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Summer Looks Bright for Our ICF Branches



Branch 432



Br. 45 St. Mary Sacramento 8th grade scholarship recipients. Nives Schettini, Emilia Lehren, Charlotte Lucas and London Wening. Congratulations!



Br. 443, Hot Dog BBQ Dinner, June 2, 2024.



Neal Di Leva, President Br. 115 presented to three Mary Star of the Sea students scholarship certificates. Gianna Ciaramitaro received it from Downey Br. 362 and Clement Pasquarella and Mia Gates from Br. 115



Crowning of Mary from Br. 191



Branch 36 Kitchen Crew



Bethany Barlow & Alvaro Ruelas Br. 51 2024 Scholarship Recipients

Members of the San Mateo District checking out some of the great items that will be for sale at the Market Place at Convention. Be sure to come visit us on Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Grand President's Monthly Message *An Independence Day*

Denise Antonowicz

I hope you had a great 4th of July. I am reminded of the countless stories of courage and hope that have shaped our history and given us our independence.

One such story is that of my grandmother, Germaine Bordes Stalteri. On July 4th, 1922, she crossed into New York Harbor on the USS Independence, accompanied by her new husband, Pasquale Stalteri, a soldier of the American Expeditionary Forces, and her 2-year-old son. They had met, fallen in love, and married in France, and now, they were embarking on a



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The Cross necklaces from Br. 91 East Bay's Branch 91's A special 100th year Anniversary opportunity* See Br. 91 article on p.14 for more information.

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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
August/September issue is
August 1, 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 2024 National Eucharistic Congress, taking place July 17–21 in Indianapolis, is expected to draw tens of thousands of people for Masses, worship, talks, workshops, and more, to celebrate Christ’s true presence in the Eucharist, let us ask ourselves and our Branches how we become a better Eucharistic people. Remembering that Jesus has opened the door for you, and through his Church, he invites you into a personal relationship with God, but God will not force you to choose Him.

Christ comes to us in the Eucharist, offering Himself to us: Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. He nourishes us, offering Himself as “our daily bread.” It is easy for us to overlook this extraordinary gift. Even people who go to Mass each Sunday forget that Jesus is not merely symbolically present, but truly and substantially present. It is time for us to entrust ourselves to the One who gave His life for us and invites us to encounter Him in the Eucharist.

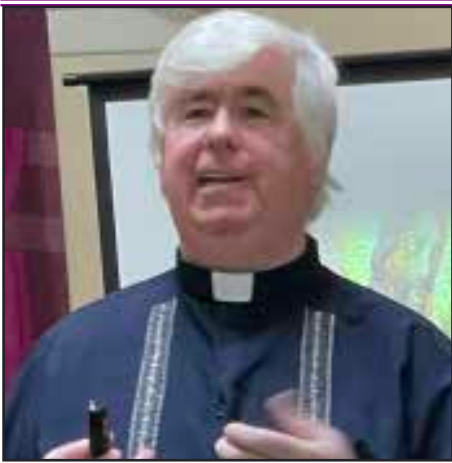
Therefore, we need to revitalize our commitment to gather in the Sunday assembly as God has summoned us to do, to share the Word, to engage in heartfelt praise and thanksgiving for this offer of covenant love, to eat and drink the Eucharistic elements—the real Body and Blood of Jesus Christ—and

to serve one another in all aspects of life. Yes, the presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine is real, is true and is substantial.

As we continue to give God thanks for our 100th Anniversary, may we look for ways in our local Branches to take time to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. It was Pope Saint John Paul II, who in his encyclical letter, Church of the Eucharist, reminds us “The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith but recapitulates the heart of the mystery of the Church. In a variety of ways, she joyfully experiences the constant fulfilment of the promise: “Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age” (Mt. 28:20), but in the Holy Eucharist, through the changing of bread and wine into the body and blood of the Lord, she rejoices in this presence with unique intensity.”

“For the most holy Eucharist contains the Church’s entire spiritual wealth: Christ Himself, our Passover and living bread. Through His own flesh, now made living and life-giving by the Holy Spirit, He offers life to men.” Consequently, the gaze of the Church is constantly turned to her Lord, present in the Sacrament of the Altar, in which she discovers the full manifestation of His boundless love.”


On a personal note, I want to thank all of you for your prayers. As you may know, I had Triple Bypass Surgery and I am on




Father Christopher Bennett
ICF Spiritual Director

the road to recovery. God has been exceptionally good to me and blessed with the great family of the Italian Catholic Federation, I know it was your prayers that got me through my surgery. Please keep me in your prayers.

May you and our faith family of the Italian Catholic Federation, be filled with the gift of the Eucharist. I promise to remember you in my prayers. even as I would be grateful for a place in yours. May God bless you and those that you love.



Fr. Chris




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

A Pilgrimage to the Italy
Under the Spiritual Leadership of:
Fr. Christopher Bennett, Pastor
St. Christopher Catholic Church in San Jose, California
11-Days: November 5 to 15, 2024


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

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

As the Bollettino goes to press, we are saddened to learn of the passing of
**Life Member Emeritus,
Past Grand President
Nettie Descalso Del Nero .**
More information, next issue.



Heritage — *I Am the Flag*
Louise Vento




I am the flag of the United States of America. My name is Old Glory. I fly atop the world's tallest buildings. I stand watch in America's halls of justice. I fly over institutions of learning. I stand guard with power in the world.

Look up and see me. I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice. I stand for freedom. I am confident. I am arrogant. I am proud. When I am flown with my fellow banners, my head is a little higher, my colors a little truer. I bow to no one. I am recognized all over the world. I am worshipped — I am saluted — I am loved — I am revered — I am respected — and I am feared. I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years. I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh. I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy, Guam, Okinawa, Korea and Saigon, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. I was there. I led my troops. I was dirty, battle worn and tired, but my soldiers cheered me, and I was proud.

I have been burned, torn and tram-

pled on the streets of countries I have helped set free. It does not hurt, for I am invincible. I have been soiled upon, burned torn and trampled on the streets of my country. And when it's by those whom I've served in battle - It hurts. But I shall overcome — for I am strong. I have slipped the bonds of Earth and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space from my vantage point on the moon. I have borne silent witness to all of America's finest hours. But my finest hours are yet to come. When I am torn into strips and used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the battlefield. When I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier. Or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter, I am proud.
(author unknown)

-Happy 4th of July, remember to fly the American Flag and be proud.



Cooley's Anemia Donations

(Report as of June 10, 2024)

Branch 31
Branch 209
Branch 435
Terry Giannetto
Officers/Members of Central Council
In Memory of Leroy Taddei
Leonard and Karen Rossi
In Memory of Leroy Taddei

Denise Antonowicz
In Memory of Leroy Taddei
Mike and Marcie Rossi
In Memory of Leroy Taddei
ICF Spouses’ and Family Association
In Memory of Leroy Taddei
Bob and Kathy Acquistapace
In Memory of Leroy Taddei

GP Message--Continued

Denise Antonowicz *continued from p. 1*

new journey to build a better life for themselves and their family.

As they sailed past the Statue of Liberty, a gift from her native France, my grandmother’s heart was filled with hope and dreams. She was a strong, tenacious, and smart woman, who, despite speaking only French at the time, went on to learn to read, write and speak Italian and English, and worked tirelessly alongside my grandfather to raise a family that was rich in spirit, if not in material wealth.

Their story is not unique. It is a story that can be repeated and told millions of times, a testament to the courage and determination of those who have come to our shores seeking a better life. As we celebrate our independence, we honor not just the brave men and women who fought for our freedom, but also the fearless families who have shaped our history.

Happy July!
Denise Antonowicz,
Grand President

“All great change in America begins at the dinner table.” — Ronald Reagan

JUNE CALENDAR WINNERS				
DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
6/1	Maria Guzman		Tracy, CA	\$30
6/2	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Dal Porto	144	Eureka, CA	\$30
6/3	Suzanne La Torre		San Francisco, CA	\$30
6/4	May Fraga		Fresno, CA	\$30
6/5	Vincent Brown		Rocklin, CA	\$30
6/6	Craig F. Harrison		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
6/7	Julie Graham	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
6/8	Fr. Mario Rizzo	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
6/9	Barbara Tweedy	443	Simi Valley, CA	\$30
6/10	Maddie Sargent		San Ramon, CA	\$30
6/11	Paul Steele		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
6/12	Branch 10		Alameda, CA	\$30
6/13	Sharon Vannetti	209	Sebastopol, CA	\$30
6/14	Branch 281		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
6/15	Fr. Michael Hendrickson	28	Gilroy, CA	\$100
6/16	Zosima Aquino	111	Montebello, CA	\$50
6/17	Bob Trevizo		Redding, CA	\$30
6/18	Fr. John Paul Pasala		Angels Camp, CA	\$30
6/19	Kathy Amiot	213	San Bruno, CA	\$30
6/20	Shannon Rohrbach		Arcata, CA	\$30
6/21	Trudy Avila		Atwater, CA	\$30
6/22	Katie Sullivan		Fresno, CA	\$30
6/23	Julie & Scott Gainey		Santa Clara, CA	\$30
6/24	Lucille Lopez		Fontana, CA	\$30
6/25	Abby Thomas		Vacaville, CA	\$30
6/26	Sylvia Sorci	435	Morgan Hill, CA	\$30
6/27	Carl Scaglione		Sun Lakes, AZ	\$30
6/28	Ron & Toni Page	285	Pleasanton, CA	\$30
6/29	Branch 14		Crockett, CA	\$30
6/30	Fr. Zacarias Martinez		Fresno, CA	\$30

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San Francisco's 100th Anniversary Gala



Central Council Members



Current and Past Grand Presidents



Former First Spouses



Banquet



Father Mario Rizzo and Rose McNeal



Past Grand President Bob Basuino MC for the afternoon



Father Mario Rizzo



-- Just want to extend my congratulations to the Ways and Means committee, under the chairmanship of Bob Basuino, and thank them for all their hard work on a beautiful gala this past Sunday.

From the beautiful invites to the beautiful flowers-awesome cake - raffle and silent auction (thank you to all those that donated the wonderful items) and of course the delicious meal.

The mass was wonderful with Father Mario (although we missed Father Chris) and the angelic sounds of the children's choir from Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame.

Best of all the many who attended enjoyed the opportunity to visit and renew friendships. I am sure all of you that attended are in agreement with me and those of you that were unable to attend - we missed you and you missed a 5 star event!

THANK YOU!!! -Deborah Rodondi




Apostolate/Charity

Carmen Kilcullen, Apostolate/Charity Committee Member

Many thanks to all the branches for their support of the ICF and other charities this past year. All that you do does make a great difference.

Also, please return your reports by July 15th.



The final results and awards will be given at the Convention.

Thank you so very much. Carmen and committee.

Lost Members

Vince Piro, Membership Committee

It is a fact that the Federation loses many members each year due to cancellations. If we were to retain even a portion of those members, our membership numbers would improve significantly. Recently, during a membership recruitment workshop, a member asked us to develop some strategies to get back “lost members,” those whose memberships are about to expire or who have already let their memberships lapse after many months. Here are some ideas.

First, understand why they left. Understanding why your members lapse is critically important to getting them back and making sure others don’t follow them out the door. Send lapsed members a survey to ask them why they left and what might make them return in the future. Be sure to regularly review feedback and incorporate your learnings into branch.

Begin a re-engagement campaign. As step one, send an expiration date email. Connecting with members the moment they lapse is a great way to catch those who were on the fence about renewing or simply forgot to renew. Remind them that their membership ends today and that you hope they’ll renew right away so they don’t miss out on any benefits.

Then, send a 30 days past expiration date email. Members might have been busy around the time of their expiration day, letting the membership lapse unintentionally. Checking in with them a month after expiration day gives them some space after your first email and still allows you to give them another chance to renew.

Later make a phone call. Reaching out personally gives them a chance to give you feedback and just might convince them to renew after all. This is a great task for officers and trustees. During the conversation, let them know how valued they are and offer a chance to get them engaged.

