



BOLLETTINO

ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage



ICF National Convention Update

Lauren Kilcullen, Convention Director's Committee

Good News! We have a new hotel for our 2024 Convention!

After a month of exhaustive research, emails, phone calls, and video conferences, we will be holding our Convention at the

**San Francisco Airport
Marriott Waterfront
1800 Old Bayshore Hwy.
Burlingame, CA.**

It is located a few miles from the original hotel and is close to San Francisco International Airport.

Our original contract with the San Mateo Marriott for 2024 was an extremely sweet deal with a reasonable room rate and very low food and beverage prices. It was difficult to find a new hotel that would meet that deal and that wasn't already booked with another conference.

The San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront agreed to our original room rate of \$149.00 per night plus tax. Parking is \$25.00 per night (reduced from \$48.00). *The hotel has a complimentary hotel shuttle from San Francisco International Airport.*

The hotel's food and beverage prices are more than the original hotel. The

ICF will be subsidizing part of the increased food and beverage costs to keep the overall costs reasonable for our delegates.

The registration fee per delegate will be \$385.00. This price includes registration, handouts, audio-visual, Friday Night's Opening Dinner, Saturday Night's Banquet and Sunday's Awards Lunch.

The Convention will still end on Sunday afternoon, after the Mass, about 5:00 p.m. Please make your travel plans to return home accordingly.

The San Mateo District is looking forward to welcoming us to Burlingame and will have a Thursday night dinner at Our Lady of Angels Church in Burlingame.

Now that the hotel is decided, the Convention Director's Committee can return to the actual planning of the Convention. We are working on workshops, Masses, Friday Bingo, dinners,

and lunch.

Once the committee has a site visit to the new hotel, I'll post photos on the ICF Facebook page. Exact information on all the events and how to book your hotel room will be coming in the next month.

I thank Wendy Hand, CEO of The Meetings Network, who manages our contract negotiations. Without her, I could not have done all the hotel research and negotiating.

I also thank the members of the Convention Director's Committee for their support, and I thank members who reached out offering prayers and support. It means a lot to me.

Please continue to plan your branch's participation in the Convention and we look forward to seeing everyone in Burlingame!

**Lauren Kilcullen
Convention Director**



Br. 446--Upland, Cannoli Sales: Domenico Ricci, Kevin Cavanaugh at the table. Standing: Tony Santorufo, Betty Cavanaugh, Greg Ruffalo, Dante and Logan Zappia by sign.



Br. 435--Morgan Hill, Polenta Dinner/meeting



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Grand President's Monthly Message Springtime

Denise Antonowicz

Easter has come and gone. I hope you were able to have a joyous family celebration.

April is here--the year seems to be flying by. Before you know it, we will be celebrating our **100th Anniversary.**

Are you ready to celebrate with us?

June 9th in South San Francisco, June 21st in Chicago and finally June 29th in Los Angeles. Remember to send in your reservations early. I know that in both South San Francisco and Los Angeles there are only 300 tickets available at each of the venues. You don't want to miss this opportunity to celebrate and reflect on what an incredible journey our organization has been on.

Not many organizations have made it to 100 years, but we have and yes, it hasn't always been easy. I see our numbers increasing and due to the incredible work you all do.

I see hope in our future for an organization that continues to grow and do the great work we do for our parishes, community and for each other. I know I won't see the next 100th anniversary celebration but I have confidence in all of you to continue our growth, to make a difference in our communities, and to be the family that the Italian Catholic Federation has become to us.

Here's a blessing for the month of April.

Welcome April! A new month, new day, new date, new chapter, new page, new life. May this month bring you happiness, satisfaction, peace, and victory.

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need to be sent in an electronic for-
mat. Those submissions not sent in
an electronic format or those articles
sent in the mail will not be used.

Finally, a reminder that ALL branch
and district reports need to adhere to
the **250 max word count** require-
ment or they will be shortened or
possibly excluded entirely based on
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Limit photos to 3 or 4 and include
captions. Not all photos are able to
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To insure photos are always linked to
branch, include branch number when
naming photos such as:
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Include photo captions with your
article submission.

Please keep your submission positive
and informative.

Deadline for the
May issue is
April 10, 2024

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

Thank you!

Message from our Spiritual Director

Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation:

We live in a time where there is so much bad news. It's great to hear the good news of the gospel in Jesus Christ! So many of us need encouragement to face the many setbacks that could easily become opportunities for discouragement and even despair. This Easter season we remember that the Lord is risen! All things are possible with God! The great mystery of our Easter faith is that Christ has died, He has Risen, and Christ will come again. As we participate in this joyful celebration, we acknowledge that Jesus' resurrection gives us hope. His victory over sin and death offers us a new commitment. The resurrected Jesus comes to us as we are. But he also comes as he is; through the power of God, he is resurrected and comes to us with the gift of new and everlasting life. Death has not had the final say. Where there was despair, God brings us hope. Where there was darkness, God has bright light. Where there was death, God bring us not just life, but new and everlasting life. These are the gifts that God offers each of through the resurrection of Jesus.

We must witness the hope that Jesus' resurrection brings to our world that seeks a reason to hope again. Amid our difficulties, weaknesses, and fears, God sends Jesus to be our hope. We must renew each day this divine life offered to us in Jesus' resurrection. This is our feast of Victory! How do we witness the power of Jesus' resurrection in our daily lives? Has the unconditional gift of God's outstretched arms made a difference in our lives?


Our faith in the Risen Lord can hold in check the many fears, anxieties, troubles, and concerns that we deal with. He has defeated sin and death. The tomb could not hold Him down. The stone was rolled away. Their manifestations in our lives do not have to hold us down. Faith can help to roll them away. We may be tempted to give in and give up the world as it is today. However, because we now share in the powerful resurrection of Jesus, we are to live our daily lives full of Easter hope. As Pope Francis says to us, as Christians, we must never look like people who have just come back from a funeral! For the rest of the Easter Season, may we be people who are filled with the Light Joy, Life, and Hope of the Resurrection




of Jesus.

This Easter season tells us that we have a God who is always in our midst and at work bringing restoration, and new birth. God is at work in our Italian Catholic Federation. As we embrace this 100th anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation, may we be filled with the wonder of the Resurrection.

Fr. Chris





On the Occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the
Italian Catholic Federation

A Pilgrimage to the Italy
Under the Spiritual Leadership of:
Fr. Christopher Bennett, Pastor
St. Christopher Catholic Church in San Jose, California

11-Days: November 5 to 15, 2024


St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican Museums, an audience with the pope, the tombs of St. Peter and St. John Paul II, and a trip to Assisi. This pilgrimage will take you to places and give you experiences unlike any other trip you've been on. What a great way to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation.

For more information, please contact Fr. Chris at 1-408-269-2226 or email at revbennett@sbcglobal.net

Heritage — Memorabilia

Louise Vento

After the death of Ario Gregori in 2010, his wife Rosemarie called us and asked us to come to her home in Burlingame, CA. She had items that belonged to Ario that she wanted us to have. Ario was my mentor and she said, "Ario would want you to have them."



and Joe asked me to do a presentation. That was the first workshop I participated in.

While in Sacramento, the Display Una Storia Segreta was at the library across the street from the Hotel. Ario asked Lawrence Di Stasi if he could bring the display to San Francisco for the 75th convention.

For one year, the Heritage Committee went to Oakland to sort through boxes of pictures for the panels used for the Heritage Museum. Ario and Michael Cannady and the Heritage Committee did a great job. The museum was well received by the convention attendees and visitors to the Hotel.

In 2009, at the San Jose Convention, the panels were again used as a Heritage display. Ario was their everyday helping. Because of Ario, Russ and I continued to promote Heritage. Russ died in July 2023.

The 100 Year Anniversary will be celebrated at Convention will soon be here. I plan to donate all of Ario's items and many of my own displays to the Heritage Committee. The Heritage Committee has been working hard to obtain memorabilia items for the Heritage Room. The Heritage Room will be available to all convention attendees and visitors. It will reflect the past 100 years of the Federation.

Gifts of Love Donations

(Report as of March 9, 2024)

Branch 332
Aldine Grisenti
In Memory of Bob Osorio
Officers/Members of Br. 403
In Memory of Lois Agresti
Mary Vella Treseler
In Memory of Lois Marie Agresti
Joan and Jerry Delfino
In Memory of David Hayr
Joan and Jerry Delfino
In Honor of the 90th
Birthday of Emily Corral
Mary Lipari
In Memory of Robert Osorio
Louise Vento
In Memory of Bob Osorio
The Teglia Family
In Memory of Simone "Sam" Bonanno

The Teglia Family
In Memory of Louis Masini
The Teglia Family
In Memory of John Campanile
The Teglia Family
In Memory of Adolfo Del Carlo
Officers/Members of Br. 28
In Memory of Florence Virginia Brocato Lighter
Patricia L. Donohue
In Memory of Robert Albert Osorio
Joan and Jerry Delfino
Get Well Wishes for Denise Antonowicz

Cooley's Anemia Donations

(Report as of March 9, 2024)

Cooley's Anemia Donations
Branch 250
Bunny Filice
In Memory of Barbara Drewitz

Officers/Members of Br. 28
In Memory of Father John Coleman

Membership Committee Report:
Why Look for New Members?

Andy Pappani and Vince Piro

Over the last several weeks, the Membership Committee has held workshops on recruiting and retaining new members. It is our hope that over the next couple of months that your branch will hold a membership drive and work on recruiting new members to your branch.

The workshops were well attended, and the presentation can be found at <https://www.icf.org/membership/members/>.

We see membership recruitment happening in three stages.

First, your branch should prepare for the membership drive. Promote the fact that your branch will be holding a membership drive by advertising in the church bulletin for a couple of weeks before membership drive with an announcement at church that there will be a membership drive. Announce the week before and that weekend by placing an ICF advertisement into parish bulletin. You should also promote your upcoming membership drive on social media, such as a branch Facebook page or the parish website. You can send the ICF promotional video to parish members or place it on the branch and parish website. (The video can be found at <https://www.icf.org>.) The idea here is to create anticipation and generate interest in the ICF before your membership drive.

Of course, it is at this point that you work with your local pastor and parish staff to receive permission to hold a membership drive during Sunday masses.

The second stage of this process is the actual membership drive. On

the day of your membership drive, be sure you have staffed table with applications and a flyer or brochure with local contact information. Advertise in adjacent parishes, if pastors give you permission. You should make announcement at church before or after mass. Of course, it is great if the presiding priest encourages the congregation to visit your table. Use a banner or poster to draw attention to your decorated and colorful table. Be prepared to gather names, emails, and phone numbers.

As the final stage, you should work on retaining any new members. Set a friendly and welcoming tone at branch meetings by greeting new members at the door and including them in conversations. Active members tend to be long time members, so encourage the active participation of new members by involving them in branch activities and committees. Be ready to accept new ideas and different ways of doing things and plan family events for new, younger families.

You could also start an *Amici di Cuore* (buddy system) that assigns a "mentor" to new members, someone that encourages them to attend meetings and become involved in branch events. This mentor would also assure that the new members feel included and welcome in the branch.

We hope that over the next couple of months that your branch makes an active effort to recruit and retain new members. Adding new members can bring new life to a branch and offers many benefits to any branch.

GP Message--Continued

Denise Antonowicz *continued from p. 1*

May all desires of your heart be granted. May this be the beginning of a new life, new things, and new joys in your life. Stay strong, be positive and fulfill your dreams. Keep your spirit and determination unshaken and you will always walk the glory road. With courage, faith, and trust in God you will conquer everything you desire. -Amen

So Spring is here, plant your gardens and anticipate what you will

harvest not only in your gardens but plant those seeds of being positive and hopeful for the ICF. We can work through our problems and celebrate our joys. I know our members and I can see a hopeful future.

May God bless you and your families and may God bless the Italian Catholic Federation.

Ciao, Denise Antonowicz

Convention Bylaw Submission Procedure

Leonard Rossi, KLJ, MME, Grand Parliamentarian

Now comes the time of year that we must solicit proposals and/or amendments to the Branch Bylaws. The following is a brief review of the procedure followed in the ICF to accomplish this process and bring the proposals and or amendments to the floor of the Annual Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation.

All branches are urged to consider, discuss and formulate a proposal to change, modify or abolish a bylaw as it pertains to all the Branches of the ICF. According to the Branch Bylaw Chapter XVII Art. 3 G proposals and/ or amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing (signed by the Branch President and Recording Sec- retary) to the Central Council Office not later than April 30, 2024. Branch bylaw change proposals may also come from Central Council through the Bylaws Committee.

Such submitted proposals and/or amendments are forwarded to the Central Council Bylaws Committee for review, as to form and content. If a question exists relating to the submitted proposal, the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee will contact the submitting Branch for clarification and if necessary, revisions to make the proposal acceptable.

It is helpful to present the original bylaw followed by a copy of the modified changed bylaw with the changes in bold type. The insertions should be italics and the deletions either in strike out text or underlined. The proposal must be accompanied by a well-reasoned rationale for the proposed change.

The Central Council through the Bylaws Committee is authorized to eliminate proposals: (1) that are unconstitutional, discriminatory (except as to the age for benefits) or infringing on the fundamental principles of the Federation, (2) proposals defeated at the immediate previous Annual Convention cannot be presented at the immediate next Convention, except if the Central Council approves the proposal for representation.

Once the proposal is found to be constitutional and acceptable in wording and content, the Bylaws Committee will present proposals to the Central Council at the June meeting for their information. At this point, the Bylaws Committee will “certify” the proposals, and announce they will be presented to the delegates at the next Annual Convention.

The order of discussions of proposals at the Annual Convention are prepared in advance by the Grand Parliamentarian and approved by the Central Council.

The proposals to be presented at the Annual Convention will be sent to the Branches in advance of the Convention for their discussion and consideration. At the Convention, the proposals will be presented to the delegates for their vote. Matters presented by the Central Council will have precedence in the order of discussion.

Once passed by a majority vote at the Annual Convention, the adopted bylaw change is immediately effective.

