick members and those in need Anita Gioiello Trujillo.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT



Br. 47, ICF Raffle Basket



Br. 368 Avis and Janet Glaubke August ICF Ice Cream Social Chairperson.



Br. 47, ICF Cross Raffle



Br. 47, ICF Grab-n-go Pasta Dinner



Santa Clara Valley District booth at the Italian American Heritage Festa in San Jose. Pictured Mike Rossi, Marcie Rossi, Steve Lencioni, Denise Antonowicz, Cathleen Lencioni, Bob Basuino.



Br. 368, Rib Dinner, Maria & Bill Greco, and grandson Brett



Br 368, Rib Dinner Time to eat, Beverly and others experiencing the best Ribs



Br 368, Bill Greco cooking beans for Rib Dinner



Br. 184, How does one say "Goodbye" to someone who has meant so much to so many? Pray for us Marie, rest with the Saints.



Santa Clara Valley District, Mountain View, San Giorgio #47: Monthly August Meeting: Lynn Noah, Eva Stern, Julie Wester, Leanne Simone, Louis Wester, Mike Rossi, John Canata, Theresa Giampaoli, Jo Del Carlo, Natalie Canata, and Renato Del Carlo. Coffee & Dessert - white macadamia nut, oatmeal, and chocolate chip cookies, pound cake, rum cake, brownies, dark chocolate clusters with coconut and cashews, and mini cupcakes



Br. 368, New Members, Sharon K, Sharon B, Tom B, Ron

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)



Branch 191 at Convention...A Very Happy Group



Branch 445



Branch 191 Members at Convention



Branch 445



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Branch 191 Jim Jones Master of Ceremonies at Convention

Arcadia

Br. 218, Holy Angels

After the summer break, ICF Branch 218 at Holy Angels in Arcadia set out to Round Up their members with a western style meeting featuring a western sing-along and delicious luncheon of ribs, corn, baked beans, apple pie, etc. Special guests were John Wayne and Chief Tall Guy, AKA Scott Carrano.

There will be no meeting in September due to Holy Angels Fiesta at that time. By the time this article is printed the convention will have come and gone. Lucy Hernandez was our delegate, and we hope she had a good trip.

Our next meeting is October 8 at which time there will be the board nominations and elections. At our last board meeting there was quite a lot of discussion on upcoming potential events and the meetings. We intend to make them more interesting and fun. Watch for Jeanne's newsletters which will have the details.

Future dates that are set: November 12 – general meeting, November 19, set up on the 18th – Christmas Boutique which Jenni Hauge will be chairing this year, December 9 – Christmas party which I will again be chairing, December 31 – New Year's Eve party.

*Hope to see everyone at all of these events.
Lolly M.*

Downey

Br. 362, St. Raymond

Autumn is definitely in the air. I can't believe it's October already. Where did the time go? Last month the ICF annual convention was held in Costa Mesa at the Westin. Thank you to the Orange district for hosting us this year. I want to thank our delegate Christine Ragusa for representing us once again, and to Francis and Christina Ladd and our special guest Tony Ragusa for joining us this year. Next year we will be in San Mateo in the San Francisco district.

At the end of last month, we held another Bingo luncheon. Thank you to all who helped out by setting up, serving and breaking down. You are so much appreciated.

October 1st was our annual district Bishop Day which was held at St John Seminary. I know that the seminarians always look forward to seeing the ICF.

The golf tournament is right around the corner, so I better start practicing. Thank you to Bob Buckley for joining us on the course and to this who helped out in any way.

On November 12th we will be holding our annual Mother Cabrini Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon. More

details to come.

And that takes us to the end of the year. Our branch Christmas party is being planned as we speak. We are hoping to have it at the Norwalk Frantone's since the one in Downey has been torn down.

*I would like to wish you all a very Happy Halloween and enjoy the Autumn weather.
Perry Shurko, branch president.*

La Canada Flintridge

Br. 374, St. Bede the Venerable

At our last board meeting we had a vigorous discussion associated with scholarships. We decided to open our student scholarships beyond our own parish to other parishes that do not have an ICF branch. It is our hope that offering scholarships to their students will encourage their parents and/or parishioners to join our branch.

Ensuring the perpetuity of the Mary Wynton Music scholarships has been made possible by a 10- year extremely generous contribution by member Robert Barbera and by the summer event donations.

As it is never too early to start planning, two new leaders, Gloria McGaughey and Lila Nastro, will chair the 2024 St. Joseph Day Celebration event. Members are all urged to pitch in to help them. We thank Maria DeSalguero for her many years of hard work leading this always successful fund raiser. Phyllis Harb will continue to manage the traditionally successful silent auction.

Plans are underway for a Fall 2024 Canadian/New England Princess Cruise. Previous cruises have been a huge success, so members and their friends are being encouraged, along with parishioners, to sign up and join the fund-filled week of camaraderie. For more details, please call (818) 952-3252 for details.

Welcome to new members Jennifer Weissmuller and Mary and Matt Natalizio. We hope that you will welcome them to join us in actively participating in our mission. Help us reach our 50-member mark. Be a friend, bring a friend to our next general meeting.

A \$500 donation was made to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for relief for the people of Maui as they recover from their tragic fire and \$1,000 to the parish for the parish birthday celebration. As you can see, your participation in raising money goes to very worthy causes.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, October 17: General Meeting, 6 p.m. "Be a Friend, Bring a Friend"

Sunday, October 22: Opera at St. Peter Church, downtown.

Sunday, November 12: Mother

Cabrini Mass, Luncheon, and Pilgrimage. 11:30 a.m. St. Xavier Church, Burbank.

Sunday, June 29, 2024: Los Angeles District ICF 100th Anniversary Gala.

*Che Dio ti Benedica
Al Restivo*

Thousand Oaks

Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon

Come enjoy Halloween on October 6. Visit with other members as we celebrate the fall season.

We started the month with lunch with the seminarians on Oct. 1. The branches of the Los Angeles Archdiocese honored our local Bishops, Chaplains & Seminarians at the 2023 Bishop's Day at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo.

Elections are coming up soon. We look forward to seeing everyone as we head into fall.

Simi Valley

Br. 443, St Rose of Lima

At the ICF, 92nd Annual Convention, in Costa Mesa, Ritamarie Downey was presented the Italian Catholic Federation Grand President's Award by Deborah Redondi. We are very happy for our President Rita who does so much for Branch 443.

Everyone who attended the Annual Bocce Picnic on September 9, enjoyed the plentiful, delicious food and the fun Bocce competitions.

On November 17, we will have the appreciation dinner for the Master Chorale of St Rose.

*Peace and Blessings,
Josephine M. Perini*

Rancho Palos Verdes

Br. 444, St. John Fisher

Marianne Canetti, one of our original members has been released from the hospital and is recovering at a 4-pack nursing home in RPV. She suffered a stroke in February & is slowly recovering. Please continue to pray for her and the challenges she faces. Marianne has been instrumental in organizing meetings, working behind the scenes and arranging to have guest speakers. We hope she returns as soon as possible.

President Hany Francis and his wife Carol will be representing our Branch at the ICF Convention September 1st at the Western South Coast Plaza. Happy Birthday to our President, Hany Francis from your members, "Cent Anni"!

Plans have been made for our Annual Picnic in the Park, July 22, at 11 a.m.

Bruno Vieri, our Treasurer reports we are financially solvent and doing well. We would like to welcome our new Associate Pastor, Fr. Alejandro Enriquez to our Parish. We Pray that our Pastor Msgr. David A Sork recovers from knee replacement surgery quickly.

Congratulations to our Scholarship winner, Arrianna Funicciello. All our membership wishes you the best on your educational journey and your future be unlimited.

Until we meet in July, Mother Cabrini pray for us. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton pray for us.

Ciao, Patty Longo Hansen

Oakland

East Bay

District Council

Some of you were at the convention but for those of you who were not, our President, Jo-Ann Donivan, gave us a great summary of the happenings that the East Bay was noted for at the convention.

Our Chaplin, Fr. Mario was there, helping as needed. We are sad to say that "our Chicken dancer" Marie Andonowicz, was there long enough to see her daughter, Denise elected Grand Pres. May she rest in Peace.

The East Bay was awarded for 100% participation in Apostolic works of Charity; 100% participation in full and partial scholarships; and Outstanding participation in scholarships.

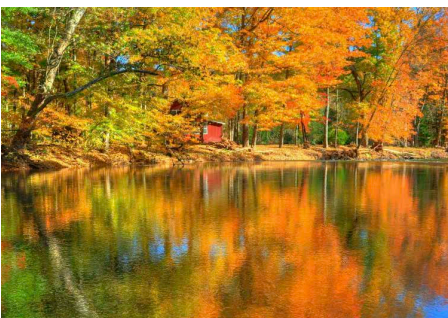
The vote was in favor of increasing our dues and the Central Council promises to look for other ways to save in the annual budget.

Lisa Crudo was reelected Grand Treasurer! Way to go, Lisa!

The new Calendars are here. Remember, this is an easy way to earn more money for your Branch, as a part of this money stays with your Branch. The price has increased slightly, they are now \$30.00 each...Christmas is coming,

Bishop's Day is Oct.1st at the 11 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral followed by luncheon at Pier 29. Hopefully many of you will be able to attend. Just follow the instruction on the flyer.

*Here's to a safe and sane Halloween.
Pat Grasso,
District Sec.*



Alameda

Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

Next up on the Branch 10 social calendar is our Christmas Party scheduled for Saturday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Monsignor O'Brien Hall, High Street and Van Buren Street, Alameda. The event will also function as the East Bay District's Christmas Party. Details on menu, prices and reservations to follow in the November Bollettino.

Congratulations to new Branch 10 member AJ (Antonio) Arevalo for being awarded an ICF first-year college scholarship. AJ graduated from Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School in Alameda and has entered Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park. He joined the ICF with his mother Lori and grandmother Diane and has been assisting at Branch 10 events for the last two years.

At press time we had begun preparations for our annual and very popular Ravioli Dinner, which was scheduled for Saturday, October 7. Thanks to Terry Greg for taking reservations and to Ben Ratto for again serving as chef.

Congratulations to ourselves and to first vice-president Gina Foster as July and August calendar winners, respectively. Gina teaches at Saint Philip Neri School and chaired this year's Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great Parish Fun Fair on September 23.

*John Zugnoni
Branch 10 publicity*

Oakland

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

Ciao ICF,

This summer was a busy time for all! We were able to hold several branch meetings, though they must be at the home of one of our members now. We are still able to get our work done, for incorporating the Irish traditions along with Italian biscotti. Grazie Betty Tully!

Our branch did a two-month virtual fundraiser with the annual cross necklace. We held it online or in person at branch & district meetings.

We raised the dollars that went entirely to our charities, including College Scholarships, the Seminary fund, as well as Cooley's Anemia.

The winner was Grand President, Deborah Rodondi and the prize was presented to her at The ICF Convention. Though she is now Past Grand President, she will wear this proudly and we thank her for all her hard work!

Speaking of the Convention, we had several members in attendance and found this particular convention to

be informative as well as fun! One of the best aspects was meeting those members that you may partner with for some upcoming event. For us, it is partnering with the East Bay and Contra Costa Districts to host Bishop's Day at The Cathedral of the Light in Oakland, CA on Oct. 1st at 11 a.m. with Bishop Barber.

On a final note, we would like to send our prayers & love to The Antonowicz Famiglia.

Marie was such an ICF inspiration to us all at Br.91!

Riposa con gli Angeli Marie Antonowicz

*Grazie,
Jo-Ann Maggiora Donivan*

Fremont

Br. 215, St. Francis of Assisi

Happy October! I hope you are all enjoying the wonderful season of fall and taking some time to pray the Rosary.

On July 16th, we had a wonderful time at the home of Debbie and Dennis Nunes with our Taste of Sicily Summer Luncheon. New member Karen Cancilla was initiated at this fun and delicious function.

On August 12th we held our Tortellini Dinner in the Corpus Christi Parish Center. Thank you to all of those who purchased a fabulous dinner (prepared by Chef Nadine Mattier and her kitchen crew.)

Welcome to our newest member, Lori Bruno! We are so happy to have you as a member of Branch 215. Blessings to you and your family!

Thank you to those of you who participated in our Fall Raffle to raise money for our charities.

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

We hope to see you at our Christmas dinner at Giorgio's in Milpitas. More info to follow...

And, please check out our Branch 215 webpage at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/italian-catholic-fed-branch215/home>

Have a wonderful and blessed month of the Rosary!

*Dio ti benedica,
James Francis McGee
Vice President*

Livermore

Br. 285, St. Filomena

Welcome to Autumn! We have lots of activities scheduled for the coming months, but before we move on to September and October, we want to share our latest events. Our District

Communion in July was well attended by both our and other East Bay branches with a light lunch served after the Mass. The Golden Friends and our branch hosted an afternoon of Bingo, raffle prizes, and a silent auction at St. Michael's in August. The day was a great success, and everyone had a wonderful time with lots of prizes. We enjoyed partnering with Golden Friends and will be planning for more joint events in the future.

On a sad note, Gail Rocca passed away on August 28. Gail was a long time ICF member and will be remembered and missed. She served as past president and as the publicity person for many years. Gail's Funeral Mass was at St. Michael's.

This month, on September 23 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., ICF will be hosting a Coffee and Dessert Booth at the CCOP "Hoedown" at St. Augustine's Hall which will feature delicious homemade treats. On September 17, the Navarinis will be hosting an Italian Movie Scene event at St. Augustine's that promises to be great fun. We will be manning a Spin the Wheel booth at St. Michael's Ministry on October 1, and then on October 20, we will enjoy Wine Tasting, and of course our annual Christmas dinner in December.

If you interested in attending any of our upcoming events and would like more information, please contact me at virginia1153@comcast.net. We would love to have your company.

*Virginia Williams
Recording Secretary*

Castro Valley

Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

We had a great turnout for our Bingo and Meatball Social. Much fun was had by all, and we hope to have another one after the children are back in school. Allison McGuirk did a super job of collecting prizes. Our new Pastor Fr. Raphael Zwolenkiewicz was even one of the many winners.

We sort of helped Leroy Taddai celebrate his 90th birthday in Aug., by dining at the Knudsen Soda Shop. A belated Happy Birthday, Leroy!

Congratulations to Lisa Crudo, who was reelected Grand Treasurer at the convention! Way to go!!!!

Hopefully our newest convention delegate has some adventures to talk after her 1st after her 1st Convention. Since this is an in between convention and meeting there is not much to report. More reason to attend meetings!

The newest calendars are here and ready to be bought up and used for maybe Christmas gifts, since the price went up slightly do to printing costs. Take a good look at them.