If they do not want to rejoin, send a membership ending email. When it is time to drop lapsed members from your branch, this is a good time to give them one last chance to renew and let them know the official date they will no longer be a member of your organization. Be sure to make this message friendly and keep the door open for them to return in the future.

A year later, if it seems appropriate, call the lapsed member again, asking them for help with a specific event. Don’t ask them to rejoin at this point but get them involved in branch activities.

Even if they chose to remain non-members, send them a calendar of branch events at the beginning of the year. Send them the branch newsletter. Send them invitations and announcements of fundraiser and special events. Send them a Christmas card. Let them know that they are not forgotten.

In all messages, remind your lapsed members of the benefits the ICF provides, and try to re-kindle the relationship with those members whose interest may have faded. Thank them for being a member. Remind them of the value your branch provides your parish and community and that their membership helps support that mission. Keep the tone friendly and inviting.

In Loving Memory

(Report as of June 10, 2024)

Joseph Regalia
Tom Bruno
Mary Hernandez
Barbara Wittren
Eva Y Perata
Leroy D Taddei

Branch 007
Branch 036
Branch 052
Branch 052
Branch 258
Branch 343

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

Received as of June 10, 2024:

IN MEMORY OF: **DONATED BY:**
Eva Perata Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Moglia
Eva Perata Dianne Doughty
Leroy Taddei Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

GET WELL WISHES:
Reverend Chris Bennett Officers/Members of Central Council
Reverend Chris Bennett Joan and Jerry Delfino

*Named after the co-founder of the ICF, the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund provides ICF members a lasting way to memorialize and/or extend greetings to friends, relatives, and loved ones. Members' donations provide scholarships to seminarians studying for the priesthood in dioceses where the Italian Catholic Federation is located. A monthly Mass is offered for the intention of those listed.

Welcome New Members

(Report as of June 8, 2024)

Branch 005	Michelle Antonowicz	
Branch 013	Louetta Shipley	
Branch 021	Rose Giannetto	Donna M Pesce
Branch 051	Aliych M Cortopassi	Nikolas D Cortopassi
	Esther V Partido	
Branch 052	John E Saini	Patti M Saini
Branch 073	Estienne Kahwaji	Iman Kahwaji
	Rasha Kahwaji	Seyvene Kahwaji
	Richelle Ocon	Trent Gabriel Ocon
	Tyrone Ocon	Amanda Swyers
	Amaya Swyers	
Branch 111	Tony Wadzinzki	Natalie J Marshall
Branch 130	Keith B Marshall	Lisa C Silvestri
	David J Silvestri	Adelheid A Tupper
	Mia A Silvestri	Johanna R Tupper
	Brian S Tupper	
	Richard J Tupper	
Branch 179	Dylan De Genaro	
Branch 209	Thomas J Marian	Carlos F Munoz
	Mia J Munoz	Sarah E Munoz
	Louis Sanchietti	Nancy Sanchietti
Branch 210	Michael Teal	
Branch 285	Anthony W Ferreira	Mikayla E Ferreira
	Paula Flessatti	Raymond Miranda
Branch 332	Susan Geminani	Julia M Rinaldi
Branch 352	Bob J Ferraris	Lisa L Ferraris
	Beverly Johnson	Patrick Sealise
Branch 392	Sylvia Ballerini	Augustina Mc Hardy
Branch 413	Michael Dutil	
Branch 435	Sophea M Renda	
Branch 438	John Hagener	Maria Hagener
	Annie M Husack	Kenneth G Perry
	Joyce Pontarolo	Robert Pontarolo

Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library

Carmelo Sabatella


On May 25, 2024 - Cal-Poly (SLO) Student Elli Sumera and Matthew Gonzalez along with Richard Chen and fiancé Ruena Mendes visited the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank, CA. Matthew is a youth leadership instructor and wanted to visit the Chapel and is planning to bring students on field trips to the Chapel in the near future. This was a special visit for Richard and Ruena who wanted to visit the Chapel prior to their wedding scheduled for early this summer.

If you would like to volunteer your time and skills or would like to donate Cabrini artifact(s) to the Chapel Library, please send your request via email to: cas1810@aol.com.

Mother Cabrini’s Artifacts, money and volunteer services both large and small help maintain the Chapel facility and continue with programs such as the annual Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage event in Burbank. If you would like to donate money, please make check out to ICF

with Cabrini Chapel written in check memo and mail to:
ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee
3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504.
Mother Cabrini Chapel Store: DVDs on the Life of Mother Cabrini by Lucia Mauro are still available. Call 626-372-7812 or email cas1810@aol.com.
SAVE THE DATES
- Mother Cabrini Chapel Open House on September 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hosted by the Santa Barbara/Ventura Region.
- Mother Cabrini Annual Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon on November 10, from 11:30 a.m. (Church Mass) followed by Pilgrimage, Benediction (Chapel) and Luncheon (Holy Rosary Hall).

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



Gifts of Love Donations

(Report as of May 10, 2024)

Harold and Virginia Fuentes
In Memory of Bob Osorio
Joan and Jerry Delfino
Get Well Wishes for Jackie Morton
Eva Stern
Speedy Recovery Wishes for Lynn Noah
Officers/Members of Br. 28
In Memory of Gemma Evelyn Castro
Officers/Members of Br. 28
In Memory of Frank C. Filice, Jr.

Officers/Members of Br. 218
In Memory of Joanne Howell
Officers/Members of Br. 218
In Memory of Jim Noyes
Joan and Jerry Delfino
In Memory of Leroy Taddei
Officers/Members of Br. 285
In Honor of the Wedding of Ron and Antonette Page

Italian Catholic Federation

22nd Annual Central Council

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: _____
E-Mail: _____
Name of Golfer: _____
E-Mail: _____
Name of Golfer: _____
E-Mail: _____
Name of Golfer: _____
E-Mail: _____
Name of Golfer: _____
E-Mail: _____

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

Italian Catholic Federation

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

22th Annual Central Council

GOLF

TOURNAMENT

Friday JULY 26, 2024

Sponsorship Opportunities

Even if you can't attend the tournament or banquet, you can show your support of the ICF with one of our sponsorship opportunities:

Hole-In-One Sponsor: One per Region Available \$250 ☐
 Hole Sponsor: Sponsor a hole and have your name next to the tee box! (18 available) \$100 ☐
 Closest to the Pin Sponsor: Your name on the sign on the closest to the pin hole (4 available) \$ 50 ☐
 Goodie Bag Sponsor: Sponsor the Golfers Goodie Bags. Your name on each bag. (10 available) \$ 25 ☐
 Raffle Donations: Donate a basket (minimum \$50 value) or money towards a basket (Unlimited) ☐

Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone #: _____
My Sponsorship is for Northern CA ☐

Please make your checks payable to:
Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament
8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621
Deadline July 14th, after this day, we cannot guarantee a sign will be produced, but the sponsor will be mentioned.

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

Italian Catholic Federation

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

22th Annual Central Council

GOLF

TOURNAMENT

Friday

JULY 26,

2024

"Fiesta Buffet"

Not a Golfer...We have the perfect opportunity for You!
Come and Congratulate the Winners and Commiserate with the Non-Winners!

Time: 1:00 pm

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

Price: \$50 per person

Delicious Fiesta Buffet - No-Host Bar - Great Raffle

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone #: _____

Please make your checks payable to:

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament

8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621

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

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

Italian Catholic Federation's 2nd

Annual SoCal Charity Golf

Tournament



Location: Temecula Creek Inn

44501 Rainbow Canyon Rd,

Temecula 92592

October 26th

Saturday, 2024

Shotgun Starts at 8 AM

Registration Fee: \$200

After Deadline: \$210

Name of Golfer: _____

Email: _____

Name of Golfer: _____

Email: _____

Name of Golfer: _____

Email: _____

Make checks payable to:

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament

8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

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

SIGN UP DEADLINE

Friday, October 11th

For more info, contact Perry Shurko

Cell: 562-804-0230

Email: p_shurko@yahoo.com



Sponsorship Opportunities

Even if you can't attend the tournament or banquet, you can show your support of the ICF with one of our Sponsorship Opportunities

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

Closest to the pin Sponsor : \$50

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

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Make checks payable to

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament

8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

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

October 26th

Saturday, 2024

For more info, contact Perry Shurko.

Cell: 562-804-0230

Email: p_shurko@yahoo.com



Not a Golfer? We have the

Perfect Opportunity for You!

Italian Buffet: \$50 per person

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

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

Make checks payable to

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October 26th

Saturday, 2024

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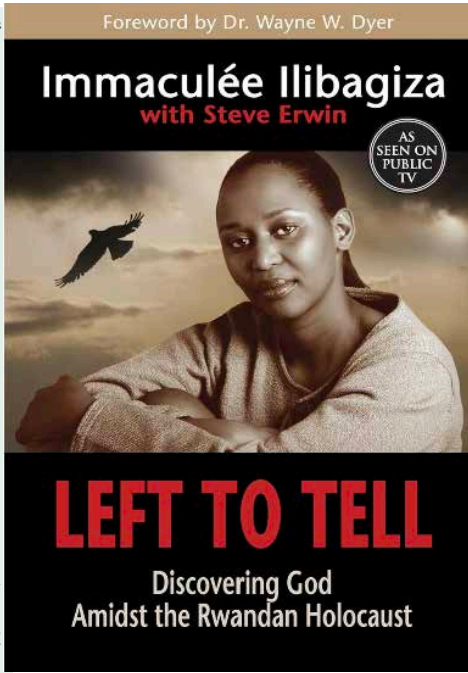
Book Review--*Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*

Vince Piro

Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust

by Immaculee Ilibagiza with Steve Erwin, Hay House Inc

I recently formed a parish book club, and we have taken to reading books that reflect the Christian experience in a variety of ways, with some through fiction and others through nonfiction. Some tend toward narrative while others are more philosophical in nature. One book that really stood out to me was Immaculee Ilibagiza's *Left to Tell*, an account of her experience during the Rwandan Holocaust of 1994.



the angry mobs determined to kill her and other Tutsi. Her faith is challenged by the Devil's voice asking her, "Why are you calling on God? . . . You can't possibly survive - you won't survive. . . ." Immaculee battles the Devil with more intense prayer while she clutches her rosary. She answers, "No! God is love. He loves me and won't fill me with fear. He will not abandon me. . . ." Her unwavering faith in God during a horrific time and relentless temptation impresses readers and reminds them in ways of the temptations Christ faced in the desert. And God answers by keeping her and her companions safe during this ordeal, sometimes when there appears to be no hope and doom seems certain. The book and Immaculee's faith remind us of the power of prayer.

However, Immaculee is challenged to put her faith into action. As she prays for protection, a demonic voice asks her, "Why are you calling on God? Don't you have as much hatred in your heart as the killers do? . . . How can you love God but hate so many of His creations?" She knows that she must learn to forgive the killers and she prays, "Touch my heart, Lord, show me how to forgive." She struggles with forgiveness, but in the end, her love for God allows her to learn to forgive and love those who have persecuted her people. To this reader, this was the most powerful lesson in the book. In today's social and political climate, hatred and despise of those "on the other side" seems acceptable as people belittle and condemn those that disagree with them. What Immaculee's experiences remind us is that this is never acceptable to God.

As Christ challenges us, "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven."

Throughout her time in hiding, Immaculee prays for hours a day, entering into a meditative trance at times. In prayer, she begins a dialogue with God in which she questions why this genocide is taking place and begs for protection from

BRANCH FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

The Annual Convention Raffle is an excellent fundraiser to boost revenue for your Branch and extend a chance to win cash prizes. The golden ticket books are \$30 each. Your Branch keeps \$10 for each book sold. Tickets can be individually purchased for \$3 each. Address labels were included with each package of tickets. Mail a book to each household to give members a chance to win. Additional books can be requested from the office. Stubs and a Branch check are due to the office by August 15th, so the tickets can reach us in time for the drawing.



