



BOLLETTINO

ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage



ICF National Convention 2024

Lauren Kilcullen, Convention Director's Committee

The Convention Director's Committee and the San Mateo District are back on track and planning the 2024 Convention. We are planning a fun, engaging and instructional Convention for everyone. Remember, we attend the Convention, each year, not only to vote on proposals and elect Central Council members, but also to see old friends, learn from other branches and renew our spirit in the ICF. Committee members went on a site visit of the new hotel in March. I posted photos to the ICF Facebook page. A few photos are also in this issue. All the meeting space is in one area and convenient for elevators to the guest room floors. The hotel just assigned our Convention Services Manager, and I am collaborating with her and the Reservations Manager to obtain our reservations link. Once I have that, I will post it to the ICF Facebook page, it will be in the next issue of the *Bollettino*, and the office will send it to the branches.

The Convention Hotel is:
San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront
1800 Old Bayshore Hwy, Burlingame, CA.

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 deadline for registration is June

30. Registrations received after this date will be \$400.

The Committee is choosing the workshops for the Convention. One of the workshops is: "Technology 101 – Practical Information for Branches". For this workshop, we are asking branches to give a 3-to-5-minute presentation on the technology you use which would benefit other branches. If your branch uses Square, Zelle, PayPal, MailChimp, Eventbrite or other technology – we want to hear from you! Please email me at Ltek1965@comcast.net with an outline of a short presentation. We're looking for 5 – 6 presentations for the workshop. Each branch chosen to present will give a short talk explaining the technology, how the branch uses the technology and have handouts for about 40 people. We will have a projector and screen available. We look forward to seeing everyone in Burlingame!

*Thank you,
Lauren Kilcullen
Convention Director's
Chairperson*



Br. 380, St. Joseph's Table



Br. 374, Naval Cadets Lead Procession



ICF Lenten Dinner Servers Branch 36



Patrica awards PASTA Dinner Check to 5th Grade Class President -2 April 24



Br. 446 Carrey Rossie and Mary Pocius

Grand President's Monthly Message *Did you know... History of Mother's Day*

Denise Antonowicz

In 1858, Ann Jarvis, a young Appalachian homemaker, organized "Mother's Workdays" to improve the sanitation and avert deaths from disease-bearing insects and seepage of polluted water. In 1905, when Ann Jarvis died, her daughter, Anna, decided to memorialize her mother's lifelong activism, and began a campaign that culminated in 1914 when Congress passed a Mother's Day resolution.



Following her mother's death, Anna Jarvis embarked on a remarkable campaign. She poured out a constant stream of letters to men of prominence — President William Taft and former President Theodore Roosevelt among them — and enlisted considerable help from Philadelphia merchant John Wannamaker. By May of 1907, a Mother's Day service had been arranged on the second Sunday in May at the Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia, where Mother Jarvis had taught. That same day a special service was held at the Wannamaker Auditorium in Philadelphia, which could seat no more than a third of the 15,000 people who showed up.

Mother's Day has endured. It serves now, as it originally did, to recognize the contributions of women. Mother's Day, like the job of "mothering," is varied and diverse. Perhaps that's only appropriate for a day honoring the multiple ways women find to nurture their families, and the ways in which so many have nurtured their communities, their countries, and the larger world.

TIME SENSITIVE: PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY!

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Finally, a reminder that ALL branch and district reports need to adhere to the **250 max word count** requirement or they will be shortened or possibly excluded entirely based on editor judgement.

Limit photos to 3 or 4 and include captions. Not all photos are able to be used due to possible limitations in space. Prioritize photos if possible. 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 June issue is May 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:

The month of May is commonly associated with devotions to the Virgin Mary - "The Queen of May". Christian devotion to Mary goes back to the early third century. In his encyclical, *Mense Maio*, 1965, Saint Pope Paul VI acknowledged that the month of May has traditionally been a time when the Church has urged its people to offer prayers and acts of devotion honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary.

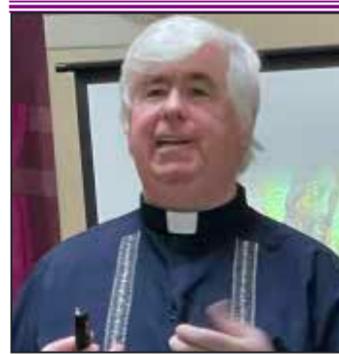
It is good to reflect on Mary in the Easter season and her joy at the Resurrection of her Son. In fact, the Church highlights this joy in the Easter prayer that is called the "Regina Caeli." We sing or say: "Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia. Has risen as He said, alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia. Because our Lord is truly risen, alleluia." In this great month of May we celebrate Mother's Day.

It is very fitting that we celebrate Mother's Day during the Marian month. As we honor the Mother of God, our spiritual mother, we also honor our earthly mothers. On Mother's Day, we remember with gratitude and affection our mothers, not only through material gifts, flowers, or cards, but also, and more importantly, by our prayers for them. We thank God for the gift of our

mothers who conceived and gave birth to us, who cared for us, protected us, taught us, and loved us. Many passed on the precious gift of faith to us. We remember all our mothers, living and deceased. We thank them for their generosity and self-giving love.

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers. On this occasion, set time aside to celebrate your role and influence in the family. My mother taught me more with her proverbs and one-liners than I ever learned with long arguments, and I am ever grateful for her impact on my life. As I reflect on this occasion, I think about the beautiful relationship Jesus had with his mother. I find it fascinating that when Jesus was in the final moments of his earthly journey providing redemption for the whole world, he paused to make sure that someone would take care of his mother. Even in the depths of his own pain and agony, Jesus was keenly aware of Mary's distress and did not want her to feel abandoned in that moment, transferring the responsibility of his mother's well-being to his beloved disciple, John.

On Mother's Day, let us pray for all our mothers. And let us remember that we have a Mother in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary. We continue to rejoice with her during this Easter season. May the Mother given to us by Christ on the cross be ever at our side! Mother's



Father Christopher Bennett
ICF Spiritual Director

Day is a time to pause, remember, give thanks to God, and share our gratitude with those mothers and mother figures, who have shaped us. I pray you feel celebrated in a special way and treasured by your Heavenly Father, knowing that your sacrificial love and tireless efforts will be rewarded.

As we embrace this 100th anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation, may the grace of Mary fill your hearts this Marian month and always.

Fr. Chris



Heritage — Custom and Culture

Louise Vento



People can create their own culture. Culture is also a way of life—no two cultures are alike. Once a culture was developed then the people took on customs.

A custom is the practice of preserving an idea or action and passing it down from one generation to the next. Customs include such things as how you can marry, an eating habit, a way of dressing, a game we learned to play and/or a religious observance. A person usually follows a tradition or a custom that is handed down to them by their ancestors. People rarely ask why the customs are the way they are or whether some other way would be better. People honor their customs and observe them whenever possible. Individuals find it amusing to discover that another group of people, from a different culture, do not observe the same customs that they observe. Like in Italy or Sicily, some customs of the north are not celebrated in the south. Like the San Giuseppe feast day, it is not celebrated in Northern Italy.

Each culture of people observes their

own customs that are passed from generation to generation — holiday customs, funeral customs, religious customs and marriage customs. Some customs are carried out each year at church festivals or Christian feasts. The people of Italy hold a joyous carnival just before Lent every year; this custom has been carried over into the United States with the Mardi Gras celebrations. Another custom or tradition is at Christmas with the display of the Christ child Jesus in a crib with Joseph, Mary, the Kings and Shepherds. Every year at Christmas I put the manger under my tree.

Some customs passed down are like when a bride gets married, she must have something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue. I am sure all of you have a custom that has been passed down from your grandparents to your parents to you. You may have already passed that particular custom down to your children and grandchildren. The custom I can remember growing up was that you could not enter a Catholic Church without a head covering because it was disrespect towards God.

What customs do you have? How have they changed over time?

Gifts of Love Donations

(Report as of April 10, 2024)

Branch 250
Joan and Jerry Delfino
In Honor of the Birthday of Harold Fuentes
Nate Agresti
In Memory of Lois Agresti
Carla Del Carlo
In Memory of Pietro Marcheschi
The Fuentes Family
In Memory of Bob Osorio

Joan and Jerry Delfino
In Memory of Elise Marsalli
Joann Sangiacomo
In Memory of Richard Trevizo
Teresa and Cory Helfand
In Memory of Ida Sularz
Officers/Members of Br. 28
In Memory of Roberta Hughan



Scholarship Donations

(Received as of April 10, 2024)

Scholarship Donations - 1st Year

Jan Stumhoffer
In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Emily Corral
Marina Franco

Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th Year

Officers/Members of San Mateo District
In Honor of Grand President Denise Antonowicz

GP Message--Continued

Denise Antonowicz, continued from p. 1

A special prayer for Mom on Mother's Day.

Dear Lord, bless every mother and every grandmother with the finest of your spiritual blessings today. Bless the work of her hands and fill her with the love she has freely given those children under Your care.

May she know how beautiful she is every day, how loved, valued and cherished she is in your eyes, Heavenly Father. Help her feel safe and trust

that she can place her loved ones in your care to protect them. Transform her worries into faith as she trusts in you.

Let her know that her every prayer and encouraging word spoken over her children/grandchildren has been transformed into sweet offerings before Your throne. Let her joy be contagious, her passion pure and her life overflow with blessings this Mother's Day and every day. In Jesus's name, Amen.

- Denise Antonowicz

Membership Committee Report: Where to Look for New Members?

Andy Pappani and Vince Piro

During our recent membership workshops, ICF branch leaders shared with us several ways that they work with other parish and community groups. These cooperative efforts often lead to new members. We thought that we would share a few ideas with you in this month's column.

First, our parishes contain many ministries and organizations that share similar goals with the ICF. One branch in the Federation works closely with the *Knights of Columbus*. The two organizations assist each other in fundraisers and parish activities, such as fish fries during Lent and cleaning the church after weekend masses. Not surprisingly, they also share many members.

Another branch works closely with parish staff to assist with RCIA. They make lunches for RCIA members engaged in classes and workshops. Not only is this a great way to show

hospitality to the newest members of the parish, but it allows the branch to recruit new members to its branch.

Several branches have close relationships with Italian-American fraternities in their communities. They use these fraternities' halls for dinner meetings, fundraiser dinners, and other events. These fraternities in turn help them publicize ICF events and recruit new members.

Other branches work with local non-profits to feed the homeless, provide assistance to needy families, support new mothers, and serve their communities in other ways. Many of these non-profits contain Catholics who are unaware of the ICF and yet share many of our values. They make excellent recruits for our branches.

As we look to grow as a Federation, it benefits us to look outside the Federation to other organizations that are fertile ground for new members.

Gifts of Love Program

Next Review of Applications Occurs June 2024

Teresa Helfand, Chairperson

In order to generate applications, the Gifts of Love Committee is asking all Branch Presidents to mention the program at their next meeting and also to publish a request in their respective Church and/or School Bulletins if possible. The application form is available on the ICF website (www.icf.org). Applications should either be mailed to the ICF OF-



ice at 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621 or e-mailed to the ICF Office at info@icf.org.