In Loving Memory

(Report as of March 9, 2024)

Betty Fontana	Branch 007
Rev John Coleman	Branch 028
Eileen M Jura	Branch 032
Beverly Desmond	Branch 050
Eugene Camozzi	Branch 127
Michael E Costa	Branch 139
George (Bud) O Polley	Branch 209
Francis Sorce	Branch 229
Antoinette Cvetovac	Branch 258
Doris C Wais	Branch 291
Dolores L Gomes	Branch 390
Ralph Ferrara	Branch 392
Lois Agresti	Branch 403

Scholarship Donations

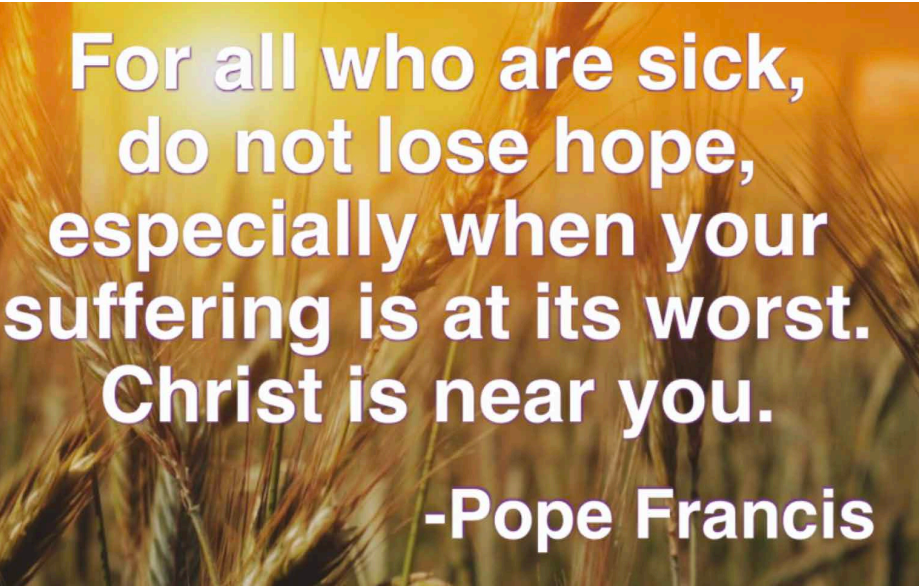
(Received as of February 2, 2024)

Scholarship Donations - 1st Year

Officers/Members of Blessed Sacrament District
Thank You to Denise Antonowicz for Our District Installation
The Kilcullen Family
Wedding Congratulations for Janet and Ray Hieronimus
Officers/Members of Central Coast District
Thank You to Denise Antonowicz for Our District Installation

Welcome New Members (Report as of March 9, 2024)

Branch 010	Dale R Wright	Kris A Wright
Branch 028	Bruce Hammergren*	Marina Hammergren*
	Carmen Patane*	Lisa Stringfellow
Branch 036	Diana Aiello	Giuseppe Aiello
	Patrick Baccanari	Denise L Cardona
	Leonardo Colorado	Luisa (Murcia) Colorado
	Pablo Colorado	Rene Colorado
	Debbie J Morikawa	Bruce Welden
	Marisa Fiori Welden	
Branch 039	Dominic M Gates	Francis J Gates
	Micalyse Gates	Julie C Horal
Branch 052	Beau M Besancon	Olivia Foppiano
	Mathew S Humphrey	Sydney C Humphrey
	Whitney Humphrey	William M Humphrey
	David Klautdt	Tara Klautdt
Branch 067	Jo Ellen P Gregie	Barbara D Qualantone
	Catalina Qualantone	Michael A Qualantone
	Sophia Qualantone	
Branch 108	Malgorzata Grimaud	
Branch 111	Jadison Mata	
Branch 127	Ron Matzen	
Branch 179	Stephen Moortgat	
Branch 184	Carolyn M Jones	
Branch 209	Lane C Mills	Joshua E Tambornini
Branch 218	Kathleen M Ionescu	
Branch 227	Joyce C Hopkins	
Branch 229	Alex Balvaneda	Chris Geis
	Linda Geis	John Kingston
Branch 246	Sal De Maria	Marianne Forsyth
	Mary Rice	Antonina M Ruggeri
	Frankie Ruggeri	
Branch 332	Peggy Parenti	
Branch 342	Jon W Schmidt	Yvonne V Schmidt
Branch 343	Sunita D'Costa	Laura Putnam Ladley
	Ron Ladley	William Nelson
	Sylvia L Smith	
Branch 351	Lydia Cooper	
Branch 352	Bob Carini	Marianne Carini
Branch 374	Anthony Baumgartner	George Harb
	Joyce Serra	
Branch 390	Denis Della Nina	Liz L Della Nina
	Jim L Thoming	Sharon L Thoming
Branch 438	Rachel Alkire	Steve Alkire
	Mark C Anthony	Rev Santhosh S Kurian
Branch 442	Colette A Bradley	Mark D'argenio
	Sheryl Miller	Loretta Vanderveen
*New members joined Br. 28 last month but listed with Br. 14 in error.		



For all who are sick,
do not lose hope,
especially when your
suffering is at its worst.
Christ is near you.
-Pope Francis

Spring Has Sprung

Carmen Kilcullen, Apostolate/Charity Committee Member

Many of us are familiar with the phrase “Spring has sprung”. Well, we are now into the season of spring and time to make a fresh beginning, just as spring does every yearly cycle. How does that affect us as members of the ICF? We now need to evaluate what we are going to do charitywise.

Scholarship donations and applications from our senior year students are due. As I have mentioned before, any amount that you can contribute to the Scholarship Fund is greatly appreciated.

Gifts of Love continues to need donations for so many who need our help, either with disabilities or financial need for various physical or mental adversities.

At the Convention this year, we will again have our blood donation session. If you can, be prepared to give up some of your blood to help others.

Cooley’s Anemia, the Providenza Seminary Burse, parochial charities, community needs, school programs, Birthright, etc.- I could go on and on. These are all so worthwhile!!!



The ICF is known for the time and monies spent in charity work. It is a great tribute to all our members who embrace this catholic way of life.

Spring is here and, therefore, let us renew our commitment for great beginnings and further continuation to the ICF’s charity work.

You never cease to amaze me!

Carmen

Apostolate-Charity Chair

Italian-Americans in the Arts

The Newberry Consort, a classical music group based in Chicago, has a concert in the Chicago area. “Il Furioso! Music Influenced by the Art and Life of Jacopo Tintoretto” is April 12-14.

In this program, audiences will see projections of paintings by Tintoretto and other Italian Renaissance painters, while they hear music that was inspired by those paintings played on historical instruments. Two singers will also act out a dialogue as Tintoretto and his daughter so audience members can learn more about the artist’s life and times.

Italian Catholic Federation

Annual Central Council

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



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

Campaign Process:

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

Responsibilities of Central Council Members:

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



CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE NOMINATION APPLICATION

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

I have been nominated by _____ / _____.
Branch No. City

Signature of Candidate Date

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

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

Central Council Nominee Profile

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

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

Note:

Candidates cannot sign their own application forms. Candidates should wear proper business attire at all convention business functions; no campaign T-shirts, pins, etc. For additional information, or for clarification on the campaign process, please contact the ICF Convention Director.

Celebrating 100 Years...1924-2024

Dear Members:

In Honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation we are asking our Branches, Districts and Individual Members to participate in this special event by placing Celebratory Ads/Messages in the June issue of the Bollettino.

These can be sent in, already designed and sized, or the text can be provided and we will create the design. These are the choices and prices for the ads:

2 1/2" x 2 1/2" (one column square)	\$25
2 1/2" x 5" (vertical or horizontal)	\$35
4" x 5" (horizontal)	\$50
6 1/2" x 5" (horizontal, quarter page)	\$70

To place a message, please send in your ad by e-mail, either finished or just the text you want, size selection, and your check made out to the ICF (notated 100th Anniversary Ad), to:

Italian Catholic Federation
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621
Attn: Bollettino

Please send all ad files electronically to info@icf.org.

The deadline is May 10th.
Thank you.
ICF Office



Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza
Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

Received as of March 9, 2024:

IN MEMORY OF:

Adrian Lopez
Bruce Swarrigim
Joe Yurosko
Francis Sorce
Bruce Swarrigim
Bruce Swarrigim

DONATED BY:

Susan Montalvo
Aldine Grisenti
Aldine Grisenti
Officers/Members of Br. 229
Esther Ramonda
Shirley Catania

GET WELL WISHES:

Patti Lometti

Officers/Members of Br. 308

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WEDDING:

Janet and Ray Hieronimus
Janet and Ray Hieronimus

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Mike and Marcie Rossi

*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.



ICF is Going Green!

If you prefer to read the *Bollettino* at the magnification of your choice, in full color, on your computer or portable electronic device, and like the idea of saving a tree while helping us save printing costs, visit this link to sign up: <http://eepurl.com/bLaMFb>

Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library

Carmelo Sabatella

On February 11, 2024, Jack Klappar, Music Director for St Francis Xavier Church, visited the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library. Jack was the pianist and singer at the Mother Cabrini Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon in November 2023.

Please note that all Donations of Mother Cabrini's Artifacts, money and volunteer services both large and small help maintain the Chapel facility and continue with programs such as the annual Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage event in Burbank. If you would like to donate money, please make check out to ICF with Cabrini Chapel written in check memo and mail to:

ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee
3801 Scott Road
Burbank, CA 91504

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

SAVE THE DATES

- Mother Cabrini Chapel Open House on April 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hosted by San Fernando Valley Region.

- Mother Cabrini Chapel Open House on June 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hosted by San Gabriel Valley Region.

- Mother Cabrini Chapel Open House
on September 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Hosted by the Santa Barbara/Ventura
Region.

Your support is greatly appreciated.
Carmelo Sabatella,
AIA, President, ICF, LAADC
-Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee
E: cas1810@aol.com; C 626-372-7812


ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA
Basque Cultural Center
599 Railroad Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080
SUNDAY | 09 JUNE 2024
11:00 am Mass with Lunch to Follow
Lunch choices:
Rack of Lamb or Veal Roast both served with
Baked Potato & Veggies
or Salmon served with Rice & Veggies
all Meals served with Soup, Salad, Bread,
Ice Cream and Coffee
COST: \$70 PER PERSON
ONLY 300 TICKETS AVAILABLE
FABULOUS RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION
Fill out the attached form with your meal choice. and send
with check made to Italian Catholic Federation - Make
sure you write SF-Gala in the memo section of your check.


ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA
SUNDAY | 23 JUNE 2024

**12:30 PM Lunch at Empress Banquet Hall,
200 E. Lake Street, Addison, Illinois 60101**

DINNER IS SEMI-FAMILY STYLE
FRIED CALAMARI ~ ANTIPASTO ~
PASTA WITH VODKA SAUCE ~ SALAD
BEEF AU'POIVRE (SHERRY WINE SAUCE WITH
MUSHROOMS AND SHALLOTS)
CHICKEN FRANCHESE ~ POTATOES, VEGGIES
AND ICE CREAM
RED WINE ~ WHITE WINE ~ SODA ~ COFFEE
INCLUDED WITH THE MEAL

COST: ADULTS: \$70

**Fill out the attached form and send with check made to
Italian Catholic Federation - make sure you write Chicago
Gala in the memo section of your check.**

San Francisco Gala - June 9, 2024

**One Check per Branch (based on \$70.00 per person) made to Italian Catholic Federation
and write SF Gala on the memo line sent to ICF Office 8393 Capwell Dr. Ste.110,
Oakland, CA, 94621 *Deadline for Reservations May 31, 2024***

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Chicago Gala - June 23, 2024

One Check per Branch (based on \$70.00 per person) made to Italian Catholic Federation and write Chicago Gala on the memo line send to ICF Office 8393 Capwell Dr. Ste.110, Oakland, CA, 94621 If you have questions, or would like to make a reservation, call Teresa Helfand, 773-763-0507, or Maria Perna, 708-307-7180

Deadline for Reservations May 31, 2024

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

Italian Buffet: \$50 per person

Name: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone Number: _____

Make check \$50 per person. Write Banquet in memo line
 Make checks payable to
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 8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

October 26th
Saturday, 2024

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



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

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 Email: _____
 Phone Number: _____

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

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The ICF 2024 Calendars

These are great gifts, great raffle prizes and offer wonderful stories, fun facts and recipes which remind us about our theme

“Celebrating the 1920s”

as well as an opportunity to win money. Please keep this in mind as we continue to celebrate our New Year. This is a wonderful fundraiser for our Branches as well as a way to fund many of our organization’s programs. So, let’s focus on selling our calendars!!!

Branches have been given their allotment of calendars - contact your local Branch if you are still interested in buying one.

Book Review--*New Cookbooks*

Vince Piro

Last night, my wife and I cooked a five course Italian meal for a group of friends, who had purchased the catered meal during a fundraiser auction. And even before a bite was taken, the senses were engaged: the aroma of the garlic and other spices, the sizzle of the oil frying the calamari steaks, the texture of the leafy salad... It made one understand the delight of creating an Italian meal and inspired me to look at some new cookbooks.

All the books listed below can be found online at <https://iambooksboston.com> or other retailers.

Four Seasons of Sicilian Cooking – La Cucina Siciliana in Quattro Stagioni

From Siracusa-based creative company Cirnauti and cookbook author Lucia Mazzullo comes a unique bilingual Sicilian cookbook that is a must-have for any true cooking maestro! Fifty recipes to tell the flavors and aromas of Sicily yesterday and today. A gastronomic journey through the seasons, including anecdotes, tips and a bit of history.

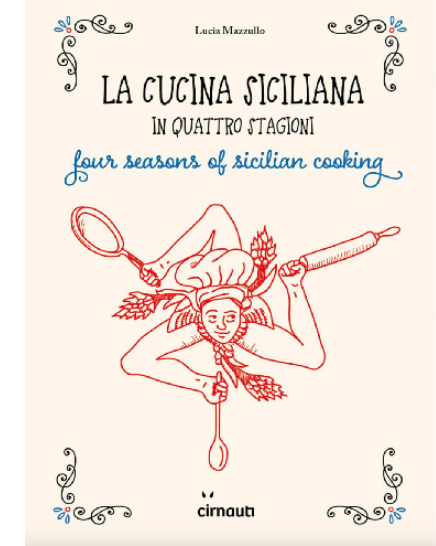
At My Italian Table

When Laura Vitale moved to the United States from her native Italy as a teenager, she was homesick—not just for her family, but for her beloved nonna’s cooking. The slow-cooked Sunday sauces loaded with pork ribs and tender braised beef (and plenty of red wine), the quick pan-fried breaded chicken cutlets destined to be Parmesan’d, the frittata de maccheroni that she’d tuck in a knapsack for beachside picnics . . . and so began a quest to re-create Nonna’s delicious legacy in Laura’s New Jersey kitchen.

Ever since, Laura has spent countless hours on the phone with Nonna to learn her secrets for the crispiest fried Cacio e Pepe Aranini, Zia Mimma’s Focaccia Barese (mashed potatoes are the key to its fluffy texture), decadent four-cheese baked ziti, a Sunday supper go-to of Roasted Chicken and Potatoes with Herby Lemon Salsa, and a semolina cake to end all yellow cakes, topped with heaps of limoncello-soaked strawberries. Decades of Sunday suppers, holiday meals, and get-it-done-fast weeknight dinners have perfected the flavors and techniques that represent the essence of Laura’s Italy.