Scholarship Donations

(Received as of June 10, 2024)

Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th Year

Officers/Members of Br. 184
Rena Fazzini
Jo-Ann and John Donovan
Gail Davison
Paul and Linda Lacampagne
Officers/Members of Br. 258
Richard and Wanda Clark
Leonard and Karen Rossi
Bob and Arlene Fife
Mary and Vince
J. and A. Thomas
The Verdi Club Board

In Memory of Romano Buonaccorsi
In Memory of Eva Perata
In Memory of Eva Perata
In Memory of Eva Perata
In Memory of Eva Perata
In Memory of Eva Perata
In Memory of Eva Perata
In Memory of Eva Perata
In Memory of Eva Perata
In Memory of Eva Perata
In Memory of Marie Antonowicz
In Memory of Eva Yolanda Perata

Dear ICF Friends –

I hope this letter finds you all doing well. It was so wonderful to be back among ICF members this past weekend for the CC meeting and the 100th anniversary gala. (Thank you Br. 14 for inviting me!)

I wanted to apologize for being MIA for so long. COVID took a toll on my family, as we had to remain isolated for longer than most. Somewhere in there, I broke my knee and had surgery. Then in April 2023, I had a spinal fusion—it was 15 hours of surgery over two days which included a few complications. It was a tough surgery and recovery. Little did I know this would be the easy part of the next year-plus. In the fall of 2023, I got a staph infection and sepsis. I was hospitalized for a week and had months of IV antibiotics. Unfortunately, all the infection was not cleared, and in January, I discovered an abscess on the scar on my back. I was also breaking out in a rash. Within 24 hours, I was admitted to UCSF urgently because the staph infection settled on my spine. All the equipment in my back needed to be replaced—and then some. The 7-hour surgery went fine except within days I was in congestive heart failure. I was in the hospital for 2 1/2 weeks but home in time for Ben's 8th birthday. Ben and Matt have held up through this, and somehow, our family has made it out of what is hopefully the darkest of times. I was close to not making it and am incredibly grateful to be alive. Now, I am getting stronger all the time, will continue physical therapy for a year, and remain on antibiotics to suppress and prevent further infection. The best part is that my chronic back pain, the reason I had surgery in the first place, is no longer debilitating and mostly resolved!

My family and I did not get through all of this alone. We would like to extend our immense gratitude to the ICF. The branch donations, the personal donations, and the Gift of Love offset out-of-pocket medical expenses (totaling \$80,000 for two years). Most of all, we appreciate your love, friendship, and prayers.

I am back on the horse: trying to resume Bollettino articles; visiting branches (please contact me if you would like me to come visit your branch or speak at an event); and planning the convention blood drive. I am planning to be at convention and I hope to see you there.

I can never adequately express how much you all mean to me. I have known many of you since I became involved with ICF through Cooley's Anemia in 1998—you are a family to me. Thank you again, from the bottom of our hearts.

With Love and Gratitude,

Laurice, Matt, and Ben Levine LLevine430@aol.com



Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

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

Dear Members:
Please return the ICF Raffle tickets.
Thank you
Happy 4th of July and enjoy the summer!

Cordiali Saluti
Diana Cresci

San Francisco
Br. 258, St. Elizabeth

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of our Beloved President Eva Perata.

Eva was a member of our Branch for 46 years. She has been our President since 2006. She was very dedicated and a hard worker on all of our Branch activities. You could always count on her.

She will be deeply missed by all of our members. She is survived by her sister Mary Perata, her two nieces Jean Perata and Kathy Neuburger, great nephews, great grandnieces and great grand nephews.

Please remember Eva and her family in your prayers.

Ciao,
Florence Mangion

SAN MATEO
District Council

Happy 4th of July.

The ICF Gala celebrating 100 years of the Federation was amazing and well attended. The mass was spiritual and the children’s choir from Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame was magnificent. Our next District meeting will be June 27, 7:00 p.m. in the small hall of Our Lady of Angels.

We continue to plan for the convention Thursday night dinner celebrating 100 years of the Italian Catholic Federation. All branches in the district will have an opportunity to participate. Please hold the date August 29, 2024.

I hope you all try to attend the festivities for the ICF 100-year celebration. The information to sign up for events throughout the weekend are on the ICF website ICF.org.

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 Independence Day!!!
Ciao, Barbara

Burlingame
Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

Many celebrations are being planned for the summer and at the end of June our branch will hold their Ravioli Dinner fundraiser. (June 30th from 4-5 No-Host cocktails, dinner: 5 p.m. \$40.00 RSVP BY June 24 to Bea Tomasello 650-344-5276.OLA GYM.

We just celebrated the ICF 100th year with close to 300 people in attendance at the Basque Culture Center. It was great seeing many old friends and all who worked on it need to be congratulated for a very special event.

Our July meeting will be our Hot Dog dinner where Elizabeth Forsell from Burlingame High School has received our scholarship in memory of Sophie Collins (100 yrs. old). Sophie's daughter, Sue, will be attending the dinner to present the award. Elizabeth and her family will be joining us for dinner at the July dinner.

Special mention is our thanks to Father Michael on his recently celebrated 50-year anniversary of his ordination. We are very lucky to have him as our pastor.

We are keeping all of our sick members of our branch along with other branches in our prayers.

God Bless,
Roz Emery

South San Francisco
Br. 213, St. Augustine

Our June 11 meeting was hosted by the Crosertti's and Kathy Amiot. It was a good turnout, and a delicious Mexican feast was enjoyed by all.

The annual ICF convention is upon us!! Our delegate, Marianne Cameron, will be accompanied by alternate delegate, Donna DeVoe. We wish them both an informative and fun time together!

Date to Remember: August 29, Thursday Night Dinner before convention, to be held at Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame. Make your reservations early, as the deadline is August 1st. Flyers will be emailed to our members.

Don't forget your convention raffle tickets. Please send your stubs and checks to me by August 1.

REMINDER: NO BRANCH MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST. However, there will be an officers' meeting at the home of Roberta on Wednesday, August 7, at 10:30 a.m.

Have a wonderful summer!

Menlo Park
Br. 351, St. Patrick

Thank you to Dr. and Rosie Yob for opening their home for our Branch to have a BBQ on the 4th of July. Thank you too for everyone that brought side dishes and desserts.

Our August meeting will be August 1. We will have a dinner, but the entrée has not been decided. Please let me know by July 24 if you plan on attending.

It is not too late to turn in your convention raffle tickets. Please bring them with your check to the July BBQ or August meeting. Thank you to the members that have already turned in their Raffle tickets. The branch keeps \$10 for each book sold so it is a good fundraiser for our branch.

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 4th of July!
Ciao,
Barbara

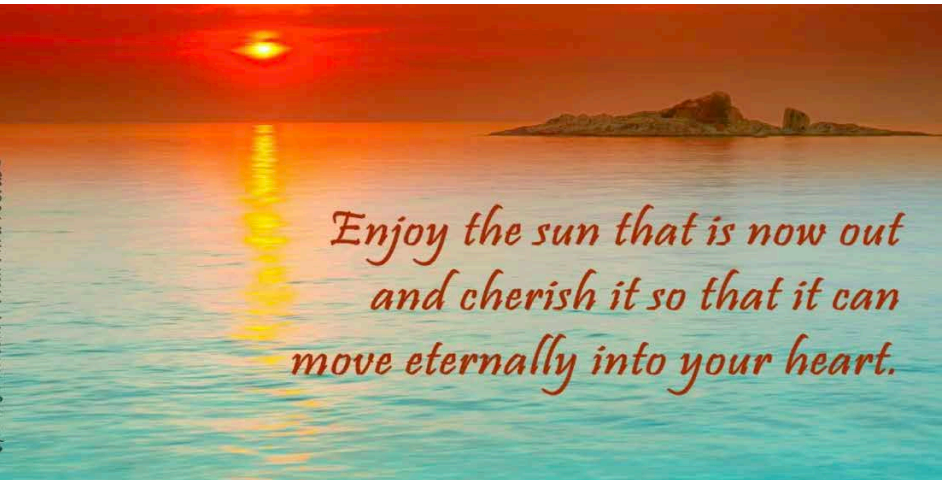
Millbrae
Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Our KFC Dinner on June 4th was a "hit". Thanks to our helpers who set up the tables, and to those who donated to the dinner itself: Alan & Gloria Stickle who donated the wine, and Mary Vella-Treseler who donated the dessert. There is no meeting in July, but August 6th is our "Hot Dog & Chili" Dinner meeting. The social begins at 5 p.m. & the dinner at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$15. Dinner includes a giant hot dog, coleslaw, chili, wine & soda, and dessert. Branch members should get your check (payable to "ICF BR 403") to Eunice Danli at 4 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030 by Friday, August 2nd!

Save the date for our "Polenta Dinner" fundraiser: Sunday, October 20th, 2024, at St. Dunstan Parish Hall. Details next month. Flyer to be distributed soon. Raffle prizes are needed from branch members, so call me at 408-313-6325 for suggestions or pick-up!

Congratulations to the "100-year Gala" Committee for a wonderful event on June 9th at the Basque Cultural Center. Branch 403 members had a great time! The centerpieces and general atmosphere were lovely.

Ciao!
Adonna Amoroso, Secretary



MARIN

Novato
Br. 332, Our Lady of Loretto

July is picnic month for our Branch, and along with Club Italia of Marin, the members of both organizations will be treated to a fun day of great food, entertainment and games. The Festa Italiana will be held July 28, at Stafford Lake in Novato. Guests will enjoy finger-licking good BBQ Chicken, Italian sausages, pasta salad, beans, green salad, watermelon and cookies. There is also a children’s menu available.

Of course, no Italian picnic would be complete without the Salami Toss, along with Pedro, Bingo, and other raffles. The music starts at 11:30, with lunch served at 12:30, and games to follow. Prepaid reservations at \$25 per ticket are required. For additional information, please email karenraccanello@gmail.com.

Divertiamoci Insieme! Let's have fun together!

LOS ANGELES
ARCHDIOCESE
District Council

Happy Birthday America! Happy Independence Day to you all. I'd like to thank everyone who came out for the 100th Anniversary Gala and to those who helped out with the mass and setting up Casa Italiana. It was great seeing all of you and it was great to see so many of our clergy there too. The ICF is strong!!

We now look towards our annual convention which will take place over Labor Day weekend. The San Francisco area will be our hosts this year. Our Centennial year celebrations will continue on over the weekend. Be sure to get your rooms booked and your registrations sent in.

Other upcoming district events to look out for - Bishop and Seminarian Appreciation Day on September 29th at St John’s Seminary and The Cabrini Pilgrimage on November 10th at St Francis Xavier in Burbank. More info will be available soon on those events. Enjoy the rest of your summer and stay safe.

Br. 67, National Branch,
St. Peter

On June 9, 2024, President Carmelo hosted the Mother Cabrini Chapel Open House in Burbank. Several parishioners, friends of Mother Cabrini and visitors to the St Francis Xavier Church annual Church Fair also visited the Chapel from as far away as the Philippines, Oklahoma and San Diego.

At the May 18, NBr 67 General Meeting, ICF Members welcomed new member Guiliana F. from Santa Clarita, CA. Giuliana is a registered nurse and is CPR Instructor with the American Heart Association and has expressed an interest to volunteer CPR and AED classes to the group with her instructor friends.

Member Francesca T continues Operatic productions and for Opera Lovers, you can join Francesca T at the “Opera Magica Summer Camp for those of you who always wanted to “learn all about opera in a hands-on environment ... as taught by professional opera singers and music instructors!”. Opera venues as presented by Opera Italia in May and July. See info@operaitalia.com for more information.

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Marriott Waterfront in Burlingame, CA.

- November 10, 2024, ICF Mother Cabrini Mass, Pilgrimage, Benediction and Luncheon at St. Francis Xavier Church in Burbank, CA.