Applications are evaluated on a regular basis by the ICF Gifts of Love Committee which decides who receives the awards and the amounts. We have a great Committee this year and we look forward to helping those in need!

If you would like more information about the Gifts of Love program, please contact Committee Chairperson Teresa Helfand at davia902005@live.com.

God Bless You, Teresa Helfand

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



You can help make the calendar special!

List special family occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, any special event! You can also include Branch and District events

We hope you will enjoy what we have in store for the 2025 calendar featuring exciting movies paired with delicious dinner menus and wine selections plus 365 chances to win!



Mail information and checks payable to:
Italian Catholic Federation
8393 Capwell Dr., Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621
Please also e-mail information to
admin@icf.org

Price Schedule
\$10 - one name/event
\$15 - 2 names/events
\$20 - 4 names/events
(additional numbers will be a combination of prices listed above)
Example: \$30 - 5 names/events @ \$20 + \$10.00
or
\$40 - 8 names/events @ \$20 + \$20
Deadline for names and payment is: May 1, 2024

In Loving Memory

(Report as of April 10, 2024)

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| Elise Marsalli | Branch 005 |
| Rinaldo Belluomini | Branch 010 |
| Warren J Brunetti | Branch 010 |
| Kathy Ghiselli | Branch 010 |
| Annette K Husak | Branch 032 |
| Timothy Chapman | Branch 033 |
| Anthony F Venza | Branch 036 |
| Renee Barroso | Branch 039 |
| Michelle Butticci | Branch 039 |
| David Serrano | Branch 039 |
| Maria Dezzani | Branch 048 |
| Ida Dusi | Branch 048 |
| Sheila A Borrelli | Branch 054 |
| Peggy M Mockel | Branch 091 |
| Fulvie Kern | Branch 108 |
| Joseph A Mantel | Branch 108 |
| Liliana Franceschi | Branch 154 |
| Ann Giorgini | Branch 185 |
| Claire Giampaoli | Branch 198 |
| William J Maggio | Branch 214 |
| Alice Ponza | Branch 227 |
| Leonard Garber | Branch 308 |
| Mike S Pukish | Branch 308 |
| Mike Miraglia | Branch 343 |
| Paul V Butler | Branch 368 |
| Michael Curulla | Branch 368 |
| Dolores A Blefari | Branch 408 |

Welcome New Members

(Report as of April 10, 2024)

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| Rhonda Rosaia | | Branch 007 |
| David D Reynolds | Paula L Reynolds | Branch 028 |
| Phyllis M Aiello | Rose Ann Annesi | Branch 036 |
| Domenico F Capuzzi | Lucita D Capuzzi | |
| Marlene R Escobar | Luigi (Gino) Montanti | |
| Maria Montanti | Dr Maria Teresa O'Brien | |
| Robert M Strada | Joy E Tashjian | |
| Salvatore Tringali | | |
| Jan Parodi | Josephine Parra | Branch 048 |
| Cathy Pietanza | | |
| Joy Passalacqua | Stephan Passalacqua | Branch 052 |
| Darci C Rosales | Diane Stern | |
| Larry Stern | | |
| Ron Borrelli | | Branch 054 |
| Jessica Cosner | Paulette Terry | Branch 067 |
| Diane Collison | Frank Karl | Branch 108 |
| Sylvia Karl | | |
| Jon Pace | | Branch 111 |
| Francisco A Spagna | | Branch 115 |
| Bob Bowie | Alberta M Delnevo | Branch 130 |
| Donald L Delnevo | Lisa Douglas | |
| Anna Fraone | Gina Malanca Morales | |
| Elizabeth Philpott | Sonia M Picone | |
| Denise Severi | | |
| Carol Darling | Alicia Trevino | Branch 154 |
| Rosabella Trevino | | |
| Arlene Bertellotti | | Branch 184 |
| Christina Desrosiers | | Branch 191 |
| Catherine D Layden | Frederick T Layden | Branch 215 |
| Christopher D Carrano | | Branch 285 |
| James Harrison | Laura Harrison | Branch 332 |
| Bobby Newell | | Branch 342 |
| Narciso M Biagi | Rose P Biagi | Branch 352 |
| Sharon T Tamagni | Carmie A Smith | |
| Lisa C Trapari | Marc S Trapari | |
| Jeannette A Vanbibber | | |
| Derrick R Rendon | Derrick R Rendon II | Branch 354 |
| Emma R Rendon | Michelle D Rendon | |
| Sharon L Kroeber | Carol A Provenzano | Branch 368 |
| Jim M Provenzano | George J Taddie | |
| Myrlin M Taddie | Rose Wesley | |
| Peggy Woolf | Ron Woolf | |
| Deanna Infantino | Carmen A Porto | Branch 374 |
| Joani Porto | Claudia A Wade | |
| Jade Joyce | Karen Joyce | Branch 379 |
| Brad H Dias | Jacqueline A Leman | Branch 390 |
| Patrick E Leman | Nichole Mifsud | |
| Ray L Whitlock | | |
| Joanne Gore | Lucia Hynek | Branch 406 |
| Dylan Pescarolo | Joe Pescarolo | |
| Stephany Pescarolo | Paul A Vasquez | |
| Jennie Castelino | Giuseppi Tanzi | Branch 408 |
| Christina De Bernardi | Tristan V Durlflinger | Branch 432 |
| Julie A Figueroa | Raymond P Figueroa | |
| Julieta Araiza | Antonino Costa | Branch 445 |
| Geraldine Tuso | | |

Apostolate Charity Reports Due

Carmen Kilcullen, Apostolate/Charity Committee Member

This is the time of the year that the Apostolate Charity Report is due from the branches. All reports need to be turned in by July 15, 2024.

I would like to expand a bit on this report. Many ask why we need to do this report. Why are we patting ourselves on the back for what we are supposed to be doing anyway? Actually, the report gives us the opportunity to check on the charitable works that we have done. In compiling the report, and then, reviewing it, a branch can determine its future course as far as charitable and spiritual works are concerned. You might wish to add a charity, add donations to an existing charity, or chart a different course for your charitable and spiritual works.

As the ICF becomes more of a charitable organization, this has been found to attract new members. We have had challenges these past few years trying to raise monies, but most branches seem to be back on track.



Also, on your report, list non-money charities that you help. A few examples: feeding the homeless, working in soup kitchens, helping the elderly, etc.

We thank the branches for the wonderful work that they continue to do in these troubled times when life is not pleasant for many. Keep up the good work! You continue to astound me with what you do.

Thank you.

Carmen Kilcullen
Chairperson, Apostolate-Charity Committee

Saints for May:

- St. Philip & St. James – May 3
- St. Vincent – May 9
- Our Lady of Fatima – May 13
- St. Matthias – May 14
- St. Boniface – May 14
- St. Brendan – May 20
- St. Philip Neri – May 26
- St. Joan of Arc – May 31



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.



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.

Book Review--Enter by the Narrow Gate: A Christopher Worthy/Father Fortis Mystery

Vince Piro

Enter by the Narrow Gate: A Christopher Worthy/Father Fortis Mystery

By David Carlson
Coffeetown Press, 2016

In Enter by the Narrow Gate, a Detroit detective and a priest team up to solve two mysteries unfolding in New Mexico. The detective, Christopher Worthy, has been assigned a missing person's case involving a teenage girl that they believe has fled to the Santa Fe area to meet up with a young man. While there, his friend Father Fortis asks for his help in solving the ritualistic murder of a young nun. Their journey to solve the crimes leads them into the secret lives of Trappist monks and alienated teenagers as they discover the obscure religious practices and the cultures of the Southwest.



This is the first in the Christopher Worthy/Father Fortis Mystery series of mysteries. The series revolves around Christopher Worthy, a well-respected detective who is tormented by an unsolved mystery, and Father Fortis, a Greek Orthodox monk. Carlson had engaged this duo in mysteries that have

unusual twists and plots through six different novels.

In Enter by the Narrow Gate, Carlson uses his knowledge of philosophy and religion to introduce the reader to various less known religious practices and groups, such as the Penitentes of New Mexico, who were once known for their ascetic practices, which included self-flagellation in private ceremonies during Lent, and processions during Holy Week which ended with the reenactment of Christ's crucifixion on Good Friday. The book also explores the cultures of New Mexican Native Americans, offering an understanding into the region and its indigenous peoples.

The mystery itself keeps the reader turning the pages of this entertaining and engaging novel. Carlson does an excellent job of not showing his hand so that the reader does not solve the case of the missing girl or the murder of the young nun before the end of the novel. The main characters of Worthy and Fortis - while not fully developed in this first book of the series - have interesting back stories and create an

good team.

This book itself touches on various themes, such as redemption and reconciliation, from different perspectives and move the book from "just a light mystery" to a book that explores the struggles of human experience in the modern world and the ways that we deal with the challenges that face us.

David Carlson is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Religion at Franklin College. As well as being the author of the award-winning Christopher Worthy and Father Fortis mystery series, he is the author of Peace Be with You: Monastic Wisdom for a Terror-Filled World (Thomas Nelson Publishers), which was selected as one of the Best Books of the Year in 2011 in the category of Spiritual Living by Library Journal, and Countering Religious Extremism: The Healing Power of Spiritual Friendship (New City Press). David is also a media resource and frequent speaker on religion and terrorism, Catholic-Orthodox relations, and Christian-Muslim relations.

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

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CHARITY GOLF

TOURNAMENT

Friday
JULY 26
2024

Shotgun Start 8:30 AM

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

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

Name of Golfer: _____
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For More Information: 1-888-ICF-1924 or www.ICF.org

FESTA ITALIANA!

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Sunday, June 9th, 2024* 10:00pm - 4:00pm * Lodi Grape Festival Grounds

[LODI] Get into the spirit of Italy at Festa Italiana! Sunday, June 9th from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. This grand event brings the community together with the finest food, activities and entertainment of the Italian culture.

Renowned Italian Tenor Pasquale Esposito will once again dazzle the audience as headliner on the Morada Produce Main Stage! Nino, d'Italiano, local opera singer Bianca Orsi, and the Trucco Band! The Balliamo! Italian Dancers will headline in the Pavilion while you stroll and enjoy wine tasting. Local entertainment will welcome festival attendees on the Benevenuti Stage, including Stockton Garage Combo, Opera Singer Kerri Scott, Louis Lodi, and the Nicolini Brothers on accordions. The Bambini Zone will delight your little ones - enjoying Sparkles and Ravioli the clowns, Rhymosaurs, and the Bambini Dancers who will also teach Italian Dance lessons! Strolling through the venue will be the Funambul Italian Stilt Walkers who delight attendees of all ages!

In addition to the awesome live music - Festa offers delicious Italian food from local Italian chefs, a Mercato Marketplace, cooking demonstrations, Italian art and history, bocce ball, salami toss, the automobili show, wine tasting, olive oil and local product tastings, and much more! The "Boss of the Sauce" contest is back, and the Pavilion will have an Italian history display.

Festa Italiana! is a family-friendly event for all ages! You'll get to taste food from the most esteemed Italian restaurants and chefs in the area, participate in authentic Italian activities and games and enjoy live music.