*A Happy and Sane Halloween to All.
Pat Grasso,
Dist. Sect.*

CONTRA COSTA District Council

Here is the latest news from the Contra Costa District:

We are pleased to report that all 7 of our branches were in attendance at the annual convention. Our district received an award for 100% participation in the Apostolic/Charity program. Several branches received other awards as well. Congratulations to Rosemary Cook from Branch 13, Martinez who was re-elected to the Central Council and will serve as a trustee. Roselynn Mc Neal announced this was her last convention as director. We thank her for a job well done.

Our branches joined with the East Bay District on Sunday October 1 at the Oakland Cathedral to celebrate our annual Bishop's Day. More on this next month. We are planning to gather for an Evening of Recollection on Thursday, October 26 at 6 pm at Christ the King parish hall in Pleasant Hill. The evening will begin with dinner, followed by the spiritual program led by Deacon John Kortoum. Please RSVP to your branch presidents.

Our next District meeting will be Thursday November 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Christ the King parish hall when we will be having elections for 2024. Consider running for a district office.

*Happy Halloween and a blessed All Saints Day!
Fraternally,
Patty Jarrett
Past President/District Mentor*



MARIN AREA



Br. 332. Mary, Joan and Gina relaxing before Br. 332 dinner.



Br. 332 Members of Br. 332 enjoying good conversation at their monthly dinner.

SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT



Br. 446 officers Dominico Ricci, Paula DeStefano, Jim Impastato, Anna Reyna, Peter Tesoro, Joe DiCamillo, Nan Judge, Tony Santorufo, Joyce Tesoro, Virginia Impostato



Br. 446, At the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Display: Mark Stratman, George Simko, Paula DeStefano, Joe DiCamillo, Domenico Ricci, Gina Ricci, Kevin Cavanaugh, Betty Cavanaugh, Mary O'Neil. Also in attendance, Mary Ann and Mel Miller



Br. 446, Procession



Br. 446, P-51 Mustang



Br. 446, Dominico Ricci (L) and Joe DiCamillo (R) carrying our banner.

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT



Br. 36, Fiesta Night



Br. 36, Fiesta Night



Br. 36, Award



Betty Jean Sollecito Br 36 1929 - 2023



Marie Antonowicz Br 36 1923 - 2023



Thomas Favazza Br 36 1951 - 2023



Br. 36, Elaine and Richard Valentine



Br. 36 at Central Coast



David and Irma Zanini from Br. 354 and Keely and Dave Sanchez from Br. 291 enjoyed attending the ICF Convention in Costa Mesa.



Br. 21 - 90+ Year Olds' Birthday Celebration.

L to R: Johnny Ghio, Kay Ghio, Madeline Crews, Martha Oneto, Bill Schuette, Don Mungai, Joe Aliberti, and Alverta Orlando (seated)



Br. 291, Keely and David Sanchez



Central Coast District at Convention



Julie Richards, Central Coast 1st VP



Br. 26, Mary Ann and Jim Friebel

Martinez Br. 13, San Martino

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8). Branch #13 offers its sincerest sympathies to Denise Antonowicz on the death of her mother. The 100 lively and wonderful years Marie spent on earth is just a fraction of the everlasting joy she will spend with Our Lord. May she rest in paradise.

Officers Tom and Mary Cook represented Branch#13 at the East Bay and Contra Costa Districts’ Bishop’s Day just six days before celebrating with parishioners at St. Catherine of Siena’s 150th Anniversary Gala; and both after the Eucharistic Revival Congress. It has surely been a busy time in Martinez.

As we enter autumn, the trees are about to show us how lovely it is to let go. “Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.” Romans 12:2 shows us that just like the trees, we live out God’s will when we let go and change our thoughts to God’s thoughts. How lovely it is to live the good life God wants from us, which requires changing our thoughts and actions.

How will you serve the branch? Elections will be held on Monday, Oct 9, Indigenous Peoples’ Day, and last meeting of the year is November 13 on the feast of our co-patroness, St. Frances Cabrini.

*Arrivederci,
Mary Cook*

Crockett Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici!

It’s that special time of year again... autumn skies, and pumpkin pies, and lots of gathering.

And speaking of gathering, a giant thanks goes out to Louise DeThomasi and family for hosting our annual picnic, (and to all those who brought tasty dishes to share.) Louise made us all feel so welcome and provided a delicious BBQ. Louise, you are the hostess with the mostess!

Our next Mass and Dinner meeting is October 10th. It’s an Italian Potluck, so please bring your favorite Italian dish to share. We’re also having a canned food drive that night.

Hurry and get your tickets for the Polenta and Sausage Dinner. Dinner is on October 21st and starts at 6:00. Dinner is \$25.00 and take out is available. Lots of fun and great raffle prizes! Contact Donna or Pat for tickets.

Don’t forget our Cashe Creek Casin

trip on Friday, December 1st, leaving Crockett at 9:00 and returning by 4:30. The cost is \$45.00 and includes a four-hour stay, \$20.00 in bonus play, light refreshments, wine, soda, and driver/tip. Best of all, you’ll travel with a bunch of crazy happy (and hopefully lucky) Italians! Contact Nancy Carlos to sign up.

Please keep Wanda Abbondanza and Lois Ramos in your prayers.

Thank you to our Convention Delegates and all who purchased Convention tickets. Our branch was very well represented! We made \$690.00 this year, but sadly no winners... darn!

Be sure to get out those sweaters, visit with friends, and enjoy the beauty of this beautiful season.

*Blessings,
~Helen*

Concord Br. 214, Todos Santos

Summer has flown by, as usual. I hope you all had a great summer traveling and being with family and friends.

On August 12th Diane Hasty hosted our members appreciation barbecue at her beautiful home. There were 36 people who enjoyed a delicious lunch of barbecued chicken, steak, and sausages done by Cisco Bellez, and Mike Rizzo. There were many great appetizers and delicious sides and desserts. The raffle prizes were gift cards which were enjoyed by all. It was a western theme. It was a fun day.

On Labor Day weekend, our president Roberta Healy and Ed McGuirk, along with Sue Giorgetti and Allison McGuirk attended the national convention. They will share their experiences with us at our next meeting.

This Saturday, September 9 we are hosting a pasta/bingo at Cauche Hall. This is a fun event and everyone looks forward to a delicious lunch from Zio Fraedos and bingo called by Ed McGuirk. There are 5 games of bingo and many raffle prizes.

In August, father Johnson, our pastor from St Agnes gave a mass at 5:00 and everyone enjoyed a light dinner in his honor saying goodbye to him and his new venture at another church. We will miss him. Father Luke will be our new pastor. We welcome him and wish him well.

We look forward to future fundraisers and I wish you all a healthy, happy Fall.

*Stay safe
Con affetto
Norene Deluca*



BLESSED SACRAMENT District

Sacramento Br. 45, St. Mary

SAVE THE DATE for our last dinner event of 2023 on Sunday, November 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. On the menu: ½ Baked Chicken, Polenta with meat sauce, Salad, Bread, Dessert, and Beverage. Pasta is available on pre-order basis. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Branch meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. Please contact me for more information and reservations at (916) 508-1199 by Monday, Nov. 13th.

Welcome new members: ROBIN GI-ANATTASSIO-MALLE, MICHAEL & LINDA MC KENNA, DAVID & LIZ ALBOOM and son JOSHUA. Thanks for joining the Branch and we look forward to getting to know you!!

Our deepest sympathy to Denise Antonowicz and her sisters on the passing of their mother, Marie, the true heart of the ICF. I will be ever grateful for being seated at Denise’s table for the Convention Banquet and spending the evening with Marie and her wonderful daughters. She will be greatly missed.

Buon Complianno to Branch members with October birthdays: Gail Davis, Kim Ebert, Dr. Daniel Mazza, and Pina Noto. Have a blessed and joyous day!

*Happy Halloween!
Ciao, Janine*

Auburn Br. 342, St. Joseph

Thank those members who purchased or sold Convention Raffle Tickets. Your stubs were mailed to Central Council and during the convention over Labor Day Weekend, the lucky winners were drawn. We hope someone from Branch#342 Auburn was drawn.

Central Council sent us 75 booklets to sell. We were fortunate to sell 60 of those booklets.

That gives our Branch \$600.00 to donate to our Ministries allotted in this year’s budget.

Another big thank you to those members who donated items and helped serve on Hospitality Sunday at St. Teresa’s. We are extremely grateful to Marisa Borba and her family, Rosie and Dino Tribuzi, Rita Merrill, Lisa Stockman, Judith Hocking, Pam Andersen, and Adriana Jensen who helped set up, serve, and clean up after the event. District President Tina

Tallman was able to help out at the membership table. We received many compliments from the parishioners and hopefully were able to recruit a few new members.

*Ciao!
Pam Andersen*

Roseville Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi

Autumn has arrived and we hope you are all enjoying this beautiful change in the seasons!

We closed out summer with our August indoor picnic and meeting. Thank you to the Aguilar family for all their help. After dinner, Branch 438 was pleased to present a \$1000 check to Fr. George as our donation to St. Clare Parish.

Were you able to join us here at St. Clare for our August Bingo fundraiser? If so, you were treated to a wonderful afternoon of food, fun and fellowship. We hope to continue these successful joint ventures with the Blessed Sacrament District for years to come.

Members were treated to an array of yummy pasta salads at our September Branch meeting. Thank you to Vera Beine for organizing this dinner.

The Apple Hill and Red Hawk bus trip is right around the corner on October 9th. Don’t miss out on this fun field trip with friends. Later, on October 20th, we’ll be having our next Branch meeting, featuring meatball and sausage and pepper sandwiches. Now, that’s Italian!

It’s that time of year again...time to dig out our favorite recipes and get ready for the Harvest Bake Sale on October 28th and 29th. Always a favorite, let’s make this our best fundraiser yet, and help support our many charities!

Branch 438 introduces Cheryl Cassidy, John and Nancy Eleazarraz, and Irene C. Schrag as our newest members. Welcome to our family!

*Many Blessings!
Anne Finn*



SANTA ROSA District

Healdsburg Br. 52, San Francesco Di Sales

Attendees enjoyed our Potluck Dinner on Sept. 12. Too bad, more members weren’t in attendance. You missed a great dinner!

Upcoming events:

ICF Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

ICF Monthly Mass: Sunday, October 15 at 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Polenta Dinner: Saturday, October 28. Come and enjoy our first polenta dinner of the season! Price: \$25.00. Richard Passalacqua will be cooking the polenta with his delicious sauce. Call Carmen and Lauren for reservation:s 707-595-3111 or tickets will be sold after the Masses.

Our delegates had a great time at the ICF Convention in Costa Mesa.

*Happy Halloween!
Lauren*

Cloverdale Br. 75, L’Annunciata

Our Branch Secretary, Yvonne Jelton, represented us at Convention and dutifully met and discerned who she would vote for among the candidates. When asked what she liked most about the Convention she replied, “Everyone was so warm and friendly!” (Check out a picture in with the Santa Rosa District photos.) She also mentioned that she learned a great deal, so we are looking forward to hearing all about it at our September meeting!

As is our custom, we took July and August off. Our September, “Back to it!” meeting will be a Papa’s Pizza/ Salad event for members.

We have a couple of members struggling with health issues. Raul Arreguin and George Bovone, you know who you are! Spouses, Kathi and Dee Dee are caregivers extraordinaire, and we pray for their ongoing courage and strength.

Patsy Buchignani

Arcata Br. 144, St. Mary

Branch #144 did not have a regular meeting the first Friday in July but instead had a "garden party" at the Eanni's where all enjoyed grilled Italian Sausages and a lot of wonderful side dishes members brought.

Justin Alvarez is our newest member and had a lovely initiation. (See Photos with district photos). The weather was perfect as it had been overcast the whole week prior.

Alfred and Pete Stagnoli handled the grilling of the sausages and peppers with finesse. (photo)

Our branch is hosting the social hour after the Masses on the second Sunday of the month. The Eanni's have stepped it up a notch by adding one after the Saturday 4 p.m. Mass and also on the 5th Sunday of the month. Folks have enjoyed something different each time: bacon wrapped avocado along with prosciutto wrapped cantaloupe, pizza, cream cheese stuffed sweet peppers, along with variety of cookies, and fruit. It is becoming a very nice social time, allowing us to meet new, as well as returning, parishioners.

One time Alfred made his famous Italian meatballs, a recipe handed down from his nonna.

Tony Gonsalves brought in his Humboldt County Fair carving submission. We look forward to having him do a carving demonstration at one of our meetings in the near future. (photo)

Our biannual Chicken and Polenta Take-out dinner is set for Sunday, Sept 17 from 4-6 p.m. (Photo)

Our branch meetings are the first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Fr. Kelly Room. We also get to enjoy some wonderful snacks made by members.

Eureka Br. 145, St. Ambrose

The Colivas Memorial Scholarship Dinner is back, and it will be better than ever. October 8th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. a delicious pasta dinner will be served by the members of

ICF Eureka Branch #145 using Jerry Colivas’s recipe for the sauce.

Many raffle prizes are needed. Please call Joe Bonino at home phone 707-445-5799 if you can help set up, serve, clean up, or have a raffle prize to donate. Or email

FJB504@gmail.com

Santa Rosa Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our pizza night and bingo were a real success and with it was a special 90th birthday cake for charter member Kathy Acquistapace.

Looking ahead we have our mass for living and deceased I F members on Monday October 9th at 8:00 a.m.

In November we have, our Mass at 9:00 a.m. November 5th and our meeting on November 6th with a turkey dinner.

May all of you have a happy and a healthy October. Will you carve a pumpkin this year????

*Ciao
Robert Acquistapace*

Sebastopol Br. 209, St. Michael

Hello Members of Branch 209, Sebastopol!

I hope everyone enjoyed our summer “July” break!

I’m sure many of you have been busy in your gardens, taking vacations, or spending time with family and friends. We have had wonderful weather and are so blessed to live in Sonoma County.

At the August meeting we had a fun hotdog dinner, with delicious homemade salads, and ice cream for dessert.

Thank you, David Armstrong, for organizing the dinner.

Also, we had a new member join our branch, Welcome Erica Alsbury!

We are very thankful to be sending Richard and Brenda Petuya to the Convention in Costa Mesa. It’s a great experience and they will be sharing their stories with us at the September meeting.

I hope to be seeing more of you at the next meeting!!

*That’s all for now!
Thank you,
Pam McAlvain
President*

FRESNO District

Clovis Br. 250, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Our Branch experienced the loss of two long-standing members.

Isabel Ronzano and Rueben Silva. Isabel devoted her life to the rescue and loving care of some of God’s helpless creatures, abandoned cats and dogs. She spent many hours helping with their care and raising funds for their upkeep. She also volunteered in support of the Women’s Crisis Center in Fresno and was an active member of the Sons of Italy, the ICF and the Silver Foxes.