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, ALA President
ICF National Branch 67, C 626 372-78122
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South Pasadena
Br. 108, Holy Family

On May 31, 2024, ICF members celebrated with Holy Family 8th grade ICF Scholarship recipients Kate Alexander (Mayfield Sr HS) and Michael Cunningham (St. Francis HS) at their Holy Family School Graduation in South Pasadena.

Branch 108 requests members invite friends and parishioners to join ICF and support Holy Family Church and affiliated charities with your time and energy. Come to the next picnic and meeting and experience ICF for yourself.

SAVE THE DATE

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

May they rest in peace.
Keep safe and stay healthy.
Carmelo Sabatella, PP
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Montebello
Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. As you may know, we will not have a general meeting during the month of July. The Branch will have a Picnic on Sunday, July 20, 2024, at Sanchez Adobe Park in Montebello. Also, in celebration of the ICF 100th Anniversary, on Saturday, July 27, 2024, our Branch is organizing a trip to the Italian American Museum of Los Angeles (IAMLA) and a luncheon at San Antonio Winery. We will be sending everyone a July Flyer with all the details for the Picnic and Museum trip. Come and join for lots of fun, delicious foods, bocce games, and socializing.

We are happy to report that based on our review of the ICF Phillip & Phyllis Pace Scholarship applications and essays we received from graduating St. Benedict School students, the two winners of the \$500. Phillip & Phyllis Pace Scholarships are Abigail Giron and Paul Vasquez. Abigail plans to attend Ramona Convent and Paul plans to attend Don Bosco Tech. Congratulations to Abigail and Paul.

Additionally, we are happy to report that based on our review of the ICF Phillip Pace Jr. and Salvator “Sam” Pace Scholarship applications and essays we received from graduating Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School students, the winner of the \$500 Phillip Pace, Jr. Scholarship is Rachel Taylor. Rachel will be attending USC. The winner of the \$500 Salvator “Sam” Pace Scholarship is Alicia Medrano. Alicia will be attending UC Berkeley. Congratulations to Rachel and Alicia.

Our August General Meeting will be on Thursday, August 15, 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 in the months of July and August: Chiara Sorce, Manuel Rodriguez, Carmelo Palmeri, Rose Mary Brougher, Raul Marquez, Paul Adragna, Lourdes Cruz, Terry Saracho, Gabriel Macias, Robyn Wiltz, Barbara Garcia, Giuseppe Veneziano, Ruben Valdez and

David Matanga. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

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

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

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

It’s parish fiesta time! Fiesta will be held on July 19, 20 and 21st. Our branch will be hosting the meatball/sausage and pizza booth. Help will be needed starting on Thursday July 18th at 6:30 p.m. to help with making meatballs and cooking stages. Volunteers will also be needed to man the booth all 3 days of the fiesta. Please call Pauline Iacono for information on time slots and to sign up. 310 832-0563. It is such a worthy cause and lots of fun! All help is appreciated.

July general meeting will be held on the second Thursday of the month July 11th at 7:30 p.m. This change is due to making meatballs on July 18th.

Up for discussion will be our annual St John Joseph of the Cross mass and dinner dance on August 17th. Mass will start at 10 a.m. followed by procession to grotto and lite refreshments in auditorium. Dinner dance will begin at 6 p.m. Prime rib dinner with all the trimmings will be served. We will be dancing to the tunes of the Rhythm Kings.

In addition to honoring St John Joseph of the Cross we will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of branch 115. Join us in celebrating this occasion. Tickets are \$45. Please call Neal DiLeva for tickets 310 433-1044

Please return sold convention raffle tickets that were mailed out with the agenda. Our branch retains a portion of sale. This helps to defray the cost of sending delegates to the convention in September.

A very special Happy 90th birthday to long time member Rita Cigliano. Have a blessed and joyous day.

Happy Independence Day to all!
Anita Trujillo

Glendora
Br. 179, St. Dorothy

St. Dorothy Branch 179 has been very busy! In May, we hosted another truck loading event to support our charities. Members loaded 12,040 pounds of clothing for a total collected of \$4,214! Afterwards, we enjoyed a pizza and salad supper. Thanks to all who helped as this allows us to maintain our support of St. Dorothy and other charities.

On June 1st, our very own deacon Tommy Green was ordained a priest. His first mass at St. Dorothy was celebrated at 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 2. Over 600 parishioners crammed into our church



to pray for this most worthy man. Mass was followed by a delicious dinner so we could congratulate Fr. Tommy personally. It was such a wonderful evening of spirituality, comradery, and love. God’s blessings Fr. Tommy always.

Patricia Auriemmo
Corresponding Secretary

Arcadia
Br. 218, Holy Angels

Again, a thank you to Mary Rovarino and Joann Hudson for planning the Father’s Day luncheon which everyone enjoyed.

At the Holy Angels School graduation, the branch presented two very deserving students each with a \$750 scholarship, Bella Benschop and Alejandro Rosen. Congratulations to both of them.

On a sad note, longtime member JoAnn Howell passed away. JoAnn was our president for a brief time before a severe illness overtook her. Our condolences to her family.

Everyone have a fun July 4th and a cool summer and will see you in September.

Lolly M.

Gardena
Br. 237, St. Anthony of Padua

Well after our Strawberry Park days fiesta was canceled due to a threat of vandalism, the parish celebrated the feast of our patron saint with a special two days of fun, food and fellowship. Thanks to the fiesta co- chairs, branch members, John and Rose Moore, and many parish volunteers the celebration was a big success!!!

Thanks for a great job. We are definitely looking forward to next year!!!!

June also brought several graduation celebrations, scholarships from our branch were awarded to our essay winner, Isabela Chavez, who will be attending Bishop Montgomery High School and twin altar servers, Isaac and Benjamin Valle who will be attending Verbum Dei High School. Congratulations to you three.

We are looking forward to convention in September, have a save summer.

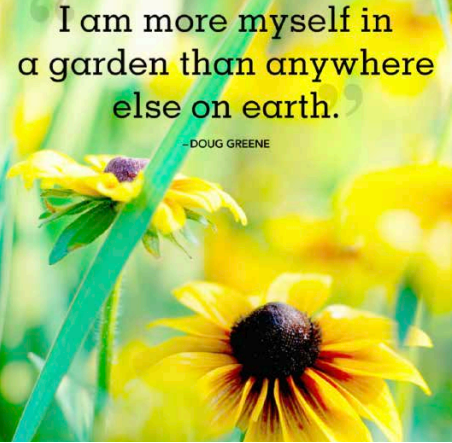
O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of your sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms. The gratitude of my heart will be ever yours. -Amen

-Priests of the Sacred Heart

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT



Los Gatos--St. Mary Branch #184: Here members surround Fr. Greg Kimm, holding a chocolate cake, honoring his retirement.



Los Gatos--St. Mary Branch #184: Pictured are President Deanna Meyer, next to member Arlene Rocchio, with son John Rocchio and granddaughter Chiara. Chiara was awarded one of our Scholarship Certificates.



Br. 368, New Members Jim & Carol Provenzano being sworn in to ICF .jpeg



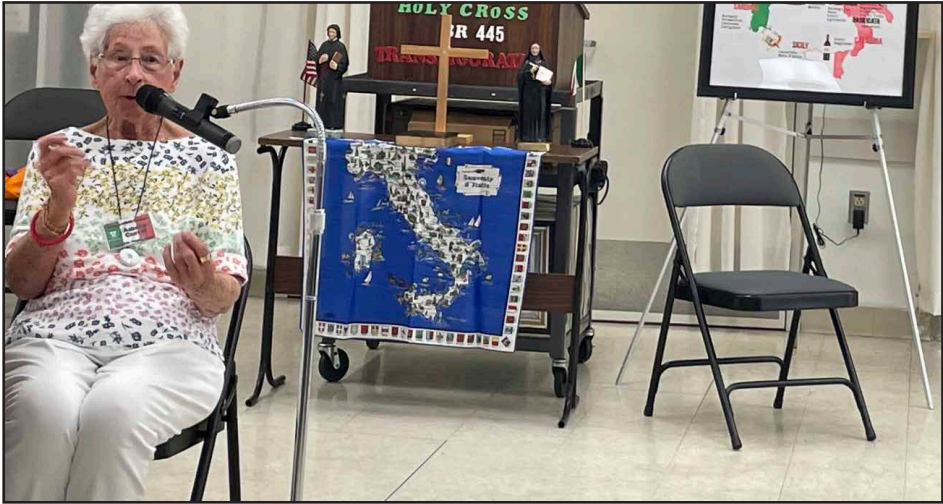
Branch 28 Cooks for the May dinner meeting.



Br. 445 Members Enjoying Wine and Appetizers



Br. 445 May Birthdays: Barbara Howell & Jim Canger



Br. 445 Emily Corral: May Heritage Report



Br. 445 Memorial Breakfast Buffet

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)



Crowning of Mary from Br. 191



Crowning of Mary from Br. 191



Branch 391's Scholarship Winner, Angelina Battaglia with Steve Lencioni and Mike Rossi at our Monthly Meeting



Branch 391's Steve Lencioni with Angelina Battaglia, and Gary and Laura Battaglia

91st Festa Italia to Return to the Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park in Downtown Monterey on September 6th – 8th, 2024

The 91st Annual Festa Italia is set to captivate the community, inviting all to join in the festivities honoring the city's Italian heritage and the indelible contributions of its local fishermen, past and present.

This beloved family-friendly free event, known for its immersive experience of Italian sights, sounds, food, and culture, provides a memorable celebration for attendees of all ages. Drawing both locals and visitors from the Bay Area and beyond, the festival has become a cherished tradition that highlights the essence of the Italian experience.

Scheduled over three days, Festa Italia offers an array of authentic Italian cuisine, accompanied by great music, lively dancing, and an abundance of fun and friendship. Attendees can indulge in the delectable flavors of Italy, with a tempting selection of culinary delights available for purchase.

From mouthwatering Calamari to savory Steak and Sausage Sandwiches, Pasta, Arancini, and delicious Cannoli, the festival promises a gastronomic journey that mirrors the rich tapestry of Italian culinary excellence.

To complement the experience, a variety of beverages, including wine, beer, sodas, and water, will be available.

In addition to the culinary offerings, attendees can check out all of the collectible Italian and Festa Italia-themed merchandise. Attendees will also enjoy visiting a diverse

array of vendors showcasing unique crafts, clothing and more.

The roots of Festa Italia trace back to 1933 when the inaugural celebration took place, marked by the donation of a statue of Santa Rosalia, the patron saint of Sicilian fishermen, to the San Carlos Cathedral. This tradition began as Sicilian fishermen sought the blessings of their patron saint for safe journeys and bountiful harvests. Festa Italia serves as a testament to the importance of preserving cultural heritage and passing it down to future generations.

In the spirit of honoring our roots and keeping our cultural stories alive, Festa Italia invites everyone to partake in this joyous and festive event. Embrace the traditions of old and new, ensuring that our shared heritage is not merely remembered but celebrated with enthusiasm.

Mark your calendars for the 91st Festa Italia, where the spirit of Italy comes alive in Monterey. Everyone is welcome to join in this cultural extravaganza and free, fun event!

ATA GLANCE:
What: 91st Festa Italia held by the Festa Italia Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization
Festival Entry Cost: Free
Where: Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park, Downtown Monterey
When: Friday – Sunday, September 6-8, 2024
Friday, September 6th – 3 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday, September 7th – 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Opening Ceremonies and Procession to Old Fisherman's Wharf for the traditional blessing of the fishing fleet followed by live entertainment and all event activities. Sunday, September 8th – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Where: Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park, Downtown Monterey Entertainment (to be announced)
Bocce Tournament – Saturday and Sunday, September 7th and 8th at the bocce courts at the Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park
Tickets are sold for raffles for a variety of prizes (need not be present to win)

Information:
(831) 633-4444 or email mail@FestaItaliaMonterey.org
Additional information and updates will be posted on the website:
www.FestaItaliaMonterey.org



Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Float



Downey
Br. 362, St. Raymond

Roll out those lazy hazy crazy days of summer, those days of soda and pretzels and beer. A song made famous by Nat King Cole. Summertime is here!