Tickets are \$20 at the door. Children 12 and under are admitted free with an adult. Festa Ticket Locations: Gian's Deli - 2112 Pacific Avenue, Stockton; SASS! Public Relations - 628 Lincoln Center, Stockton; Lodi Grape Festival Ground - 413 E. Lockeford Street, Lodi; Rinaldi's Market - 4625 Duncan Road, Linden; the Fruit Bowl - 8767 E. Waterloo Road, Stockton. Please visit festa-italiana.com for further event information!

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

2024 Yearbook

YOU Are Needed!

Show us your celebrations.

Let us celebrate your joys and successes with you!

The ICF Convention Yearbook is:

- Collected & kept for years •
- Referenced by members •
- A visual history of your year •

Everyone spends money locally!

Sell commercial ads to the folks you spend your money with and get a **20% commission check.**

Successful Entry Tips

- Create a **NEW** entry this year
- Tell us what you've been up to
- Use **COLOR** in your entry
- Submit **Celebration** entries for your members and their achievements

You Need COLOR!

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Branch Reports

Redwood City Br. 130, St. Pius

Successful Crab Cioppino Fundraiser Delights Attendees at "Star of the Sea" St. Pius Church in Redwood City.

St. Pius Church was buzzing with excitement as the Italian Catholic Federations (ICF) branch 130 hosted a successful Crab Cioppino fundraiser recently. The event, which drew a full house of crab enthusiasts, was a delightful evening filled with Italian music, camaraderie, and cherished moments among family and friends.

The fundraiser, organized by the dedicated members of ICF branch 130, aimed to bring the community together while supporting a worthy cause. Attendees were treated to a delectable feast featuring the traditional Italian Cioppino known for its rich flavors and seafood delights.

The turnout exceeded our expectations, and we're thrilled to see so many people come together to enjoy good food and good company remarked Father Tom the Pastor of St. Pius Church.

The Crab Cioppino fundraiser exemplified the spirit of coming together for a meaningful cause while celebrating shared heritage and traditions. As the evening came to a close, attendees departed with smiles on their faces, having enjoyed a wonderful evening of culinary delights and cherished moments with loved one.

*Leo Capovilla
Branch 130 president*

Burlingame

Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

We are all looking forward to our 100th year anniversary celebration on June 9, 2024. If planning to attend, please let our President, Dorene Campanile know as space will be limited to 300 people. The event will begin at the Basque Cultural Center. The price is \$70.00. Menu choices: Rack of Lamb, Roast Veal, Salmon - all served with soup and salad.

Many events are in the planning stages in the next few months, and we will be sure to celebrate Mother's Day on May 12, 2024.

Our annual Ravioli dinner will be held tentatively on June 30 and more info will follow.

Thank you to Marge Silva for volunteering to chair the sale of raffle tickets for the Convention. This year the tickets are \$30.00 a book and the Branch will keep \$10.00 for each book sold. Please check with Marge at our next meeting, other tickets will be mailed out.

We want to honor our worker bees who work together to get our meeting room ready each month. They are: Lori Cline, Luci and Jim Witherspoon, and Victor and Maria Camicia.

Please continue to pray for all throughout the Federation and Mary Bodisco,

Rina Cassanego, Anita Cecina, Fred & Melanie Yeager from our Branch and Jackie Barnes and Kathy Treviso from Branch 19.

*Awaiting more sunshine in the next few days!
God Bless,
Roz Emery*

South San Francisco Br. 213, St. Augustine

Our April 9 meeting was held at the home of Roberta, due to the unavailability of the Parish Hall. Our Mentor, Dorene Campanile, hosted the dinner meeting with pizza, salad, and dessert. Thank you all for attending and thank you Dorene! This was the first official meeting led by our new president, Marianne Cameron! Great job, Marianne!

The celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation will be held on June 9 at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. We have nine members attending and I'm sure everyone will have a great time!

This year's annual ICF convention will be sponsored by our San Mateo District. As you know, the convention is held over Labor Day weekend and will begin on Friday, August 30, through September 1. Details of the convention will be in upcoming issues of the *Bollettino*.

SUNSHINE: Linda Marcelli and Jackie Smith are doing well after their recent surgeries. Jackie is settled in at her new apartment at the Sterling Court and looks forward to visits from her friends.

Please keep in your prayers, member Victor Spano, who is dealing with some health issues.

Joyce James, our president for the past 5+ years, has stepped down! Thank you, Joyce, for the wonderful job you did as president. Good luck on your future endeavors!

Our next meeting will be held on May 14, and will be hosted by the "two Lindas", Linda Benedetti and Linda Marselli. Hope to see you then!

Menlo Park

Br. 351 St. Patrick

Thank you to Angie Robbiano for the delicious dinner at our April meeting. Thank you too for those members that set up, served and cleaned up.

Our May meeting will be Thursday, May 2, \$15 with dinner at 6:30 p.m. We will celebrate Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day. Please call me by April 27 if you plan to attend 650-444-6999

We honored our members that just celebrated their 100-year Birthdays: Marion Moreno, Maryann Robbiano and Rina Stefani.

Thank you to the members that have already turned in their Convention Raffle tickets. Please continue to bring in your ticket stubs. The branch keeps



\$10 for each book sold so it is a good fund raiser for our branch.

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.

*Happy Mother's Day!
Ciao,
Barbara*

Millbrae

Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Ciao! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter with your family. Our District Officer Ceremony was a success (see photo) and we all had a good time seeing and talking to one another. The food & service at the Basque Cultural Center was as good as ever. Thanks to everyone that helped out: The Tomasellos, Dorothy Semke, Tina Pessagno, and Paul Larson.

Our Lasagna Dinner meeting was a big hit, as usual. Our next dinner meeting is a "Cinco de Mayo" themed event on Tuesday, May 7th. It includes 2 enchiladas, rice & beans, salad, chips & salsa, wine & beer, coffee & dessert. The cost is only \$15pp. If you have not sent in your money YET, call Eunice to RSVP at 650-692-3740 and bring your check to the meeting. Social begins at 5 p.m., dinner at 5:30pm.

June 4th is our KFC Dinner meeting. It includes a 3-piece meal, wine & soda, dessert & coffee. Same time as noted above. Send your \$15 check (payable to "ICF BR 403") to Eunice Danli, 4 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030. The deadline is May 31st!

Have a safe Memorial Day and remember those who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

Adonna Amoroso, Secretary

MARIN

Novato

Br. 332, Our Lady of Loretto

Our April Spring Fling dinner was enjoyed by all, especially those members who were the lucky winners of the delightful spring flower plants, given as door prizes. Thank you to all who participated in the fun.

We added 14 new members during the first quarter of the year, and we are truly grateful for their interest and participation in our activities. Welcome to all and a special thank you to Connie Baczynski, Br. 332 Financial Secretary, who does an amazing job with welcoming the new members and always being current with all the paperwork. You are amazing Connie, and a simple "Grazie" is not enough for all you do.

The bar was set very high this year for the sale of the Convention Raffle Ticket books, with the Branch receiving 100 books to sell. We hope with everyone's cooperation to reach the goal. As always, the prizes are excellent and should entice all of our members to participate.

We mourn the loss of Ron Derenzo, a long time and active member of the ICF. To his wife, Patricia, and all the Derenzo family, we express our deepest sympathy and pray that Ron has found peace in the love of our Savior.

Happy Mother's Day!

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

Spring is in full bloom. Those April showers have brought the May flowers. Can you believe it's May? Wow! Summer is just around the corner.

I hope you're getting excited about the big 100th Anniversary Gala. There's been a lot of planning and organizing going on. From the menu to the mass, to the entertainment. A grand time will be had by all. Be sure to get your tickets because we are booking up fast. Mass will be celebrated at 1 pm at the Cathedral of our Lady of Angels followed by a magnificent luncheon at Casa Italiana. You don't want to miss this once in a lifetime ICF event.

As we celebrate the month of May, let us always remember our Blessed mother Mary and our own mothers too. Moms are the hardest working people we know and deserve all of our love.

I don't want to forget all of those who sacrificed their lives defending our country in battle. To all of them, we salute you. Remember them this Memorial holiday.

I hope to see all of you next month at the Grand Centennial celebration. Have a great month.

Br. 67, National Branch, St. Peter

Members and guests participated in the St. Joseph Day celebration on Tuesday, March 19, with members of ICF National Branch 67 and Garibaldina Society at St. Peter's Italian Church in Casa Italiana, downtown Los Angeles. Thank you, members, of ICF and Parishioners for supporting this traditional event.

On March 10, ICF members saw the CABRINI MOVIE at the AMC Santa Anita in Arcadia. This is a must-see movie on the work of Mother Cabrini and her Missionary Sisters in support of the helpless orphans and immigrants in spite of the political and economic circumstances of the day.

- March 8, 2024, The Cabrini Movie by Angel Studios opened worldwide at selected Theaters. All members are encouraged to see this latest Movie of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini and learn about the Catholic Church's first American Saint and founder of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Also plan a visit to the Mother Cabrini Chapel in Burbank, CA now or on your next Pilgrimage. For more information call 626-372-7812.

SAVE THE DATE

- 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. Peter's Casa Italiana. Anniversary celebrations will also be held in San Francisco and Chicago. More information

Please continue 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 President
ICF National Branch 67, C 626 372-78122
E cas1810@aol.com*

Montebello

Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti! A warm hello to everyone. Our May General Meeting will be on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Fr. Dionisio Cachera, Carmelita Aguilera, Filomena Divincenzo, Julie Marquez, Nicolina Vieni, Mario Orofino, Leo Orofino, Vince Veneziano, Jess Noriega, Alfred Viera, Tony Wadzinski, Salvatore Sorce and Louis Grimaldi. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!

We would like to thank Fr. Fredric Abiera, Pastor of St. Benedict Church, for his support for our annual St. Joseph's

Table, and for his wonderful Blessing of this year's St. Joseph Table, both in English & Italian, held on March 16 & 17, 2024, and all the individuals who volunteered their time and/or made donations to the St. Joseph's Table, and the various sponsors of the St. Joseph's Table, which helped to make it a successful event. Congratulations to all the raffle winners. We hope that you all enjoyed the great food, desserts, and fellowship time with everyone.

Please join us at the ICF 100th Gala on Saturday, June 29th at 1:00 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, followed by a reception at 2:30 p.m. at Casa Italiana. See our May Branch Newsletter for more details.

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

Ciao a Tutti! Best wishes for a Happy Mother's Day to all mothers. May you enjoy a wonderful day.

Please join us on Saturday May 11th 5:15 p.m. mass in honor of Madonna Del Arco. Please bring flowers to present to our blessed Lady. Please keep our benefactor Joseph Scott in your prayers.

Our general meeting on May 16th will be a potluck meeting. Potluck will start at 6 p.m. and will be held in auditorium. Please call Carmela Funicello 310 547-5807 to let her know what tasty dish you will be bringing.

Up for discussion will be the celebration for the 100th anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation organization. Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Cathedral at 555 W Temple St Los Angeles. Celebration continues with lunch at 2:30 p.m. at Casa Italiana 1051 N Broadway Los Angeles. Cost of lunch \$70.00 consist of appetizers, salad, penne pasta, New York steak with trimmings and dessert. Make checks payable to Italian Catholic Federation, write for gala in memo. Mail to Pauline Iacono 1072 w 8th St. San Pedro 90731. Reservation deadline is May 24.