Rueben was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and active in St. Helen’s parish. He served in the Marine Corps, was a POW and received cruel treatment by the Viet Cong in Viet Nam. He was the recipient of three Purple Hearts and the Silver

Star. He was a “Hero” in every sense of the word.

Little known Pope’s department: Adrian II (867-872): Originally had not intended a church career and married; later separated from his wife and became a deacon and in 842, cardinal priest of San Marco.

Melissa Squeo’s son, Vincent Rodriguez, attended his first Civil Air Patrol Encampment and is planning to enter the Air Force after high school graduation. (Please see picture on this page.)

August birthday solicitations to Flora DePasquale, Doug Duke and Angelo Lavagnino. September solicitations go to Geraldine Goodwin, Melissa Squeo and Vincent Rodriguez.

Pray for our members in need of healing prayers; Doug Duke, Jeanette Couch, and Verona DeLuca.

Thought for the month: “Hold fast your dreams and live your life with hope that every day

Will bring, with every dream come true, another dream your way”.(Anon)

*Ciao,
Carlo Calzone*

Fresno Br. 308, St. Anthony of Padua

Hello members.

Convention is here! Susan and I will represent our Branch in Costa Mesa. But, of course, you know that because that is all you have heard for the past year is: “convention, convention, convention.”

I will provide a report upon our return.

After our July hiatus we gathered on August 9th for a fine meal provided by Bernie. Thank you, members, for providing side dishes and desserts, lots of desserts, so many desserts.

Jeanie Stark has once again provided us with a quilt to raffle. Debbi has graciously agreed to assemble a gift basket with the quilt.

Thank you to Dr. Paulo Dos Santos for assuming the role of acting Secretary.

Keep in our thoughts: Rita Hoffknecht and Betty Zanon.

Coming events: Sausage Sandwich Sale Sept. 16, 17 and Oct. 7, 8.

See you Wednesday, September 12. Bernie is making pasta.

Jay Newsome, President



CENTRAL COAST District Council

Congratulations to our newly elected 2024 ICF Central Council officers.

We had 13 delegates from the Central Coast District that attended our 2023 ICF Convention in Costa Mesa, CA.

Bishop's Day will be held on November 5, 2023, at Holy Cross Church, 210 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA

More information will follow.

*Respectfully submit,
Elaine Valentine
Recording Secretary
Central Coast District*

Santa Cruz

Br. 21, N.S. Del Soccorso

Buona serra, Tutti. Firstly, we want to remind you all that on October 3rd, at our General Meeting, there will be an Octoberfest in celebration of fall. Heidi Ambiel has generously donated the fixings for a true German festa. The price is \$10 for the dinner and dessert and all monies will go directly to our Branch 21. To make reservations, please call Norma Wilson by September 29th. We hope to see you there.

Our 90+ Years Old Birthday celebration was wonderful. It was a bit smaller group this year, but it was cozy and enjoyed by everyone with lots of good food and happy laughter. We have about 20 members who are 90+ years old in our Branch. Thanks to all who worked on this annual party to celebrate our older members.

At last month's general meeting, Father Mani announced that on October 14th, Holy Cross will hold a dinner dance at the Hall. The proceeds from that fundraiser will go towards more Holy Cross repairs. If you are interested, please call the Holy Cross office for more information and to make reservations.

We now close with the sad news that Josephine Pappas Pista has passed away. Josephine was an icon in the Santa Cruz community and always supported Branch 21.

Jo was one of our 90+ year olds at 99 years and will be missed. We send our heartfelt condolences to her family.

*Patty Morelli
Trustee- Branch 21*

Deadline for
November *Bollettino* is
October 10th.
Send articles &
photos to
editor@icf.org

Monterey Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

"For it is you who will light my lamp; the LORD my God lightens my darkness" Psalm :28

Congratulations to our newly elected ICF 2024 Central Council officers.

We are honored to have Denise Antonowicz, ICF Grand President, as a member (along with her family) of Branch 36. Thank you to Joe & Sharon LoManto, George Leonard, Elaine & Richard Valentine for being delegates to the 2023 ICF Convention in Costa Mesa, CA. Branch 36 received 3 awards, and presented donations to national ICF charities: Gifts of Love, Cooleys Anemia, and the Providenza seminary fund -- \$1,000 each. Thank you, George Leonard, for hosting our Central Coast hospitality room.

8-24-23 Fiesta night at the Moose Lodge, all enjoyed taco bar and Folklorico dancers.

9-21-23 Viva Las Vegas Night - Moose Lodge – see you there!

10-26-23 Halloween dinner party at Moose Lodge, costumes optional, branch directors' election to be held.

11-05-23 Bishop's Day – Holy Cross Church- 210 High St. Santa Cruz, CA 10:30 AM Mass.

11-30-23 Holiday Dinner party. We will be honoring our 85 and older members. San Carlos Cathedral Hall.

We are sad to announce the passing of Marie Antonowicz, Catherine Grajek, Thomas Favazza, and Bettye Sollecito. Marie was a delight and looking forward to her 100th, Catherine was a well-known member to many, Thomas and his family have been ICF members for many years, and the incomparable Bettye Sollecito, a board member, ticket salesperson, committee worker and chair, and monthly Bollettino submitter for Branch 36. Our sincere condolences to their families from their ICF family. We will miss them all dearly. May they Rest in Peace.

*Be the Light,
Elaine Valentine
President Br. 36*

Castroville

Br. 51, Santa Caterina de Siena

As we enter the second month of the Fall season, I would like to wish members Natalie Carbonel, Kevin Cortopassi, Paul Cortopassi, Linda Grier, and Thomas Martinez a wonderful and happy birthday.

Our branch had a successful summer fundraiser on August 20th when we sold 115 chicken BBQ dinners. Thank you to everyone who purchased dinners and especially to all of our members who worked so hard to put it on. We are very lucky to have so many

members who are willing to give up their Sundays (especially their early Sunday mornings) to put on these fundraisers so that we can raise money to give back to our community. Thank you again!

Congratulations to our members Nathan Cortopassi and Mazie Rodriguez, who became Mr. and Mrs. Cortopassi on September 29, 2023. We wish you many, many years of love and happiness.

*Essere felici e sani,
Stefani Cortopassi
Branch 51*

Aptos

Br. 227, St. Joseph

First of all, congratulations to our Branch President Franklyn Lopes, Jr. who was elected Grand First Vice-President at the Convention. His energy and devotion to ICF are admirable. He is the mainstay of Branch 227. Franklyn noted that it was nice having Bruce and Jean Dunn and Linda Calciano with him at the Convention this year.

Meeting dates for the rest of this year are as follows:

-Sunday, October 15 at 2:00 p.m.

-Sunday, November 19 at 1:30 p.m.

-Saturday, December 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Heidi Ambiel will be celebrating Oktoberfest by preparing the meal at our October meeting. Her Fresh Apple Cake is always a treat.

At its August meeting members voted to increase yearly dues to \$50 starting in 2024.

Also at the August meeting, members voted to donate \$250 each to Sienna House and to the Oblates of St. Joseph in memory of our former member and officer Gary Podesto.

Here are enlightening words from Albert Lighton about autumn:

*"Where man sees but withered leaves,
God sees sweet flowers growing."
Deanna Musler, Secretary*

Arroyo Grande

Br. 291, St. Patrick

Branch 291 Delegates, Keely and Dave Sanchez, enjoyed attending the ICF Convention in Costa Mesa over Labor Day weekend. While the weekend was informative and well-organized, the best part of the Convention was meeting and visiting with ICF members from other Branches and sharing ideas on how to make our Branches successful!

October is going to be a busy month for our Branch. We have a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser planned for Saturday, Oct. 7th from 4pm-7pm in the church hall. All proceeds from this dinner benefit our Catholic School

Registration Assistance Program. Our General Dinner Meeting will be held one week early this month—on Oct. 15th—and we'll be holding Branch elections and enjoying a delicious tamale dinner!

Our Branch is mourning the recent loss of one of our dedicated members, Kathleen Sullivan. Kathleen passed away very suddenly in mid-August, leaving a big void in our hearts and Branch. She served for many years as our Orator and Apostolic Chairperson. She was very dedicated to these roles and every year did a wonderful job organizing our St. Joseph's Table celebration. Kathleen would have also been very proud to know her most recent Apostolic Report won 3rd place in its category at the Convention. Please keep Kathleen's family and friends in your prayers as they mourn the loss of this lovely lady. Rest in Peace, Kathleen.

*Many blessings to all as we enjoy the arrival of fall!
Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary*

Paso Robles

Br. 354, Saint Rose of Lima

Marianne Canetti, one of our original members has been released from the hospital and is recovering at a 4-pack nursing home in RPV. She suffered a stroke in February & is slowly recovering. Please continue to pray for her and the challenges she faces. Marianne has been instrumental in organizing meetings, working behind the scenes and arranging to have guest speakers. We hope she returns as soon as possible.

President Hany Francis and his wife Carol will be representing our Branch at the ICF Convention September 1st at the Western South Coast Plaza. Happy Birthday to our President, Hany Francis from your members, "Cent Anni"!

Plans have been made for our Annual Picnic in the Park, July 22, at 11:00 a.m. Bruno Vieri, our Treasurer reports we are financially solvent and doing well.

We would like to welcome our new Associate Pastor, Fr. Alejandro Enriquez to our Parish. We Pray that our Pastor Msgr. David A Sork recovers from knee replacement surgery quickly.

Congratulations to our Scholarship winner, Arrianna Funicicello. All our membership wishes you the best on your educational journey and your future be unlimited. Until we meet in July, Mother Cabrini pray for us. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton pray for us. *Ciao,*

Patty Longo Hansen



SANTA CLARA VALLEY District

Gilroy

Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

The Italian Catholic Federations 92nd Annual Convention was held in Costa Mesa, CA with Branch 28's representatives Diana Berry, Siria Pappani and Kim Filice attending the event. The theme of the convention was "Be the Light." ICF's Spiritual Director, Reverend Christopher Bennett presented an inspirational workshop explaining that "Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to them shining-they just shine." Reverend Bennett explained that we all have a light within us and to let it shine.

Dr. Thomas Coates representing Children's Hospital of Los Angeles accepted a check for \$46,000 to go towards the Cooley's Anemia/Thalassemia program. Dr. Coates explained how the funds for Cooley's research and treatment has provided Cooley's patients the opportunity for a normal life span. Branch 28's contribution to the total was \$3,121. Thank you, members. Dr. Coates stated that Laurice Levine, the outstanding spokesperson for, and patient of Cooley's Anemia was unable to attend the convention because of her recent surgery and was home recovering.

Upon my return from the convention, I learned that Marie Antonowicz passed away. I had the pleasure to sit next to Marie at the luncheon held on Sunday-September 3, 2023. I will remember this luncheon as Marie told me about her childhood making candy with her family, how to make great meatballs and sauce. One thing that she clearly stated during our conversation was how proud she was of her daughters who were sitting at the same table for lunch. She pointed at Denise, Germaine, and Michelle with a big smile.

*Peace and God Bless,
Kim M. Filice*

Mountain View

Br. 47, San Giorgio

On July 30, ICF Branch 47 held its second Grab-N-Go Pasta Dinner where parishioners pre-ordered a pasta dinner, with our special delicious meat sauce, pasta, and red wine. We were able to greet new and returning parishioners and let them know that ICF is growing and looking for new members.

As part of our fund-raising event, we were delighted to have the Gillio Family donate two beautiful handmade crosses that we were able to

have blessed and then raffled off. We also filled a basket full of Italian goodies to raffle off.

On September 24, we will be hosting Hospitality Sunday at St Joseph Parish to recruit new members. Upcoming in October 12, we will have a fun bus trip to visit our Capital in Sacramento.

*God Bless.
Julie Wester
Secretary*

St. Mary

Br. 184, Los Gatos

She showed us how she lived: joy, enthusiasm, spirituality, morality, hospitality, family....She showed us how to die: faithful, love of God and family. The nurse was able to pull up her favorite song, "Oh Marie" by Perry Como, which made Marie smile at the end. The "mother" of our branch, Marie Antonowicz, has departed this world, almost one month shy of 100 years! Her family loved and supported her, it was beautiful to witness, and we send all of them our love and support at this time. Marie was granted the privilege of seeing her daughter, Denise Antonowicz, installed as Grand President at the Convention. She gave meaning to "We Are the Light." We are so proud of Denise and appreciate all that she does for the ICF!

On a new note, we are pleased to welcome new members to our Branch: Richard Geruson, Marie Firato, Suzanne Meyer, Marlene and Lou Ferrigno, Mary Kalpin and Michelle LoBue. We will meet for our Quarterly Mass on Oct. 15 at the 9 a.m. Mass, sitting near the front on St. Mary's side of Church. Fr. Kimm, our Branch Chaplin, allows time after Mass for a brief initiation ceremony for our new members. Afterwards we will meet outside for coffee and doughnuts.

We heard the many requests and now are happy to report that we will be hosting a return of our Polenta/Chicken Cacciatore Dinner in the St. Mary's Hall. Please mark your calendars for Nov. 11, Veteran's Day, for this dinner.

St. Frances Cabrini Church is hosting Bishop's Day on Oct. 29 at the 11:30 Mass. Lunch follows at Palermo's on Auzerais St., San Jose. The money raised goes towards helping Seminarists, such a needed cause. Please Call Donna Pfaff at 408 265 7902 before Oct. 18 if you can attend.

Marie Yurosko gave a Heritage Report at the Aug. meeting. Her Mother, Cora Radisich Cipolla, sang at the Inauguration of the St. Joseph ICF in Mt. View, in 1936!! Amazing! Thank you for sharing Marie.

We always meet on the 4th Friday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please join us, we would love to see you!

Ciao for now, Lucy Amico

San Jose

Br. 191, Saint Frances Cabrini

Fall is upon us. It has been a very exciting time for our Branch. The Convention brought much honor, excitement, and joy to our members.

The theme of the Convention " Be the Light" was the focus throughout the three-day event. Both Father Chris Bennett and Master of Ceremonies, our own Jim Jones, focused on the "Light" with the Demonstration of the Lantern Presentation. Father Chris continued on with his spiritual workshop, using the theme to the delight of his audience. Descriptions like "very moving" and " Dynamic" were mentioned. Father Chris emphasized the "Light in all of Us," and how to keep "the Light" constant in our lives.

Let us talk about awards! Our own Branch received 1st place for Outstanding Heritage Award, and our own Julie Midwin was given a special recognition award for outstanding presentation of our Heritage Program. Way to go Julie! The SCVD collected 2427 pounds of spaghetti, of the total collection of 3469 pounds for Katrina's Kitchen. What wonderful cooperation and spirit of all of the branches in the SCVD.

It is with great sadness we recognize members who have gone to our heavenly Father. Jeannie Gregario, an active member, was very helpful with our Layette Program. David Profio, ICF member, Men's Club Member, and Friday Night BINGO, was always willing to help in any capacity. May they both rest in the arms of the Lord.