I’ll Have the Risotto!: 50 Delicious Recipes for Italian Rice Dishes

Different regions of Italy have their own classic rice dishes, from the soupy Rice



and Peas of the Veneto to the Hunter’s-style Rabbit Risotto of Umbria and Tuscany, but what they all have in common is the careful cooking of the rice to perfection. For a simple but comforting dinner, there are plenty of dishes packed full of warming cheese and butter, such as Saffron Risotto, Wild Mushroom Risotto, or Artichoke and Pecorino Risotto. Lighter fish and shellfish dishes include the dramatic Black Risotto, flavored with squid ink, Seafood Risotto, or Crab and Chile Risotto. There are also many tempting meaty options, from hearty family meals to dinner party dishes. Children and adults alike will enjoy Ham and Leek Risotto, while you can impress guests with Pheasant and Red Wine Risotto. There are also a few ideas for using up leftover risotto (or for when you simply want to ring the changes), such as Arancini or Rice Croquettes with Tomato Sauce, as well as some surprising sweet delights such as Cherry and Almond Risotto Puddings or Risotto Ice Cream. With useful recipes for various stocks, easy-to-follow instructions for making a basic risotto, and a guide to the different kinds of rice available, this is a complete guide to risotto for all lovers of the classic Italian dish.

The Silver Spoon: Pasta

Pasta is the perfect food. Low cost, healthy, and tasty, its versatility makes it a regular feature on home dining tables as well as on the most sophisticated of restaurant menus, either dressed with just one or two ingredients, or with more elaborate sauces. Showcasing 46 different pasta types in more than 300 – recipes from classics such as Penne Arrabbiata and Spaghetti Carbonara, to more ambitious dishes such as Soufflé of Capellini and Linguine with Lobster – this is the ultimate guide to cooking pasta the Italian way.

Organized by pasta type, it also includes easy-to-follow instructions for making your own fresh pasta, sections on dried and fresh, long and short, cut and filled pasta, and entries on the Italian origins

of many ingredients. The Silver Spoon is known throughout the world as the authoritative voice on Italian cuisine and the leading Italian culinary resource – this book is the perfect guide to the most Italian of ingredients.

Recipes from Venice

Husband and wife team Giancarlo and Katie Caldesi have dodged the tourists, drawing inspiration from less obvious areas of Italy’s magical city, to unearth the most delicious and authentic recipes.

Try some hot polpette (salty pork rissoles) or sarde in saor (marinated sardines) with a glass of wine with friends. The traditional Venetian pasta, bigoli, served with a delicious fresh fish salsa is a signature dish that you’ll cook time and time again. And the sweet fritelle, fried dumplings filled with custard, are bound to become an instant hit.

Set against the backdrop of breathtaking photographs of the city and Katie’s anecdotes of their travels, Recipes from Venice is a beautiful cookbook and keepsake that will transport you to Italy with every page turned.

Portico: Cooking and Feasting in Rome’s Jewish Kitchen

A leading authority on Jewish food, Leah Koenig celebrates la cucina Ebraica Romana within the pages of her new cookbook. Portico: Cooking and Feasting in Rome’s Jewish Kitchen features over 100 deeply flavorful recipes and beautiful photographs of Rome’s Jewish community, the oldest in Europe. The city’s Jewish residents have endured many hardships, including 300 years of persecution inside the Roman Jewish Ghetto. Out of this strife grew resilience, a deeply knit community, and a uniquely beguiling cuisine. Today, the community thrives on Via del Portico d’Ottavia (the main road in Rome’s Ghetto neighborhood)—and beyond.

A cookbook for anyone who wants to dive more deeply into Jewish foodways, or gain new insight into Rome, Portico features the makers and creators who are keeping Roman Jewish food alive today, transporting us to the bustling streets of the Eternal City while also making us feel—as we cook and eat—very much at home.

MARCH CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
3/1	Branch 281		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/2	Cathleen Pope	358	Oakbrook, IL	\$30
3/3	Michael Shackel		Gilroy, CA	\$30
3/4	Cindy Arambel	31	Los Banos, CA	\$30
3/5	Diane McQuillen	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
3/6	Patrick Madej	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
3/7	Margaret Enea-Patrizia	127	Petaluma, CA	\$30
3/8	Giulia Gallego	435	San Martin, CA	\$30
3/9	Denise Antonowicz	184	Los Gatos, CA	\$30
3/10	Monica Ficher	32	Fresno, CA	\$30
3/11	Ann Russello	352	Alamo, CA	\$30
3/12	Paul Biagi	1	San Francisco, CA	\$30
3/13	Rocco Ortega	342	Auburn, CA	\$30
3/14	Most Reverend Jaime Soto		Sacramento, CA	\$30
3/15	Jo Bertaccini	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
3/16	Anna Mello	139	Lathrop, CA	\$30
3/17	Donna Di Grazia		Claremont, CA	\$50
3/18	Jon Pedicino	144	Eureka, CA	\$30
3/19	Fr. Jose Rubio		Gilroy, CA	\$50
3/20	Leonore Dei Rossi	130	Redwood City, CA	\$30
3/21	Beverlee Kuhar		San Jose, CA	\$30
3/22	Sally Latorraca	39	Merced, CA	\$30
3/23	Fr. Justin Ordoveza		Downey, CA	\$30
3/24	Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa		Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
3/25	Dana Bayer		Castro Valley, CA	\$30
3/26	Branch 214		Concord, CA	\$30
3/27	Patricia Look	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
3/28	Jess Arredondo		Fontana, CA	\$30
3/29	Kathy Neuburger		Roseville, CA	\$30
3/30	Mario McGhee		Modesto, CA	\$30
3/31	Kris Kaiser	67	Burbank, CA	\$100

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Italian Catholic Federation

22nd Annual Central Council

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save the Date

Bennett Valley Golf Course - 3330 Yulupa Ave - Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Friday JULY 26 2024

Start Time: 8:30 am

FOR MORE INFO: WWW.ICF.ORG - 1-888-ICF-1924

Italian Catholic Federation

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday JULY 26, 2024

"Fiesta Buffet"

Not a Golfer...We have the perfect opportunity for You!

Come and Congratulate the Winners and Commiserate with the Non-Winners!

Time: 1:00 pm

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

Price: \$50 per person

Delicious Fiesta Buffet - No-Host Bar - Great Raffle

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone #: _____

Please make your checks payable to:

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament

8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621

Deadline July 14th. (Write Banquet on the memo line)

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Fiesta Buffet Catered by

Bennett Valley Grille

3328 Yulupa Ave - Santa Rosa

REGISTRATION FEE:

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

Prize Fund & Fiesta Buffet

Deadline Friday, July 14, 2024

After price per Golfer \$190

Banquet only: \$50

Make check (\$180 per Golfer - Banquet only \$50 per person) payable to Italian Catholic Federation (write Golf in memo line). Send check & form to ICF - 8393 Capwell Dr., Ste. 110, Oakland, CA 94621

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Hole-In-One Sponsor: One per Region Available

\$250 ☐

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

\$100 ☐

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

\$ 50 ☐

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

\$ 25 ☐

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

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Name: _____

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My Sponsorship is for Northern CA ☐

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Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco

Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:

Happy April Birthday Wishes to our Members Connie Mertes, Toni Morsello and Patricia Arnaudo.

Please mark your calendars for June 9, 2024. We will be celebrating 100 years of the Italian Catholic Federation at a Gala held at the Basque Cultural Center. Details will follow later in the *Bollettino*.

*Cordiali Saluti
Diana Cresci*

San Francisco

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

We hope you all had a nice Easter with your family.

We are sad to report that our great member and friend, Toni Cvetovac, passed away on February 1, 2024. Toni was a member of our Br. 258 for 47 years. She was 101 years young. She always took a part in our Bingo Games, Raffles and Calendar Sales. You will be greatly missed by all of us.

We will always remember Toni's saying, "La vecaria e brutta." "Old age is bad!"

God bless and keep you in the palm of His hands.

Our sincere sympathy to her daughter, Dianna, and her family.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

*Please stay well.
Ciao,
Eva Perata, President*

SAN MATEO

District Council

I hope everyone had a Blessed Easter! San Mateo District Installation of Officers was a huge success thanks to Branch 403, St. Dunstan's, Paul Larson and Adonna Amoroso. A sincere thank you to Father Joe Glynn Pastor of St. Dunstan's who is always there for the Italian Catholic Federation! Thank you to all of the newly elected officers and to Central Council members that joined us.

Our next District meeting will be April 25, 7:00 p.m. in the small hall of Our Lady of Angels.

We will not have a meeting in March because it falls on Holy Thursday.

South San Francisco

Br. 213, St. Augustine

Our February 13 meeting was a delightful Valentine's Day dinner put on by Donna DeVoe and her committee (Diane and Marianne). Thank you ladies for a great job!

SAN MATEO DISTRICT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: Held on March 9, at the Basque Cultural Center. It was a good turnout, and the prayer service and luncheon were enjoyed by all. Our new president, Marianne Cameron, was installed at the ceremony, and we wish her much luck in the coming year. Compliments to Branch 403 for the nice job in hosting this event!

We had our annual St. Joseph's Table celebration for all our members on March 12. Our members contributed to the table, and everyone enjoyed the feast. Our thanks to all who supported this special celebration and to the committee who set up and coordinated the food to make this event a success.

REMINDER: Sunday, June 9, 2024 is the 100th Anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation. Celebration to be held at Basque Cultural Center. Details are in the March issue of the *Bollettino*. For those interested in attending, flyers will be mailed to our members.

SUNSHINE: Our members Jackie Smith and Linda Marcelli are both recovering from recent surgeries and thank you for your prayers. Jackie has recently moved into a new residence at the Sterling Court apartments in San Mateo and is doing well.

Please keep Carolyn Ternullo in your thoughts and prayers. She is living in Half Moon Bay and is unable to attend our meetings. If you would like to send her a card to let her know she is missed, call Roberta for her address.

Our next meeting will be on April 9 and will be hosted by our Mentor Dorene Campanile.

Hope you all had a Blessed Easter!

Menlo Park

Br. 351, St. Patrick Nativity

I hope everyone had a Blessed Easter!

Our corned beef dinner for our March meeting was enjoyed by all who attended. We also celebrated the Birthday of Rose Edel. We were also very happy to see Mary Ann Robbiano in attendance. Thanks to Charo and Paul the hall was beautifully decorated. Thank you to the Members that donated and helped with the entire dinner.

Our next meeting will be April 4 with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please call me by March 27 if you plan to attend 650-444-6999.

Thank you to the 2024 Officers that were able to attend the Installation of Officers on Saturday March 9. It was a very nice day with many Central Council Members were in attendance. Branch 403 did a marvelous job coordinating

the entire event.

Please hold June 9, 2024, for the 100 year Italian Catholic Federation Gala at the Basque Cultural Center. This is a once in a lifetime celebration and I hope many of us will be able to attend.

Chaplain's night and Bishop's Day will be at the Basque Cultural Center on November 8. More details as the event gets closer.

Please keep our sick and deceased members in your prayers. Also remember Nativity has a 5:30 p.m. mass for our deceased members the 1st Thursday of each month.

*Ciao,
Barbara*

Millbrae

Br. 403, St. Dunstan

By the time you read this article, we will have hosted our District Officers' Installation (March 9th). We had 75 attendees, a wonderful venue, & really good food. Hopefully, all went well.

Our April meeting is Tuesday, the 2nd with a deadline of March 29th. I hope if you wanted to attend our very popular Lasagna Dinner that you RSVP'd Eunice by that date! Roy Fry is donating the wine!!

The May dinner meeting is on Tuesday, May 7th and is Mexican-themed. For \$15, you get salad, two chicken enchiladas (or cheese by special request), rice & beans, chips & salsa, WINE/BEER, coffee & dessert! The social begins at 5 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 p.m. RSVP to Eunice by May 3rd at 650-692-3740. Checks should be made payable to "ICF BR 403," and mailed to: Eunice Danli, 4 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030.

June 4th is our KFC Dinner meeting so mark your calendar for that one!

I hope you all had a fun St. Patrick's Day & a Buona Pasqua!

Ciao! Adonna Amoroso, Secretary



Br. 351, Rose Edel's birthday

MARIN

Novato

Br. 332, Our Lady of Loretto

The Branch Officers, and all of our members, would like to express their gratitude to Marilu Mazzotta, Rose Moran, and Trevor Sheldon, who are developing a website for our Branch. We are so fortunate that these individuals have the vision, energy, and skill to create another means of introducing the ICF to the people in our community, hoping to interest them in joining our wonderful ICF family.

The Convention Raffle Tickets will be available at the April dinner meeting. We encourage all of our members and friends to participate in the sale of these important tickets. While we did not have any winners last year, our Branch has been very lucky in the past, and we hope that in 2024 there will be another winner from Br. 332.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events: the May Mothers' Day celebration, the Branch Anniversary Party in June, and the Summer Picnic in July. Also in June, we will be asking for volunteers to serve as Branch delegates to the annual convention. The ICF has a proud 100-year history, and as a delegate, you have the opportunity to guarantee a bright future for the Federation. Please consider serving as our Branch's delegate this year.

LOS ANGELES

ARCHDIOCESE

District

Br. 67, National Branch,

St. Peter

On March 10, members and guests attended the new Cabrini Movie at the AMC Santa Anita Theater in Arcadia, CA. This is a must-see movie giving the viewer a good idea why two Popes supported Mother Cabrini and her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. One during her lifetime and the another when she was canonized in 1946 as Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, first American Saint. The movie opened Worldwide on March 8th. Tickets available at Angelstudios.com.

Thank you to all Branch 67 members who staffed the ICF Booth at the Annual Los Angeles Religious Education Congress in Anaheim with members of National Branch 108, 111, 362 and 380 meeting many visitors including Bishop Albert Bahhuth (SFPR), Bishop Marc Treadeau (SPPR) and Bishop Brian Nunes (SGPR) & LA Archdiocese staff.

SAVE THE DATE

- April 14, ICF National Branch 67 General Meeting 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- June 9, ICF National Branch 67 General Meeting 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- June 29, ICF 100 Year Anniversary Gala with Mass at the Cathedral and Luncheon at St Peters Casa Italiana. Anniversary celebrations will also be held in San Francisco and Chicago.

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 626 372-78122
E cas1810@aol.com*

South Pasadena

Br. 108, Holy Family

On March 3, Br. 108 members joined guests at the annual Br. 108 Lunch and General Meeting in the Vintage Room of the San Antonio Winery in Los Angeles.