Transportation is on your own. Carpooling might be available. For more information call Neal DiLeva at 310 433-1044

Our adopted Seminarian Cole Buzon ordination to priesthood will be held on June 8th at 10 a.m. at Christ Cathedral. 13280 Chapman Ave Garden Grove. He will celebrate his first mass later that evening at 7:30 p.m. at St. Angela Merici. For information, please call Neal DiLeva

Happy 90th birthday to Joe Lauro. Buon Compleanno!

Save the date Mary Star fiesta July 19, 20 and 21

St. John Joseph of the Cross Celebration August 17. 10 a.m. mass dinner dance 6 p.m.

Anita Trujillo Treasurer

Glendora

Br. 179, St. Dorothy

On Sunday, March 19, St. Dorothy Branch 179 in Glendora hosted their 3rd Annual St. Joseph's Table. Our Table was dedicated to our seminarian, Deacon Tommy Green's priesthood. Deacon Tommy will be ordained on June 1st. And our proceeds from the Table went towards Deacon Tommy's vestments. Our Table was a HUGE success!! We exceeded our original goal! St. Dorothy's ministries, parishioners, and of course, our members, worked together to provide items to sell. Our parish really came together to meet this effort. It was a true labor of love!

*Patricia Auriemmo
Corresponding Secretary*

Arcadia

Br. 218, Holy Angels

We hope everyone had a good Easter.

To recap our St. Joseph's Table, this year was our most successful ever thanks to all that contributed in one way or another. A huge thanks to President Jerry for bringing it all together and Scott Carrano in the kitchen, David Scarminach and Cliff Stiner for their generous donation of all the flowers, Jenni Hauge putting together the cannolis, all the rest of the crew that worked together so well to make this not only a very financially successful event, but a special camaraderie between the members.

Our June meeting will be celebrating Father's Day. Watch for Jeane's newsletter for details. To all the moms, have a wonderful Mother's Day. Hope to see everyone at our June meeting which will be the last one until September.

Lolly M.



Dear Members:

Happy May Birthday Wishes to our Members President Vic and Paul Biagi.

A big thank you to Judy and Joe Matrangola who generously invited all Branch I Members to their home in April for a meeting and delicious Luncheon. The afternoon was much enjoyed by all.

*Happy Mother's Day to all Branch I Mothers.
Cordiali Saluti
Diana Cresci*

San Francisco

Br. 258, St. Elizabeth

A Big Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers. They surely deserve it for all they did and for all they do for us.

Remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

We have received the Convention Raffle Tickets. You will be receiving your tickets shortly in the mail.

Please take care of yourself. We love all of you.

*Ciao,
Eva Perata, President*

SAN MATEO District Council

Our next District meeting will be May 23, 7:00 p.m. in the small hall of Our Lady of Angels.

Continue to sell your Convention Raffle tickets.

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. I know this is far in advance so please mark your calendars.

Please also mark your calendars for Chaplain's Night and Bishop's Day which will be celebrated on November 8 at the Basque Cultural Center. More information to come.

*Happy Mother's Day.
Ciao,
Barbara*



SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT



Br. 445 Members Attend Cabrini Movie



Br. 445 Celebration of Member Emily Corral's 90th Birthday



Br. 445 Fr. Tito Cartagenas Blessing St. Joseph's Altar



Br. 368 New Members



Br. 408, St. Joseph's Table



Br. 408 St. Joseph's Table



Branch 28: New members Bruce and Marina Hambergren at our February 2024 meeting.



Br.445 Members and Fr Tito Cartagenas

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)



ICF #47 March Meeting - St Joseph Table



ICF #47 - St Joseph



ICF #47 March Meeting



Branch 191 Palm Sunday Breakfast and Egg Hunt.



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CHICAGO DISTRICT



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SAN FRANCISCO AREA



April Branch 1 Luncheon



April Branch 1 Luncheon

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT



Br. 442, St. Joseph's Table



Br. 442, St. Joseph's Table



Br. 432



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Br. 214, pasta/bingo



Br. 214, pasta/bingo



Br. 214, pasta/bingo

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT (continued)



Crockett #14 St Joseph's Table Celebration. Father Leo blessed the Table with help from Bonnie Leal (Mary) and Carl Heller (Joseph).



Crockett Br. 14 , St Joseph's Table Celebration. Sylvia Smith leading the member in song, accompanied by Carl Heller and Bonnie Leal. It was a very a blessed evening .



Branch 442 Christ the King Pleasant Hill's Annual Ladies' Tea held (April 13) at St. Stephen's Parish Hall.

MARIN AREA



Br. 332 Kitchen crew prepares a delicious polenta and sausage dinner for all to enjoy.



Br. 332 guests enjoy a polenta and sausage dinner. Ottimo!



Br. 332 guests catching up at the wine bar.

SAN MATEO DISTRICT



2024, March 9 – ICF 403 at SM District Installation at Basque SSF



Rina Cassanego—Celebrating 82 years with the ICF. Our Lady of Angels, Branch 173, Rina Cassanego she's 98 years young. She joined in 1942, which make her a member for 82 years. At 16 she joined the ICF Drill Team and is very proud of it. She also will tell you she has never been an Officer, but Rina's at every meeting and always very helpful.



Br. 351, Left to right Marion Moreno, Maryann Robbiano, Rina Stefani



ICF Br. 130 St. Joseph's Table Team



Br. 130 St. Joseph's Table



St. Pius Br. 130 Lenten Soup dinner and St. Joseph's Table celebration



Pastor Tom Martin & Fr. Greg Heidenblut bless the offerings of Br. 130 St. Joseph's table.



Downey Br. 362, St. Raymond

Welcome to the Merry month of May! Spring is in full bloom. Easter came a little early and it's finally warmed up. It'll be summer before we know it.

St Raymond was honored to host a fundraiser for the Margaret Aylward Center, a center founded by the Holy Faith Sisters to help those in need with clothes, food, counseling, and the pathway to citizenship. The theme was a Night at the Opera with Francesca Taylor's Opera Italia singers serenading us during dinner. What a beautiful evening it was. Our branch held its Spring Bingo with another big crowd and a fun day was had by all.

I hope you're planning to attend the 100th Anniversary Gala. Mass will be celebrated at the cathedral and lunch will be served at Casa Italiana. I'm looking forward to this grand event.

Another special event will be our Awards Night. The night where we hand out checks to the ministries, scholarship winners, charities, and our pastor. We had a banner year and I know that they will be amazed when they see how much we raised this year. A special thanks to you, the members who worked so hard.

I want to conclude by honoring all of the men and women who sacrificed their lives for our country. We thank you for your service.

Thousand Oaks Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon

Welcome to Spring and continue to enjoy the Winter rains. And, with the wet weather, the wildflower super bloom provides that silver lining to offset the issues brought about by stormy weather.

Spring, also, is the time for St. Joseph Table, bringing together the ICF and parish community to celebrate his feast day, and provide the table full of sustenance as customary. We had a successful event with the bake sale, raffle baskets, and dinner with live entertainment. Thank you to all who worked hard to make it successful and bringing the parish community together.

The branch will have a hospitality table at the Conejo Valley Food & Wine festival to be held at St. Paschal Baylon parish grounds in June. This is a wildly popular community event featuring local restaurants, breweries and distilleries, and our branch is thankful to be a part of the event.

Della Spinelli, long time ICF member of our branch, Past President, 1st Vice President, Trustee and St. Joseph Table Chairperson, and has been in ill health for several years, is now in at-home hospice care. Husband, Gino, has been her support, along with family members. Della was honored by the ICF Central Council receiving the Pope St. John XXIII award in 2010 at the convention.



Br. 130 St. Joseph's Table Chairperson puts it all together

Plans for our branch to attend the ICF 100 Year Celebration are taking shape with district participation, donations and carpool arrangements. We are looking forward to our Southern California ICF celebration, and to connect with our friends from the other districts and branches.

EAST BAY District Council

With the Annual Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed behind us, the East Bay District looks forward to springtime and summer activities. Many branches are reporting about their St. Joseph's Day Tables, celebrating the feast of this great saint in the Italian tradition. Some branches used the event as a means of collecting food donations for those in need (Branch 10) and donated their excess food to a homeless shelter (Branch 285). St. Patrick's Day Dinners were also held in the district. With an early Easter and Pentecost, springtime has been full of grace, fellowship, and gratitude.

To begin summer, we all are looking forward to the many Galas that will be held to mark ICF's 100th Anniversary. Our "local event" is scheduled for June 9th in San Francisco. The EBD will donate a prize basket for the "fabulous raffle" at the dinner.

At the end of summer is the Annual ICF National Convention. This year it will be in San Francisco. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to the West Coast.

*Sincerely
Roberta Madej*

Alameda Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

We will mark our 98 years as a branch with our Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, June 1. The evening will begin with social hour at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. The location is Monsignor O'Brien Hall, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda. We are the fourth-oldest operating branch in the Federation and the oldest in the Diocese of Oakland. For reservations and other information, please contact President Jim Lee, 510-295-3131, or Ms. Terry Greig, 510-504-0498.

For the first time since the pre-COVID-19 pandemic year of 2019, we were able to celebrate Saint Joseph's Table. The date was Tuesday, March 19, the feast day of Saint Joseph. Fifty-eight guests attended. Many thanks to chef Leo Munoz, who had cooked for other Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great Parish events in the past but was cooking for Branch 10 for the first time. Leo's task was made daunting by a nearby gas leak which precluded cooking in the kitchen of Monsignor O'Brien Hall.



Castro Valley Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

Resourceful Leo cooked the delicious dinner of chicken piccata in his home, then transported it to the hall. Thanks also to the many members who brought desserts—the goodies filled the Table!

We lost two long-time members during Eastertime. Warren Brunetti, who had belonged to Branch 10 since 2003 and had served as orator, died on Holy Thursday. He is survived by his wife Sharon, a present trustee and past secretary and orator, three sons and three grandchildren. The Mass of Christian Burial for Warren was conducted on Saturday, April 13 in Saint Philip Neri Church.

Member Rinaldo Belluomini died on Holy Saturday. Rinaldo joined the ICF in 1958. Only two other living members of Branch 10 have belonged for a longer time than his 66 years. Rinaldo is survived by his wife Jeri, a brother Umberto in Alaska and several cousins in Italy and the United States. The Funeral Mass for Rinaldo was offered at Saint Barnabas Church in Alameda on Wednesday, April 10.

John Zugnoni, Branch 10 publicity

Livermore Br. 285, St. Filomena

"Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference."

ICF events make a difference in the lives of our scholarship winners and in the lives of those we help through Cooley's Anemia research. Successful events rely on the help of ICF members. These loyal and hard-working people just completed Branch 285's annual Polenta Dinner, under the chairmanship of Toni Manzetti. It was an enjoyable evening at St. Augustine's Hall in Pleasanton. Profits will go toward our scholarships. Because of the success of the dinner, Branch 285 will also add a bonus to the nominal scholarship offered by ICF. We wish these high school winners success in their chosen fields, and we hope our small financial help will make a difference in their lives.

Anita Gandolfo, our 100-year-old member who just had a birthday, is being honored this month with a luncheon at her historic restaurant, the Rock House. Anita was born and raised in Livermore, and she is deservedly honored for her far reaching influence in the area. May the lunch and the memories we share bring this lady joy.