A special Prayer goes to the Antonowicz Family, who lost their dear Mother Marie. She was the "Chicken" of the ICF, a Great member of ICF, and a very gracious lady. We were lucky to have known such a personality. She kept our "Light" going. May she rest in Peace.

*Ciao
Shirley Catania
Sentinel*

San Jose

Br 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

Our August meeting was an ice cream social. Yum. Please be sure to welcome our four new members: Lora Yermolenko, Sharon Koreber, and Ron and Peggy Wolf. Gift of Love is a group in our branch that has raised cash to help ICF members. If you need help or more information about Gift of Love, call Mary Ridi.

Avis, our sunshine person, is asking for prayers for our sick members: Mike and Lorraine Nunziata, Jackie and Paul Butler, and Noelia Chiiono. Everybody else, Stay Healthy!!

Robyn Schlice, Heritage person, gave

a presentation on the history of gelato. Boo! Hoo! No samples?

We had a wonderful Rib Dinner chaired and cooked by Bill and Maria Greco and family. September 17th, 18th was the White Elephant Sale.

October 1st will be mass and celebration of our branch at 40 years. Please bring Home Baked Cookies for after mass.

*Thank you,
Stay cool
Tom Myers.*

San Jose

Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

Sr. Jane Garrison opened our September meeting with a prayer and President Steve Lencioni thanked Al and Diana Vallorz for providing a delicious beef sandwich dinner. He thanked Lynda Vallorz and Cathy DeMaria for serving duty.

Father Saju, our Branch Chaplain, spoke of his wonderful experiences during his sabbatical—meeting Pope Frances and touring throughout Italy. We were happy to have him back!

Rose Lipari Clarke announced winners of our second-, third- and fourth-year scholarships—TJ Lencioni (second year), Evan Clarke (third year), and Marisa Lipari (fourth year).

Members welcomed new members to our branch—Mary and Rosary Hole, Louis Diodoro, Jean Misko, Cheri Gorini, and John Lamantia.

Louise Vento provided an interesting account of how "Chef Boyardee" made history by making spaghetti available in a can and how it became famous during WWII.

Steve has been diligently updating our membership roster—please contact him immediately if you have changes to your contact information. This confidential list will be available to members in the near future.

Steve and Cathleen Lencioni reported on this year's convention. Branch 391 came in fourth place in "Apostolic Works" honors and was acknowledged for its scholarship contributions. Cathleen provided insight regarding spirituality workshops which she attended.

Our Pasta and Meatball Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Martin's--\$20 for adults and \$10 for teens. Volunteers and donations (raffle prizes, desserts) are needed.

Branch 391 Dinner Meeting—October 3, 2023, 5:30 p.m. social, 6:00 p.m. dinner; Pasta and Meatball Fundraiser—October 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m.; Bishop's Day—October 29, 2023, at Palermo's.

*Happy Halloween to our members!!
Janis Patellaro*

Friday at the ICF's 92nd Annual Convention

Friday at Convention started with a **BLOOD DRIVE** run by the Live to Give Committee led by Kenneth Marshall with Pat, Lou & Macaroni Mages was a big success with 29 pints donated.



NEW DELEGATE ORIENTATION
Grand 1st VP Denise Antonowicz and Grand 2nd VP Franklyn Lopes Jr. gave the individuals new to the delegate process some insight into expectations. Delegates were also able to raise their concerns and offer ideas for improvement.

- The agenda was hard to read. Consider a white background.
- Vote with cards in business sessions.
- The Central Council reducing from 10 members to 8 to lower costs.
- The Central Council tightening the budget to reduce costs without limiting reach.
- Important to attend all mandatory meeting. Hand in name card to be counted.
- Nothing is insurmountable in ICF.



BINGO presented by the Ways & Means Committee got everyone into the competitive and collaborative spirit. It was a fun way to engage and rekindle friendships.

HERITAGE WORKSHOP: LETTERS FROM ITALIAN AMERICANS

Branch 67's Francesca Taylor and Eugene Salandra, former Benedictine monk, presented to a large crowd. They explained that even a short letter or a little bit of writing can reveal so much about our Italian heritage. It may reveal something simple like a name change at Ellis Island that impacts the process of looking for baptism records.

Presenters shared their family experience with letter writing. Francesca's grandfather immigrated in 1902 and left behind a younger sister. They wrote each other letters throughout the years and were still close, when Francesca's mother visited Italy in the 1950s. During the visit, Francesca's mother wrote frequent letters to her father telling her of his family and travels throughout Italy. He never returned to his homeland.

to help with military information to get better records.

The sharing of heritage highlights relationship building. This will help to bring new people into ICF. Heritage and storytelling enriches membership.

FINANCE WORKSHOP—Led by the Finance Committee to help delegates navigate ICF financial practices. The committee covered topics such as budgeting, accounting procedures, and the roles of financial officers.

Eugene's grandparents were an Italian-America love story who had met in their youth and then were separated by World War II before they had a chance to marry. The two wrote often throughout the war before they met in Mississippi in 1943 to be married. They continued to write after they were married. He even recorded love songs to send back to his sweetheart.

Members in attendance were invited to share their family experience with letter writing and the passing of heritage. Unexpected name changes were a common theme such as Donato becoming Daniel. The discovery opened the opportunity to seek dual citizenship. Since most Italians are baptized this enables descendants to better track relationships. Also, for immigrants coming through Ellis Island, it is possible to locate the ship manifest using the electronic files. In some cases, women came as brides to military servicemen. The local consulate might be able



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HERITAGE WORKSHOP with Branch 67's Francesca Taylor and Eugene Salandra



MEET THE CANDIDATES:

Allowed delegates to meet the 10 ICF members running for Central Council. (V. Piro not pictured)



I'm gonna let it shine!

OPENING CEREMONIES DINNER DANCE



Friday at the ICF's 92nd Annual Convention

OPENING CEREMONIES DINNER DANCE

CALL TO ORDER by the Convention Director, Roselynn McNeal, Central Council Life Member. Welcomed everyone to the 92nd Annual Convention.

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES, Theresa Sabatella-Shaw, Central Council Member, introduced Reverend Jerry Ochetti, Diocesan Chaplain, Diocese of San Bernardino. He asked everyone to acknowledge the communities going through devastation due to natural disasters. He asked all to refocus their prayers on what they are going through. Stay strong; "unite us into yourself in the bond that is love... may we temper justice with love."

Deborah Rodondi, Grand President, Central Council Life Member greeted the members after being introduced.

HOST Joe DiGrado, Orange District

President, welcomed all of ICF to cool Costa Mesa. He thanked all the local branches who helped make the Thursday night welcome dinner special. He highlighted the 'miracle of the cannoli.' Apparently, there was a moment of panic where they seemed to have run out of cannoli with 250 people to serve. Then, miraculously, another refrigerator full of cannoli was found.

The Orange District presented outgoing Grand President Deborah Redondi with a Joe original painting of the city on Lake Como.

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

"Be the Light"

Before the Roll Call of Districts, Father Christopher Bennett, Spiritual Director, inspired to those gathered with their role to "Be the Light." He shared that if you can't see the light, maybe it is because you need to be the lighthouse for someone else.

Sometimes we have to open many doors

to get what we need. God does not always give us what we want but give us what we need. There's a difference between our wants and needs.

He encouraged everyone to be beacons of light in Christ. "We look at ourselves and may not be dazzled." We all give off a different kind of light, but we all shine even though some might twinkle, and others are a strobe.

Your beauty/your shine comes from Christ.

There's a crack in everything—that's how the light gets in or out.

He thanked the Convention Committee for putting on the event together. Roselynn McNeal is stepping down as Convention Director after organizing eight annual conventions. Lauren Kilcullen is taking over.

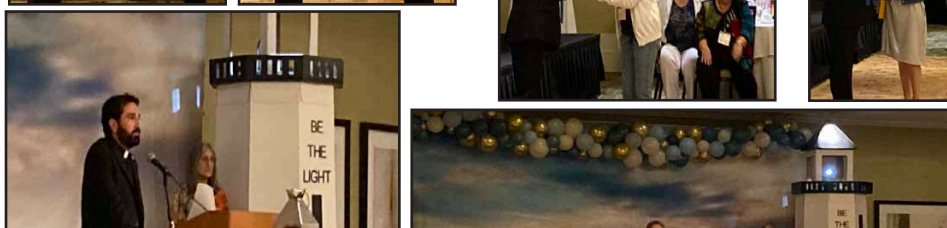
Fr. Chris handed out lanterns to representatives from each of the districts.

He finished his message by engaging everyone in a rousing rendition of "This Little Light of Mine" after a representative of each district or area returned to their group with a lit lantern.

CLOSING PRAYER led by

Father Mario Rizzo, East Bay District Chaplain. He revealed he was reading "Lord of the Rings" for the first time with some of his parishioners. Light is a common theme throughout as the hobbits struggle to escape the dark and seek the light. He noticed that the light seems to break through often when there is singing, or they are sharing a meal. These activities seem to help the light glimmer.

FEDERATION ANTHEM: Karen Rossi led singing, 'Noi Vogliam Dio.'



Grand President Deborah Rodondi carried in the first lantern. Pictured are several districts/areas receiving their lantern: Contra Costa, San Bernardino and Orange.



Saturday at the ICF's 92nd Annual Convention



Saturday at Convention started off with a MEMORIAL MASS Ricordare (Remember)

Father Christopher Bennett, Spiritual Director

With Father Mario Rizzo and Father Jerry Ochetti

Music by Allen & Crystal Watts

Opportunity to prepare ourselves for the great mystery of death. When we die to live and live to die, then when we die there's nothing left to live.

When you are baptized, God takes a magic marker on your face, so your face is the face of God for others. -According to Sister Marta.

The Pope once said, "Jesus does not point his finger at people, he opens his arms."

Father Bennett shared a lesson he learned from a woman preparing for her own funeral. She asked to be buried with a fork in her hand. That way when mourners passed, they would see she was holding a fork. It is like when they are clearing the dishes for a meal, you are told to hold on to your fork because dessert is coming. Hold on to the fork, because the best is yet to come.

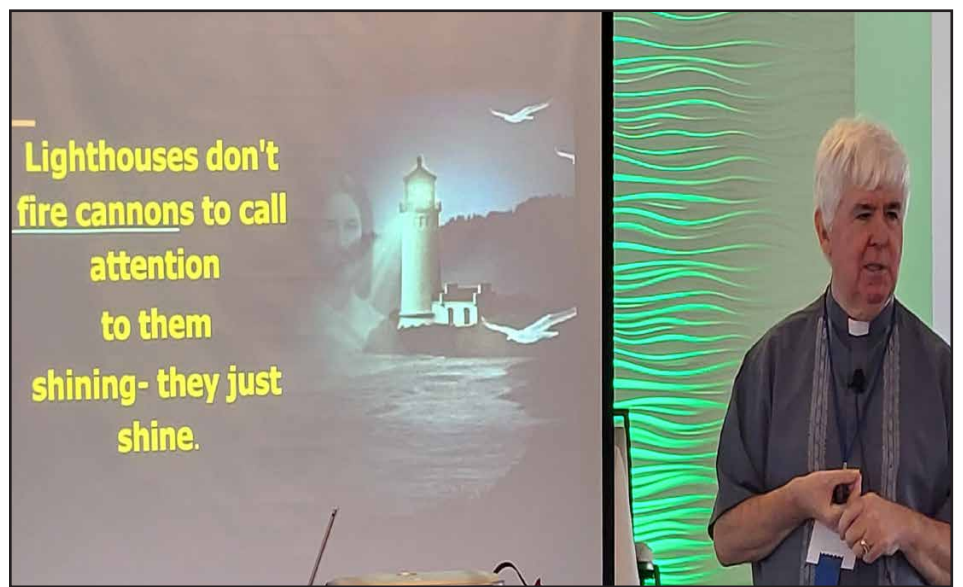
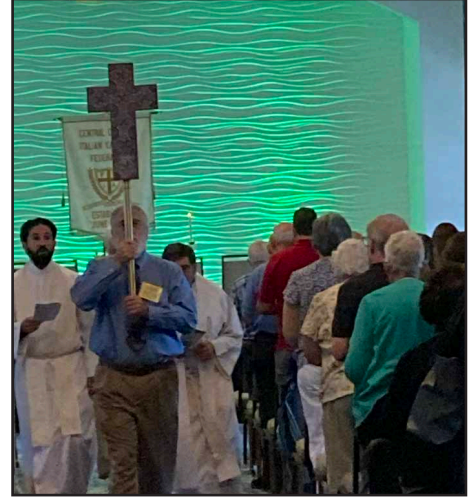
OPEN FORUM

The event invited members to share success stories from their branches as well as their questions.

A big topic of discussion is the date of the convention. Many members expressed concern about the challenges of meeting over Labor Day weekend. However, while flights may be more expensive, hotels may be more expensive on nonholiday weekends. The branches are invited to explore the issue further. In order for a change to be made, a proposal must be submitted and voted on at an upcoming convention. The convention dates and locations are set for the next two years due to signed contracts.

Madera invited/challenged every officer in Central Council to get out and visit the branches. It was suggested that officers should be fined if every branch does not receive at least one visit per year from a Central Council member.

Another branch requested help automating. Branches are requesting help setting up a website as well as allowing for electronic payments. A workshop related to technical strategy is proposed for next year. Denise Antonowicz called on the tech savvy to help out. Some of the Central Council budget may need to



be put into technical support.

The Gilroy branch requested an update to the scholarship process. It needs to move online. According to Scholarship Chairperson, Carmen Kilcullen, there is a plan to move the scholarship forms and process to a more modern format.

Roselynn McNeal was recognized for all her work to get members involved throughout the conventions over the years.

Branches were encouraged to attend the events hosted by other branches. This would help everyone and be a nice way to relax and enjoy an event. Check out the Bollettino for what happening at branches you may be near or visiting.

SPIRITUAL WORKSHOP

Led by Fr. Chris Bennett who provided gems of insight to inspire.

Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to them shining—they just shine.

Lighthouses have been around a long time. The Egyptian pharaoh's bonfire was a prototype. While Jesus is the light of the world, we too are just like lighthouses as individuals and as part of ICF.

Remember, you can't give what you don't have. You all have a lot to give. It's not just knowledge, it's about relationships. ICF creates heaven on earth for us with our wonderful pasta nights. We create through connections.

In these troubling times, you might wonder what do you bring to the table? It's not necessarily what people say or don't say, it's how they live their life. A little bit of kindness may make all the difference in a person's life.

In ICF, we need to understand ourselves, our branches, our districts, and the church. "Sometimes the past cripples us. We need to reevaluate what we are doing and why we are doing it. Just because something worked in the past does not mean that it will work in the future.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out." (John 1:5)

What is the goal of ICF?