Thank you to all Br. 108 members who staffed the ICF Booth at the Annual Los Angeles Religious Education Congress in Anaheim on Feb. 16 to 18 with members of National Branch 67, 111, 362 and 380 meeting many visitors including Bishop Albert Bahhuth (SFPR), Bishop Marc Treadeau (SPPR) and Bishop Brian Nunes (SGPR) & LA Archdiocese staff.

Br. 108 Officers wish Members, families and friends of ICF a very Happy Easter.

SAVE THE DATE

- April 7, ICF Br. 108 General Meeting at 3 p.m. in HFC Connolly Hall.

- June 29, ICF 100 Year Anniversary Gala with Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angeles at 1:30 p.m. followed by Luncheon in Casa Italiana at St Peters Italian Church in Downtown, Los Angeles. Call 626 379-0629 for more information.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers for a speedy recovery; and to our former Branch members and friends of ICF who have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace.

*Keep safe and stay healthy.
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA Past President
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Montebello

Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our April General Meeting will be on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. Join us for a St. Joseph Table pre-meeting dinner as a thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and sponsored the St. Joseph Table!

After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Peter Revilla, Henry Herrera,

Glendora

Br. 179, St. Dorothy

St. Dorothy Branch 179 hosted the weekly Friday Parish Stations of the

Cross. It was a beautiful spiritual event, attended by many parishioners. We then hosted a Simple Soup Supper in our Parish Hall afterwards. Delicious soups prepared by members, plus bread and butter. A wonderful evening of spirituality and comradery.

*Patricia Auriemmo
Corresponding Secretary*

Arcadia

Br. 218, Holy Angels

We had a good turnout at our last meeting, and everyone seemed to enjoy the split pea soup luncheon before the meeting. We welcomed several new members, Susan Serderasich and Kathy Ionescu. Hop As of this writing we have not had our St Joseph's Table, however I am going to assume that it will be as usual a great success, thanks to all of our members who participated in any way and especially President Jerry and Scott Carrano who headed the kitchen detail again. And also, I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. Our next sandwich sale is April 6th and 7th, and our general meeting is April 14th. We are still testing the waters on how well E-Vite works for RSVPing for the meetings and also having our lunches before the meetings. Happy Springtime to everyone, hope to see you soon.

Lolly M.

Gardena

Br. 237, St. Anthony of Padua

Dear Members,

Special events coordinator, Rose Moore, her husband and President, Connie Bohannon, attended the viewing of Cabrini. It was so inspiring; she was a force of nature!!!!

In the Los Angeles area, we have her shrine and the opportunity to see many of her artifacts.

Please plan on seeing this very moving story and the struggles that she and her Sisters endured.

We are very sorry to announce the passing of Connie and Rose's brother Peter. He enjoyed the many events of the Branch. May he rest in peace.

*Happy Easter Season!!
Respectfully, Micheal Bohannon Roa
May the Risen Lord Bless You
Branch 237 Gardena*

Frances Canzonieri, Nancy Dolci, and Emma Aquino. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

Thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and sponsored the St. Joseph's Table! The monies we raised at the St. Joseph Table will allow us to support our parish, offer Phillip & Phillis Pace scholarships to graduating St. Benedict School students, Pace scholarships to graduating Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School students, support seminarians with contributions to St. John's Seminary, award college scholarships to graduating local high school students, donate to Cooley's Anemia, and other ICF charities.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the 10:00 a.m. mass at St. Benedict Church on Sunday, April 14, 2022 - the mass will be dedicated to all the deceased and living members of the Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 111. Come and join us for this special mass!

Also, mark your calendar for ICF 100th Anniversary Gala - Saturday, June 29th at 1:00 p.m. mass at Cathedral of Our Angels, followed by a reception at 2:30 pm at Casa Italian in Los Angeles.

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 our March 14th Harrah's casino turnaround fundraiser and who will be on our trip to Laughlin. Your support of our fundraisers is greatly appreciated. These trips help fund our many charities.

Our next general meeting will be held on April 18th at 7:30 p.m. We would love to have your company. We are looking forward to the coming months with lots of fun and interesting activities planned. Let's stay in touch! Please provide Neal with your current email. Send the information to ndileva211@aol.com

Save the date May 11th 5:15 p.m. Mass for Madonna Del Arco

As a reminder, if you haven't paid your

2024 dues of \$42.00, please send a check to Pauline Iacono. 1072 W 8th St. San Pedro 90731

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



SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT



Br. 435, Polenta Dinner/meeting



Br. 435, Polenta Dinner/meeting



Br. 435, Polenta Dinner/meeting



Los Gatos, St. Mary#184 Carnevale in Italy is a celebration to eat, drink and be merry before the start of Lent. They start celebrating about a month before Ash Wednesday with parades, elaborate masks and special food treats! Pictured here are Marie Yurosko, Deanna Meyer and Kathy Winkleman. They don't need to travel to Venice to buy a mask. Kathy owns Gioia, a home business that displays and sells everything Italian.



Br. 408, Patricia Look selling tickets to Br 408 PASTA Dinner March 24



Br.445 Members and Fr Tito Cartagenas



Br.445 Members in Line for Cajun Cuisine



Br. 445 Birthday Girls Jean Avram and Marti Rao



Br. 445 King and Queen of Mardi Gras

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)



Branch 391 Members attending Stations of the Cross

EAST BAY DISTRICT



East Bay District, Crab feed 2024: Guests await dinner at the EBD Annual Dave Rose Memorial Crab feed



East Bay District, Crab Feed 2024: Mike Santich calls the winning card while a guest makes gift basket raffle selections.

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

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT

Branch 21 Memories - Today and Yesterday



Br. 21 Vicky Howell, Roseann Costabile, and Rebecca Hernandez



Br. 21, ICF-Father Occhiuto's Farewell



Br. 21 Jo Pista - Lydia Clarke



Br. 21, Monica and Bill Crowley



Br. 291's coleslaw crew works very hard every Friday morning during Lent to make the best coleslaw in town. Just one of the reasons our Fish Frys are so popular! Pictured L-R: Margot Ochoa, Laura Vopatek, Margi Carducci, Joanna Van Blaricom, Kathleen Fisher, Alejandra Fuerte and Annie Subia.



Br. 21, Zelma and Ray Fambrini



Br. 21, Suzanna and Tom Meuldijk



Br. 291's dessert table is always very popular and profitable at our Fish Frys. Pictured here are our dessert servers: Barbara Musalo, Vickie Dutra and Pat Fairbanks (sitting.)



Br. 291 has a great team of runners who deliver delicious fish dinners to the customers' tables. Pictured here are runners Norma Castellino, Anne Orlando and Evonne Kim and our announcer Joanna Van Blaricom.

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT (continued)



Central Coast District Officers



Branch 51 Polenta Fundraiser - Chefs Kevin, DL & Art



Roseann Costabile and Father Reberto Central Coast Installation



Father Roberto Vera and Andy Pappani Cenral Coast Installation



Branch 51 Polenta Fundraiser

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT



Crockett, Branch 14 leprechauns who helped decorate and get the hall ready for Corned Beef Dinner.



Crockett #14....Who says you have to be Irish to make Corned Beef? These Italians ladies did a great job serving.



Anyone need some carrot peelers? Crockett,#14, has a few and they do good work pretty cheap . Thanks everyone...



Cheers! Happy St. Patrick's Day hanging at the bar at Crockett, Branch 14



Branch 432



Branch 432



CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT (continued)



Congratulations to our new initiated, Members of Crockett#14. Welcome Deana and Paolina Rabbach ,Gina Rigley and Rosanna/Kenny Souza.

MARIN AREA



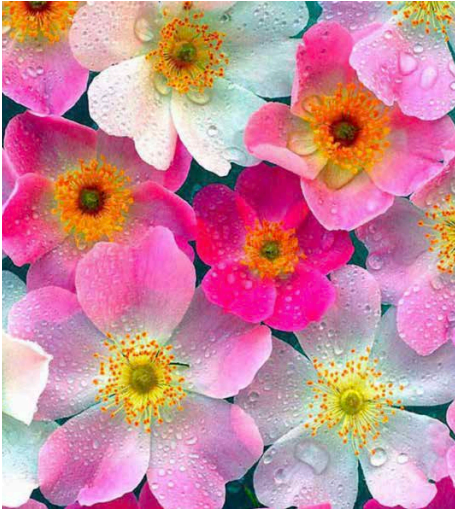
Br. 332 members enjoying good company and delicious food.



Br. 332 Darlene and Al show-off their Carnevale spirit.



Branch 332, Who's that behind the mask? Carnevale fun for everyone.



BLESSED SACRAMENT DISTRICT



Blessed Sacrament District Officers



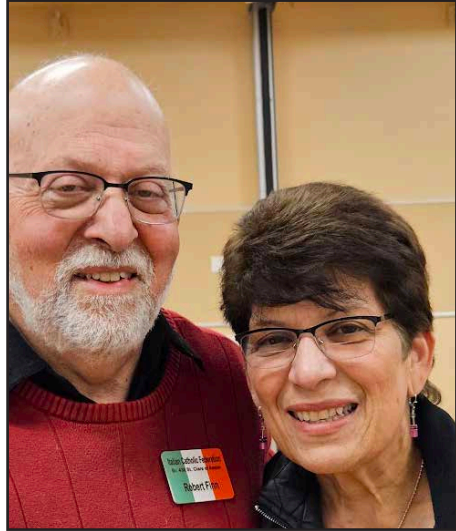
Br. 438, Elizabeth & son



Br. 438, JC, Eileen & Paula



Br. 438, Rico & Susan

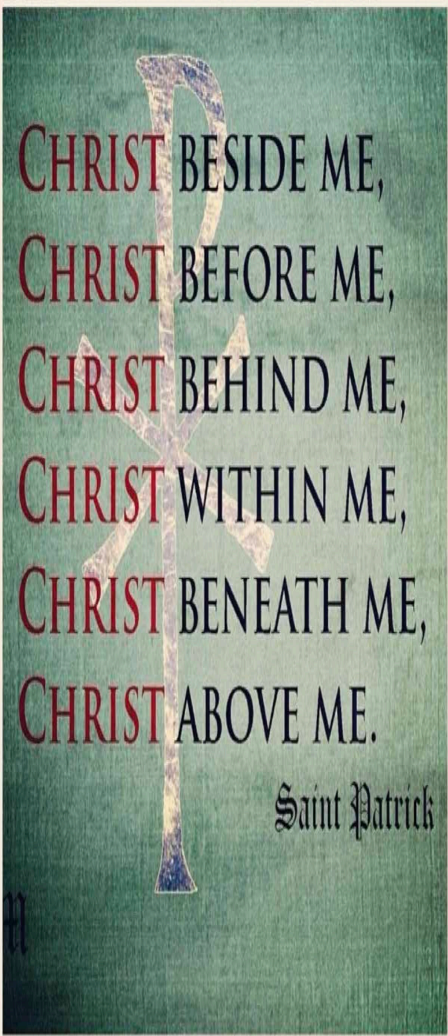


Br. 438, Rob & Anne

SAN MATEO DISTRICT



San Mateo Installation 2024



Downey
Br. 362, St. Raymond

Happy Springtime and a Blessed and Joyous Easter to you. Last month we held our annual St Joseph Table and once again we came through and out did ourselves. Thank you to each and every one of our branch members who worked so hard baking, cooking, selling tickets, setting up and tearing down. It takes all of us to pull it off. I also want to thank our priests who supported us and helped pack the hall with hungry supporters.

Please join us on April 14th for our next Bingo luncheon. Tickets are \$30 which includes a pasta lunch and your bingo games. Be sure to bring a friend. On the 26th St Raymond will be hosting the next Margaret Aylward Center fundraiser. Tickets are \$50 which includes a delicious dinner. Italian opera singers will entertain us and don't forget to participate in the raffle or donate a raffle basket.

In June we will be celebrating the ICF's 100th anniversary with a special mass at the cathedral in LA and a luncheon to follow at Casa Italiana. Tickets are \$70.

Be sure to enjoy the wonderful spring weather and please come out and support the ICF in any way you can. Thank you, and ALLELEUIA!

Perry Shurko

of appetizers, salad, pasta, polenta, meatballs, sausage, wine, coffee, and dessert for only \$35? See below for the dates of these events.

April 21st - Reagan Library Tour and Dinner

May 5th and Aug.25th – Mass and dinner at St. Peter's Church

June 9th -Mass and lunch at Lakeside Golf Club

June 29th -Los Angeles District 100th Anniversary Gala

Diane Restivo

Simi Valley
Br. 443, St. Rose of Lima

Branch 443 March gathering is attending the Knights of Columbus annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 17 at the K of C Hall from 1-4 p.m.

During Lent, all members are encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:00 pm at St Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

We have been enjoying joining the Knights of Columbus at their weekly fish fry every Friday during Lent. Everyone is welcome

The April meeting—Spring into Spring-will include games that celebrate our Italian heritage.

Our May Meeting will honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and all of our mothers.

On June 29 our district and its branches will be celebrating the ICF's 100th anniversary. Mass is at Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles at 11 am. A luncheon will follow at St. Peter Italian Catholic Church's Casa Italiana. The cost is \$70 per person.

*Peace and Blessings,
Josephine M. Perini*

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

The month of March always is very busy as our branch prepares for the Feast of St. Joseph, but also because we traditionally have our Membership

Drive. This year the Drive, once again, was very successful. We hosted the after Masses coffee and donut sales, which drew crowds on a dreary morning, and our Membership Table was set up adjacent to it. After each Mass our Pastor, Fr. Jim, enthusiastically presented the updated ICF Membership Drive script emphasizing the good works of ICF and our branch.

So, we continue to be encouraged by the enthusiasm of our parishioners for ICF and its role at St. Bede and the Church.

The board has planned so many events and fun activities for your future participation. Will you be taking the Italian classes to learn conversational Italian or to hone your advanced skills? Will you be enjoying a docent led outing to the Reagan Library on a free bus followed by a sumptuous dinner at Viva La Pasta Restaurant? Or will you be attending an off-site Mass presided by Fr. Jim at Lakeside Golf Club followed by a lovely lunch? How about attending Mass at St. Peter's Church, L.A., and afterward enjoying a delicious dinner

Rancho Palos Verdes
Br. 444, St. John Fisher

The Lenten Supper our Branch Hosted was a great success. President Hany Francis & Carol Piccirillo prepared the Tomato Bisque soup. Mary Alley, Fran Noday, Grace Ohanian, Tonia Amalfitano, Dolly Cincotta, Cristina Baldemor and Bruno Vieri, helped with the grilled cheese sandwiches & set up. Thank you all for helping at the Lenten Supper & for helping after Sunday Masses by telling people about our ICF Ministry and our goals.