May is the month that celebrates mothers, as well as Mary, our mother in heaven. Even the Bible honors the glory of mothers. "Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband praises her." Are there any better accolades? This tradition has been handed down over the ages. We too wish all mothers a special time celebrating, and to Mary in heaven we say, "Hail Holy Queen"!

Ciao, Elaine Meier

We welcome our newest members to Branch # 343; Sunita D'Costa, Ron Landley, Sylvia L. Smith, Laura Putnam Ladley and William Nelson. Happy to have you join our Branch!

It appears that we all like to eat so I must thank those that joined our fund raiser of eating at the Habit Burger Grill on April 8th, it was nice to see some District members there too. We earned 20% of the Net Sales for that outing. Do not have the results yet. Our next regular meeting will feature a Chicken Alfredo Dinner. Come and eat, without cooking!

Branch #343 will celebrate our 45th anniversary on April 20th. Dinner has been arranged by Lisa so please call her at 510-861-9835 for more information.

On June 9th the ICF will be 100 years old. Mass and a luncheon will be at the Basque Cultural Center, the number is limited so sign up with the Branch.

It is time to sell those Raffle tickets for the Convention. Remember, some of that money stays with the Branch, so Sale, Sale, Sale!

For those of you looking into the future, the Golf Tournament is July 26th.

Hope to see more of you at these activities.

Pat Grasso, Sec.Branch #343



CONTRA COSTA District Council

Greetings to all in our District and beyond. We hope everyone is enjoying the many festivities all over. It is nice to support each other's fundraisers. We gain ideas all while having fun. We have had Pasta Bingo's, Chinese dinners, Mexican dinners, Ladies Tea event, bus trips and more.

We welcome Mary Ragsdale. A new delegate from Branch 442 Pleasant Hill.

A reminder that branches should send their Apostolic report to the ICF office by June 30. Send a copy to our Apostolic chairperson, Mary Cook.

Our representatives voted to give a second-year scholarship. We will also place a greeting in the *Bollettino* extending anniversary wishes to our Federation. There will be three celebrations. One in South San Francisco. One in Los Angeles and one in Chicago. The one in South San Francisco will take place on June 9.

On July 20 the Oakland A's will host Italian night. Vice President, Bruce Pedrotti will be our chairman. Stay tuned for details.

Our District Mass and breakfast will take place on August 4th. Brentwood Branch 432 will host. A flyer will be sent.

We wish our secretary, Roberta Healy a speedy recovery from surgery. Continued prayers go out to Past Grand and District President, Mike Cannady.

Happy Mother's Day and Happy Memorial Day. That's all for this time. Have a great month.

*Patty Jarrett
Past President/District Mentó*

Martinez

Br. 13, San Martino

We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song! We journey closer to Pentecost on May 19 when the Holy Spirit descends on the apostles following the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus, allowing them to speak in tongues. It marks the beginning of the Catholic church's mission to the world. Happy Birthday to the Church!

The branch had a successful fundraising dinner specifically due to the participation of those who give of their time and talents for the benefit of all. Thanks to members and friends who appeared when needed and joined in the fun! We can always count on you. Thanks to attendees (including ICF members from a variety of branches) who deposited a portion of their savings with us for the good works of the charities we support.

This month on May 12, we also celebrate and honor the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, Mother Mary, and the influence of mothers in society. The idea of Mother's Day started in America when

Anna Jarvis held a memorial service for her own mother in 1907 and from then became an official US holiday in 1914.

Also, in May spilling over into June, we honor graduates in various education levels: grammar and high schools, colleges and universities; and welcome into the church children preparing and receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion who are now responsible for themselves and their atonement directly with God. Quite the busy month.

*Blessed May to all and to all a happy Spring!
Arrivederci, Mary Cook*

Crockett

Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici!

Did you know that May is National Photography Month? You don't have to be a photographer to celebrate. We all have boxes or albums with old family photos; some maybe over 100 years old. This would be a great time to get together with other family members to identify prior generations and reminisce about the good old days. You might not think anyone would care, but someday we'll be grateful that we shared this information. It's also a great time to gather your ICF photos and organize them (maybe as a branch project?) Our history and traditions have always been an important part of our organization.

We were treated to a gourmet feast at our April meeting where Chef Al and his crew did a fantastic job preparing a special Chicken Marsala Dinner. Grazie! Our next meeting is May 14th, with Mass at 5 p.m. Enchilada dinner at 6 p.m., and meeting to follow.

We're sending get well wishes to Nancy Carlos, John Collins, and Carmen Nemanick. We're thinking about you.

Sign up now for our Casino Bus Trip on July 26th. The trip to Red Hawk Casino leaves Crockett at 9am and returns at 5 p.m. The trip includes a 4 hour stay, \$15 in slot play, and \$5 in food credit. Cost is \$45. Contact Nancy Carlos to reserve your seat.

We send our thoughts, prayers, and gratitude to our mothers and our veterans, as they all have sacrificed for the love of others.

Blessings, ~Helen

Richmond

Br. 154, St. Raymond

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

At our April meeting we celebrated our past Branch Presidents with some delicious mushroom risotto and salad, followed by pear crisp ala mode. We discussed more plans for our fundraising ravioli dinner set for April 27th.

Our May meeting will be on May 13th at Salesian High School Cafeteria at



6:00 p.m. This will start with Father Al celebrating mass for our mothers and fathers, both living and deceased. Dinner will follow with cheese tortellini with pesto and salad before a short meeting. \$10 per person. RSVP with Lorraine at 510-697-3128.

In case you missed it, the Italian Catholic Federation is celebrating their 100 Year Anniversary this year. A big celebration gala will be held on Sunday, June 9th at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. This event will start with 11:00 a.m. mass followed by a very special luncheon. There will also be a raffle and silent auction. Price \$70 pers person. Reservations required. Space is limited. Our branch members should call Walter Costa at 510-385-9953 as soon as possible, if you want to attend this big event. We will try to arrange rides to and from the event.

Ciao Tutti, Sally Costa

Concord

Br. 214, Todos Santos

Well, we are finally through with the cold wet weather.

I hope you all had a great Easter with your family and friends.

We had an amazing turnout for our pasta/bingo which was held on March 23rd at Cauchi Hall. We had 90 people attend a fun filled day. Cash prizes were given for bingo winners, a delicious lunch was served which included salad, pasta, meatballs, garlic bread, and cheesecake for dessert. It was catered by Zio Fraedos restaurant. Popcorn was served while playing bingo. There were 22 great raffle prizes which included baskets, gift certificates for restaurants, and stores and cash!! A great time was had by all. Our members worked hard to make this a success.

We have 11 members from our branch #214 who are attending the 100th year anniversary gala at the Basque Cultural Center on June 9th. We are looking forward to it.

Roberta Healy our President is at home recuperating from foot surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

This month's charity we gave to is Loaves and Fishes.

At our last meeting we had a guest speaker, Stan Wong who gave us information on Dementia and Alzheimer's. This was very important as it hits so many families.

*Please enjoy the Spring.
Stay safe and healthy.
Ciao Norene Deluca*

Brentwood

Br. 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary

Dear Members, Felice primavera!

We welcomed 10 to 12 new visitors to our March meeting resulting in several new members that evening. Thanks to Michael Valenti, Sam Scalise and Sandy Gamble who spearheaded our new member drive.

Our Secretary, Laura Pierce, provided a wonderful Heritage report highlighting her mother's Italian lineage in the Northern Lombardy region. She showed us old photos and some recent ones of her newfound Italian familia. We all enjoyed her lively presentation.

Our highlight of the evening was our St. Joseph table which was blessed by our dedicated President Deacon John Kortuem. The table was loaded with so many tasty dishes prepared by our talented and Sandy Gamble was kind enough to provide the awesome and delicious loaves of bread. We did get down to business but kept it brief so we could focus on our visitors and get to know them.

Thanks to everyone who provided "Abbondanza" for us all. See you at our next meeting on April 29.

*Stay Risen Alleluia!
Ciao for now, Mary M.*

Pleasant Hill

Br. 442, Christ the King

Branch 442 in Pleasant Hill at Christ the King Parish has had a full calendar. Besides supporting the "Winter Nights" program for the homeless, the branch celebrated their annual tea.

Of particular interest are some 'heritage' events that the branch is embracing. For St. Joseph's Day we created a St. Joseph's Table. (see the photos included in this issue). Our Heritage Chairperson presented highlights of the life and devotions to St. Joseph. He is the patron saint of Italy, Spain and Malta. St. Joseph's Day is especially celebrated in Sicily where, centuries ago, it was the people's devotion to St. Joseph that provided enough food to survive a famine. Fava beans and figs are highlighted and so, the branch included those items in our St. Joseph's Day table.

In line with heritage events, Christ the King Branch 442 will host a heritage movie on June 23rd. The movie features the history of the Italian American communities in Oakland California, especially as evidenced in the strong fraternal clubs that started in the 1930s and that still flourish today. The film's creator is Giovanna Capone, a member of the Fratellanza Club.

We look forward to a busy Spring with the upcoming 100th Anniversary Dinner among other events!

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

SANTA ROSA District

Healdsburg

Br. 52, San Francesco Di Sales

We are pleased to say the Fish Fry netted a \$18,000 profit. Thank you to everyone who made the event a success! This profit funds most of our charitable work throughout the year.

Upcoming events:

ICF Meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 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 tri-tip, pasta and salad for dinner for our Moms and Dads. Price: \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 6-12. Call Carmen and Lauren for tickets: 707-595-3111. We hope to have some of our scholarship winners present, also. Deadline: May 10.

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, so we can sit together as a branch.

Friday, July 26: Calling all golfers. The ICF Golf Tournament will be held at Bennett Valley Golf Course. Price: \$180.00 for golf and lunch. \$50.00 for lunch only. This is a fun event. See the flyers in the *Bollettino* or call Lauren for more details.

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

April Showers bring May Flowers. Spring is a beautiful time, And of course Cinco de Mayo. Margaritas and tacos.

A huge thank you to all who responded to the Bakeless Bakesale. Your Generosity was so wonderful. Since this is now our main fund raiser I thank you so, so much.

We have welcomed two new to us members. Transfers from Sonoma are Maureen Mignacco-Dytil and Ellen Frediani. We look forward to knowing you both.

Our March meeting, we had Bob Acquistapace, sorry Bob for butchering your name. He was so complimentary about our branch. If you ever need to learn anything about I.C.F. he is your go to guy.

A reminder, our new meeting time will be 3 p.m. second Monday of month. We have desert and you could win the

meeting prize money.

Next Quarterly Communion mass is last Monday of June at St. James 9 a.m. Gather after for coffee.

We are inviting you to tell us about how your family immigrated to America. That will be our Heritage program.

*Ciao for now,
Margaret Cordrey*

Eureka

Br. 145, St. Ambrose

Branch 145's St Joseph Table was not as successful as last year but we did not have as many baked goods this year. Still, we were able to make a \$162 donation to the St. Vincent DePaul.

At the April meeting the membership voted to change the meeting time to 6 p.m. The next meeting will be on May 14th at 6 p.m.