Last month the ICF celebrated its 100th anniversary. A century of fundraising to support education, medical research, parish support and our seminarians, as well as sharing our heritages. Three celebrations took place, 1 in San Francisco, then Chicago and finally in LA. All 3 were a success and a fabulous time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the events.

Our branch held a simple but fun fundraiser at Handle's Ice Cream. Thank you to Handle's for supporting the ICF and thank you to everyone for coming out and enjoying some wonderful ice cream.

Now it's time to look forward to the annual convention which will be held in the San Francisco area. Our branch president Christine Ragusa will be representing our branch once again. Be sure to stop by St Raymond on July 14th for our next Bingo Luncheon. Tickets are \$30 which includes a pasta lunch and your bingo games.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a very Happy Independence Day. Stay safe out there, and Happy Birthday America!

Simi Valley
Br. 443, St. Gianna

Branch 443 had its end of the year BBQ on Sunday, June 2, 2024, at President Rita and John Downey's house. Rita and John supplied the hot dogs. Members brought side dishes and desserts. Before we ate our meal, our spiritual director Deacon Dave led us in prayer. The weather was beautiful which allowed the children of our members the Pros, the Browns, and nephew Joseph Perini to play Bocce and Corn Hole.

Our upcoming events are the annual Bocce Tournament which will be held in September at Lemon Park; a fundraiser for St. Rose's Master Chorale in November organized by Branch 443 and the Knights of Columbus; and finishing out the year will be the annual Christmas Party in December.

*Peace and Blessings,
Josephine M. Perini*

Rancho Palos Verdes
Br. 444, St. John Fisher

St John Fisher's Pastor Msgr. Sork & Staff treated all the Volunteer Committee's in our Parish to a "Thank You" luncheon, Saturday, June 8th, in Barrett Hall. Our Branch of ICF was included in a spectacular lunch with well over 70 active Parish Groups. From Peru, Tijuana to Nigeria, the Parish is very active helping others. Plans for the 100 years Anniversary

of ICF is in place with Hany Francis, Carol Piccirillo and Cristina Baldemor attending. Every Branch of ICF is doing so much good within their Parish and out-side their Parish, helping so many people in many ways.

Our Summer's Day Picnic in the park will take place, Saturday, June 22nd at Hess Park. A Potluck-Trivia program is planned with a few will offering for our Charities we sponsor through ICF. Joe Reggio fell last week and broke many bones in his back. Please pray for his recovery and continue to pray for Joe Trani, Marianne Canetti, Guido Frassinelli and any other members of our Parish who are ill. Mother Cabrini & Sister Ann Seton pray for us.

Ciao, a presto, Patty Longo Hansen

Oakland

East Bay
District Council

Happy 4th of July!

We are quickly approaching the Annual Convention of our 100th year. Start collecting new blankets/socks to donate at convention and have some hearty meals to prepare for the blood drive! Our EBD Chaplain, Father Rizzo is presenting a session at the Convention. Not to be missed!

EBD is selling the Annual Convention Raffle tickets through the branches. Check with your branch president or at the main office in Oakland if more are needed.

Family, friends, fun, and food are characteristic of ICF events; so also, is Faith. EBD is reestablishing district Mass and Communion, thanks to host, Branch 343. Sunday July 14th 11:00 a.m. Mass, Transfiguration Church, Castro valley.

Bishop's Day has also been scheduled: Saturday Sept 7th -details coming.

Many fundraisers are in progress in July: Br. 215 raffle prize is money. Contact Fran la Torre (cescamia4@gmail.com) for tickets.

Br. 91 raffle presents 2 beautiful hand-made crosses (by J. Donovan) - Sterling silver and gold including chains.

Purchase tickets personally or online through Jo-Ann Donovan (jjdon@pacbell.net)

EBD and ICF mourn the loss of Leroy Taddei, a great, dedicated life member emeritus from branch 343. We miss him and remember him and his family in our prayers.

*Sincerely
Roberta Madej*



Alameda
Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

We welcomed over 70 happy celebrants to our 98th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday evening, June 1. Everyone enjoyed the delicious repast of salad, pasta with pesto, chicken scallopini and corn prepared by the great Ben Ratto. Ben was assisted in the kitchen by his wife Linda, son Ben, Jr., Bob Lubeck, Jan Rosa, Kim and Julio Lara and Desiree and Carlos Olson.

Many thanks also to the ICF officers who attended, Grand President Denise Antonowicz, past Grand President Leonard Rossi, Leonard's wife, East Bay District Mentor Karen Rossi, and East Bay District President JoAnn Donovan. Leonard added to his presence by playing his accordion prior to the dinner and initiating two new members, Dr. Carol Gerdes and Don Coughlan.

A reminder that we will hold our annual barbecue on Saturday, July 20 in Monsignor O'Brien Hall, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda. Starting time is 6:00 p.m. The women of Birth-right of San Lorenzo will join us and will accept donations of baby items and monetary gifts for their work with new mothers. The barbecue menu includes hamburgers, corn, watermelon, bottled water, soda, wine and dessert. Prices are \$15.00 for member adults, \$20.00 for non-member adults, \$10.00 for children five to 12 and free for children under five. For reservations, please contact John Zugnoni, 510-326-3474 or john@zugnoni.net, by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16.

Congratulations and best of luck in the next steps in your education to the four winners of Dave Rose Memorial Scholarships. This year's recipients are Harumi Schinzato and Diego Gomez of Saint Joseph Elementary School and Clara Verdickt and Ronan Sturlini of Saint Philip Neri School. The scholarships are awarded to graduates of the two Catholic grammar schools in Alameda who will be entering a Catholic high school in August. This year, all four will be attending Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School in Alameda.

*John Zugnoni
Branch 10 publicity*

Oakland
Br. 91, St. Lawrence O'Toole

Our annual fundraiser for Branch #91 is now on until August 2nd, 2024!

The proceeds will be used to support our charities including Cooley's Anemia, scholarships & more.

A special 100th year Anniversary opportunity

We have created items that any member can be proud to wear!

These cross necklaces are sterling silver and 14 kt. yellow gold -a true one of a kind in 2 different styles.

They have a golden ICF logo on the front side.

One will have one diamond that weighs 0.10cts. It hangs on a 24"silver chain.

It measures 2 "long by 1" wide. Donor value at \$500.00.

The other one is smaller with no stone. It measures 1 1/2" long by 1/2" wide and hangs on a 24" chain. Donor value of \$200.00.

So, for each \$5.00 donation, you get one chance to win. The more you donate, the better your chances!

Special \$20.00 = 5 tickets this time.

We will run this raffle during July and the winners picked on August 2nd.

As in the past, I can text or email a copy of your ticket stubs so you can see your tickets.

You can buy tickets by check.

Make it to: ICF Branch #91.

Include name, address, phone number and email address.

Or PayPal me- earmark for ICF Raffle : donivanandmaggiora-com@ yahoo.com

Send your check to:

Jo-Ann Maggiora Donovan
3350 Wisconsin St. Oakland, CA 94602

*Rispettosamente,
Jo-Ann M. Donovan, President*

Fremont
Br. 215, St. Francis of Assisi

The Italian Catholic Federation Branch #215 contributed to the annual Corpus Christi Parish Festival on June 2, 2024, held in historic Niles District of Fremont. Fran La Torre, President of ICF Br. #215 and its members provided desserts for sale, including ice cream and Italian biscottis during the festive, church event and fundraiser. They served over 100 parishioners and attendees. Fran and team also managed an ICF membership table adjacent to the refreshing and tasty desserts, featuring the informative ICF official video. Much gratitude to Fran and members, Nadine, Debbie, Cathy and Rick, Paul, Lorraine, Rebecca, John and Shirley and volunteer, Missy.

Deadline for August/September Issue of the Bollettino is August 1. Send your articles & photos: editor@icf.org

Be sure to include branch name and branch number.

Livermore
Br. 285, St. Filomena

Ciao Tutti,

Felice l'estate! Yes, summer is here. School is out and days are warm. The Alameda County Fair will be in town soon on June 14.

Our Livermore-Pleasanton Branch 285 had a very successful chicken cacciatore and polenta dinner on April 27th at St. Augustine Church Hall. We had 170 attending and many to go orders too! It was a fun evening that everyone enjoyed. A huge thank you to all the helpers, cook, accordionist, Ron Page for the jukebox box with Italian songs, and the Confirmation teens who helped serve. Thank you to those who attended from our branch and other branches. We appreciate your support! We are now planning our next event, Bingo at St. Michael Hall with the Golden Friends group on August 24.

Since St. Augustine Church and hall are being remodeled, we will be meeting at St. Elizabeth Seton Church on the 3rd Sunday of each month (June 30), unless we are going to dinner or at St. Michael.

We presented our scholarship winners from Livermore and Dublin High Schools with their award certificates in May and they will attend our next meeting as our honored guests. Congratulations to two wonderful young ladies who are so deserving of our acknowledgment!

On June 21 at 10 am we will tour the Independent Newspaper Building in Livermore. It is the original A.P. Giannini building.

Our Branch is continuing with ministry Sundays at both St. Michael and St. Augustine. We have about four new members who have come from these Sundays.

We hope to have a fundraiser at Strizzi's restaurant in Pleasanton/Livermore this summer and will also be attending the A's Italian Heritage Game on July 20 at 1 p.m.

Our next fundraiser is Bingo at St. Michael Church coordinated with the Golden Friends group on 8/24.

*Safe travels to all who are getting away this summer and God bless!
Con amore,
Carolina*

Castro Valley
Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

We had a nice turnout on Sunday as we celebrated our 100 years at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. It was nice to see some old friends and to meet some new ones. Mass was said by Fr. Mario Rizzo, who was able say Mass and speak to all our members from the stage. A very nice day!

We are again looking forward to a good meal this week as we will be having a Lasagna and Salad dinner with a special dessert prepared by Lucy Cronin.

For those of you who have not yet sold your raffle tickets, Karen is awaiting your response and the money!

Since our Pres. Leonard will be attending the convention as a member of the Central Council our Vice Pres. Margaret will be going as Pres. and Melody will be a delegate.

We are looking forward to the District Communion hosted by our Branch #343 in July at the Transfiguration church in July, a luncheon will follow.

A Happy Father's Day to all fathers. Congratulations to All Graduates from High Schools and Colleges. Pat Grasso, Sec. Br.# 343

CONTRA COSTA
District Council

Greetings from the Contra Costa District Council. We are getting ready for the summer anniversary celebrations and looking forward to a warm and lazy summer.

In addition to attending the anniversary celebrations, we will have several district events coming up to add enjoyment to your summer. Plan to join district members at the upcoming Italian Heritage Baseball Game at the Oakland Coliseum. The Oakland A's will be playing the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim on Saturday afternoon, July 20. Tickets will be available for this event soon, so mark your calendars now and get ready for a fun afternoon! Also coming up is our annual District mass and breakfast on Sunday, Aug 4, at 9 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Brentwood. Another spiritual highlight for our district will be the Bishop's Day Mass and Dinner. It is being hosted by the Crockett branch at St. Rose of Lima Church in Crockett on Saturday evening, September 7 at 4:30 p.m. mass followed by the dinner. Mark your calendars for these events and plan to join us!

Wishing all an enjoyable summer and hope to see many of you over Labor Day weekend celebrating 100 years of ICF at our annual convention in Burlingame!

*Diana Letizia Mackinson
District President*

Martinez
Br. 13, San Martino

June 9, exactly 97 years since Branch #13 was established, the Federation gathered to celebrate its 100th anniversary. We shared a meal and visited with other ICF "family" from near and far. We laughed, ate, and enjoyed the music of accordionist, Lorenzo Lucchesi. Kudos.