April 19th, Friday will be our Annual Bingo Night and Dinner. Included is Dinner, beverages, dessert & 5 Bingo cards. Prizes will be awarded to winners of the games. Bruno sent a check to the district for a College Scholarship to a student who has met all ICF Requirements. The application deadline is April 1, 2014. Congratulations to our President Hany Francis, who has accepted the position of Treasurer in our District. Save the date For the ICF 100th

Anniversary Gala in Los Angeles, June 29th. There will be a 1 p.m. mass at Our Lady of The Angels Cathedral in downtown LA & a luncheon to follow at Casa Italiana. More information will be given at our April Meeting.

Please keep Marianne Canetti & Guido Frassinelli in your prayers.

Ciao, patty longo hansen

Oakland
East Bay
District Council

On February 3, the East Bay District (EBD) and Central Council members came together for the Annual Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed, hosted at ICF Branch 10's hall at St. Phil Neri's Parish. This is the main fundraiser for the EBD and provides for our charitable donations which include: Seminary burses, Thalassemia research, and College scholarships.

In addition to the main dish -crab of course- we had pasta with pesto, salad, chicken for the non-crab eaters, and ice cream. Our chef, Ben Ratto, and his hard-working crew cooked and served about 130 guests. Father Joseph Pathiyil, pastor at St. Phillip Neri joined, leading us in grace.

Appetizers and creative gift baskets for the drawing were donated by each of the branches.

Mike Santich conducted the ever-popular card game of chance.

Tanti grazie a Leonard Rossi for chairing this year's event, with his EBD crew who set up, Fran La Torre for managing seating arrangements, Karen Rossi for the bar, Lisa Crudo for organizing gift baskets, Jeanette Zugnoni for selling raffle tickets and for James Lee, President of Branch 10 who took care of details on the scene.

Wishing everyone Buona Pasqua!
*Sincerely
Roberta Madej*

Alameda
Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

Eighty members and friends enjoyed our Saint Patrick's Irish Social on Saturday evening, March 9. Many thanks to the kitchen crew of chef Ben Ratto and helpers Jan Rosa and Bob Lubeck for the delicious dinner of corned beef and all the trimmings. We were entertained by young ladies from the McBride School of Irish Dance located in San Ramon. We are also grateful to our pastor, Father Joseph, who never misses a chance to fold tables and chairs following events in Monsignor O'Brien Hall. Our Fish Fry Dinners on Friday nights during Lent have been better attended

than in past years. The meals have been followed by American classic films selected by member Sherry Eastwood-Falls. The kitchen crew has included Ken and Peggy Dorrance, Bob Lubeck, Virginia Wegener and Howard Lee.

Next up on our social calendar is our 98th Anniversary Dinner in May. We were planning to set the date at our monthly meeting of March 14. For information, you may contact John Zugnoni, 510-326-3474 or john@zugnoni.net.

We have welcomed Dr. Dale Wright and his wife Kris to Branch 10. Our membership remains strong at 115 adults and seven families.

All are encouraged to join us for our Anniversary Dinner—after all, we have been functioning for almost as long as the ICF itself.

John Zugnoni, publicity

Fremont
Br. 215, St. Francis of Assisi

Easter came very early this year, but I hope it was a joyful occasion for all Br. 215.

ICF Grand Treasurer, Lisa Crudo, wrote a beautiful article in the March issue of the *Bollettino* regarding the feast of St. Joseph and the Italian tradition of preparing a St. Joseph's Table on the Feast of St. Joseph. President Fran shared with the Corpus Christi parish at the last Soup Supper Night. She brought some cannoli and a loaf of ciabatta bread to demonstrate treats often part of a St. Joseph Table. Everyone enjoyed the treats as well as the prayer to St. Joseph.

The Br. 215 2nd Annual All Cash Raffle is in April with raffle tickets sold during the first two weekends in April following Mass. Thank you members who sold or purchased tickets and the members of the 4 other branches of the East Bay District and the Book Talk Book Club.

Corpus Christi Parish will host its Parish Festival on June 2. ICF Br. 215 will provide ice cream cups with biscotti cookies. Parish ministries are invited to set up a Recruitment Table. ICF Br. 215 will use many of the tips offered during the recent Zoom Workshops.

The following Sunday will be the Northern California 100th Anniversary Gala. Details were provided in the April issue of the *Bollettino*. The Reservations deadline is 5/31/2024.

A special thank you to our most recent member, Rebecca Cruz, for volunteering to be Br. 215's third delegate to the ICF East Bay District.

Best wishes to all members with April birthdays, anniversaries, and any other special events being celebrated during April.

Here's hoping that a member of ICF Br. 215 is an April Calendar Winner. President Fran was pleasantly surprised to see her name drawn on 2/29/2024 for a \$30.00 prize.

Respectfully submitted, Fran LaTorre

Livermore
Br. 285, St. Filomena

While it may be Lent, Branch 285 maintains the joy across our membership by way of events that support community. A hearty thanks to those attending the weekly Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Fry/Fish Taco Dinners that are a Lenten staple in our neck of the woods. And a HUGE thank you to the Knights and Catholic Daughters of St. Michael's who do it up in fine style!!!!

A hearty welcome aboard to our new chaplain, Fr. Gerald Pedrera, from whom we gained great insight to the spiritual community within his home country of the Philippines at our February 18 Sunday Social. Father Gerald is remarkable raconteur, and we look forward to his spiritual guidance and captivating storytelling as we move forward. First Vice Presidents, Carolyn Cardinali and Janet-marie Petrič are in full scholarship mode, working with local high schools to ensure a lively competition among our graduating seniors and second year participants. This year we have added the newly inaugurated Career Day at Foothill High School in Pleasanton to the round of events to be covered. Good luck to all entrants!!!!

Our March Sunday Social will be held on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th at 1:30 p.m. and is inclusive of our annual St. Joseph Table. Non-perishable food donations will support the ongoing ministry of St. Vincent DePaul. We anticipate much merrymaking as we celebrate the wearin' o' the green by way of a baked potato bar complete with all the fixings followed by Irish Coffee and desserts. Sláinte!!!!

And we wrap up April with our much-hailed polenta dinner on Sunday, April 27th at 6pm. Cost is \$45 and includes dinner as well as dessert and beverages (including wine). Come prepared to bid on our raffle baskets and enjoy the legendary buona ospitalità that is Italy!!!!

For further information regarding Branch 285 events, please contact our Recording Secretary, Virginia Williams at virginia1153@comcast.net. We welcome one and all, the more the merrier!!!!

Janet-marie Petrič (Persico)
First Vice President

Castro Valley
Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

Well word must be out that we have an outstanding Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner since we had 30 plus members and additional members of the parish joined us for dinner. Thank you for being there.

We are looking forward to installation of new members and awarding them with pins to mark the occasion.

Our branch will be 45 years old in April, we are planning a dinner and socializing with new and old members.

Since we are nearing Easter and the Resurrection of Christ to save us, let us be thankful that we are able to still be able to give thanksgiving for this. We should also be thankful for our parents, past and present who have introduced us to our Catholic religion and love of the ICF. Hopefully we may enjoy more time together in the future.

Happy Easter to All and to any future activities coming up.
Pat Grasso,, Branch Sec.

CONTRA COSTA
District Council

All of our branches are busy with fundraisers and meetings with an array of themes and guest speakers. Our District will host many events throughout the year. We are planning our District Mass followed by breakfast. We call that our Communion Breakfast. Our Vice President, Bruce Pedrotti will check in with the Oakland A's for Italian night. Stay tuned for details. We will plan our annual evening of recollection.

Our next District meeting will be held on April 11. The location is at Christ the King Church in Pleasant Hill. Meeting room A and B at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing District officers, mentors, Presidents and delegates. Guests are welcome. We ask our branches to book your membership drives for this year...Who is your one? The one person that each of you will sign up as a new member of ICF.

The 100th anniversary of ICF Mass and gala will be held on June 9 in south San Francisco. You will not want to miss it. So much to look forward to!

We wish a speedy recovery to Past Grand and District President. Mike Cannady who had eye surgery.

Happy Spring to all. May April showers bring May flowers.

Fraternally,
Patty Jarrett, Past President/District Mentor.

Martinez
Br. 13, San Martino

On April 8, North America will experience the world's longest total solar eclipse in over a decade. Path of totality will allow about 40 million people to witness one of nature's most remarkable celestial spectacles. As the moon passes between the earth and the sun, its shadow will darken the sky, plunging large parts of America into sudden twilight for approximately four minutes and 28 seconds. This is not only an amazing sight but a rare occurrence; and we won't see another for over 20 years.

If only our doubts and sins that keep us in darkness from God's love were only four minutes and 28 seconds. Wouldn't that be spectacular! Like the moon blocking the sun from earth, many things seem to threaten us and keep us

from experiencing the totality of God's love. We often remain in darkness. Though, no matter what the difficulties we encounter or the complexities and challenges we face, they cannot triumph over us because the love of God always abides with us. "Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom.8:38-39).

Christ's faithfulness and ours by God's grace overcomes the worst that life can do to us. Let's live in holiness, let's evangelize steadily by our examples, and with fire in our souls let's live so that we may leave His grace in the hearts of others.

Arrivederci,
Mary Cook

Crockett
Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici!

In Italy, St. Joseph's Day is also Father's Day, which isn't at all surprising as St. Joseph was the foster father of Jesus. This feast and festival, which always falls during Lent, is a symbolic "thank you" and renewal of the Sicilian people's devotion to St. Joseph. Our branch hosted an amazing St. Joseph's Table at our March meeting, and we thank everyone who generously shared in this wonderful tradition.

March also brought us another branch tradition; our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, where we served well over 200 meals. This fundraising dinner was a great success and would not have happened without the wonderful cooking crew, servers, decorators, prize organizers, bartenders, ticket sellers, and everyone who provided support. Thank you all!

We send our prayers for Carmen Nemanick, John Collins, and Mary Duckworth, along with our hopes and wishes for peace and healing.

Our next meeting is April 9th, where Chef Al and his crew will prepare a special Chicken Marsala Dinner for \$15. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, this is the time to come!

Be sure to save the date for our upcoming Casino Bus Trip on July 26th. The trip Red Hawk Casino also includes \$15 in slot play and \$5 in food credit. If you haven't been on one of our bus trips, you don't know what you've been missing! More details to come.

Wishing you all a very Happy Spring!
Blessings,
~Helen



Richmond
Br. 154, St. Raymond

Happy Spring and Easter Blessings!

At our February meeting we celebrated the Lunar New Year with some very good Chinese food, followed by Walter's Tiramisu. What a combo!

At our March meeting it will Corned Beef and Cabbage of course. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27th.

Our branch is having a delicious ravioli and chicken dinner complete with salad, bread, dessert, and of course wine. Walter is cooking so it will be awesome (if you know you know). Bar opens at 5:30 Dinner will be served at 6:30 Salesian High School Cafeteria 2851 Salesian Ave., Richmond. \$25.00 per person. Reservations required. Call Lorraine Acuna at 510-697-3128 or Walter Costa at 510-385-9953

Concord
Br. 214, Todos Santos

The wet months are flying by and hopefully we will get nice warm weather soon.

I hope you had a good St. Patrick's Day. We, at our branch had a corned beef dinner, cooked by our President Roberta Healy and sides provided by the members and St. Joseph's table also.

We had two members who are 100 years old. William Maggio who just passed away was an ICF member for 38 years. Roberta Healy attended his service on March 11th. Mary Androtti, who just turned 100 celebrated her birthday with her daughter, Chris Androtti and her granddaughter, Nikki. She loved coming to our meetings and our special events.

Another sad news is Mayette Waters son, Jon Ignacio passed away from cancer. We have the family in our daily prayers.

We are working to increase our membership with new members. We are also concentrating on donating monthly to our charities. We gave to Shriners Hospital in January and St. Jude's Hospital in February and Loaves and Fishes in March.

Helene Billeci is having a guest speaker at our March meeting to talk about Alzheimers. We are looking forward to this meeting.

We are hosting our Pasta/Bingo on March 23rd. This is a great fundraiser for our club. It is held at Cauchi Hall, St. Agnes Church. Looking forward to a big turnout for a fun time.

I hope you all had a blessed Easter with your family and friends. Hopefully our wet weather is behind us, and we can enjoy sunshiny days.

Stay well.
Con Amore
Norene DeLuca

Danville
Br. 352, San Isidore

We had another delicious dinner on February 26 of pasta and meatballs, salad, antipasto, and dessert. Thank you again to Russ and Patty and all those that helped to set up and clean up. Our next dinner will be March 18, corn beef and cabbage.

Joey Rago designed a map of Italy, where members can write in their name, and where they are from. Members from Piedmonte Italy will share information about their area on April 15. General meeting dinner pizza night. We have heard from Luca and Basilicata. We hope to cover all the regions of Italy to explore our Italian heritage.

We also discussed a pedro social on April 27 and a summer picnic on Sunday, August 18 where we can play bocce and corn hole and picnic.

We are also hosting donuts Sunday, April 14. We hope to meet some parishioners that might show an interest in joining ICF. Well, that's enough news for this month!

Many blessings, and Buona Fortuna,
Sally

Brentwood
Br. 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary

Dear Members,

Congratulations to our newest 2024 Officers. We hope everyone had a meaningful Lent and blessed Easter. Our branch celebrated St. Patrick at our Feb. 26 meeting with corned beef and cabbage (provided by Mike and Shelia Nilo) and delicious Irish soda bread and Irish coffee (provided by Sandy Gamble). We welcomed our newest member, Christina Debernardi.

Marilyn Simonetti spoke about her very interesting Italian heritage (on her mother's side) and Laura Pierce stepped up to provide heritage info at our next meeting. As you can tell from the photos, we all had a good time.

Our March 25 meeting will honor St. Joseph with a traditional Italian table.

We continue with our See's candy fundraiser for Easter and look forward to Spring.

Stay Risen Alleluia!
Ciao for now, Mary M.

Pleasant Hill
Br. 442, Christ the King

With the new slate of officers, Branch 442 at Christ the King Parish in Pleasant Hill, looks forward to a full Spring calendar.

In March Christ the King hosted dinner for the homeless family participants for

the annual Winter Night's Program. Our ICF branch prepared a dinner for the families including pasta with home-made meat sauce, salads and dessert. Our members share the meal with the visiting families and, as in years past, warm social connections were made.