Be the light of Christ. Bring people back to the church. People may come once and not comeback. They might have gotten the light they needed and moved on. You could have had the impact they needed.

Table titled 'In Loving Memory' listing names of deceased members and their families.

Table titled 'Of Our ICF Members, Family & Friends' listing names of living members and their families.

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CONVENTION GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER by Grand President Deborah Rodondi.

OPENING PRAYER given by Rev. Chris Bennett reminded the group that "God is good—all the time." He initiated another round of "This Little Light of Mine—I am Going to Let it Shine."

The Central Council members, including Life Members, as well as clergy and staff were introduced.

ADOPTION OF RULES/REGULATIONS led by Grand Parliamentarian Leonard Rossi so delegates would understand what was expected of them during the voting process.

CREDENTIAL REPORT explained by Grand Secretary Lauren Kilcullen which highlighted 119 delegates present and 21 Central Council members for 140 voting delegates. Three chaplains were also present.

TREASURER'S REPORT described by Grand Financial Secretary Lisa Crudo regarding the financial packet all delegates received with the projected general fund profit and loss.

PROPOSALS given by Leonard Rossi and Leonard Zasoski. proposed changes to the voting delegates. Included were a revised dues structure to reflect the drop in membership combined with cost cutting measures. These efforts included increasing the Bollettino online access and decreasing the number of issues by combining the January/February issue, as well as using Zoom for some of the Central Council, and decreasing the Central Council from ten member to eight members. The vote was nearly unanimous in favor of proposed changes.

CANDIDATE SPEECHES

ROSEMARY COOK, Br. 13—expressed gratitude for all ICF has given her and how she enjoyed the opportunity to give back. She wants to pave the way for others and to live by example.

VINCENT PIRO, Br. 39—wants to help branches with hands on experience... get branches the resources to help them develop and create a dialogue between branches.

LAUREN KILCULLEN, Br. 52—An active member since she was 15 years old, she looks around our communities and people and wants to show everyone ICF is still a strong and viable organization.

KENNETH MARSHALL, Br. 103 & Br. 342—shared how he loves to help where help is needed. While his family recently relocated to North Carolina, he has introduced his new pastor to the ICF.

THERESA SABATELLA-SHAW, Br. 108—She wants our organization to live and grow seeing the love and dedication the Central Council has for ICF. Just think if we each just brought in one person, we would double in size...they need to be kept engaged.

DENISE ANTONOWICZ, Br. 184, Br. 5 & Br. 36—No one can ever say ICFers aren't creative! With the challenges we have faced, people see strength of family, faith and fellowship.

FRANKLYN LOPES JR., Br. 227 & Br. 21—assured the group that we can

achieve an increase in membership if we work together to be strong and vital. **LISA CRUDO, Br. 343**—shared that while we still face many challenges ahead...it is uplifting how many of you have risen to the challenge and persevered. ICF can continue to thrive through resiliency of all of you.

PERRY SHURKO, Br. 362—revealed that ICF is welcome to all of us. He is a proud Ukrainian who is proud to serve the ICF. Which was met with a big cheer from the crowd.

PAT MAGES, Br. 380—wants everyone to remember that though some things have changed, ICF has remained true. Light is always present if we just embrace it and share it.

BANQUET SOCIAL

Francesca Taylor of National Branch 67 arranged for enchanting entertainment to be provided by skilled performers from Opera Italia.

SAINTLY SATURDAY BANQUET

WELCOME by Joe DiGrado, Orange District President, provided an enthusiastic welcome to the Saintly Banquet dinner and awards. The Orange District is small with only two branches but full of enthusiasm to be hosting the convention.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES Jim Jones, Past Grand President, Central Council Life Member Emeritus, kept the evening moving along. Even though his name may suggest otherwise, he is a dedicated, active member of ICF and managed to recruit two new members (Mayor John Stephens and Father John Hardin) over the course of the evening. When Father Bennett gives homilies, people listen.

INVOCATION led by Father Christopher Bennett, Spiritual Director, reminded everyone we are filled with the light of Christ. Once again, he led the group with an impromptu singing of "This Little Light of Mine."

REMARKS provided by John Stephens, Mayor of Costa Mesa, California heartily greeted the ICF to Costa Mesa also known as City of the Arts—one of the best places to live in California.

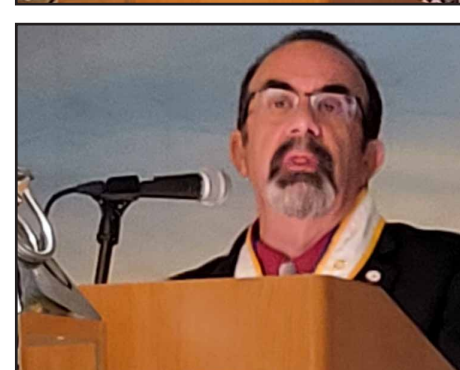
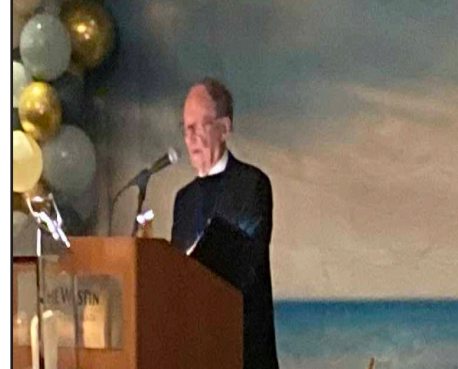
The mayor said through dinner he learned great things about ICF and its role as an organization of service. "These are dark times; necessary for us to be light."

The ICF is fortunate to be in Costa Mesa with some of the best shopping... but also great food and the arts. Visit the Orange County Museum of Art—free for the next 10 years. Folks Pizzeria has the best pizza in Orange County. Also, Trente Pizza & Cucina is amazing. "Just tell Marco and Georgio the major sent you."

We believe one of the core values of Costa Mesa is compassion. The homeless shelter opened in 2019 has helped over 300 people into permanent housing and jobs.

"Click your heels.

There's no place like Costa Mesa."



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SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA AWARD RECIPIENTS—Reverend John Hardin and Sister Margaret Keaveney. Deborah Rodondi presented the award to Fr. Hardin alone because Sister Keaveney was unable to attend.

Fr. Hardin thanked the ICF for recognizing the importance of working with the homeless. He reminded us to see homeless as an adjective and not a noun. Each member is unique.

He worked with Sister Keaveney who had identified holes in the social service network in the Santa Barbara area. They started by opening a drop-in center in a strip mall that enabled homeless people to eat lunch, do laundry, receive snail mail, and use computers. The center was a place to rest for 10 people a day that morphed into serving 90 a day. They now also serve breakfast and provide social service counseling while helping people get permanent housing and jobs. The service is all about dignity and respect.

The key message is "We are going to love you until you love yourself...And we are going to continue to love you."

CLOSING PRAYER delivered by Father Mario Rizzo, East Bay District Chaplain.

Jim Jones shared that ICF has watched Fr. Rizzo grow from a seminarian to a deacon, and now into the priesthood.

He thanked the Mayor and everyone for being here. He reminded everyone they will correct you partly because ICF is a community of love. As a young person, Fr. Rizzo looked to the older people around him at mass. They helped him find direction and said they would love him no matter what. He encouraged everyone to remember, "We are in this together...and to continue on."



Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award Recipients - Fr. John Hardin & Sr. Margaret Keaveney (not pictured)



Getting ready for the 100 Year Gala



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GENERAL MEETING

CALLED TO ORDER by Deborah Rodondi

OPENING PRAYER by Fr. Christopher Bennett

*God is good—all the time.
All the time—God is good.*

RESOLUTION AND COMMUNICATIONS read by Leonard Zasoski and Committee. For complete coverage of all resolutions and communications see page 29.

NATIONAL CHARITY PRESENTATION: Cooley's Anemia

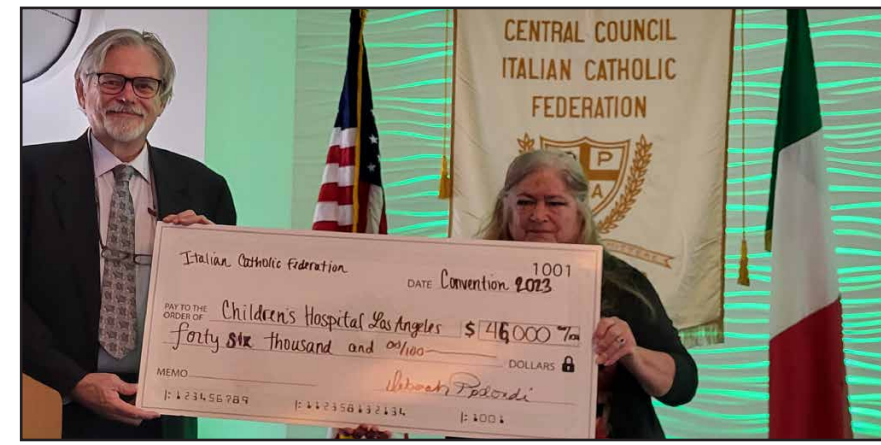
ICF works hard to generate funds for our charities. We have donated over \$2 million dollars to date to the Thalassemia Fund. Unfortunately, Laurice Levine was unable to attend to accept.

Dr. Thomas Coates: Shared that he was ecstatic to be back with ICF in person. It's been 3 years since he was able to attend. He finds it heartwarming to see people dedicating themselves to helping other people.

For those who have access to medication, "the median survival rate of Thalassemia patients is the same as the general population."

When research on Thalassemia was begun, the life expectancy was 5 years. In 1970, the life expectancy was 17 years old. Now there is gene therapy for the very young that can cure Thalassemia. The treatment has a 90% success rate. Unfortunately, the cost is \$2.5 Million for the bone marrow treatment plus a half million for the transplant per patient.

There are also new injectable medications involved in several studies. A key issue is to get Thalassemia patients connected to specialists because general practitioners have little experience with the intricacies of the Thalassemia.



Branches 27, 250, 185 and 308



Branches 380 and 179



Branches 1, 173, 213 and 19



Branch 14, Crockett



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

APOSTOLATE REPORT by **Lauren Kilcullen**: explained that even though there have been challenges, there was an increase in donations of over \$87,000 from last year.

HERITAGE by **Franklyn Lopes Jr.**: 20 branches submitted heritage reports this year. Each year we always want to give an award to the most outstanding branch heritage efforts. This year we received two huge binders of heritage from one branch. We gladly present an acrylic piece to Branch 191, Juliana Midwin.

Franklyn invited everyone to the Italian American Columbus Day Parade on October 8th in San Francisco. All are welcome!

MEMBERSHIP by **Perry Shurko**: Thank you to all of the membership committee for your efforts. He also thanked the members who have worked through all the trials of maintaining membership. In recent months we have seen an uptick in membership.

SCHOLARSHIP by **Carmen Kilcullen, Past Grand President**, shared that as a former schoolteacher, the Scholarship Committee is close to her heart. She thanked everyone for their donations and encouraged ICF to continue to provide support.

This year \$49,200 was given to 123 first year scholarship recipients. \$37,500 for 33 second year, 20 third year, and nine fourth year scholarships.

ELECTION RESULTS

McNeal: 110 votes to Denise Antonowicz
107 votes to Franklyn Lopez, Jr.
104 votes to Lisa Crudo
104 votes to Perry Shurko
102 votes to Vincent Piro
98 votes to Lauren Kilcullen
94 votes to Theresa Sabetalla-Shaw
86 votes to Rosemary Cook

FRIENDLY COMPETITION

What's the better Italian dessert?
Tiramisu—32 votes Cannoli—13 votes
What's the better Italian game?
Bocce—30 votes Pedro—7 votes

PASTA DRIVE

A total of 3,469 pounds of pasta were collected in this effort in addition to \$235 from the Stockton District.

Of the total, 2,427 pounds of pasta were raised by Santa Clara Valley District with Branch 408 in Sunnyvale bringing in 800 pounds by involving the entire parish in the pasta drive.

All the pasta will be donated to Chef Bruno's White House in Anaheim as part of Caterina's Club which feeds the hungry. The program has 105 locations and serves 5,000 people a day since 2005. So far, they have served 9 million meals.

In addition to the food, the program has started a Welcome Home program that has helped to house 263 families. Also, a work program has trained over 800 kids on how to work in the hospitality industry.

Viva Italia! And Viva la Pasta!



Apostolate Report Recognition



Heritage Report Recognition



Membership Recognition



Membership Recognition



Scholarship Recognition

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CONVENTION SITE REPORT

Roselynn recognized the Orange District members and the Convention Committee for the work on organizing and hosting this year's convention.

2024 will be August 30 to Sept. 1 at San Mateo Marriott. San Francisco and San Mateo members had a rousing welcome to members for the upcoming San Francisco-based convention.

The motto is "*Sempre Avanti*" taken from Pittsburg branch to highlight the call for ICF to keep moving forward.

2025 Convention will be in Visalia, Fresno District at Wyndham Hotel

Roselynn is passing the Convention Director role to Lauren Kilcullen. Rose is going to school fulltime to be a teacher and working full time at an elementary school. She asks for prayers for her family and husband who is very ill.

DONATIONS RAISED TODAY

Cooley's Anemia—\$7490.55
Scholarship Fund—\$1320.50
Gifts of Love Fund—\$4492.55
Providenza Fund—\$1720.50

100% of all donations goes to the charity. There was a collection at the final mass for the Maui community dealing with the wildfire.

CLOSING PRAYER

by **Father Jerry Ochetti**
Bless our hearts and minds with Prayer from St. Patrick:
Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

LUNCHEON

Maria DiPaulo, CC Member Emeritus Br. 379 in Huntington Beach, served as Mistress of Ceremonies and welcomed everyone.

OPENING PRAYER

given by **Father Chris Bennett**
We began with the light of Christ. The light has been shared.

Maria DiPaulo gave an overview of the ICF awards to be given during the ceremony. As a longtime member of ICF, she and her family were involved at all levels of ICF and received many of the awards including the Young Adult Leadership and the Family Award.

GRAND PRESIDENT'S AWARD RECIPIENT

Ritamarie Downey of Br. 443, Simi Valley shared that "I say how I feel... and I speak from the heart." She thanked the many members who helped to get her

branch started including Anne Interrante, and Pat and Lou Mages for the last 25 years. She also thanked her District's President Perry Shurko. Finally, she recognized her best friend Barbara and her family with most importantly her husband John who is her strength.

YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

Katherine LaCorte of Br. 218 told the members that she is overwhelmed with deep gratitude for receiving this recognition. She feels a special bond with Laurice Levine since they are blood sisters having both been diagnosed with Thalassemia. The Cooley's Anemia charity is dear to her, and she is in awe of Laurice and thanks Dr. Thomas Coates for his work in Thalassemia research.