Branch #145 Eureka members Josephine Silva, Joe Bonino, and forty HSU Newman Center students attended the Ash Wednesday mass held on campus at Humboldt State University. Rev. Prakash Thumma of St Mary's Church in Arcata officiated with ICF member Deacon John Gai assisting.

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,

We mourn the loss of our sister Claire Giampaoli who was a member of our branch for 19 years and served as our Treasurer. Her smile and her friendship will be missed. Pray for Ernie and the family as they deal with their loss.

Our Branch is giving 7 memorial scholarships this year with the awards dinner on May 6th at 6:00 p.m. This year's scholarships are in memorial for: Norman & Roseanne Sikes Richard Carrera, Michael Milano, Joseph, Irene and Jerre Paolini, Carmella Hansen, Peter & Juliette Barbieri, Kenneth and MarJeanne Walter.

President Doreen sent out the raffle books and we ask you to buy one to support the

ICF in general and our branch in particular. The drawing will be at our annual convention. May is the month where we give special prayers for our Blessed Mother and our own mothers. Remember them in your own way and realize how much they did for us.

*Happy Mother's Day
Robert Acquistapace*

**Deadline for June Issue of the Bollettino is May10.
Send your articles & photos:
editor@icf.org
Include in your submission
branch name & number..**

Sebastopol

Br. 209, St. Michael

Happy Spring from Branch 209!

Our Fish Fry on March 15th was sold out! This was one of our most popular events due to the hard work of Roy and Leona Spadoni. Their planning and cooking of the most delicious meal brought our room to full capacity (224). Everyone left that evening with a full belly and smile on their face! A huge thank you goes out to the Spadoni's and all the other hard-working branch members that made our event so successful. We are currently reviewing over 30 scholarship applications from our local high schools and will be giving six \$600.00 scholarships out this year. We also have our annual bocce tournament coming up on May 19th. A lot of good things are going on!

*Take care and well wishes from
Branch 209!*

Yvonne Dorr, Recording Secretary

FRESNO District

Fresno

Br. 32, St. Alphonsus

It has been such a rough year. Every time I write the *Bollettino* these last couple of months, I have heard of another member who has passed away. This breaks my heart. It is sad. The most recent member that has passed away is Annette Husak. She passed on January 20, 2024. She was so happy, cheerful, and full of life. May your soul rest in peace. Prayers for the family. I know the grandkids are taking it hard. Lord, please watch over them during this difficult time. Give them strength, comfort, and love.

Our meeting in March went well. We met at IHOP to have breakfast and discuss the plans of our branch. Sadly, we have decided that we will be closing our branch after ninety-three years. This has been a long time. We owe this to the long-time members that have worked and prepared many meals year after year to help out many in need. They were able to give out scholarships, donate to Cooley's Anemia, Gifts of Love, and so many more. They are the foundation that has built this organization up. They worked hard and worked as a team to feed many people. The big dinners at the Selland Arena were great. WOW they fed so many, over two thousand people.

I pray that with all the difficulty surrounding us that we can stand firm in our faith. I pray we can share the love of Jesus with all those around us. Dear Lord, as we begin our day guide our steps, fill us with your love, and help us to shine your light in the world.

Happy Birthday Dominic Ficher (May 16th), Happy Birthday to Michael Giovannetti (May 19th), and a Happy Birthday to Silvana Giovannetti (May 25th). Lord, please watch over them on their special day.

*Monica Ficher
Financial Secretary/Treasurer*

Clovis

Br. 250, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Since our last article, we lost a devoted, long-time member, Wes Johnson. The "Big Swede" passed away after a short illness. Wes, a convert to Catholicism, was dedicated in the service of his church, as well as the Italian Catholic Federation and the Knights of Columbus. He was always the "go to guy" whenever someone needed a helping hand. He would have been 95 this June. Wes was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine, his High School sweetheart. Wes's picture is in this issue of the *Bollettino*.

Little known pope's department: Honorius IV (the 190th Pope) 1285-1287; Elected as a candidate who could bridge the divide that had split the Cardinals and the Papal States in recent years; he aimed to end the conflicts and bring harmony to the Papacy though this process was still incomplete by the time of his death.

Happy birthday greetings to Jennifer Campopiano and Mary Zanarini!

Our April luncheon meeting featured ham and beans, a very tasty repast before the meeting. As usual, our Chefs and the Decorating Committee did a great job!

Be sure to buy or sell the Convention tickets; this is an important source of income for our Branch.

Philosopher Angelino says: "La Migliore Parola, E Quella Che Non Si Dice"; "Best Words Are the Ones Not Spoken".

Thought for the month: "Make the most of Quiet hours, Let your heart be calm and still, Believe today that God will send a gift, To bless you....and he will" (Anon)

*Auf Weiderseine,
Irma Immahoffer*



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

Hello Members,

We welcome new members to Paul and Janet Gilchrist to our Branch. They transferred from Branch 32. And Emma Pricolo, granddaughter of Larry and Maria Pricolo and Julie Areias, Maria's cousin.

Many of our members attended the K of C St. Patrick dinner. A good time was had by all. Maybe too good.

I was not able to attend the April meeting. Co-President, John Mulligan ran the meeting. Thank you, John.

Please continue to keep our ill members in your thoughts.

Jay Newsome, Co-President

**CENTRAL COAST
District****Santa Cruz****Br. 21, N.S. Del Soccorso**

Buona primavera! My goodness, how wonderful to see God's beautiful sunshine once again! Before getting into Branch 21 news, it's worth mentioning that some Branch members saw and recommend the movie 'Cabrini' about the life of Sister Frances Cabrini. It is a beautiful film about the life of a beautiful woman.

It's Convention time soon, and we are in the process of nominating Branch 21 delegates. The Convention will take place at South San Francisco over the Labor Day weekend. Branch delegates are expected to attend, but Branch members are also welcomed to attend. More info to follow.

This year marks the ICF organization's 100th year! There will be a gala on June 9th at the Basque Center in South San Francisco. If you are interested, reserve your tickets asap. Tickets will be sold on a 'first come, first serve' basis. Contact Roseann for more information.

On May 31st, Holy Cross will host a fundraiser. Branch 21 will participate in some way. Also, our own Branch's corned beef dinner was a hit! The food was delicious, and we would like to thank all those folks who helped with this fun event.

Lastly, we want to wish our friend and longtime Branch 21 member, Virginia Stagnaro, a rousing "Happy birthday, Virginia!" We love you! Someone once said, "The secret to a long life is ice-cream!" What fun!

*God bless us, one and all.
Patty Morelli
Trustee – ICF Branch 21*

Monterey**Br. 36, Santa Rosalia**

Mother's Day Blessing "May the Lord bless you and keep you, may His face shine on you, and be gracious to you, and give you peace" Numbers 6: 24-26

April 17, 2024, Initiation/ Scholarship dinner/meeting. Congratulations to our 77 new members that were initiated. Thank your Dante Galeazzi and Andy Pappani for conducting our initiation.

Also, we congratulated to our High School students for receiving Br 36 Scholarships, Adam Galinato, Rachael Galinato, Izzabella Trego-Cardenas, Sabella Sigh, Jaden Soliz-Kincaid, and Eva Ushakoff.

All enjoyed dinner- chicken parmesan, pasta, green salad, garlic bread and dessert.

- May 23, 2024, Branch 36 93rd Anniversary dinner/ meeting. Theme "The days of Wine and Roses" More details will follow. Reservations: MontereyICF.com. - June 2024. Dinner/Meeting; Date TBD - July 2024. 85 and over dinner; Date TBD

We thank and appreciate all our volunteers, members and our community who supported us during our six 2024 Lenten Dinners. A special thank you to all our members who donated bake goods during our 2024 Lenten Dinners. Congratulations to Providence Cardinali, a member of Branch 36, who won our 2024 Lenten 50/50 raffle.

Please pray for all our members that are ill, in the hospital, homebound and who needs all our extra prayers.

*"Together we can do great things"
-Mother Teresa*

*Con Amore,
Elaine Valentine
President Br 36*

Aptos**Br. 227, St. Joseph**

Liz and Mike Rios stepped up to the plate again and it was our good fortune. At the April meeting they prepared glazed ham, macaroni salad, potato salad, asparagus, Springtime Jello, and Italian Ribbon Jell-O, all topped off by strawberry short cake. Molto grazie to Liz and Mike.

We are sorry to report on the passing of Alice Ponza, the last remaining charter member of our branch. Alice was loved by everyone who knew her. She was devoted to the rosary and led a rosary making group at St Joseph's Church for many years. Alice was a joyful and positive presence among the residents of Dominican Oaks. She will truly be missed. We conducted our customary rose ceremony at her funeral at St Joseph's Church.

Several members of our branch participated in the funeral for our former



longtime member, Lorraine Millang. Her sons, Steve and Frank, were both active participants in our branch. Fr. Romeo presided over a warm and touching service for Lorraine at Resurrection Church.

Our Lenten Fish Dinner netted \$2,170. Members voted to donate \$500 to Resurrection Church and a \$100 gift card to Sharleen Hedgpeh, Coordinator of the dinner.

Dottie Smith reminds members of the availability of the \$1,000 Schaarschmidt Family scholarship for a Soquel High School senior. Anyone who is interested should contact Dottie.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 30th, for the 10:15 a.m. mass at Resurrection Church in honor of Living and Deceased Members of ICF.

*Happy Mother's Day,
Deanna Musler, Secretary*

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

Branch 291 celebrated our St. Joseph's Table at our April 28th Dinner Meeting. Our generous members filled several tables with non-perishable food, household products and toiletries that were all donated to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program. Our new Apostolic Chairperson, Pat Fairbanks, did a wonderful job planning and coordinating our St. Joseph's Table!

Our Branch Registration Assistance Program recently paid the registration fees for our eligible ICF members who attend local Catholic schools. We held two fundraisers this past year to raise money for this program—a spaghetti dinner in the fall and our Mardi Gras fish fry. We currently have 15 students, who are Br. 291 members, enrolled in this program, and our goal each year is to pay 100% of their registration costs. Additionally, we will soon be awarding scholarships to qualified 8th grade graduates in our Branch who will be attending a local Catholic high school, and scholarships to qualified high school graduates from our Branch, who will be attending a four-year college.

We are looking forward to hosting the Central Coast District Bishop's Day on Saturday, September 28th. We are in the early planning stages of this wonderful event and can't wait to share the festivities with our Central Coast District Officers and Members!

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

*Wishing all the moms a very happy Mother's Day!
Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary*

Paso Robles**Br. 354, Saint Rose of Lima**

Finally, repairs to our well-used parish kitchen have been completed and safety approved for operation. This means that plans are in the works, and tickets are being sold for our long-awaited (almost-famous) Pasta Dinner. By the time you read this, leftover meatballs and sauce will be the hot commodity being sold after most Masses.

As mentioned in past articles, Branch No. 354 is a strong supporter of Catholic education. Therefore, we will be sending two \$400 scholarships to the Oakland ICF Scholarship Committee. Locally, our Scholarship Committee will review Scholarship Applications submitted by our Saint Rose Catholic School eighth graders and will award a winner.