On July 4th, we celebrate Independence Day commemorating "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." In our

pursuits, we also hold tightly to a declaration of human rights, which guarantee our Freedoms of Speech, of Worship, from Want, and from Fear; though, shaky at times especially in our country today. Take pause to reflect on our faith and values in our democratic society; and pray for unity and peace among Americans through these next months.

We congratulate Michael Klapperich from Alhambra High School on receiving our branch's first-year scholarship in memory of Shiela Grilli. Members met him over Zoom and heard about his plans to become an airline pilot.

Michael already knows his path, though his perspicacity doesn't come as easy to many. People too often make discernment too vague, which impedes the right path from revealing itself. Discernment is a journey. There seems to be three important steps to take along the way. I've heard these basic phases referred to as the "BLT" method. To discern God's way in our hearts, we must Believe, Listen, and Trust. In time, all will become clear.

*Sempre Avanti,
Mary Cook*

Crockett
Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici!

Convention is right round the corner, and we are lucky to have Donna Hoffmann, Dee Carone, and Sylvia Smith as this year's delegates. Congratulations ladies and thank you for stepping up!

Our friend Laurice Levine surprised us with a visit at our last meeting. It was great to catch up with Laurice, and we're always happy to see her.

Save the date for our branch picnic on August 11th. Louise DeTomasi has once again graciously offered to host us at her lovely home. We always have a wonderful time, and her hospitality is out of this world. More information to come.

Just a reminder...our branch will be hosting Bishop's Day this year on September 7th at St. Rose with Mass starting at 4:30. Look for more information soon.

Please join us for our next meeting on September 10th to celebrate the 97th anniversary of our branch. (No Mass as Fr. Leo will be out of town.) Johnny V. will be making his famous Tri-Tip BBQ, and we're sure to have a great time. Dinner cost is \$15.00. After the meeting, we'll be selling tickets for the October 19th Polenta Dinner for \$25.00, so call your family and friends in advance to see how many tickets you will need.

We send get well wishes to our friends Debbie Keys, Bonnie Leal, Donna Ronchetto, and Mary Pollio.

We hope you'll be feeling better soon!

*Happy 4th of July and enjoy the fireworks!
Blessings,
~Helen*

Concord
Br. 214, Todos Santos

What a wonderful time we had at the ICF 100th Anniversary celebration. It was held at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. Father Rizzo performed the mass for 265 people. We had a delicious lunch followed by an amazing cake.

There were great raffle prizes and a silent auction. Thank you all who arranged this wonderful event.

We are looking forward to our members only appreciation barbecue at the home of our president Roberta Healy. It is on August 10th. It will be catered by Back Forty. We will have raffle prizes also.

The ICF convention on Labor Day will be attended by our two representatives from our Branch. We hope many members will attend the banquet dinner Saturday night. Looking forward to this event.

I hope all is well with all of you and your families.

We pray daily for our members who are sick or recuperating from surgeries or health issues.

*Enjoy the nice warm weather.
Con Amore
Norene Deluca*

Danville
Br. 352, St. Isidore

Italians love their Italian food, but as Russ our chef was in Italy last meeting, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo with Mexican food. The dinner was catered by El Molina, food was delicious. We had Phyllis Martinelli talk about the Piedmonte area of Italy for our heritage series. Although she was not born there, her family came from Piedmonte and has visited and shared some interesting facts. Margie Favro also joined her as her family was from the same area. In September, we will have members share about Sicily as some of our members that were just there.

With our contributions to ICF scholarship program, we were able to award \$400 first year scholarship to two students within our Contra Costa district. Students and their parents have been invited to join us at our June barbecue dinner meeting, where we will present their awards certificates. The students are: 1) Cashe Esposito, De La Salle High School, Concord. 2) Rylan Joseph, Riccabonna, Bertrand Christian High School, Walnut Creek.

On Sunday, August 18 from 9 to 2 we will have our Bocce picnic at Sycamore Park. We are looking forward to having fun with family and friends.

One more important thing to share...we now have 24 new members...Welcome new members. Grazie. tutti!!

*More news next time!!
Ciao Amici, Sally*

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT



Wow. What is Sylvia going to mix??? Our kitchen helpers for the evening of our Mother's Day, Cinco de Mayo dinner at Crockett #14.



Crockett Branch14, had a surprise visit by Laurice Levine , always a pleasure to see her. Donna H, Laurice L , Pat B and Nancy C.



Br. 352, Picture from May meeting, dinner



Br. 352, Picture from May meeting, dinner and Phyllis Martinelli, speaking on the Piedmonte Region.



Branch 432



Branch 432



Branch 432

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT (continued)



Crockett #14 members who attended the 100 Gala ICF Dinner in S.F. Thank you for representing our branch.



Br. 13, Lorenzo Lucchessi, friend and accordionist, entertained the Federation members present to celebrate 100 years of heritage



Mary Cook of Branch #13 won Basket #13 containing \$100 worth of scratchers. Lucky #13.



Br. 442, 8th Grade Scholarship



Br. 442, 8th Grade Scholarship



Branch 214 Concord from 100 anniversary ICF



Branch #13 Members Anne Crisp, Tom Cook, Kevin Austin, Rosemary Cook, and Karen Glen enjoying their time at the Basque Cultural Center



Br. 442, 8th Grade Scholarship



Rylan Riccabona & parents. He is off to UCLA this Fall.

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT



Thomas Vincent Bruno 1937-2024 Branch 36



Andrew Cardinalli & Diane Simkins & Lina Moretti Branch 36



Branch 36 Anniversary Dinner



Br. 36, Mike Maratha and Erasmo Aiello



Ed and Bella Leonard Branch 36

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Branch 51 with 2024 Scholarship Recipients

STOCKTON DISTRICT



Stockton District members, Patty (Br. 82), Dante (Br. 139), Cecelia (Br. 48) at 100th Anniversary Gala

ICF is Going Green!

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



Br. 82, St Anne's Prayer Group supporting out Brick House Fundraiser



Br. 413, New Members from L to R Michael Dutil, Brandon McHardy, and Dalen Brown



Br. 82, Robert, Annie and Daniella from Br 413 supporting our Brick House Fundraiser





Summer & Fall, 2024!



Dec 14, 2024

Christmas Magic Concert & Reception Party

St Peter Italian Church



Aug – Sept – Oct 2024

Lyric Recital Series



Summer Opera Camp

Theme: **TURANDOT!!**

July – Aug 2024

DTLA, Santa Monica, San Pedro



Oct 19 - 20, 2024

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Los Angeles venues TBA

Stay tuned for Opera Class and Festas for Children & Youth! With **YOUNG OPERA THEATER**



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SANTA ROSA DISTRICT



ICF 100th Anniversary Luncheon attendees l-r Br. 209 St. Michael, Eugene & Lorriane Vannetti Br. 198 St. Eugene, Bob & Kathy Acquistapace , Doreen O' Rourke



Sebastopol Branch #209, 5/19/24 Bocce Tournament



STOCKTON DISTRICT (continued)



Branch 395 Our Parish Priest and Guest Speaker Fr. Ramakoti



Branch 395 Stockton District Meeting, Check-In Table



Branch 395 Stockton District Meeting, District Officers



Scholarship Award Winners from Sebastopol Branch #209



Sebastopol Branch #209 5/19/24 Bocce Tournament Winners! The Vannetti Family



Br. 52, President Monika Besancon with our 6th Grade Heritage Essay Winners



Br.144 Mother's Day prayer cards

ICF National Convention 2024

Lauren Kilcullen, Convention Director's Committee

Welcome to July! **Two months until our Convention!**

Hopefully, all branches have sent in their delegate registrations to the ICF Office. If you have yet to send in your registrations, the reg fee increases to \$400 per delegate on July 1. Registration includes Friday Opening Dinner, Saturday Banquet, Sunday Awards Lunch, Convention Yearbook, handouts and audio/visual. The Convention hotel is:

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

To book a hotel room, please use this link:
<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1711653577856&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Rate: \$149.00 per night plus 12% occupancy tax and 1.50% San Francisco Peninsula Tourism Marketing District Assessment

The deadline for reservations is August 7 or when the room block sells out. Please do not wait until August to make your hotel reservations. We currently have 41% of the room block filled.

The Convention is open to all ICF members and guests. Encourage your members to attend all or part of the Convention. Reservations are available for dinners and lunch. Also, please encourage everyone to attend Sunday Mass.

The Convention Directors Committee and the San Mateo District Council are continuing to plan the Convention. Please see elsewhere in the Bollettino for flyers on the Convention dinners and lunch, Blood Drive, Bingo, Italian Marketplace and the Thursday night dinner.

Our Saturday Night banquet will continue our celebration of our 100th Anniversary by honoring our Past Grand Presidents and First Ladies. All awards will be given at Sunday's lunch.

The con-celebrated Mass will be on Sunday at 3:00 PM, followed by the Installation of the Grand Officers.

We're continuing our charitable initiative of giving back to the local community. This year, we are asking for donations of blankets and socks for local homeless and women's shelters, hospitals, St. Vincent de Paul Society, etc. Please be generous!

The Public Relations Committee is planning a workshop and I'm still looking for 2 or 3 more branches to participate in the Technology 101 – Practical Information for Branches workshop. If your branch uses tech and would like to share with other branches, please let me know! This workshop is designed to give practical, useful information to branches.

We hope everyone is excited about the Convention and look forward to seeing everyone in Burlingame!

Thank you,
Lauren Kilcullen, Convention Directors Chairperson



ICF WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

LAST YEAR YOU DID A GREAT JOB COLLECTING PASTA TO FEED THOSE IN NEED

THIS YEAR WE ARE MAKING "WARM HUGS - WARM HEARTS" SO WE ARE ASKING FOR

NEW BLANKETS - NEW NEONATAL BLANKETS - NEW SOCKS

Donations will be presented to various local charities at the 2024 Convention

Collect them at your Branch or District level

Please bring your donations to the Convention August 30, 2024

WATCH THE BOLLETTINO FOR MORE INFORMATION

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2024 CONVENTION

"Sempre Avanti"

August 30 – September 1

San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront

1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA

Hotel Reservation Link:

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Rate: \$149.00 per night plus 12% occupancy tax and 1.50% San Francisco Peninsula Tourism Marketing District Assessment

Reservation Deadline: August 7

Self - Parking: \$25.00 per day. No valet parking.

Nearest Airport: San Francisco International Airport (complimentary airport shuttle)

Convention updates can be found on the ICF Facebook page or in the Bollettino.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Convention!

We look forward to seeing you in Burlingame!



Children's Hospital
LOS ANGELES

We Treat Kids Better

Interested in learning more about the ICF's National Charity, Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia)?

If so, Laurice Levine, ICF Liaison for Children's Hospital Los Angeles, would be honored to come and speak at one of your branch meetings or any special event (at no cost to your branch).

Contact Information:
360-860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com

It does not matter how small or how large your branch is, the goal is to educate everyone on Cooley's Anemia and the great work the ICF does for this cause.

CONVENTION BINGO

San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront
Friday, August 30
2pm – 4pm

Entry Fee Per Bingo Pack:
\$25 Advance Reservations
\$30 After August 15, or at the door

Each Bingo Pack includes 6 Bingo games. For each game, participants will receive 6 Bingo cards per sheet.

Jackpots are based on the number of participants.
Reservations: Please mail check to the ICF Office.

Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____

The Italian Catholic Federation's 93rd Annual Convention

Celebrating 100 Years

come check out the

San Mateo District's Market Place

Local Vendors, Italian Novelties, Jewelry and MORE!!!

Interested in renting a table ... Cost \$85.00
Contact Deborah Rodondi - drodondi@comcast.net

August 30-31 at the SFO Marriott Waterfront, Burlingame
Times Open: Friday the 30th - 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday the 31st - 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SAN MATEO DISTRICT



2024, June 9 - Branch 403 at ICF 100th at Basque SSF--Branch 403 members enjoying the 100th Anniversary Gala



Anthony Bruno & Dorene Campanile big winners from Branch 173. Celebrating 100 years of ICF



Br. 173, Brenda Wemiz (myself), Father Mario, Lisa Martinelli and Father Michael (Our Lady of Angels)

MARIN AREA



Br. 332 Marilu, Darlene and Donna keep guests happy at the wine bar.