Our branch celebrated St. Joseph's Day on March 19th with a traditional "St. Joseph's Table." Members brought a dinner item to share, and it was placed as an offering on the St. Joseph's Table. After the food was blessed and thanksgiving was given, we shared a meaningful and fun meal together.

Finally, on April 13th marked the annual ICF Ladies Tea. Each year members host/sponsor beautifully decorated, themed tables for 8 guests. An incredibly delicious and authentic tea menu is prepared by our longtime member, Carole Delucchi Padlo. With the help of ICF gentlemen members who serve as waiters and a large volunteer group of kitchen 'helpers' the guests enjoy a lovely meal and afternoon including raffle prizes. This year was one of the most beautiful! Thanks to all who participated.

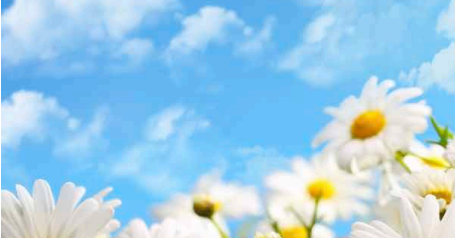
Saluti a tutti e Dio vi benedica!
Diane Delucchi
Christ the King, Branch 442, Pleasant Hill

BLESSED SACRAMENT
District Council

On February 3, 2024, the Blessed Sacrament District held its Installation of Officers at St. Clare Church in Roseville. Our branches consist of Sacramento Branch #45, St. Rose Branch #73, Auburn Branch #342, St. Clare Branch #438, and. It was a great success!

It began with a Mass by Fr. George Snyder. However, there was also an added bonus. In honor of the Feast of St. Blaise, everyone had their throats blessed. It was very rewarding to see over 40 people in attendance including family, friends, guests and members. A special thank you to the four Central Council Members who attended: Denise Antonowicz, Grand President, Franklin Lopes, Jr., Grand 1st Vice President, Nina Malone, Branch #438 and Robert Acquistapace, Branch #198.

After the installation, there was a delicious luncheon catered by Romano's Macaroni Grill. Both the food and the fellowship were excellent! Everyone had a great time. It was very encouraging to see all the members and the officers of the different branches sharing a meal and discussing activities and ideas with one another. This only confirms that we are promoting our spiritual beliefs, activities and charitable contributions.



Auburn
Br. 342, St. Joseph

Our Annual Member Appreciation Dinner will take place at St. Joseph's Hall on May 18th from 5 to 8 p.m. This will be a potluck dinner and a member of the calling committee will be contacting you to see what you will be bringing. We will be awarding or high school and college scholarship recipients as well as a member for service to our branch. Please look for a flyer with more details that will be sent out soon. We hope you will be able to attend.

Ciao!
Pam Andersen

Roseville
Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi

Lent has come early this year. Therefore, in the spirit of giving back, our branch provided a Lenten Soup Supper for the entire parish in lieu of our General Meeting. There were a variety of soups, along with salads, and bread. Everyone enjoyed the meal because there were so many different soups to choose from.

After the meal, 14 people were selected to read the Stations of the Cross in the church. It is always a very spiritual time to go station-by-station as the prayers are said inside the church. It was time well spent, especially during the Lenten season.

Both of these activities have become a tradition for our branch. It is very gratifying to see so many people volunteering. It shows that our branch membership really wants to participate and be a part of the St. Clare Family.

St. Joseph's Table is a very special time to see the donations from the parish for our scrumptious sweets. It is always a sell-out! It is also rewarding to see the membership get together to buy or make baked goods. A special thank you to all who donated your time, talent and treasure.

Save the date! On April 19, we will be enjoying a Hot Potato Dinner with all the trimmings. Be on the lookout for the details soon. . .

Many blessings during this Easter season! He is risen!
Ciao for now. Irene Perez

Deadline for May Issue of the Bollettino is April 10. Send your articles & photos: editor@icf.org Include in your submission branch name & number..

SANTA ROSA
District

Healdsburg
Br. 52, San Francesco Di Sales

Thank you to everyone for your support of our Fish Fry, it was another remarkable success!

Welcome to our new members! Thank you to President Monika Besancon for spearheading outreach to the school families.

Upcoming events:

ICF Mass: Sunday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m. Mass.

ICF Meeting: Tuesday, April 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory. All members are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, May 14: Mother's and Father's Day Dinner: Richard Passalacqua will be cooking a special dinner for our Moms and Dads. More information, soon.

Sunday, June 9: ICF 100th Anniversary Gala at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. Come and celebrate our 100th Anniversary! Please see the flyers in the *Bollettino*. Call Carmen and Lauren to make your reservations.

If you're not receiving our monthly E-Blasts, please let me know and I'll add your email to the distribution list.

Please continue praying for Peace.

Lauren

Petaluma
Br. 127, St. Vincent

Sadly I report the passing of Eugene Camozzi, husband of member Lydia and Pat Carr, wife of our Deacon Jim Carr of St. Vincent de Paul Church. May they rest in peace.

We have some changes to report. We will now be meeting at 3 o'clock on the second Monday of the month. Maybe more will attend as they won't have to drive in the dark. And you might win the meeting money prize.

The Bakeless Bakesale will be in April as you can see by the flyer, I sent to you. This will be our main fundraiser as we no longer do dinners. Please be as generous as you always have been. Thank you so very much.

April 7 we are hosting the Bishops Day at St. James Church. Mass at 1030 a.m. with refreshments to follow. Cost is \$5.00. Call Lucy Spingola at 707-769-1245

Happy Spring to you all.
Margaret Cordrey

Arcata
Br. 144, St. Mary

Branch #144 had a very successful Chicken & Polenta dinner on Sunday, March 3. We had take-out AND sit-down. Sold out of the 200 dinners a week before. Fantastic crew for both kitchen and cooks. (photos). We had been having some pretty wet and cold weather just hours before, but the clouds parted and Ruth Monge was able to do the Take-Out without getting wet! (photo).

The next event is the St. Joseph’s Table and Barbara Eanni and Joan DalPorto are chairing that event for March 16th/17th Masses.

Branch #145 organized the yearly Peanut Butter & Jelly Super Bowl for Betty Chinn’s pantry. St. Mary’s won (third year in a row) with 536#s!!! (Photo of Deacon John Gai and Alfred Eanni).

Buona Pasqua!
Anne Carlisle Eanni, Secretary

Eureka
Br. 145, St. Ambrose

Branch 145 and 144’s combined anniversary luncheon is set for St Mary’s parish hall on Sunday April 21st at noon. Those who wish please attend mass at St Mary’s Church at 11:00 a.m.

Bette Chinn will be in attendance. She would like to thank the ICF personally for our outstanding support of the Super Bowl of peanut butter and jelly collection drive.

If you have not done so yet please mail your 2024 ICF dues (\$40) to Joe Bonino at PO Box 254 Eureka, CA 95502.

Santa Rosa
Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
HE IS RISEN, HE IS NOT HERE The basic tenet of our Catholic Faith and the reason we in the ICF should rejoice this Easter season.

Our corned beef dinner on March 4 was a great success let by President Doreen O’Rourke. Nearly 60 people enjoyed a super dinner prepared by Richard Faria and March Bisio and assisted by Ryan McCalmont. Dennis and Laura Jaques handled the dessert; Linda Sherman collected the payments; Terri Jenkins and Butch Bondi did the decorations and helped set up; Linda Pisenti led the clean-up. Thanks to everyone who made it a success.

Our scholarship program got a big boost when an anonymous donor gave a \$100.00 donation, and two new scholarships were given for the 2024 graduating class. THANK YOU!!

Start your day with a prayer for Claire Giampaoli and remember all our fellow members in need.

Robert Acquistapace

FRESNO
District

Fresno
Br. 32, St. Alphonsus

We hope everyone is in good health. We just lost another member. Eileen Jura passed away on January 16, 2024. She was 103 years young. She lived a century. How wonderful is that. Lord, please watch over her family and give them the comfort they need to get through this difficult time. We continue to pray for our members. We would like to say a prayer for Lupe Avila, Erna Bonetto, Annette Husak, Cle-Estria Lett, Isidra Murillo, Josie Reyna, Eddie, and Patricia Vivenzi. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Hopefully, everyone had a great Easter. Hope to see you soon.

Happy Birthday to Nico Ficher turning 14 years old (April 17th), and a Happy Birthday to Isidra Murillo (April 30th). Lord, please watch over them on their special day.

Clovis
Br. 250, Our Lady of
Perpetual Help

Happy March birthday greetings to Kathy Christensen and Alice Reyes!

We had a very nice turnout for the January meeting where we enjoyed a delicious lunch and participated in a gift exchange including a “stolen gift” event. The drawing for the baby Jesus resulted in Rachel Bejarano picking the “lucky” cupcake. She will now have the honor of baking cupcakes for the meeting next January.

Little known popes’ department; St. Fabian (the 20th Pope) 236-250; When the Christians met to select a new Pope, legend has it that a dove settled on the head of Fabian; taking this as a sign from God, the Christians appointed Fabian.

Philosopher Angelino says; “Il Padrone Di Casa Sono Io, Ma Chi Comanda E Mia Moglie: “I am the master of my house, but my wife commands.”

The Zanarinis celebrated with their granddaughter, Sarah, on her 25th birthday, December 2023, in Toca, Colombia, where Sarah teaches English as a second language for the Peace Corps. They met her host family and toured interesting sights in Bogota.

Branch 250 has some really creative members when it comes to decorating the tables for our monthly luncheon meetings. Such talent!

A Catholic Elementary student in answering a question about the bible; “Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.”

Reminder: dues are now payable.

Thought for the month: “His love is the bright and shining star of every season; His love is the light and life of every heart that welcomes him” (Anon).

Ciao,
Babs Barnwell

Fresno
Br. 308, St. Anthony of
Padua

Hello Members,

Our Cool Hand Luke’s fund raiser last month was a success. 126 tickets were sold. Thank you to all who participated. And thank you Debbi for organizing the event. Some of you may have heard that new Church policy forbids using the Church Bulletin to advertise fund raising not occurring on Church property. Sausage Sandwich Sale was held on March 23 and 24. As usual thank you to Bernie and all who participated.

Longtime member, Mike Pukish passed away last month. For many years Mike and his late wife Lee were very active in club leadership and fundraising. We will miss Mike. Patti Lometti is at Nazareth House she is receiving treatment. Please keep in touch with her. Her son Dr. Mark moved back from Italy to help care for her.

Let’s keep all our members in our thoughts and keep in touch.

Jay Newsome, Co-President

CENTRAL COAST
District Council

Central Coast District had their installation of 2024 officers on February 18, 2024, hosted by Branch 25, Salinas, at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Thank you, Mike Rossi, Life Member and Past Grand President, for being our Master of Ceremonies.

Thank you, Father Roberto Vera, District Chaplain for doing our Benediction.

Thank you to all our Central Council members for helping with our installation.

All enjoyed appetizers, lasagna, green salad, garlic bread and dessert. And a nice day to be altogether.

Congratulations to all our newly elected officers.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Valentine
Central Coast District Secretary

Santa Cruz
Br. 21, N.S. Del Soccorso

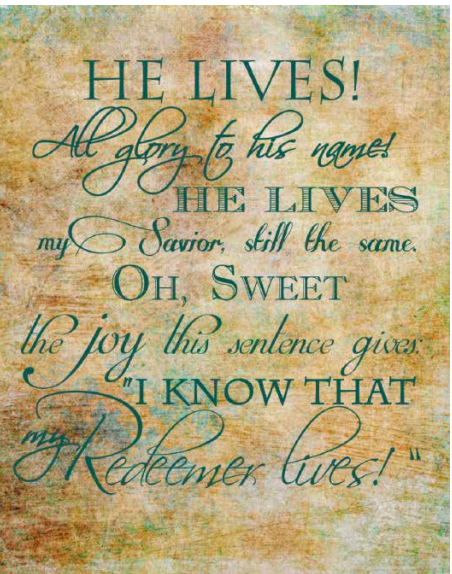
Buon giorno, Tutti. Well, Easter has passed; hopefully, it was a happy and spiritually fulfilling season for you. As this is being written, we are still having rain, but it’s a good thing as long as rivers stay put and the wind doesn’t topple trees.

We have some Board member changes for year 2024. This year, we have four Presidents, each taking a three-month stint. They are Roseann Costabile, Franklyn Lopes, Cindy Schuette, and Valerie Vote. We also have four new-to-the-Board members; they are Richard Vote as 2nd Vice President, Al Pavot as Treasurer, and Vita Hall and Lisa Folley as Trustees. Welcome, one and all. Though we always appreciate all our Board members, it is nice to see some new faces and new ideas.

As a reminder, the No Bake Sale is still cooking away, and you can donate your monies through April. You should have received the info via snail mail by now. Last year, the No Bake Sale brought in \$6,600 that was donated to charities of your choice, including our Seminarians and Cooley’s Anemia.

Our next General Meeting is set for April 2nd, and we hope to see you there. Even if you don’t attend the meetings, as an ICF member we welcome your thoughts. Contact us via e-mail, text, or the old-fashioned way, the telephone.

Bye for now. May our Lord continue to bless us all.
Patty Morelli
ICF Branch 21



Monterey
Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Welcome Spring.: “To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under Heaven.”

Eccl 3:1

We want to thank our members, volunteers, and local community for supporting us during six weeks of Lenten dinners! We served approximately four thousand dinners this season and could not have achieved this success without our wonderful volunteers: our team leaders, kitchen crew, setup/clean-up crew, ticket sales teams, bartenders, dining room teams, dessert team, takeout team, public relations team. It takes dozens and dozens of dedicated members to put these events on, and we are proud and grateful for their efforts. We especially want to thank 88-year-olds Eddie Leonard (for making the sauce and garlic butter) and Ray Cardinale (for chopping garlic and parsley, cutting lemons and tomatoes) every week. They work so hard and are an inspiration to the other volunteers.

MILLE GRAZIE TO ALL!

Profits from our Lenten dinners are donated to many charitable causes, most notably our home parish San Carlos Cathedral, but also to San Carlos School, Student Scholarships, Seminar-ians, National ICF charities, Carmelite Monastery, youth sports, and other local Catholic parishes.

April 11, 2024: Initiation of new members, as well as Scholarship awards dinner meeting at San Carlos Cathedral Hall. More information to follow on our website and via email and telephone callers. Reservations are strongly encouraged after April 1 via our website www.MontereyICF.org. Dinner is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members.

May 23, 2024: Branch 36 will be celebrating their 93rd Anniversary Dinner/ Meeting. Save the date.

We are saddened to report that Anthony Venza recently passed away. Anthony was a Branch 36 member for 10 years. Our condolences to his wife Pat and to his family. May he Rest in Peace.