During Lent three Branch 354 members participated in "40 Days of Life" by walking and praying in respect for unborn life, and the mothers who carry those sacred gifts from God. "Thank you" and blessings to those who participated.

*Yvonne Maddalena
Recording Secretary*

**CHICAGO
District****Chicago****Br. 392, St. Francis Borgia**

Greetings from Branch #392-Chicago, Our St. Joseph table this year was a great success! All of the proceeds from donations were for our parish, St. Francis Borgia. We grow bigger every year. We had over 250 people at the two seating.

We would like to express our gratitude to all the restaurants, bakeries, grocery stores for their food donations and to all the members that donated baked goods, helped set-up, serve, clean up, and most of all shared fellowship, love, friendship and laughter.

Please "SAVE THE DATE" mark your calendars for our 100th Year Anniversary dinner, which will be held June 23, 2024, at the Empress Banquets. All are invited!

**SANTA CLARA
VALLEY
District****Gilroy
Br. 28, Santa Maria
Ausiliatrice**

Blessed Members,

This month we honor Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Blessed Virgin Mary Help of Christians. Santa Maria Ausiliatrice will protect and assist us when we ask for her support along our faith journey. Everyday in May, especially on Mothers' Day, please remember to pray to Santa Maria for this guidance.

Our next dinner meeting will be on May 20, 2024. This is the first time that Ed Saucedo and Crew will be cooking for us! It is going to be a wonderful dinner! Come find out what the menu is going to be or ask your caller about the menu.

*Prayers to Santa Maria,
Jeanette Hudson*

Mountain View**Br. 47, San Giorgio**

Hello fellow ICF members,

We celebrated St Joseph's Table and half of us started with dessert first. Thank you very much to those who joined us. We enjoyed quite a feast of minestrone soup, deviled eggs, shrimp cocktail, bread & dip, crackers w/ brie & Boursin, pavlova w/ strawberries & whip cream, polenta cake, lemon drizzle cake, and real Italian Nougat.

We are not quite halfway thru the year and we have kicked off our first Grab-N-Go Pasta Dinner for 4 fundraiser and raffle for a beautiful clock and basket. We have a few potential new members that we will be following up with. A few of us made it out to Monterey's Fish Fry and a few more of us were able to join up and see "Cabrini". We are looking forward to planning more ICF festivities and joining forces with our community and having a super fun productive year.

*Peace and God Bless,
Julie Wester*

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

We have started our quarterly Masses, the first one April 14 at 9 a.m., then met at The Diner for group breakfast. The next Mass planned is July 11 at 11 a.m. with lunch following at Willow Street.

If you haven't seen the movie CABRINI, please try to find it. It gives you an insight of what the early Italian immigrants in New York experienced. It also



demonstrated the courage and fortitude of St. Frances Cabrini. When we invoke her Blessing at the end of meetings, her memory is ever more poignant!

We are saddened to write about the passing of Romano Buonaccorsi. For years he was our Polenta Chef. Condolences to his wife Norma and to his entire family.

We heard a great Heritage report from new member Virginia Giacomini. Her Great Grandfather, Pietro Torre, immigrated from the Genoa Region of Italy during the California Gold Rush! He came West by wagon train, taking six months to arrive from St. Louis, Mo. He opened a general store in Jackson, California!

Our Branch #184 was able to provide two \$400 scholarships to the Grand Lodge. We conduct our fundraisers so we can provide scholarships and contribute to our other charities. On April 28, we helped our local Knights of Columbus with breakfast after Masses. Our own 60th Anniversary will be celebrated in November this year. Stay tuned for details. There is a small group who always volunteers to work on these events, more help is always appreciated.

We wish you una Bella Festa Della Mamma, (Mother's Day), and a safe Memorial Day. Enjoy this beautiful Spring weather.

Ciao for now, Lucy Amico

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

SFC Br. 191 has had a couple of busy months! With the Holidays behind us and Spring approaching we are excited for some warm weather. We had a very lovely Palm Sunday Breakfast and Egg Hunt with the SFC preschoolers even though it rained on our Egg Hunt. Fun who had by all!

We had a very successful Pasta Sauce Fundraiser thanks to all the volunteers who stepped up to help out. Thank you, Bob Basuino, for making your famous pasta sauce.

We look forward to our Crowning of Mary celebration at our General meeting in May, hosting the Central Council meeting in June.

Who is not excited to celebrate our 100th year of the ICF! Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there who worked hard to raise caring, compassionate children.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms who are no longer with us but in the caring hands of Jesus!

*Happy Spring!
Debbie Piro*

San Jose**Br 368, Santa Teresa de
Avila**

Bollettino newspaper is online at www.icf.org/about/news/bollettino/. There is a lot of information about ICF at this site.

Here is a list of members to pray for: Lorraine & Mike Nunziata, Maria Greco, and Joan Delfino.

The Lenten Soup Dinner was held March 22 as our Spiritual Commitment to the Branch and Parish.

Our branch hosted Baby Shower for Christina and Baby Brody was canceled due to illnesses but may be rescheduled next month. Joan Delfino will let us know. Good News!

The 2024 Convention will be Labor Day Weekend August 29 to September 1 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront 1800 Old Bayshore Hwy. Burlingame, CA. The registration fee per delegate includes handouts, audiovisual, Friday Night's Opening Dinner, Saturday Night's Banquet and Sunday's Awards Lunch. The Convention ends Sunday after 5:00 p.m. Mass. You can purchase raffle tickets for \$30 per book. There are some nice cash prizes.

Carol Provenzano explained the Green Team's purpose and that Earth Day is Saturday and Sunday April 20-21. An E-Waste collection will be available in church on the same weekend.

The Rib Dinner is scheduled for August 17th, and we are still looking for leads to be chairperson and help.

Step up for a fun project. Noreen Gilio and Mike Cordoni are working on a project to get grab bars in our bathrooms. Debi Piro - District President introduced herself to us at our meeting. Debi is open to any and all questions and to give help for our branch. Our next branch board meeting will be Tuesday May 7th at 6:30pm to discuss Gala, Branch Calendar, Fundraising and planning Bishop's Day.

*Have a wonderful Easter Season,
Tom Myers*

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

Our April meeting began with members enjoying a traditional Italian pasta dinner with meatball, salad and garlic bread—all prepared by Al and Diana Vallorz of Tony and Alba's.

Therese Lehane, St. Martin's Pastoral Care Director, spoke of St. Martin's Outreach Programs, which include visits to nursing homes within the parish. President Steve Lencioni spoke of his personal experiences with the programs since his retirement, and he asked members to think about what they could do to assist others (e.g., bring communion to and checking on the home-bound).

Steve thanked those who participated

and represented ICF at St. Martin's Stations of the Cross, our branch's quarterly communion and the Italian American Heritage's St. Joseph's Day held in March.

Branch 391 welcomed back Louise Vento, who spoke of the historical success of Santa Clara's "Valley of Hearts Delight" in her heritage presentation—the valley of apricot, cherry and prune orchards that were owned by Italians, Portuguese, and Mexicans.

Our April Multicultural Fundraiser, which included international foods from Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, and the Philippines, was a great success. Look for additional information in next month's article.

A big thank you to members who represented our branch during Father Saju's 30th Anniversary celebration by providing the Pasta dish at his reception.

Reminders:

Branch 391 Dinner Meeting—Tuesday, May 7, 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**

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers and Grandmothers!

Our Spring Pasta Dinner Fundraiser was a huge Success! We had a good turnout; the Raffle was very successful, and an enjoyable Time was had by all. Patricia presented a check for \$2075 to the Fifth Grade Class President after the 815 a.m. School Mass to support their weeklong Class trip to Science Camp.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the upcoming Parish wide Community Service Pancake Breakfast with ICF serving after the 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses. This Event is a lot of Fun as we work with all the various Ministries in the Parish.

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



Morgan Hill

Br. 435, Santa Caterina D'Alessandria

Our dinner meeting in March for St. Patrick's Day celebration went very well. The corn beef and cabbage meal were delicious. Denise and Sal Campagna donated and prepared an outstanding, lovely table for Saint Joseph. And Denise gave a history to honor him.

Catherine Ellis gave a report on her mother's career. Cora Radnich performed as vocalist for San Jose Light Opera and other venues in Santa Clara Valley.

Encouraging our members and guests to go greener, we will be asking that each person have their own place settings for the dinners

God bless us and thank him for us and our families making it through some very inclement weather.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Sorci*

San Jose

Br. 445, Transfiguration

The month of March brought a variety of activities. Eighteen members attended the emotionally powerful "Cabrini" movie. The tenacity of Mother Cabrini was forefront as she encountered opposition, hardships and discrimination yet never gave up in achieving her goal. Following the movie, several members gathered for dinner at The Olive Garden.

St. Christopher's Parish celebrated St. Joseph's Day 3/19 with a mass, St. Joseph's Altar and Table. A few Br. 445 members were able to attend and brought food to share.

Br. 445's General Meeting was held on March 20th. It was a dual celebration for St. Joseph and member Emily Corral. Members brought meatless entrees for St. Joseph's Table. Fr. Tito presided over the Blessing of the altar and led the members in prayer as he Blessed the food. Many thanks to the members who set up and decorated in preparation for the evening's celebration.

Member Emily Corral's 90th birthday was this actual day. A special 90th birthday cake was made by member Kathy La Scola's "CakeWorks" company. Members enjoyed a looped video of still photos made by Emily's family highlighting her life through the years. For our Heritage report, a family videotape of Emily narrating her life through the years was also shown for our members. Emily joined ICF Br.191, St. Frances Cabrini in 1984 making her a 40-year member of ICF! Within her 40 years, she has been an officer for 20 years including Branch and District positions! In 2016, she became an inaugural member of Br. 445, Transfiguration. She continues her dual membership with both Branches. Thank you, Emily, for your support and dedication to ICF ...

You bring and embody Friendship and Fellowship!

Lastly in March, Br. 445 supported St. Christopher's Holy Week "Soup Supper" on 3/27 by donating a delicious Cheese Tortellini Soup for the event made by members Janie and Jim Falcone.

In April, members focused on taking orders for Br.445's 3rd Annual Mother's Day Cookie Sale Fundraiser. Many thanks to all those who ordered the Baker's Dozen of Gourmet Cookies for a festive Mother's Day gift.

May brings: the annual Crowning of Mary 5/5, Mother's Day Cookie Gift Box assembly 5/8 and deliveries that week.

Happy May Birthday wishes to members Jim Canger and Barbara Howell ... Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri!!!

Happy Mother's Day to all ...Buona festa della mamma a tutti !

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

STOCKTON District

Modesto

Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

We are excited to hear that a new location for the ICF National Convention has been selected. We have a new location for the Convention. It is at the Marriott Waterfront, San Francisco Airport, 1800 Old Bayshore Hwy, in Burlingame, CA (which is a few miles from the previous location. We will be selecting delegates at our May meeting.

Speaking of our May meeting, we will have our Mother's Day Potluck at this meeting, which is Wednesday, May 8, 2024, J Street Church Hall. We invite you and your family to bring your favorite dish and join us.

Since our last update, we now have three new members who have joined our branch. They are Jan Parodi, Josephine Parra, and Cathy Pietanza. They are a welcome addition and, God willing, we will continue to grow.