Br. 332 There is always a great selection at the dessert table. Delizioso!



Br. 332 Ken and Christine Valentine celebrated their anniversary with their ICF friends.

Brentwood
Br. 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary

A happy belated Father’s Day to all the men who serve in any capacity as “Fathers.”

We did not meet in May and since our June meeting takes place on June 24, (which will be a BBQ themed dinner) and too late for inclusion in the July *Bollettino*, I wanted to say a few words about our Parish Festival which took place on June 8. The day began with Mass and a rosary procession following. There was music (provided by our talented Murray family parishioners), dancing by a lively local Hispanic group of beautiful young ladies, games and of course plenty of good food. Our ICF members were represented (Lilly and Eleanor were busy providing hot dogs) as well as other various Ministries that are active in our Parish.

We look forward to our June meeting where our member, Pat Rebollar, will provide us with stories from her six year stay in Germany and also our Oakland As Italian Heritage Day game against the LA Angels on July 20.

We plan on announcing our scholarship recipients and some photos in the September *Bollettino*.

Cia for now, Mary M.

Pleasant Hill
Br. 442, Christ the King

Another school year ends, and Branch 442 at Christ the King Parish in Pleasant Hill has been focusing on the successful students who will be moving on to new academic settings.

Our scholarship committee solicited and evaluated students graduating from the 8th grade and celebrated those scholarship winners at our May 21st meeting.

Congratulations went out to Patrick ‘Jake’ Callahan and Jocelyn Thorne. (See their photos in this edition of the *Bollettino*). We were happy to have their families join our meeting to help honor their achievement.

At our August branch meeting we will have the high school scholarship recipients join us. They are Alessandra Alioto from Larkspur and Claire Diaco from El Cerrito. We look forward to meeting them and hearing about their college plans!

Our involvement is helping striving students to move forward in the education is motivating, especially when, recently, we received a letter from our 2023 8th Grade Scholarship winner, letting us know about her progress in high school and thanking us for our support.

During the Summer our calendar of branch activities will be lighter so that we can all relax, travel and enjoy our families. Until our next update, we wish all a safe and blessed Summer!

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



BLESSED
SACRAMENT
District

Auburn
Br. 342, St. Joseph

Congratulations to this wonderful organization on their 100th Anniversary! Several members of the Blessed Sacrament District (along with myself and almost 300 others) celebrated mass, enjoyed a delicious lunch, caught up with old friends, and did a lot of reminiscing.

At the June 9th Gala at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. So much fun and so proud to be member of this Federation!

Our Board is currently working on planning our Annual Member Picnic for September and our Bunco Fundraiser for November. Look for more details in future *Bollettinos*.

*Ciao!
Pam Andersen*

Roseville
Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi

We are excited that our branch is growing! We are very busy creating a warm and inviting atmosphere full of fun activities, spiritual prayers and delicious dinners. We are also planning events that will bring our community together. That is always our goal!

This month we celebrated Father’s Day! We barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs, along with a variety of salads as side dishes. Of course, we also had a selection of desserts. To celebrate the dads in the room, we had chocolate bars and key chains with spiritual sayings on them. To make it fun, we included DAD jokes, a raffle and lots of fun and laughter! So, bless you and thank you to all dads for supporting your families, being a friend and just being all around good guys!

We are gearing up for our next fundraisers. In August, we are having a Bingo Event, in conjunction with the Blessed Sacrament District. This is always a fun activity. There will be Bingo, baskets with lots of goodies being raffled and lunch. Buy your tickets early! This always sells out fast!

We are also at the beginning stages of planning a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser and a Paint Night! More details to follow...

*Ciao for now...
Irene Perez*

SANTA ROSA
District

Healdsburg
Br. 52, San Francesco Di Sales

We hope everyone is enjoying their Summertime!

Our Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day Dinner was a lot of fun. Thank you to Richard Passalacqua and crew for BBQing the wonderful tri-tip and pasta. We honored our 6th grade Heritage Essay Winners, also.

Upcoming Events:

No branch meeting in July.

Friday, July 26: Calling all golfers for the ICF Golf Tournament at Bennett Valley Golf Course. \$180 for golf and lunch. \$50.00 for lunch, only. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100.00 per hole. This is a fun event! Prizes will be given. More information in the *Bollettino* or call Lauren: 707-595-3111.

Friday, August 30 – Sunday, September 1: ICF Annual Convention in Burlingame. Our delegates, led by President Monika Besancon are excited to attend the Convention. The convention is open to everyone.

I sent the ICF Raffle tickets to everyone. Please purchase your book of tickets. Price: \$30.00 per book. The deadline is August 1. The drawing is held at the Convention.

*Happy Fourth of July!
Lauren*

Petaluma
Br. 127, St. Vincent

Hope you had a Bang up Fourth of July.

I have to apologize for my boo boo of saying the Quarterly Communion mass was the 29th of June when it was the 24th. The next one will be in September, and it will be the fourth Monday.

No meeting in July but remember August we resume meeting again. 3 o’clock is our new time. Please come and have dessert and a nice time.

We gave three scholarships this year. Julia Castagnola Petaluma High, Brett Ghisletta and Ava Sullivan both of St. Vincent High. Congratulations winners.

You have received your Convention raffle ticket books. Lucy has asked for the return of your stubs and check by July 15. Our branch gets a third of the money so please reply a.s.a.p. Let her know if you need more books. Thank you.

Joseph Hromek nephew of Sharon Hromek is fighting cancer. Please pray for him. Prayer is a powerful medicine.

Ciao for now Margaret Cordrey

Arcata
Br. 144, St. Mary

Summer is upon us here in Arcata with cool, sometimes cloudy, mornings that often clear in the afternoon. We enjoy not sweltering and love living “behind the redwood curtain”.

Schools are out so we return to a quieter town.

As we did for Mother’s Day in May (photo), our branch handed out St. Joseph prayer cards to all the dads at the Father’s Day weekend Masses. They were blessed by our chaplain, Fr. Prakash.

July 14 finds us enjoying our annual BBQ. This time we will be at Jim (’08) and Ruth (’08) Monge’s home where we will be surrounded by redwoods. So very lovely.

July is our one month to relax before we begin preparing for our Chicken and Polenta dinner, which will be on Sunday, September 8.

*Buona estate da Branch #144!
Anne Carlisle Eanni
Secretary
Anne Seymour Carlisle
dermdiva2@yahoo.com*

Santa Rosa
Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Our branch was responsible for the paper products at the reception for the

Ordination of two new priests. Thanks to the GENEROUS donations from Becca Carrera, Bob and Kathy Acquistapace, and Doreen O’Rourke the net cost to the branch was ZERO.

The Father’s Day potluck was a huge success, and we now look forward to apple pie and ice cream on July 1st and ice cream sundaes on August 5. A fitting welcome to summer.

Our religious activities include masses for our living and deceased members at 8:00 a.m. on July 10 and 8:00 a.m. on August 20, please try to attend. Also, for the future, plan to attend Bishop’s Day at the Cathedral. Mass at 10:30 a.m. with a lasagna lunch to follow. More details to follow.

Continue your prayers for Gail Azevedo, Lynette Lucia and other members in need of God’s help.

May your summer months give you good times with your family and an abundant yield from your garden and fruit trees.

*Ciao,
Robert Acquistapace*



Sebastopol
Br. 209, St. Michael

Hello from Branch #209!

At our May 14th General Meeting, our six scholarship award winners: Andrea Bonito-Chino, Courtney Landucci, Isabella Girardelli, Stephanie Carreras, Kris Zezza, and Jocelyn Sierra, along with their families, joined us for a delicious lasagna dinner! We got to hear from each of them, who spoke about their future plans. We could not be prouder for rewarding these amazing young adults for their achievements and helping them to reach their future goals. It was a wonderful night!

On May 19th, our Branch #209 hosted our annual Bocce Tournament. The weather was perfect, and the day was fun! We had eight teams participate, and the team that moved up the ladder becoming the number one winning team was the Vannetti's (Lorraine, Gene, Ricky and Kyle). Second place went to John and Tammy Fore and Nancy and Steve Stedman. Rounding up third place was Steve Azevedo, Jim Kany, J.R. Mafia, and Jerry St. George. Thank you to all who participated! And a huge thank you to Debbi Wallen who organized the whole event. Also, a special thank you to Marlene Spadoni for making the new bocce signs. The food, fun, and fellowship, along with friendly competition, made for a spectacular day!

As of this writing, we are gearing up for a Father's Day Mexican Fiesta for our General Meeting on June 11th to honor all fathers. We wish you all well, and a very enjoyable summer!!!

Ciao,
Yvonne Dorr, Recording Secretary

FRESNO
District

Fresno
Br. 32, St. Alphonsus

We have been going strong for 93 years. Now we are closing our branch. We are saddened by this choice that had to be made. After Covid everything started to dwindle down. When you are in this organization you need to be able to have the support, not only from the members but also from the clergy. We were not getting the support needed to keep pushing through. There is a time when all things come to an end, and this was the time. We had some great dinners that we put on, awesome bake sales (people loved the Biscotti), sausage sandwiches, and membership drives just to name a few. I want to wish all the members who have been by our side throughout all the years a BIG THANK YOU. There has been a lot of members who have passed away. They were the foundation that grew us up from the ground. Without them there would have never been 93 wonderful years. As we continue on our journey in life keep moving forward and

have no regrets. All we have now are the beautiful memories that we made. The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God. Work as if everything depends on you. Pray as if everything depends on God. Give me faith, Lord, and let me help others find it.

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Donald Cardell (June 3rd), CeCe Bispo (June 14th), Josie Reyna (July 13th), Wayne Gomes (July 14th), Virginia De Pasquale (August 26th), Monica Ficher (September 10th), Manny Ficher (September 16th), Becky Wright (September 24th), Cle-Estria Lett (October 14th), Michael Caglia (November 8th), Lupe Ayila (November 13th), Linda Hood (November 21st), Maurice De Benedetto (December 6th), Evelyn Lopez (December 7th), Patricia Vivenci (December 24th). This is the last of the birthdays throughout the year. Lord, please watch over them on their special day.

Sincerely,
Monica Ficher
Financial Secretary/Treasurer

Merced
Br. 39, St. Cecilia

June was a busy month in Merced with all the high school and college graduations. Our branch is proud to announce the 2024 2025 1st year \$400 Scholarship winners: Trevor Hath; Rohan Thiara, member Loretta Symes' grandson. Both are Golden Valley High School, Merced graduates. Member Calor Salmeri's granddaughter and grandson, Micalyse Gates and Francis John Gates, also were awarded scholarships. All four were invited to attend our annual branch picnic June 19th at Lake Yosemite in Merced. Member Bob Tyler and his crew prepared an enjoyable meal.

Our branch elected the following delegates for this year convention: Maryellen Mazzei, Ruth Redondo, Terrie Rhodes, and Robyn Piro.

We are sad to announce that we lost two of our devoted members, Evelyn Way who passed away on Monday, May 20th and Giuliana Kamesh who passed away on June 6th. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer and stay cool.

Sanger
Br. 70, Sant' Antonio

It is with great sadness that after 80 years, Branch 70 will be holding its last meeting June 15. During this meeting we will finalize the dispersal of our funds. Our final three scholarships to deserving Sanger High School students will be handed out and the last of our monies will be divided between St Mary's church, Hannibal House Thrift Store, and Cooley's Anemia Foundation.