2023 FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

Angelo and Antoinette Pecora of Br. 308 revealed that Food—Family—Faith—Fun are key to her family and ICF. While Angelo was not able to make the trip, Antoinette was supported by her family. She thanked her family and friends since it would have been difficult to have

done all this without them. Antoinette's father started Branch 308 in 1975.

CLOSING PRAYER

given by **Fr. Mario Rizzo**
Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Prayer for Peace)
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

He ended with another round of "This Little Light of Mine."

Grand President's Award Recipient - Ritamarie Downey



Young Adult Leadership Award Recipient - Katharine A. LaCorte



Family of the Year Award Recipients - Antoinette and Angelo Pecora Family



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CONCELEBRATED MASS AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Most Reverend Timothy Freyer presided over mass with Fr. Christopher Bennett, Fr. Mario Rizzo and Fr. Jerry Ochetti

REMARKS BY NEW GRAND PRESIDENT--Denise Antonowicz, given by 1st Grand VP Franklyn Lopes, Jr. Also, for a complete rendition of the her remarks, see page one of this issue of the *Bollettino*

CONVENTION RAFFLE WINNERS

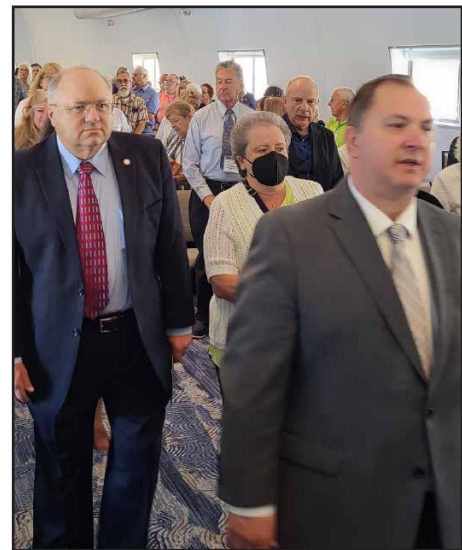
The winners were selected. A complete list can be found on page one of this issue of the *Bollettino*

FEDERATION ANTHEM

Sung by Allen and Crystal Watts, Br. 281, Bakersfield.

Thank you to the Convention Committee led by Roselyne McNeal, Central Council members and all the delegates for making this another amazing convention. Can't wait to see you all next year in San Mateo!

Sempre Avanti



Branch 217 President and Fr. Mario Rizzo



Br. 45 & Br. 390—the Orsi sister-in-laws

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE
 This little light of mine,
 I'm gonna let it shine.
 This little light of mine,
 I'm gonna let it shine.
 This little light of mine,
 I'm gonna let it shine,
 let it shine, let it shine,
 oh let it shine.



Fr. Jerry Ochetti and Br. 210 member



Branches 1, 173, 213 and 19

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS 2023

Leonard Zasoski, Jr. – Chairperson

Committee Members: Rosemary Cook, Perry Shurko, Carmelo Sabatella, Lauren Kilcullen, Vince Piro, Carmen Kilcullen, Pat Mages, Laurice Levine, Betty Zasoski and Ex-Officio Nanette Metz

Officers and Members of the Italian Catholic Federation, assembled in the Diocese of Orange for their 92nd Annual Convention on September 1 to 3, 2023, adopt the following Resolutions and Communications:

COMMUNICATIONS:

COMMUNICATION TO POPE FRANCIS

We pledge our loyalty, affection, and devotion to the Vicar of Christ on earth. We commit ourselves to living a life of faith. We pledge our prayers that God will grant him many years of his Pontificate.

COMMUNICATION TO THE MOST REVEREND KEVIN W. VANN, J.C.D.,D.D.

We express our gratitude and assurance of our prayers for their continued service to the people of the Orange Diocese. We are grateful for their participation in this year's convention, representing the Diocese of Orange.

COMMUNICATION TO REVEREND CHRISTOPHER BENNETT

As our Spiritual Director, Reverend Christopher Bennett, we wish to thank him for all his years of loyal service to the I.C.F. We appreciate his spiritual guidance and leadership to the Central Council and membership of the I.C.F. We look forward to many more years of his friendship and guidance.

COMMUNICATION TO GRAND PRESIDENT DEBORAH RODONDI

We wish to thank Grand President Deborah Rodondi for her leadership during the past two years. Your many long hours and hard work devoted to the Federation have not gone unnoticed. We are truly appreciative.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL BISHOPS AND PRIESTS WHERE THE FEDERATION IS ESTABLISHED

We reaffirm our devotion and send affectionate greetings and heartfelt gratitude for their inspiring guidance. We ask for their blessings on the works of the Federation, that we follow in the footsteps of our founders, Sir Luigi Providenza and Father Albert Bandini. We are united in a common faith and love for Christ's Body and the Church; and we will continue to be faithful and diligent in our message of our values: faith, family, and heritage. We continue to support the many needs of the Catholic Church, especially our seminarians and clergy.

RESOLUTIONS:

TO THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY FORCES

As officers and members of the Italian Catholic Federation and as proud Americans, we stand united today in defending our freedom and liberty. We offer our prayers to all in the Armed Forces, praying for their well-being and safe return, especially in these uncertain times.

TO ALL ELECTED LEADERS OF OUR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

We offer our prayers of support to our elected leaders as they make difficult decisions and compromises to assure the well-being of ALL in our United States of America and in the World.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD AND UNITED STATES WHO HAVE SUFFERED FROM NATURAL DISASTERS AND VIOLENCE IN 2022 AND 2023

We offer our prayers and support to the people of the World and in the United States, devastated by natural disasters and human violence in 2022 and 2023. We join them in their sorrow over lost loved ones and offer our petitions to the Lord for the survivors. We pray to the Lord to protect and heal them.

TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING IMPACTED BY THE TERRIBLE TRAGEDY OF WAR IN UKRAINE

We offer our prayers and support to the people of Ukraine who are being impacted by this terrible tragedy of war and for peace to come to our world. We also offer our prayers to those citizens who must stay behind or are unable to leave.

TO THE CONVENTION DIRECTOR'S COMMITTEE

Whereas the preparation of the convention entails many months of dedicated work, time, and sacrifices on the part of many individuals; and whereas, under the direction and outstanding leadership of Roselyne Jarrett McNeal, we, as members of the Italian Catholic Federation, express our sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation for all that you do and have done as the Convention Director these past 8 years.

TO THE OFFICE STAFF OF THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

We thank them from the bottom of our hearts and commend them for their untiring work for our organization and offer our appreciation to Charlene Kramer, Patty Smith, and Nanette Scarpellini Metz, Editor of the *Bollettino*.

TO MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION WHO ARE DEALING WITH ILLNESS AT THIS TIME

We miss your presence and leadership, advice and good company. Be assured of our prayers for your health and well-being.

TO THE FAMILY OF BISHOP DAVID O'CONNELL

We offer our condolences to the family of Bishop David O'Connell on his recent passing. Bishop O'Connell was a great spiritual leader and friend to so many. He will be truly missed by the members of his Diocese including those members of the Italian Catholic Federation.

TO THE FAMILY OF BISHOP PATRICK MC GRATH

We offer our condolences to the family of Bishop Patrick McGrath on his recent passing. Bishop McGrath was a great spiritual leader and friend to so many. He will be truly missed by the members of his Diocese including those members of the Italian Catholic Federation.

TO THE FAMILY OF JANICE JONES, FORMER FIRST LADY OF THE FEDERATION

We offer our condolences to the family of Janice Jones, former First Lady of the Federation on her recent passing. Janice was a dedicated member of her branch and the Italian Catholic Federation

TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, FIRE FIGHTERS, POLICE, MEDICAL

We offer our prayers that they will continue to be there for all of us when needed and that they are also protected from harm.

Madame Grand President, I move that these Communications and Resolutions be adopted. Thank you.

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT



Br. 218



Br. 218



Br. 218



Br. 218



Br. 111, July 2023 Picnic



Br. 444, Annual Picnic: Guido, Lisa, Bruno, Inquina, Gaby, Cristina, Antionette, Mary and Don

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 374, The Raul Table

Br. 374 Summer Fun for Music Scholarship: Members of St. Bede Branch 374 gathered on Robert and Jo Barbera's patio for a hosted dinner and entertainment, by singer Steve Oliver, to fund the Mary Wynton Music Scholarship. Mary served twice as past president of the branch and was an avid music lover and member of the parish choir. Robert Barbera contributed an additional substantial amount to sustain the fund for the next 10 years.



Br. 374, Steve Oliver



Br. 374, The Restivo Table



Br. 374, The Barbera Table



Br. 374, The Capurso Table



Br. 374, The Harb Table



Br. 111 at Cooley's Anemia BBQ

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 443, Rita receiving Grand President's Award from Deborah Redondi



Br. 443, Family and friends celebrating with Rita at ICF Annual National Convention.



Br. 111, July 2023 Picnic-Kathleen Rabago Serving Everyone Ice Cream



Br. 111, August Birthdays; Gabriel, Robin, Ruben and Della



National Branch 67

GOLF Raffle 2023

Deadline to Enter – October 14, 2023

WHO WANTS TO WIN SOME \$\$\$?
TAKE A CHANCE WITH
THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION'S FIRST GOLF BALL RAFFLE.

\$15 FOR 1 ♦ \$30 for 2 ♦ \$45 for 3 OR \$50 FOR 4 (BEST DEAL)

Cash payouts include prizes of \$100, \$500, \$750, & \$1,000

The drawing takes place after the ICF So Cal region golf tournament on Saturday, October 28th.

Checks can be made out to Italian Catholic Federation

With the memo - Golf Ball Raffle.

We need your name, e-mail, phone number & branch number (IF APPLICABLE).

ONLY 1,000 GOLF BALLS WILL BE SOLD.

Contact the ICF office at (510) 633-9058 or

Perry Shurko at (562) 804-0230, P_SHURKO@YAHOO.COM

Send this Form with your check...made payable to Italian Catholic Federation...
Memo: Golf Ball Raffle... To: 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

Name: _____ Branch Number: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

I am purchasing _____ Golf Balls for the Raffle

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: _____

Email: _____

Name of Golfer: _____

Email: _____

Name of Golfer: _____

Email: _____

Make checks payable to:

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament

8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

Make check \$200 per Golfer, write Golf in memo line

**SIGN UP DEADLINE
Friday, October 13th**

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



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

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

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

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

Make checks payable to

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament

8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

**October 28th
Saturday, 2023**

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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 Sponsor (Have your name next to the tee box) : \$100

Closest to the pin Sponsor : \$50

Raffle Donations (Donate a basket) : Minimum \$50 value

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Make checks payable to

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament

8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

Sign up deadline is October 13th. We cannot guarantee a sign will be Produced, but the sponsor will be mentioned

**October 28th
Saturday, 2023**

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Email: p_shurko@yahoo.com

San Jose
Br. 445, Transfiguration

Our summer General Meetings were festive with picnic (andiamo a fare un picnic) and beach (andiamo in spiaggia) themes! Kathy La Scola created August beach table decor complete with a mini lighthouse... appropriate for the "Be the Light" upcoming convention theme. Many thanks to all who helped BBQ, cook and decorate! Our convention delegate Jim Canger presented two checks to the Central Council from Br. 445: \$500 for Cooley's Anemia and \$500 for the Maui Relief Fund. He also was a blood donor for the ICF American Red Cross Blood Drive. Thank you, Jim!

Our branch of only 40 members donated 396 lbs. of spaghetti to the Convention's Community Outreach effort in support of Caterina's Club! ...Way to go Br. 445!

Branch members attended the 30th Wedding Anniversary Mass, renewal of vows and reception for Br. 445 Pres. and 2nd VP Jim and Janie Falcone. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Tony Mancuso with Fr. Tito Cartagenas as co-celebrant. Cheers to many more Happy Anniversaries!

We will be holding our second annual raffle for a beautifully hand painted 13-piece Nativity Set with accompanying 2nd and 3rd place prizes. Flyers/ tickets sales start in October with raffle in November.

Happy October Birthdays wishes to: Grace Brown, Jean Cosentino, Maureen Godar, Ken Ledbetter, Gary Pedone and Edna Perry ... Buon Compleanno a tutti voi!

Until next month stay safe and well, :-) Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer

STOCKTON DISTRICT

Modesto
Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

There were a few changes at the convention this year some new, some bringing back the old events. The food at all three dinners was very good. They changed from ten Central Council members to eight members. They are trying to make some cost savings, as the council is hit by the high operation cost as is everyone else.

New for us was that we sent two delegates this year. Nancy Souza was able to participate in all the meeting and not just sit in the background since she attends the convention every year. I enjoyed the Spiritual Workshop given by Father Chris Bennett, who is the ICF's Spiritual Director, you always learn so much from him. Congratulations to the new Central Council Officers.

It is time for us to get back to work. We have our bake sale coming up October 7 & 8 in front of the church. Hope to have to have more baked goods this time since we sold out before the ten o'clock mass. Some of our members were out of town and it made a big difference. Our members work very hard to make it a good bake sale.

It is election of officers time. Consider taking an office. There will always be someone to help you. Coming up: October 7-8 Bake Sale October 11 Meeting 6 p.m. J St. Hall October 22 8:00 am Mass - Yearly Mass and Breakfast

Blessings - Stay Safe
Cecelia McGhee

Lodi
Br. 82, St. Anne's

Grapes, apples, and pumpkins, oh my! Time for Fall Harvest activities... attending the Autumn Concert Series at Oak Ridge Winery, a ride to Apple Hill, a visit to Fox Willow Pumpkin Patch... You don't need to go far for fun.

Speaking of fun... a handful of families came to our Family Fun Day, Aug. 26th. Thank you to chair, Amanda, and members that helped. From this first attempt, we learned a lot to draw more community participation next year.

The Salami Tasting at the Sept. meeting led right into the school's Harvest Fest and our Salami Toss which was as popular as ever. Grazie to booth volunteers, and to Lisa & LuAnn for securing the salami donation from Molinari and Pietro's.

Upcoming activities: Pan de Vida Confirmation Retreat Oct. 13-15, we're greeting confirmation candidates as they arrive each day. To volunteer, email icfstanne@gmail.com

And the biggie...Sat., Nov 11, our Polenta Dinner Dance Fundraiser! Chris, the chair, has an enthusiastic committee making the arrangements. Gather pictures of your family's and attending friend's Veterans. They will be displayed and honored. New this year, advertisement table sponsors: ask businesses to donate \$100 for their name creatively displayed for all to view on a table and poster. Also, raffle baskets or items are needed.

Do you know someone in the parish attending their 1st year of college or an adult with special needs? Share information about our Scholarship or Thrive Grant. Applications due Nov. 30.

During this month of the Holy Rosary, to grow closer to Jesus and Mary, meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation.