“Do small things with great love” Mother Teresa

Ciao!
Elaine Valentine
President Branch 36

Castroville
Br. 51, Santa Caterina de
Siena

We had our annual polenta fundraiser on February 25, 2024, where we prepared 108 meals. Thank you to everyone who helped put this event on, which is one of the biggest fundraisers we have each year. Special thanks to our chefs DL Grier, Art Carbonel, and Kevin Cortopassi for making the delicious polenta and stew.

A happy, happy birthday to branch members Vera Doris (4/16) and Gino Grier (4/23).

Stefani Cortopassi

Aptos
Br. 227, St. Joseph

Our first sit-down Fish Dinner was a success thanks to all the members who worked in the kitchen; served food and drinks; conducted the raffle; and donated desserts, raffle prizes and wine. The success was due in great part to our wonderful chef and coordinator, Sharleen Hedgpeth, whose experience and energy are remarkable. Including take-outs, we served 111 dinners. We were honored to have Grand President Denise Antonowicz and Past Grand President Bob Basuino in attendance. Father Romeo of Resurrection Church also joined us and graciously made his rounds to all the tables.

Thanks also to the members helped out with our membership drive on the weekend of March 2 and 3: Jane Kotila, Manny and Magdalena Martinez, Vicki Howell, Ann and Bryan Stow, and Rita Law. President Franklyn Lopes and

Bruce Dunn took turns speaking at the masses, after which members distributed flyers and amaretto cookies to the parishioners.

Our March meeting dinner was prepared by Magdalena and Manny Martinez. Their beef lentil soup was tasty and hit the spot on the cold winter day. Along with the soup was a huge tossed green salad and warm French bread. There were lots of cakes, pies, cupcakes and brownies left over from the Fish Dinner, so members enjoyed a nice assortment of desserts.

Please offer your get-well prayers for Nancy Olsen and Alice Ponza.

We’d like to welcome to new member Joyce Hopkins. Joyce was brought in by Elena Tufo.

Best wishes for a Happy Easter
Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande
Br. 291, St. Patrick

Branch 291 survived our Lenten Fish Frys! We had a very successful season and our total meals served and sales were up to pre-pandemic numbers! We can now take a well-deserved rest and start planning on where to donate all our proceeds, beginning with our Branch Scholarships and Registration Assistance to ICF students attending local Catholic schools. A HUGE thank you to Pete Gallagher and Joanna Van Blaricom, who worked so hard each week to oversee the entire operation and make sure our fish dinners were a success! And to all our other hard-working members (young and old) who worked every Friday in the mornings and/or

evenings to help make the Fish Frys ran like a well-oiled machine...we have an amazing team! Branch 291 will be celebrating our St. Joseph’s Table at our April 28th Dinner Meeting. Members are asked to bring non-perishable food, household products or toiletries to display on our table and to be blessed by our chaplain. All items brought to our St. Joseph’s Table will be donated to the St. Patrick’s Outreach Program.

Please continue to pray for all ICF members who are experiencing pain, illness or heartache at this time.

Ciao!
Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary

Paso Robles
Br. 354, Saint Rose of Lima

At our branch meeting on March 9th, we welcomed the Rendon family, Derrik, Michelle and their two children Emma and Derrik II as the newest members of our branch and the Registration Assistance Program. The branch families in our Registration Assistance Program help us at our fundraising events and we help them with the events that they set up to fund the Registration Assistance Program, we use the funds raised from those events to help pay the registration costs of the family members attending local Catholic grammar schools and high schools. We were able to help six students at Saint Rose of Lima Catholic School and three students at Mission College Preparatory High School with the cost of their registration for the 2024-2025 school years.

Our branch will be hosting a pasta dinner on Saturday April 27th, 2024, to fund our scholarship programs, we normally fund scholarships for the ICF 1st, and 2nd year Scholarship Programs and we also provide scholarships for graduating 8th grade students at Saint Rose of Lima Catholic School. We use the same format that they use for the ICF 1st year scholarship application and have the students get two letters of recommendation along with their personal letter on their family’s origin, plans for the future, and why their faith is important to them.

We gave a donation of \$500 to Saint Rose Catholic School’s Religious Education Program to help offset the cost for the Net Ministries Retreat for the middle school students.

David Zanini President



SANTA CLARA
VALLEY
District

Gilroy
Br. 28, Santa Maria
Ausiliatrice

Prayer to be Faithful of Serving God

Father in Heaven, ever-living source of all that is good,

keep me faithful in serving You.

Help me to drink of Christ's Truth, and fill my heart with His Love

so that I may serve You in faith and love and reach eternal life.

In the Sacrament of the Eucharist you give me the joy of sharing Your Life.

Keep me in Your presence.

Let me never be separated from you and help me to do Your Will.

Amen

Our dinner meeting will be on Monday, April 15th. It’s going to be a good one! The Vanni Family will be cooking up a delicious meal. You won’t want to miss this one! Remember, if you need a ride call Diana Berry (408) 219-2223.

We will be having our spring bake sale on Sunday, April 21st. Your caller will give you the details on how you can contribute to this scrumptious event.

Live in Joy,
Jeanette Hudson

**Deadline for
May Issue of
the *Bollettino* is
April 10.
Send your
articles &
photos:
editor@icf.org**

*Be sure to
include branch
name and
number.*

Mountain View
Br. 47, San Giorgio

We hope your Easter was extra bright and happy this year. Our Grab-N-Go Pasta Dinner for 4 is back! We will start taking orders March 23rd and dinners will be picked up on April 21. We'll be raffling a beautiful clock and a basket. We are looking forward to joining forces with our community and having a super fun year.

*Peace and God Bless,
Julie Wester*

St. Mary
Br. 184, Los Gatos

The ICF is hosting a National 100th Anniversary Gala on Sunday, June 9, at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. With a Mass at 11 a.m., followed by a gourmet lunch. Only 300 tickets are available and the deadline to purchase tickets is May 31. Please call Deanna Meyer at 408 203 9105 if you want to attend.

St. Mary's Branch #184 will celebrate our 60th Anniversary. Plans are underway for that special occasion which will take place in the fall. Keep tuned for more details.

Masses are planned for our branch, to pray together, then to share a meal. In April, 9 a.m. Mass then breakfast at The Diner; June, 11 a.m. Mass then lunch at Willow Street; October, 5 p.m. Mass then dinner at Double D's. Call Deanna Meyer if you want to attend or for more information. We will sit on the St. Mary side in Church for Mass.

The ICF is collecting NEW blankets and socks, between now and Labor Day. These items will be presented to the Missionaries of Charity, a Mother Teresa Order, at the annual ICF Convention. The Convention will be held in San Mateo this year. You can bring your donations to an ICF meeting or give Marie Yurosko a call at 408 761 1801, and she will pick them up.

A pancake breakfast will be served Sunday, April 28 in Howley Hall. We will be partnering with the Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent dePaul. Look for our table at Church, where we will be selling tickets before the event.

Thank you, Richard Amico for your Heritage Report on Bocce, a subject dear to your heart! It's fun to hear a report each month - all members can participate in this special section of the meeting.

Remember, we meet on the 4th Friday of the month, at 4 PM in the Conference Room. Hope to see you there on March 22. We have been blessed to have Father Greg Kimm attend our meetings, where he offers our opening prayer.

It seems like we had an early Easter this-year. We pray that everyone was able to celebrate a Holy and Happy Easter.

Ciao for now, Lucy Amico

San Jose
Br. 368, Santa Teresa de
Avila

Please accept my apologies for mistakes I made in the March issue. - in the 2nd paragraph, pray for our sick, should say: for Jacques and Paul Butler. As you may recall, Paul died last year. (You can still pray for both of them.) I spoke with Jacques, and she mentioned that a donation was given to the Gift of Love in Paul's honor by Jerry and Joan Delfino. This was never mentioned in the *Bollettino*. Jacques appreciates ICF and the time she spent with Branch 368. I am sure Jacques would like to hear from you, if you have a chance give her a call, - picture on page 17, Br 368 Installation of Officers picture, Fr Chris, not Fr. Crisp.

Also, Father Chris, wrote an article in the March issue about St. Joseph. The Solemnity of St. Joseph is celebrated on March 19. The most well-known tradition is St. Joseph's Table, started in Sicily.

By the way, if you want to read the paper online, Google: *Bollettino*. Much easier to read online. While you're reading the paper check out on page 12, Giovanni's Tree, a collection of nine original Italian folktales. The Deadline for Donations and Applications to scholarships is April 1, 2024. Also, STDs, for the 2024 Bishops Day on October 27, with mass and lunch to follow.

- ICF 100th Anniversary Celebrations:
- July 26 — Northern California Golf Tournament
- August 30 - September 1 — National Convention. Please let the Board know if you are interested in a position on the Board or volunteering on other committees.

During this month of March stay healthy and pray for our sick and homebound members, and especially, Lorrane and Mike Nunziata.

Pray for peace, stay dry, stay healthy and may God bless you and your families.

*Happy Easter,
Thank you, Tom Myers.*

San Jose
Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

Hope you all had a lovely Easter! In March, members were treated to an Irish Dinner of corn beef and cabbage, vegetables and potatoes prepared by our wonderful members, Al and Diana Vallorz of Tony and Alba's.

First year scholarship applications are due on April 1, 2024. Forms may be downloaded on the ICF website. Thank you, Rose Lipari Clarke, for your hard work.

Our branch hosted St. Martin's Stations of the Cross one Friday during Lent. A big thank you to those who represented ICF.

President Steve Lencioni reminded us that our Multicultural Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 6:00-8:00 p.m. in St. Martin's Gym. Price is \$35 for this fun event, which includes international food from Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, and the Philippines. Tickets are now available on-line and in-person after masses. Assistance is needed to set up and serve on committees, and to provide donations for our Silent Auction. Baskets, Gift Cards, dinners, and vacation ideas are among the many items needed. Contact Cathleen Lencioni for additional information.

After Treasurer Teresa Brodersen presented her financial report, our branch donated \$500.00 to St. Martin's Church from proceeds from our branch's January pancake breakfast. Also, \$800.00 was donated to fund two ICF first-year scholarships.

Reminders:

Branch 391 Dinner Meeting—Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 5:30 p.m. social and 6:00 p.m. dinner; ICF Quarterly Masses at St. Martin's at 11:30 a.m.—June 9, 2024, September 8, 2024, and December 8, 2024; and ICF's 100-year-old anniversary, San Francisco--June 9, 2024.

Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale
Br. 408, Resurrection

Buona Pasqua!

May the Risen Lord provide Easter Blessings to us all and may He continue to guide and sustain us!

ICF Support of the Parish Lenten Soup Suppers was a Key Element to their smooth running. Thanks to those who helped with this Ministry!

Our Spring Pasta Dinner Fundraiser was a big Success! – Thanks to All who supported this event with prayers, work or Raffle gifts. This fundraiser was hosted along with the school and the 5th Graders and their Families. Based on the Success of the Raffles, we will make a similar donation to our earlier Contributions to Science Camp Fund over the years.

Our First Blood Drive of 2024 was held on St Patrick's Day Sunday 17 March 2024 from 8-1 PM in the Farana Center. Blood supplies continue to be low, and Donations were Critically needed.

Please Pray for our Members: Laurice Levine, Steve Richey, Al Chantelope, Bob Masik, and Susan Colon.

Morgan Hill
Br. 435, Santa Caterina
D'Alessandria

Well folks, here we are another spring coming upon us Thankfully, we can report that we all made it through the winter storms.

We had another wonderful dinner meeting with a delicious Polenta meal. Tommy Palmer came through as usual

and cooked the polenta, President, Giulia, also with her other duties made the beautiful Centerpieces for our tables. Included with our assistants were grandchildren of Giulia and Toni. Setting up and serving were Lucas Foggiato and Nick, Vincent, and Allison Gallego with their mom, Martha.

We are saying goodbye to our pastor, Sergio Ovando. He has accepted the position of professor teaching sacred scripture at Saint John Seminary in Camarillo, California. We have been blessed with his leadership and grateful for the completion of the remodeling of our beautiful church.

Please keep in our prayers our ill members, especially trustee, Helga Brooks. She is healing a broken knee.

As you read this article, we will have celebrated another Easter. As we put our faith in God, may he grant us our prayers that we offer up to him.

*Respectfully submitted.
God bless,
Sylvia Sorci*

San Jose
Br. 445, Transfiguration

February's General Meeting was moved to Fat Tuesday for a fabulous Mardi Gras celebration complete with Dixieland music and a looped video of New Orleans festivities! Tabor Hall was decked out in festive Mardi Gras decor and members were wearing Mardi Gras colors and beads. Many thanks to Jim Canger, Jim and Janie Falcone for preparing true Cajun entrees of Gumbo, Jambalaya, Red Beans and Rice. Cheers to members Robin Ledbetter, Gina Farro, Lorraine Sellarole and Marti Rao for delicious authentic Mardi Gras desserts: Festive King Cake, Beignets, Bananas Foster and Bread Pudding! Cafe Du Monde 'Coffee and Chicory' was also served.

Milestone Birthdays celebrated this evening for members Jean Avram and Marti Rao...(90) and (80) years young...Tanti Auguri!!

Br. 445's Lunch Ministry Program for the Unhoused continues strong with over 17,000 sack lunches delivered since April 2020. Many thanks to our members whose efforts continue to make this a success.

Quarterly Mass at Transfiguration Church was attended by several members on March 3rd followed by breakfast at Effie's Restaurant.

Many thanks to those who supported our Spring See's Candy Sale Fundraiser. Proceeds will go to ICF's Scholarship Fund.

We hope all enjoyed a Happy and Blessed Easter ... Buona Pasqua!

In April, Br. 445 will begin taking orders for the third annual Mother's Day Cookie Sale. Proceeds will support the Seminarians and the Lunch Ministry Program for the Unhoused.

Happy April Birthday wishes to Gina and Larry Farro!...Buon Compleanno!

*Until next month stay safe and well.
;-) Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer*

STOCKTON DISTRICT



Br. 390, The food line goes fast with lots of help.



Br. 390, The male kitchen crew: Louie Serato, John Arrington, Greg Welch, & Bob Bacchetti



Br. 413 Dishwasher Gabe Singleton ready for Crab Dinner plates



ICF Br. 413 Soup Supper night at St. Patrick's, Angels Camp



Branch 413 Cook Mary Kingshill and friends at February Crab Dinner



Br. 390, The dessert crew: Far left, Sandra Parreira, Marilyn Tusio, Linda Welch, in the back, Betty Hollars & at far right, Suzanne Dykzeul



Br. 390, The sign-in desk: Annette Eliissagaray, Jeff Morri, Pres. Anita Ridolfi, & Susan Johnston



Br. 82 Feb 27th Member Meeting

STOCKTON
District

Modesto
Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

One of our big fundraisers is coming up on May 4th and 5th. We have our Bake sale that occurs after masses on these dates. We are seeking as much help as possible. Through the kind donations of members and others, we need cakes, brownies, biscotti, pies, banana nut bread, cookies, and any other specially baked items you can make. The more baked items we have the better. Because of everyone’s generosity, we sold out last year and look forward to it happening again this year. If you can help, it is greatly appreciated.