Speaking of our members, please keep Ida Dusi and her family in your prayers. Ida passed away March 13, 2024, and would have been 100 years old on March 26th. She was a long-time member and strong supporter of ICF and Branch #48. Ida was a member for 65 years. She was also one of our best bakers for our fundraisers. Anytime we had Ida's baked goods at our bake sales, they would sell very quickly.

Upcoming Events:

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

Wed May 8 – 6:00 pm – Meeting and Mother's Day Potluck – J Street Church Hall

Wed June 12 – 6:00 pm – Branch Meeting– J Street Church Hall

Sat June 22 – 5:30pm – Mass and Bishop's Burse– Br. 139 St. Anthony's in Manteca

*Peace and blessings to everyone.
Cecelia McGhee*

Lodi

Br. 82, St. Anne's

Bring on the new members! Several guests were invited to our April meeting to share in fellowship and learn about the good works of ICF. Our next meeting is May 28th. Continue to invite others to join us. An increase in membership increases our ability to host charitable events...like the Apr. 30th Blood Drive. Grazie to those that stuffed donor gift bags, shared Thalassemia information, and special appreciation to those who donated this Gift of Life.

Watch your inbox for details on our Brick House All You Can Eat Meal, our 2nd largest fundraiser of the year.

Festa Italiana is June 9th at the Grape Festival Grounds. If you're able to take a shift at out ICF Booth, contact Patty. Save the Date...June 22nd... the Stockton District's Bishop's Burse Dinner in Manteca!

Know Catholic college-bound students or young adults with special needs that could use a little financial boost? Encourage them to apply for our ICF District and Branch College Scholarships and our Branch Thrive Grant.

In the 7th century the May Crowning of Mary originated in Italy. The month of May was chosen because there are so many Marian Feasts in May. I'll always cherish the time when I was chosen to lead the May Procession and place my homemade floral wreath atop Mary's head on the grotto statue. A moment that brought me closer to Mary and solidified a life-long devotion to our Mother. This month, take the time to deepen your relationship with Mary.

*Buona festa dellamamma a tutti!
Patty Litts, Corresponding Secretary*

Tracy

Br. 390, St. Bernard

April's dinner was a big win for Branch 390 as we dedicated the night to Italian Heritage. If you visit our Branch 390 website, you can see the families that have sent in their memories from the past with their family's ancestors. See photos on our website.

The next monthly dinner meeting will be held on Thursday May 30th. Mike Bacchetti and crew will prepare juicy Tri-Tip and seasoned roasted potatoes. We will continue to email notices to folks who have provided us with their emails. Cards are to be mailed as well.

By the way, another great big THANKS to all who continue to stay after our

monthly meetings to clean up, clear up and take out the trash. Even though only one lucky drawing winner received the \$25 prize for helping with clean up, we're sure the rest of you have a place reserved in heaven for your participation!

Branch 390 is happy to have received first-year scholarship applications. We all about using the hard-earned efforts of our fund-raising dinners to be able to reward a job well done in education to our branch family members.

Steve Ridolfi, continues to post the life of our branch through 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*

Stockton

Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

In January we were fortunate to have one of our eight Seminarians from the Stockton Diocese, Josue Montoya, speak during our January Branch Meeting. It was fascinating to hear about his journey from discerning his call, to entering the priesthood. He is currently in his Pastoral Year at St. Andrew's Parish in San Andreas, California.

In February we hosted our annual ICF Polenta Dinner at Presentation Church in Guadalupe Hall. This was a reserved-seating event which sold out in two weeks! And for the first time, we also offered preordered drive-through pickup meals to go. Our \$1,000 Raffle was a tremendous success as well, garnering just over \$5,000 in ticket sales! All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Stockton Diocese for the Seminarian Education Fund.

In March we hosted the Soup Supper, just after the Stations of the Cross, at Presentation Church. We had eight delicious soups to offer, plus two different types of bread, all wonderfully prepared by our Branch # 395 Members.

Our guest speaker at our Branch Meeting in April will be Fr. Cesar Martinez, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Stockton. In May, our meeting will feature guest speaker Rev. Fr. Ramakoti Sakani, one of our two new Priests. We will hear about his journey from the "Heralds of Good News" Seminary in Eluru, India – to Stockton, California.

In closing, we will be hosting the ICF Stockton District Meeting at our Church in May.

*Ciao!
Allen Sturtevant, President*



STOCKTON DISTRICT



Branch 395 Seminarian Josue Montoya



Branch 395 Polenta Dinner



Branch 395 Polenta Dinner



Br 82 Easter Decorations Sal Army Hope Harbor Dining Hall



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Branch 395 Soup Supper



04. Deacon Karl Walsbacher giving a blessing to Cecelia McGhee from Branch 48 Modesto on her 90th Birthday!!



02. Ida Queirolo from Branch 139 Manteca, treasure of the Stockton District. She is recovering from a fall glad that she could be there.



Anita Ridolfi President of Branch 390 Tracy, Stephen Ridolfi Stockton District President, Deacon Karl Welsbacher, Stockton District Chaplain and Robert Pachinger



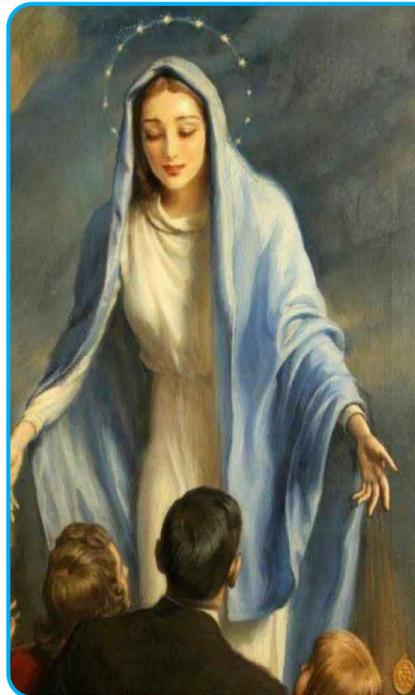
Dante Galeazzi, Central Council member, LuAnn Casey, Trustee branch 82 Lodi, Chris Whiting, President, Branch 82, Lodi, Lori Johnston, Sentinel, Branch 2 Lodi, and Elisa Moberly, Trustee, branch 82, Lodi.

SAN BERNARDINO District

Upland
Br. 446, Saint Anthony

Our annual cannoli sale was a huge success thanks to Jim Impastato and his family's delicious recipe. This year we highlighted the holy day of The Divine Mercy. Our Apostolic Chair, Mary O'Neil, donated and distributed holy cards with every order. Planning and coordinating our efforts were Trustee Dominic Ricci, 1st Vice-President Carrey Rossey, President Tony Santorufo and Second Vice-President Jim Impastato. We were overwhelmed by the number of our wonderful members that helped with the cannoli process! All the orders were organized the day before, so creating all the cannoli was a very efficient process. We used the church kitchen to package, label and organize the 365 cannoli that were

made. The most popular flavor was vanilla with cherries, chocolate chips were also a crowd favorite as well as those that were dipped in chopped nuts. Our officers have tentatively scheduled major branch events for 2024-2025. At our next meeting we will be viewing the Academy Award movie "Life is Beautiful". In June we will have our annual ice cream social in the park. Our parish will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in September and we will be offering gelato to all the parishioners. Our membership voted to participate in purchasing a commemorative brick that will be placed in the church courtyard. Our brick will be engraved with "Faith, Heritage and Community Service, Italian Catholic Federation Br. 446, est. 2016". Our Festa Italiana Dinner is planned for October and then we will end the year with our Christmas Dinner. In 2025 we start up again with many activities including our St. Joseph's Table and cannoli sales. We are a busy, active branch now boasting 67 members...and still growing!!!



"Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence."

- Saint Francis de Sales

SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT



Br. 446 Gina and Dominic Ricci with Jim Impastato



Br. 446 George Cerisara and Frank Smiderle look over the cannoli



Br. 446 Danny Centurioni adding cherries



Br. 446 Rosanna Hartman and Frank Smiderle packaging cannoli

EAST BAY DISTRICT



Br. 10, St. Joseph's Table



Br. 285, St. Joseph's Table

FRESNO DISTRICT



Br. 308, St Patrick



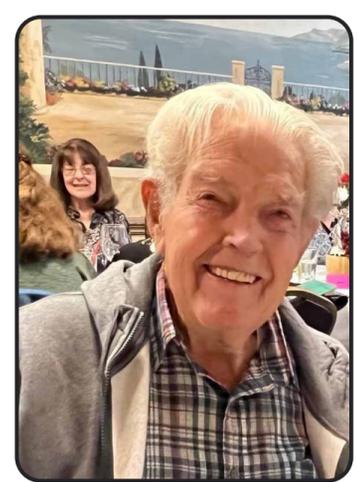
Br. 308, St Patrick



Br. 308 new members--the Gilchris



Br. 308, St. Patrick too much fun



Br. 250, Wes Johnson

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT



ICF 111-St. Joseph Table with Montebello Mayor, Council Members & Fr. Fredric



NBr 67 President Carmelo Sabatella, Garibaldina member Tony Santillo and Casa Member



ICF 111-Went to see the Cabrini movie



ICF 111-Award of Gratitude to Salvatore & Giuseppina Sorce



Br. 362, St. Joseph's Table



Br. 362



ICF 111 - 2024 St. Joseph's Table

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 179 & Deacon Tommy



Br. 179, Fr. Ron, Deacon Tommy, Mnsgr. Norm.



Br. 179, Deacon Tommy



Br. 115 Crab Dinner (front) chef Anthony Amalfitano with helper (back) Mario Amalfitano



Br 115 Crab Dinner guests (L-R) Los Angeles Council member 15th District Tim McOsker, his wife and Branch President Neal Di Leva



Br. 115, ICF Crab Dinner Mary Star of the Sea priests table



Br. 115 Crab Dinner. Adopted seminarians. (L-R) Deacon Cole Buzon and Christian Eguaroje. (Standing) Jerry Di Leva



Sold out! Branch 447 Manhattan Beach American Martyrs Church sold out in sausage sandwiches, cannolis, and cookies! Some members not present did a lot of the cooking/baking for St. Joseph's table on St. Patrick's Day.

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



Each year, Branch 218 dedicates their St. Joseph's Table to honor their deceased members and their families who had died during the year. Mary Rovarino calls attention to the photo of her sister, Stella, who died in February 2024.



This year Branch 218 had one of their most beautiful and successful St. Joseph's Table. Members served a delicious pasta dinner following the Saturday evening mass and all morning on Sunday along with zeppoles, cannolis, fritada, cookies, focaccia and many other Italian goodies.



Br. 380, St. Joseph's Table



Br. 380, St. Joseph's Table

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

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 374, Decorated Table ready to be blessed



Br. 374, President Phyllis Harb, Auction Chair and Lila Nastro and Gloria Mc Gaughey, Table Co-Chairs



Br. 374, Joel Wynton and daughter Penelope process statue down the aisle



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Did you know???

Dottore Malatesta, the conniving friend of Don Pasquale, has a name to fit his exasperating character –

"mala" – means bad, ill, unwell
"testa" – means head

"Mal di testa" in Italian means headache or head pain, and so,
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~ one of the librettist's many jokes in this comic opera!

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