Benedizioni a te...Patty Litts, President

Tracy
Br. 390, St. Bernard

Congratulations to Costa Mesa and their supporters who hosted the 2023 "Be the Light" Annual National Convention. It was very well-organized, and each session was very informative to me, a first-time delegate. We'd also like to thank the members of St. Simon and Jude parish for hosting the "That's Amore" dinner-dance. We had a great time listening to The Sicilian Band. We thought they were great, since some of us at our branch are Sicilian!

Our September 21st dinner brought back the folks who have waited all summer for the return of our in-house dinner in the NEWLY REMODELED Father Fleming Hall, serving country ribs and special beans this month. Our ICF family, by popular demand, returned to serve the St. Bernard's Festival Friday night 'drive up and take home' dinner. Mike Bacchetti and crew cooked, we prepared and packaged the dinner of ribs, chicken, hot potato salad and Italian-style string beans, accompanied by salad, dressing, bread and butter. Festival proceeds were donated to the church and school. We also donated a fabulous basket for the auction containing the best Italian products to take home. Hard-working members manned the Pizza and Lemonade Icee booth Saturday and Sunday—our thanks go out to the folks who signed up at the last minute to serve in the booth.

Our condolences go out to the family of Marie, who passed away recently just short of her 100th birthday. She was the mother of new Grand President Denise Antonowicz. It was delightful sharing time with Marie at the recent convention in Costa Mesa.

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

Buon autunno (Happy Autumn Members! As we look forward to the changing of seasons and the holidays ahead, I hope everyone enjoyed their summer.

For those who went to the Convention, I hope it was everything you'd hoped.

Last month we initiated 3 new members who joined our branch this past year. We had 4 new members, but one could not make the meeting. Those initiated were Rose Mary Patla, Fabienne Johnson and Linda Black.

Kathleen Janssen could not attend. We had a wonderful dinner to welcome them.

This month, on September 23 there will be a reception for our Pastor Father Mark Wagner to mark the 35th anniversary of his ordination. It is also the Feast Day of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina and Father Mark will be making a presentation about Saint Pio that evening. Our branch will be helping with this reception, providing food and help.

Our parish will be having a Ministry fair on October 8 at which we will have a table. And on October 15 we will have our member's quarterly mass and social.

Upcoming Events:
September 14 – Branch Meeting
September 23 – Reception to Celebrate Father Mark
October – 8 – Ministry Fair
October 15 – Members Quarterly Mass

Blessings au tutti!
Josephine Weber,
President, Branch 395

Angels Camp
Br. 413, St. Patrick's

Danielle Pachinger received a scholarship from the Stockton District ICF Members. She is grateful to all for their support. Danielle is currently in Virginia studying at Christendom College as a freshman.

Our prayers are with the Antonowicz Family who lost the matriarch of the family. She was also our matriarch! Marie made sure that the ICF is in good hands. We remain dedicated to the ICF and will support Denise as she leads us into our second century.

We're looking forward to our Columbus Day Dinner on October 7th. Joe Dianda has graciously agreed to cook up some wonderful food. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Robert Pachinger at (209) 754-9619.

At the end of this month, people will be celebrating Halloween, but we as Roman Catholics will be celebrating All Hallows Eve. May all the saints be praying for all the members of the Italian Catholic Federation.

Ciao,
Annette Pachinger
Correspondence Secretary

Deadline for
November Issue of the
Bollettino is Oct. 10.
Send your articles &
photos:
editor@icf.org

SAN BERNARDINO
District

Upland
Br. 446, Saint Anthony

Many activities are being planned for the Fall. Our Ice Cream Social and bocce tournament in the park is always fun.

We will host a "Festa Italiana" dinner and take an excursion to the Mother Cabrini Shrine. We participated in a procession to honor the Holy Eucharist with hundreds of other parishioners and proudly carried our ICF banner. Afterwards, we viewed the exhibit of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World by Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old Italian boy. He developed a special devotion to the Eucharist and created a website that documented his research. Carlo loved

soccer, computer programming and video games. He died of leukemia in 2006 and is buried in Assisi. Blessed Carlo Acutis is attributed to become the patron saint of youth and computer programmers. His feast day is October 12.

During a recent officer's meeting, we celebrated the 90th birthday of our trustee, Joe DiCamillo. He told us about the thrilling gift he received from his family. "My 3 sons decided to fulfill my lifelong desire to get a ride in a P-51 Mustang airplane! I have been smiling every day in anticipation of being able to fly in such a beautiful airplane!" Joe attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and became a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Air Force. He worked for aerospace companies and the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and as an analyst for the CIA. In retirement, Joe and his wife moved to California to be near their sons. Joe's fantastic adventure is scheduled at the Palm Springs Air Museum later this year.



Your ICF Website Photos Are Needed

The Public Relations Committee is looking to add an area within our website with photos from our various branches and districts.

These photos can be from a recent event, special occasion or from one of your member's birthday, anniversary, graduation or new addition to the family.

The photos need to be clear and bright with a high resolution. The photo will need to be sent electronically to editor@icf.org with the following included in the email:

- ICF Website Photo
- Branch or District name
- Title of the photo, such as John Doe's 95 Birthday, Branch 999 Dinner Committee etc.

The photos will be reviewed by the Public Relations Committee and if approved added to the ICF website in the new area. The photos will be updated periodically throughout the year. Our hope with this added area is that it will get more of our members and others to visit the website on a regular basis and to promote a sense of family throughout the Federation.

Sincerely,
Pat Mages
Public Relations Committee
Chairperson

2023 ICF Annual
Convention Donations

Cooley's Anemia

- Branch 36
- Branch 48
- Branch 82
- Branch 91
- Branch 139
- Branch 184
- Branch 218
- Branch 281
- Branch 285
- Branch 291
- Branch 308
- Branch 342
- Branch 354
- Branch 374
- Branch 380
- Branch 390
- Branch 406
- Branch 413
- Branch 432
- Branch 442
- Branch 445
- Branch 446
- Rose Flahavan

Annemarie McCarthy
- In Memory of Fabiola Di Paolo
Leonard and B.G. Zasoski, Jr.
- In Memory of Leonard and Marian Zasoski, Sr.
Proceeds from a Convention Game
Grand Total: \$7,490.55

Live to Give
Convention Blood
Drive Donations

Mary Cook
In Honor of Laurice Levine
Mary Cook
In Memory of Molly Widner
Lou and Pat Mages
With Wishes for a Good Life for Laurice Levine



Sir Luigi & Lady
Augusta Providenza
Seminary
Scholarship Fund

Branch 36
Branch 281
Branch 446
Leonard and B.G. Zasoski, Jr. -
In Memory of Ed and Shirliann Swertfager
Proceeds from a Convention Game
Grand Total: \$1,720.50

Scholarship
- 1st Year

Jo-Ann and John Donovan -
In Memory of Marie Antonowicz
Leonard and B.G. Zasoski, Jr.
Proceeds from a Convention Game
Total: \$220.50

Scholarship
2nd - 4th Year

Larry and Carmen Kilcullen
Andy and Sid Pappani
- In Honor of the 100th Birthday of Marie Antonowicz
Andy and Sid Pappani
- In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen
Total: \$1,100.00

Grand Total: \$1,320.50

Gifts of Love

Branch 36
Branch 48
Branch 82
Branch 281
Branch 285
Branch 291
Branch 308
Branch 354
Branch 374
Branch 380
Branch 390
Branch 392
Branch 413
Branch 418
Branch 442
Branch 446
Rose Flahavan - In Honor of the Birthday of Julie Flahavan
The Watts Family
Proceeds from a Convention Game
Grand Total: \$4,492.55



2023 2nd to 4th Year Scholarship Winners

STUDENT	IN MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF	DONATED BY
2nd Year Scholarships (\$500.00)			
Andrew Morrissey	Louis Poloni		Br. 227 - Aptos
John Campo			Br. 354 - Paso Robles
Dominic Bolla Morris	David Botta		Br. 14 - Crockett
Alexandria (Bella) Arietta			Br. 352 - Danville
Addison Thomas			Br. 352 - Danville
Ava Gabrielle Kinyon			East Bay District
Paige Ebojo			Br. 10 - Alameda
Petrina Gilardi			Br. 32 - Fresno
Ella Parks			Br. 32 - Fresno
Easten Priddell			Br. 39 - Merced
Thea Falvey			Br. 161 - Larkspur (Closing Donation)
Jason Pipitone			Br. 438 - Roseville
Emily Mozzetti			Br. 19 - Colma
Timothy Lencioni	Robert Lawrence		Br. 391 - San Jose
Valentino Bugica			Br. 52 - Healdsburg
Michael Filice			Br. 52 - Healdsburg
Dominic Arcuri	The Richard Gatti Family		Br. 127 - Petaluma
Beatrix Holstine			Br. 144 - Arcata
Bailey Gualco			Br. 390 - Tracy
Angelina C. Fugazi			Br. 395 - Stockton
Oliver Breitbart		The Birthday of Rose Arnaudo	Family and Friends - Br. 184, Los Gatos
Sara Simoni			John G. and Kim Filice - Br. 28, Gilroy
Grace Perryman	Leo and Ila Kilcullen		Larry and Carmen Kilcullen - Br. 52, Healdsburg
Rachel Ascarate	Andrew Santo Palumbo		Viva Palumbo - Br. 379, Huntington Beach
Dominic Gates	Andrew Santo Palumbo		Viva Palumbo - Br. 379, Huntington Beach
Ciera Sesock		Angelo and Antoinette Pecora	Italian Catholic Federation
Isabella Hellwig			Scholarship Fund
Gianna Huckins			Scholarship Fund
Talia Marini			Scholarship Fund
Ryan Osorio			Scholarship Fund
Kaela Richards			Scholarship Fund
Erin Vierra			Scholarship Fund
Carlo Weitzman			Scholarship Fund
3rd Year Scholarships (\$600.00)			
Aidan Dooley			East Bay District
Katie Hiler			Br. 32 - Fresno
Alexis Presto			Br. 32 - Fresno
Pietro Lanza di Scalea			Br. 449 - Santee
Evan R. Clarke	John Rossi		Br. 391 - San Jose
Samantha Gambonini	Sam DiGirolamo and Paul DiGirolamo		Br. 127 - Petaluma
Alex Naumann			Stockton District
Elisa Grim			Br. 390 - Tracy
Brendan Plummer			The Antonowicz Family - Br. 5, Br. 36 and Br. 184
Sarah Sarlatte	Ambrogio and Teresa Solari		Larry and Carmen Kilcullen - Br. 52, Healdsburg

2023 2nd to 4th Year Scholarship Winners

STUDENT	IN MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF	DONATED BY
3rd Year Scholarships (\$600.00)			
Kate Santich	Robert and Theresa Dianda		Michael and Donna Santich - Br. 91, Oakland
Lawrence Azzopardi	G. Richard Graham		Michael and Donna Santich - Br. 91, Oakland
Dawson Barnes			Scholarship Fund
Natalie Descalso			Scholarship Fund
Mia Di Costanzo			Scholarship Fund
Adrianna M. Heredia			Scholarship Fund
Katherine Hodges			Scholarship Fund
Dominique Lucia Huckins			Scholarship Fund
Rebecca Ielati			Scholarship Fund
Lucille Mackenzie Marsalek			Scholarship Fund
4th Year Scholarships (\$1,000.00)			
Giuliana Sorbi			East Bay District
Nina M. Civiello			Br. 32 - Fresno
Antonia Piercey			Br. 32 - Fresno
Marisa Lipari			Br. 391 - San Jose
Samantha Lieberg			Br. 390 - Tracy
Anne Marie Santich	Rose and Martin Santich		Michael and Donna Santich - Br. 91- Oakland
Michael Santich	Rose and Martin Santich		Michael and Donna Santich - Br.. 91- Oakland
Isabella Cresci			Scholarship Fund
Aisling Rovarino			Scholarship Fund
Brigida Rovarino			Scholarship Fund
*We also acknowledge the following partial donations that made some of the additional scholarships from the ICF Scholarship Fund possible.			
Central Coast District: Br. 36, Harry and Kathleen Hill (Br. 26) - In Memory of Norma Martinetti and Richard and Valerie Vote (Br. 227) - Get Well Wishes for Marie Mungai; Contra Costa District: District and Roselyne and Aaron McNeal (Br. 442) - In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen; East Bay District: Br. 91, Roger and JoAnn Dorn (Br. 10) - In Memory of Freda Greer and Missy Kohl Rubinstein - In Memory of Dean Primrose; Fresno District: District, Br. 31, Br. 70, Br. 250, Antoinette and Angelo Pecora (Br. 308) - In Memory of Anita Pinasco Marciochi; Los Angeles Archdiocese District: Officers/Members of Br. 237 - In Memory of Gloria Castaneda; Marin Area: Br. 161 (Closing Donation) and Br. 332; Orange Area: Viva Palumbo (Br. 379) - In Memory of Andrew Santo Palumbo; San Bernardino District: Br. 446; San Francisco Area: Janine and Alan Boone - In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen, Alison Coughlin - In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen and Mary Rose Teves and Tom Dawson - In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen; San Mateo District: Br. 130, Br. 213, Dorene Campanile and Donna Cervelli (Br. 173) - In Honor of Jennie Lyn Malibiran, Dorene Campanile and Donna Cervelli - In Honor of Johna Maychrowitz, Deborah Rodondi (Br. 19) - In Memory of Adolfo Del Carlo, Deborah Rodondi - In Memory of Janice Jones, Deborah Rodondi - In Memory of Joseph Sangiacomo, Deborah Rodondi - In Memory of Russ Vento and The Rodondi Family - In Memory of Thomas Rowan; Santa Clara Valley District: District, Br. 184, Br. 191, Br. 368, Br. 408, Br. 435, Officers/Members of Br. 435 - In Memory of Helen Justino, Officers/Members of Br. 445 - In Memory of John Sellarole, Bob Basuino (Br. 191) - In Honor of the 65th Wedding Anniversary of Bob and Kathy Acquistapace, Bob Bausino - In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen, Shirley Catania (Br. 191) - In Memory of Mary Kay Awalt, Joan and Jerry Delfino (Br. 368) - In Memory of Ed Bertaccini, Joan and Jerry Delfino - In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen, Joan and Jerry Delfino - In Memory of Russ Vento, Bob and Elaine Osorio (Br. 368) - In Honor of the Birthday of Jerry Delfino, Bob and Elaine Osorio - In Honor of the Birthday of Joan Delfino, Andy and Sid Pappani (Br. 28) - In Honor of the 100th Birthday of Marie Antonowicz, Andy and Sid Pappani - In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen, Deanne and Pix Perry - In Memory of Russell John Vento and Donna and Richard Pfaff (Br. 184/Br. 445) - In Memory of John Sellarole; Santa Rosa District: Br. 209, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kilcullen (Br. 52) and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kilcullen - In Memory of Jeannette De Martini; Stockton District: Br. 413; Out of Area: James Tasy (St. Benedict, OR).			