We will be electing our Convention delegates by our May 2024 meeting. Last year, we were able to send two delegates from our branch and we hope to do the same again this year. Of course, we will need to know where the Convention will be held since the contracted hotel previously scheduled has suddenly closed. Central Council is in the process of securing a new location. As soon as we know the new location, we can finalize plans, especially since it is the 100th year celebration of ICF. It will be a wonderful time to participate.

I want to give a special “Thank You” to Deacon Karl Welsbacher for the special blessing he gave me at the February 25th Stockton District Meeting for my 90th Birthday.

Coming Events:

Wed April 10 – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – J Street Church Hall

Sat May 4 & Sun May 5 – Bake Sale after the Masses

Wed May 8 – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting and Mother’s Day Potluck – J Street Church Hall

Sat June 22 – 5:30 p.m. – Mass and Bishop’s Burse– Br. 139 St. Anthony’s in Manteca

*Easter Blessings to you and your families.
Cecelia McGhee*



Br. 82: Deacon Karl, guest speaker, Feb. 27 Member Meeting

Lodi
Br. 82, St. Anne’s

Sang the sunrise on an amber morn,
‘Earth, be glad! An April day is born.’ ‘Winter’s done, and April’s in the skies. Earth, look up with laughter in your eyes!’ Then the sound of growing in the air, Rose to God a liturgy of pray;’ excerpt from “An April in Adoration” by Sir Charles Roberts. April is National Poetry Month

Grazie to all who gave their time and talents last month to host the District’s Luncheon Meeting, to decorate Salvation Army’s Hope Harbor Dining room for Easter, and to teach candidates about the St. Joseph’s Table at the Confirmation Retreat.

It does pay to purchase an ICF Calendar! Congratulations to our winners: supporter, Meghan Moyse (\$100) and member, Lisa Fugazi (\$30). Your ticket returns to the barrel for another chance to win!!

Dante Galeazzi, Central Council Life Member, was guest speaker at our Mar. 26th meeting. Thank you, Dante, for sharing some ICF history and membership recruitment tips. Our Apr. 23rd meeting place has changed to Dominican Hall at 6:00 in hopes of having a larger group due to member recruitment.

April volunteer activities:

Apr. 20/21 is Catholic Fellowship Petal weekend. After masses, help is needed at our ICF display table to attract new members.

Apr. 30th, 12:00-5:00, Blood Drive at Eagles. Our opportunity to educate the community about Thalassemia and the role ICF plays in supporting research.

Members needed to fill donor gift bags and chat with donors throughout the afternoon.

Enjoy the warm weather. Walk in the fresh air and welcome the sounds of birds and bees.

Patty Liits, Corresponding Secretary

Manteca
Br. 139, Nostra Signora del
Buon Viaggio

At President Birdie Nieri’s suggestion that a member relate their family’s story of their Italian heritage. Segretario Ron Agostini told of his Grandfather Angelo Agostini coming to this country in the 1930s from the northern Alps village of Cologna. Ron’s father Mauricio was six years old. The family settled in Escalon.

At the next meeting Vice-president, Vero Oliveri, will tell his story.

Central Council member Dante Galeazzi stated that raffle tickets for the Grand Convention are available.

A CD of the ICF Anthem has been obtained and will be played after the closing prayer at each Branch meeting.

Grazie to Ron Agostini for his assistance with this article.

Ciao, Mariano

Tracy
Br. 390, St. Bernard

April is the month our branch always celebrates Italian Heritage with our families at an all-Italian menu of Spaghetti & Meatballs and will be held on Thursday April 25th. We will continue to email notices to folks who have provided us with their emails. Cards are to be mailed as well. We’ll see if modern technology emails will replace the post office. Congratulations to Stan and Eileen Morri who have celebrated 72 years of marriage - we are happy to see these two ‘valentines’ enjoying their ICF dinner with us each month!

By the way, a great big THANKS to all who continue to donate their delicious desserts and raffle prizes at our monthly dinners. We were overwhelmed these past few months looking at the raffle prize table which held 40+ raffle prizes! And, they were all lovely! Grazie!

We were happy to see scholarship applications to both our Branch 390 and Central Council. We are excited to review those turned in by qualified students and will notify them when the process is completed.

Italian Heritage Night coming up soon. Steve Ridolfi continues to post the life of our branch though pictures and stories on our Website. Check out the Heritage section and please share yours with us through this site.

www.icfbranch390.org

*Stay healthy, happy and safe.
Ciao, Betty*

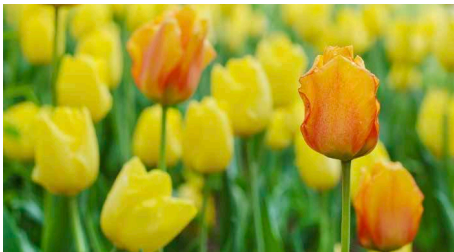
Angels Camp
Br. 413, St. Patrick

Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

Our branch has been very busy. We had a successful February Dinner. We served Crab and Pasta. Tom and Mary Kingshill organized the event. Joe Dianda came to the rescue when we faced difficulties in the kitchen. We did not have time to rest as we prepared a Lenten soup supper, which was free for those who came to the Stations of the Cross.

Now we are getting ready for the St. Patrick’s Day Lunch. As this is the Patron Saint of the Parish, the event is free for all parishioners. The church is buying the supplies, and the Branch 413 is preparing and serving the lunch. We will have a bake sale during the event.

*Have a Blessed Easter.
Ciao, Branch 413*



SAN DIEGO
District

San Diego
Br. 246, St. Charles Borromeo

Branch 246 is in the middle of our Lenten Fish Fry Season. We are always grateful to Phil Pace and his crew from locally famous Phil’s Barbecue for preparing the food. We are thankful for our members and their families who volunteer to help set up the hall, serve food, and then clean up after each dinner. Come join us each Friday evening during Lent to enjoy the best fish fry in San Diego. You can dine with us in the Parish Hall or take your meal to go. Dates are February 16 & 23 and March 1, 8, 15 & 22. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 10 and younger. Tickets can be purchased online at our website: icfbranch246.com.

On Friday March 22, we will be celebrating St. Joseph’s Table, which has been a Branch tradition for over 30 years. Member Adeline Woodward has carried on our Festa di San Giuseppe since it was started by her mother Jennie Santos. Our usual fish fry board of fare will include the addition of sfincione to the menu. Our sfincione is guaranteed to satisfy even the most discriminating palates. The evening includes an auction to benefit some of our local charities – items include Padre tickets, SDSU Aztec tickets and Italian dinners.

Buona Pasqua – Anthony Torregiani, Branch President



Branch #246 Satisfied Fish Fry Diners

San Diego
Br. 449, Guardian Angels

Aloha!

On Sunday, March 3, members of the Guardian Angels Luau committee, which consists of the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 449, Women’s Guild, Knights of Columbus, Hispanic group, Culture Of life, and Fil-am group, presented Father Andre, with a check in the amount of \$3049.08. The Luau was held in mid February at Guardian angels Parish in Santee, California. Proceeds from the event will benefit the new Sound system for inside the church as well as the parish center.

SAN DIEGO DISTRICT



Branch 449



Br. 246, Member Susan Fillipone



Branch #246 Lenten Fish Fry Dinner



Br. 246, Fish Fry Kitchen Crew

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT



Branch #145 Eureka officers stand with past Grand President Robert Acquistapace after installation on January 27th.



Branch #144 C&P Cooks



Branch #144 C&P Kitchen Crew



Br. 145, Bob Greene, Joe Bonino, and Bob Acquistapace display the Eureka and Arcata branches' 65th anniversary cake.

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



Branch #144 Ruth working the C&P Takeout.



Branch #144 Deacon John Gai and Alfred Eanni (VP) admiring BP&J submissions

SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT



Br. 446 St. Joseph's Day table with parishioners



Br. 446 Vocation Event Clergy



Br. 446 Paula DiStefano and Tony Santorufu lead prayers in Italian

SAN BERNARDINO
District

Upland
Br. 446, Saint Anthony

Our busy branch has several social and service activities on our calendar. First VP Carrey Rossie is always keeping our branch meetings fun with activities that she plans. A big hit was a quiz on Italian food. Our Scholarship Chair, Mary Pocius, has been very busy promoting ICF scholarships. This served as an opportunity to combine scholarship eligibility with our Membership Drive, directed by Trustee Greg Ruffalo. During Lent we presented bilingual Stations of the Cross in Italian lead by Paula DeStefano and Tony Santorufu.

The Feast of St. Joseph was celebrated with our annual cookie sale. Fr. Ken Vu blessed our new statue donated anonymously by one of our long-time

members. Trustee Joe DiCamillo will be building a wooden case for the statue. Many members attended the viewing of the Mother Cabrini movie on opening day. The film was very inspirational and filled us with Italian pride. Our important upcoming fund raiser is the Cannoli Sale directed by Jim Impastato, our 2nd VP. His family's delicious cream filling recipe helped us so sell hundreds of cannoli last year.

A major branch event was a public presentation on Vocations. Our President, Tony Santorufu worked tirelessly to have clergy, religious, and seminarians represented on the panel. In attendance were our pastor Fr. Gerry Vidar, our ICF chaplain Fr. Jerry Ochetti, retired Fr. Ned O' Donnell, and Deacon Lupe Ramirez. Sister Solimar Ruiz brought 2 novitiates with her. Also participating were 4 diocesan seminarians and 2 from St. Michael's Abbey. Before the panel discussion, we hosted the presenters with lunch which was organized by our First VP Carrey Rossie with contributions from our officers. Many parishioners, guests and Confirmation youth from Religious Education attended the presentation- skillfully handled by President Santorufu.



Br. 446 Seminarians at Vocations presentation



IRS AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

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

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

The IRS limit for the tax year ending 2023 is the following:

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

The State limit for the tax year ending 2023 is the following:

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

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

THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED

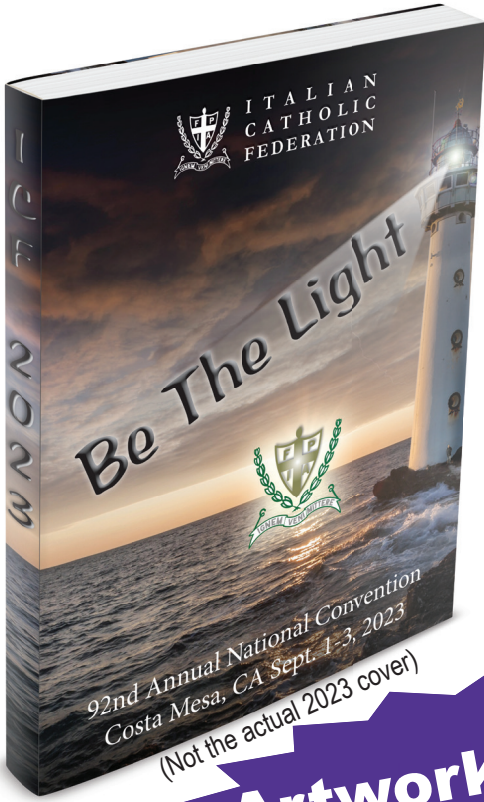
Both Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2024. The IRS and State strictly adhere to this date, so please take this process seriously.

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

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

Please make sure all District or Branch finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2023. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc. If you have any questions, or need help filing, please call the ICF Office at 1-888-423-1924.

Thank You,
Lisa Crudo, Grand Treasurer



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The full-page entry for Central Coast District looks great in the 2022 book! (See page 44.) So much more impactful than black and white would have been. Please consider color for impact.

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LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT



From Br. 237 St Anthony of Padua, Gardena



Br. 444, ICF Lenten Supper



Br. 444 Bingo Meeting March 2024



Br. 444, ICF Lenten Supper



ICF NBr 67 and Branch 108 Members and guests at the new Cabrini Movie.



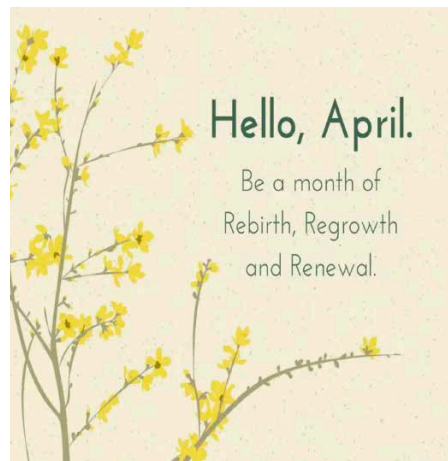
Br. 447, Sheila Walsh (Vargas) installed as sentinel



Br. 179, Stations of the Cross



Br. 179, Stations of the Cross



ICF 111-Went to see the Cabrini movie

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



LA District members at the Religious Education Congress with a former ICF Scholarship winner from the 1970's.



San Pedro Branch 115 celebrated the Feast of San Giovanni Giuseppe Della Croce with a Crab Dinner Dance on March 2. The dinner served people.



Branch 108 Members in ICF Booth with Bishop Albert Bahuth at Religious Education Congress, Anaheim, CA



Branch 108 Members at annual Lunch Meeting in Vintage Room of San Antonio Winery, Los Angeles



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ICF 111-Went to see the Cabrini movie



Br. 111, March Birthdays

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St. Dorothy Parish Deacon--Tommy Green will be ordained on June 1st.

Branch 179 is spearheading the parish fundraising for Deacon Tommy's vestments. We need to raise \$8,900 to purchase 8 chasubles.

In addition to our local fundraising, we are accepting private donations. If any Branch and/or Individual wishes to donate, please make your check payable to ICF Branch 179, and send it to

St. Dorothy Catholic Church,
ATTN: ICF, 241 S. Valley Center Dr.,
Glendora, CA 91741.



THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE PRESENT THE 2025 "DAILY RAFFLE THEME"



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Price Schedule

\$10 - one name/event

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(additional numbers will be a combination
of prices listed above)

Example: \$30 - 5 names/events @ \$20 + \$10.00
or

\$40 - 8 names/events @ \$20 + \$20

Deadline for names and payment is: May 1, 2024

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Saturday, April 13, 2024

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