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT



Pat, Donna and Louise from Crockett Branch 14 enjoying the picnic.



Branch 14, Crockett members enjoying a great BBQ.



Members from Crockett Branch 14. Enjoying each others' company at the branch picnic.



Pat, Vonda & Dee, our delegates at convention for Crockett Br.14. Great job ladies.



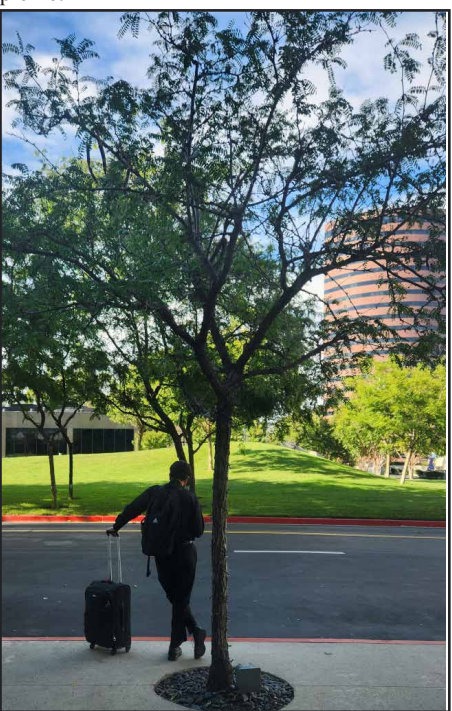
Ladies from Crockett Branch 14 enjoying the day.



Newly re-elected Central Council member, Rosemary Cook, of Branch #13 stands beside her mother and campaign manager, Mary Cook, whose slogan was "Rosemary doesn't clown around on the Central Council, but you can!" while doling out clown noses for delegates.



Newly elected Grand Trustees, Dante Galeazzi, Rosemary Cook, and Perry Shurko, sit together awaiting their installation as officers of the 2023/2024 Central Council.



Convention concluded. Fr. Mario Rizzo waiting patiently for a ride unaware of the paparazzi.



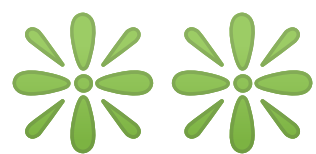
Br. 214, Father Joseph



Br. 214, Member barbecue



Br. 214, Member barbecue



STOCKTON DISTRICT



Past District President, Robert Pachinger, presenting the Stockton District Scholarship to Danielle Pachinger



Br. 82 Family Fun Day



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Branch 395 Initiation - Rose Mary Patla, Fabienne Johnson and Linda Black



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BLESSED SACRAMENT DISTRICT



Branch 342 Hospitality Sunday

SAN MATEO DISTRICT



Br. 351, Rina Stefani celebrates 100 Years!!



Br. 351, The Buonocore Family prepared the Polenta Dinner for ICF Br. 351's Dinner Meeting on 9/7/23

FRESNO DISTRICT



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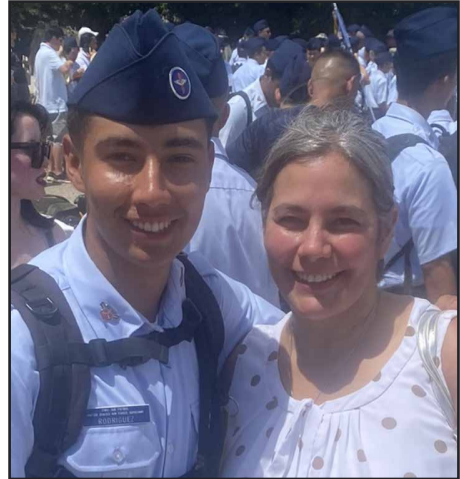
Branch 308 members



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Branch 250, Clovis, CA Melissa Squeo and hier son, Vincent Rodriguez, at his Civil Air Patrol encampment, Camp Roberts

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT



Bob & Kathy Acquistapace celebrating 65th wedding anniversary ICF Br. 198 St. Eugene



Br. 75, Yvonne Jelton checking out Central Council candidate at the ICF Convention



The scholarship winners July 15, ICF Br. 198 Scholarship Dinner St Eugene L-R Bob Acquistapace, Doreen O'Rouke, Adelina Heath, Madison Ammirati, Carmen Kilcullen & Dennice Di Girolamo



Branch #144 members enjoyed the Garden Party



Br. 144, Justin Alvarez



Cooks Alfred and Pete. Branch #144



Br. 144, Happy polenta cooks



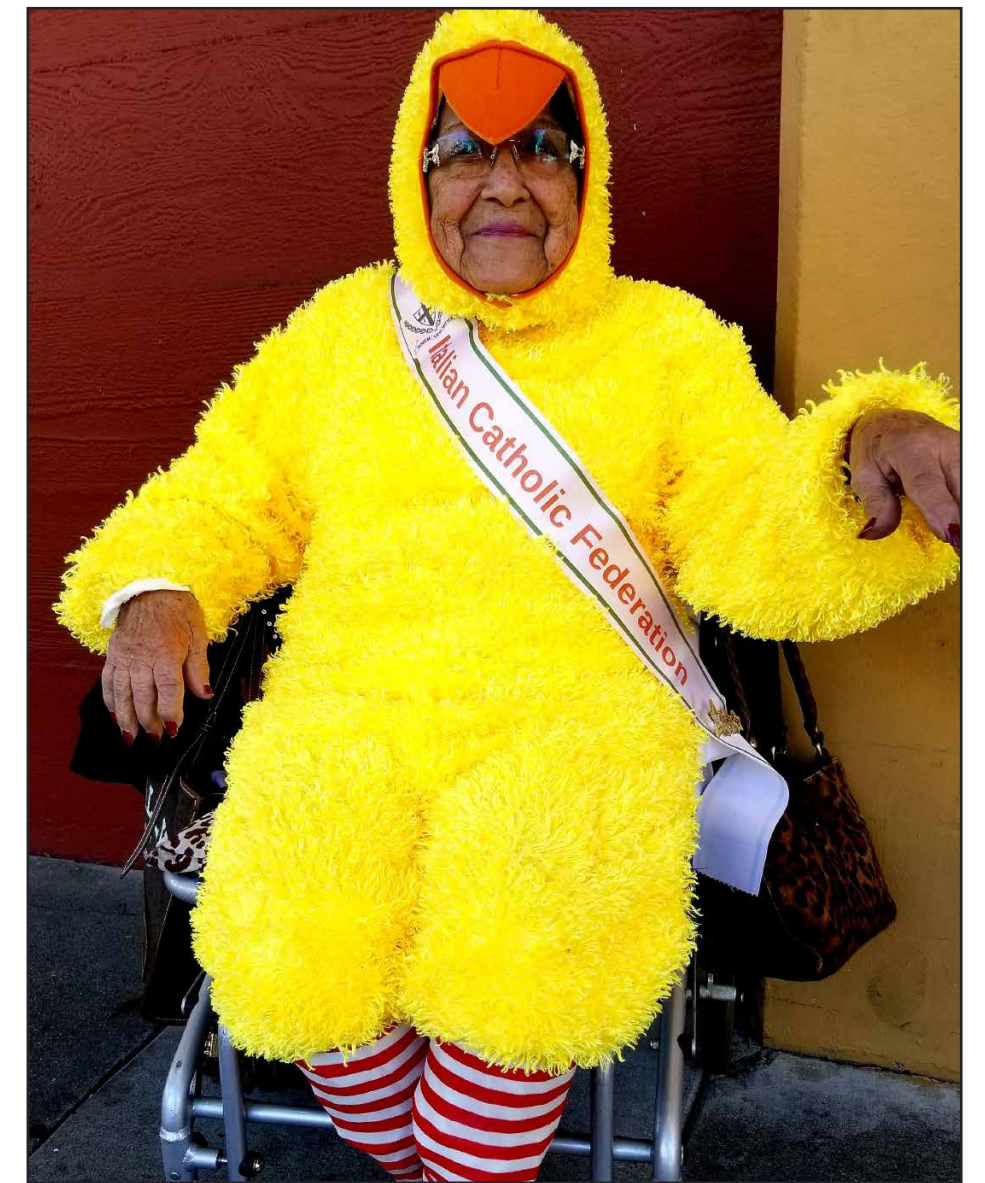
Tony Gonzales Award winner Branch #144

Deadline for November issue of the *Bollettino* is October 10. Send articles & photos: editor@icf.org

EAST BAY DISTRICT



Br. 91, St. Lawrence O'Toole Divine Mercy with Grand President Deborah Rodondi Raffle Winner 2023 and Jo-Ann M. Donovan



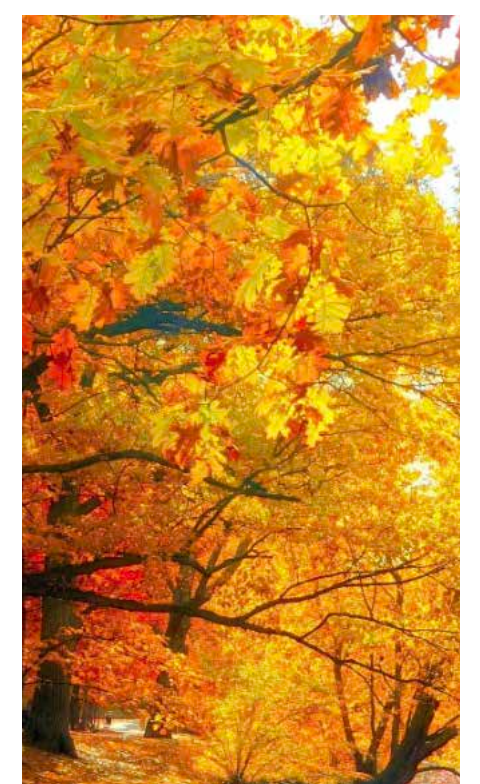
Br. 91, In remembrance of Marie Antonowicz, Queen Chicken



Br. 91, St. Lawrence O'Toole Divine Mercy Branch meeting with Betty Tully Maria Raphael and Dave Madej



Br. 343, Lisa and Leonard welcome OLG's new Pastor.





Oct 22 ~ Casa Italiana, DTLA
Oct 29 ~ Grand Annex, San Pedro

Can this wedding night be saved? ...Find out!

Il campanello di notte
"The Night Bell"
Donizetti

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<p>Sunday Oct 22, 2023 ~ Luncheon & Opera 12:00 noon Doors open and Luncheon served 1:00pm Opera begins No host bar will be open Casa Italiana, 1051 N Broadway, LA 90012</p>	<p>Sunday Oct 29, 2023 ~ Wine & Opera 1:30 pm Doors open 2:00pm Opera begins Free glass of wine with ticket No host bar will be open Grand Annex Theater, 434 W 6th St. San Pedro, CA 90731</p>
Tickets \$24 - \$74 on Eventbrite	Tickets \$18 - \$62 on Eventbrite
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IL CAMPANELLO

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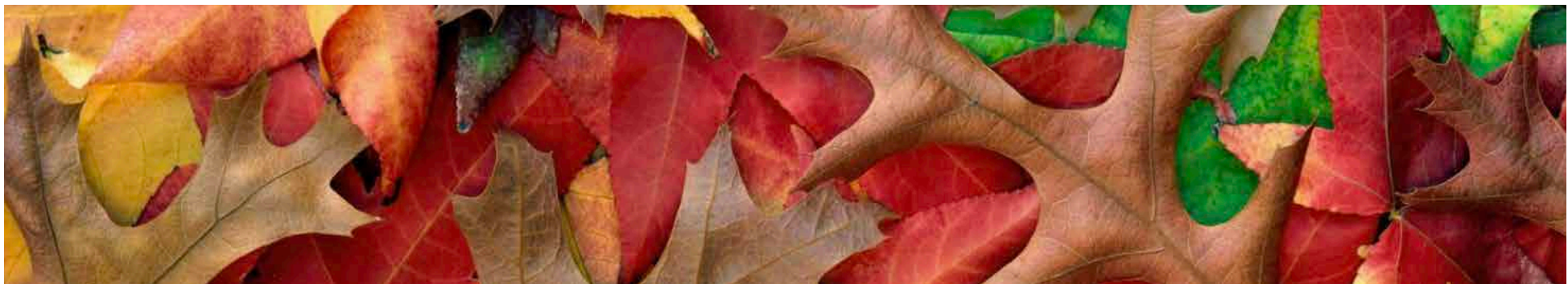
SCAN ME

- Opera in Italian with **English Supertitles** -
- Staged and with **Full Orchestra & Opera Chorus** at Casa Italiana Oct 22nd
- Staged with **Piano accompaniment & Opera Chorus** at Grand Annex Oct 29th
- No host **Bar Open** for all events

*Oct 22nd Luncheon is *delicious Italian cuisine* *
Oct 29th - (no meal served); Each Adult Ticket includes a free glass of wine

Adult (18 - 59)	Senior (60 +)	Student (18 - 25 with ID card)	Youth (17 and under)
Name:	Email:		Phone:
CASA ITALIANA - Luncheon & Opera, Sunday, Oct 22, 2023 Number of tickets:		Adult x \$74 = Senior x \$64 = Student x \$34 = Youth x \$24 =	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
GRAND ANNEX - Free glass wine, Hors d'oeuvres available for purchase Sunday, Oct 29, 2023 Number of tickets:		Adult x \$62 = Senior x \$52 = Student x \$22 = Youth x \$18 =	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
Total:\$ _____			

SPECIAL Group rates 10% discount for groups of 8+ CALL 213-248-2510 to arrange EASY!!



Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library

by Carmelo Sabatella

The Mother Cabrini Mass, Pilgrimage, Benediction and Luncheon will be held on November 12, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to celebrate the 77th Annual Feast of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini's Canonization to Sainthood. Members and parishioners are invited to join us at St. Francis Xavier Church in Burbank.

Cost: \$20/Adult & \$8/child under 12. Menu: baked chicken, pasta salad, veggies and dessert. Each paid ticket includes a raffle ticket for a special prize. Make reservations by Oct. 18. Contact Andrea Linn at 909.762.1392 or ANDILIMN@gmail.com. All proceeds go to help fund the ongoing operations and development of the Cabrini Chapel and Library.

For more information visit <https://www.icf.org/about/cabrini/>

Additional Open House 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. Please make a donation to help maintain the Chapel facility and to continue with programs such as the annual Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage event in Burbank.

Chapel Store: DVDs on the Life of Mother Cabrini by Lucia Mauro now available. To schedule a visit, make a donation or purchase, call 626-372-7812 or email at cas1810@aol.com.

Your support is greatly appreciated.
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