Branch 70 has a loving and wonderful history. As membership slowly became smaller and smaller, those who passed or moved away have been irreplaceable and



deeply missed. Kay Lopez has been our president for the last 12 years and done a wonderful job. We have been blessed to have her and all our past presidents. Our meetings always brought smiles as members would walk in and take their places in the same seats every time. Our remaining members, Kay Lopez, Josie Lopez, myself, Bob and Sue Merlo, Elaine Lencioni, Ralph and Rosemary Wymenga, Tencia Rubio, Karen and Don Steinhauer, Lisa Dibarano, and Father John Bruno, have become friends for life and even the closing of our branch will not change that.

And so, for the final time, I say farewell, God Bless everyone, and have a wonderful summer.

Arrivederci,
Orsolina Casella

Clovis
Br. 250, Our Lady of
Perpetual Help

Greetings from Clovis!

Happy Birthday greetings to our sole June celebrant, Mary Fontes!

Our Branch suffered the loss of long-time member, Jennette Couch. She went home to the Lord after a long, heroic battle with declining health. Jeanette kept an upbeat attitude even as she dealt with her health issues. A funeral Mass was held in her honor on June 11th. Prayers for Ron Travis who is in hospice care now.

Little known popes' department: St. Callixtus I (the 16th Pope) 217-222. Although born into slavery, he later entered the religious life; he became one of the most controversial popes; was notorious for splitting the church of Rome inadvertently creating the first schism and the first antipope.

Reminder: there will be a mass for living and deceased members at 11 a.m. on July28, followed by lunch at the Seven restaurant in Clovis.

Philosopher Angelino says: "Ne Acqua, Ne Gelo, Rimasero In Cielo." Neither rain nor frost remains in heaven".

Did you know? Co-founder, Luigi Providenza, was born in Genoa and was a radical idealist who rose to the position of Chairman of Italy's Popular Party. At 26, following three Communist attempts on his life, he emigrated to America settling in San Francisco where he eventually helped in founding the ICF, along with Fr. Albert Bandini.

Thought for the month

"Lord, remind me not to be concerned

About who does your work, but rather that Your work gets done" (Hoff)

Ciao,
Angelo Lavagnino

Deadline for
August/September
Issue of the
Bollettino is
August 1.
Send your articles &
photos:
editor@icf.org

Be sure to include
branch name
and branch number.

Fresno
Br. 308, St. Anthony of
Padua

Hello Members,

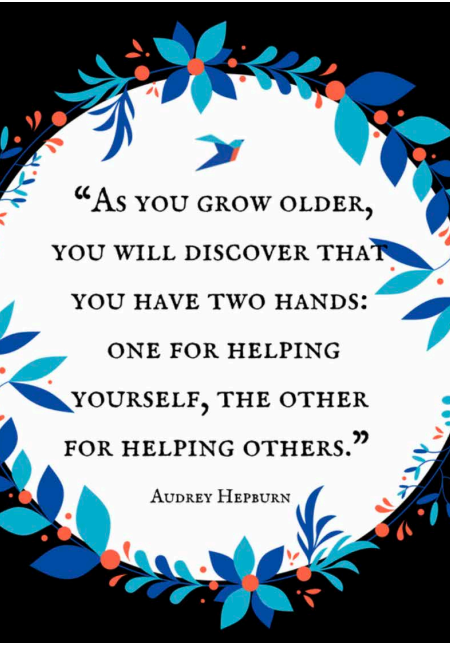
At our June meeting we presented newly ordained Father Hermenejildo Lopez-Cabrera with a gift of \$300.

Our dear member and friend Patricia "Patti" Lometti passed away May 28th. Her funeral Mass was held on June 13. Patti was a long-time member of our club and participated in many club events. She was tireless supporter of Right to Life. She will be missed.

There will be no meeting in July. We break for the hottest part of summer. While we are on break consider a leadership position. Central Council nominations are open until August 1st. Application is in the *Bollettino*. Also consider stepping up and assuming a leadership position in our club.

ICF Convention is just around the corner, Labor Day weekend. It's a fun weekend. Yes, there is the business of running a large organization, but it must be done. Please plan on attending.

Enjoy the summer. See everyone on August 14th.
Jay Newsome, Co-President



CENTRAL COAST
District

Monterey
Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Happy Fourth of July - Hope everyone is enjoying your summer with your family and friends.

May 23, 2023, was our 93rd Anniversary, thank you Denise Antonowicz, Grand President for giving us a toast congratulations us and wishing us many more years to come. 220 members and guests were entertained by Mike Maratha, David Marzetti, and Erasmo Aiello. A delicious Chicken Cacio e Pepe dinner was served. A rose was given to members who had 17 years or more of membership. Josephine Favazza, 41 years Also, 40 years to Liz Grammatico, Jack Flores, and Rose Della Sala, 39 years. Ed and Bella Leonard were recognized, and each given a certificate of their accomplishments of 31 years of membership, with their dedication as Board member for Branch 36, Mentors for Br 51 Castroville and Br 25 Salinas. We thanked Ed for being the lead person in the kitchen for over 20 years and still helping us prepare our ICF dinners.

Congratulations to our elected delegates for our 2024 Convention, Ed Leonard, George Leonard, Dr. Vincent Malfitano, Doug Otmar, and Elaine Valentine.

June 20, 2024, dinner/meeting welcoming first day of summer.

Dinner was prepared by George Leonard with our ICF kitchen crew. Menu Meatballs Marsala, Polenta, salad, vegetables, garlic bread and dessert.

July 25, 2024, Luau at the Moose Lodge-Chicken Teriyaki Dinner \$25.00 members - \$30.00 non-members. Hula dance performance.

August 22, 2024. 85 and Over dinner at San Carlos Hall, Theme "Taste of Italy"

We are planning to have a DJ to play all your favorite songs. We have 100 plus members 85 and over. More details will follow.

September 19, 2024, Western night at Moose Lodge- \$25.00 for members \$30.00 non-members. More details will follow.

We are saddened to report that Thomas Vincent Bruno recently passed away. Our condolences to his wife Angie and his family. May he Rest in Peace.

Today only happens once, make it amazing.

Saluti,
Elaine Valentine
President Br 36



Castroville
Br. 51, Santa Caterina de
Siena

Happy Birthday to our July members, Sally Reynolds (7/13) and our Branch 51 President Cindy Stefani (7/28). Wishing you both a blessed birthday!

We will be holding our District meeting on June 29 at Richards Hall in Castroville.

Happy 4th of July!
Stefani Cortopassi

Aptos
Br. 227, St. Joseph

Thanks to all the members who brought delicious dishes to share at our June meeting and potluck dinner. For those with a sweet tooth, there were plenty of desserts!

Remember the annual barbecue set for July 20 at DeLaveaga Forty Thieves Park. The menu will include your choice of hamburgers or Italian sausage, beans, salad, watermelon and cookies. Beer and wine will be available. The cost is \$15.

The 10:15 a.m. mass at Resurrection Church on June 30 is in honor of Living and Deceased Members of ICF.

A reminder that if you haven't sent in your convention raffle tickets yet, please do so soon. They must be turned in to the ICF Office by August 15. Send them to President Franklyn Lopes or drop them off at Stewart's Floral. The tickets cost \$30, and \$10 of that stays with our branch.

We are very grateful to the Ponza Family who donated \$1,000 for a scholarship in memory of our last remaining charter member, Alice Ponza. Their gift will help keep Alice's memory alive.

Our prayers and get well wishes go to Nancy Prevedelli who underwent back surgery recently.

Hope everyone has a happy and safe Fourth of July.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

SANTA CLARA
VALLEY
District

Gilroy
Br. 28, Santa Maria
Ausiliatrice

Blessed Members,

As we celebrate the birth of our nation this month, may we remember the first Native American saint, Kateri Tekakwitha from the Mohawk tribe. Tekakwitha always wanted to be baptized since she was a child. At the age of 19, Tekakwitha was baptized and took her



baptismal name, Kateri, meaning Catherine. She devoted the rest of her life to Jesus Christ. Saint Kateri is the patron saint for Native Americans.

We have reserved a chartered air-conditioned school bus on September 7th to take us to the Monterey Festa Italia. The cost is \$25 per person. It will be a fun time. Please call Judy Bozzo (408-1621) if you wish to go.

God Bless America,
Jeanette Hudson

Mountain View
Br. 47, San Giorgio

Happy 4th of July! Wishing you all a fun filled summer with lots of sunshine, summer fun, and barbecues! Some of us will be jetting off and others will be having a relaxing staycation in the area. We have two new members. Welcome Tom and Barbara! We are so excited to have them join us! We will also be hosting a ICF Mass on July 14th with breakfast to follow.

Peace and God Bless!
Ciao, Julie

St. Mary
Br. 184, Los Gatos

Central Council is the governing body of the ICF. Our own Denise Antonowicz is the current President of Central Council. She attended our May meeting; we are always honored to see her at St. Mary's.

We enjoyed hearing a Heritage Report from Arlene Rocchio. Her late husband John was very proud of his ancestors who originated in Gallo di Matese in the Province of Campania. These Heritage Reports are always interesting, and we also learn from them.

Arlene's granddaughter, Kiara Rocchio, was also present, and was a recipient of one of our ICF Scholarships! Kiara is a graduate of Live Oak High School and plans to pursue a master's in criminology at Arizona State.

Ava Genesci was also a recipient of our Scholarship but was not able to attend our meeting at this time. Congratulations to both young women and we wish them well in their future studies.

There is still time to send your checks and stubs for the Convention Raffle tickets. They can be mailed to our Treasurer Donna Pfaff, 1525 Casa De Ponselle, San Jose 95118. The deadline for sending is July 15!

We ended our meeting on a bittersweet note. Fr. Greg Kimm, our Pastor and Chaplain, is retiring in July. We were treated to a delicious chocolate cake in his honor. He said he will try to stay in touch with our ICF.

Be safe and enjoy your summer, Lucy Amico

San Jose
Br. 191, Saint Frances
Cabrini

Happy 4th of July! Branch 191 had a very lovely Crowning of Mary at our May meeting. We had Esther Ramonda who just turned 95 do the honor of Crowning Mary, followed by a delicious enchiladas lunch made by Jaime Portillo (his mother's recipe).

Our Quarterly Mass/Breakfast is July 14th at the 11:30 mass at SFC, followed by breakfast at Effie's. Let Jim know if you plan on going to breakfast.

The ICF Convention is fast approaching! It's in Burlingame, our own backyard kind-of! If you would like to attend the workshops or masses let me know! 447

Happy 4th of July
Debbie Piro

San Jose
Br. 368, Santa Teresa de
Avila

Like inflation, our prayer list goes up and down. So, pray a little more to get our list to zero. Pray for: Phil Robba, Jim Provenzano, Lorraine & Mike Nunziata, Jackie Morton, Gale Resz and Maria Greco. Jim and Carol Provenzano were sworn in as new members of Br 368.

Raffle tickets are on sale for the 2024 Convention with lots of big money prizes waiting to be won. Our two Convention representatives are Mary Ridi and Tina Souza Dutra. Calendar drawings are every month and winners of \$30 are listed in the *Bollettino* if you win. Br. 368 had 4 winners this year.

The Parish Green Team chaired by Carol Provanzano, continues with projects that help our parish and community. Those projects include, eliminating paper products, at our dinners, E-waste collections, eliminating plastic bottles and installing a drinking fountain, ice machine and pure water dispensers on our church property. If you would like to volunteer, see Carol.

The ICF Rib Dinner is scheduled for August 17th. Call chairpersons, Tom Bouska or Robyn Schlice to help. STD Oct 5th for the Chili Cook Off chaired by Cathie Orłowski. June 12th, picnic dinner and Bocce Ball at 6 p.m. Almaden Lake. Dining for Dollars for the month of May, was held at ASI Mexican Fusion restaurant on Santa Teresa Boulevard. Donation by ASI to Santa Teresa was \$425. Thank you, Robyn Hayr, for chairing this fundraiser.

Br. 368 board meeting is Tuesday June 11th. Topics include the Gala, Branch Calendar, Fundraising, and Bishop's Day.

The *Bollettino* is online at www.icf.org/about/news/bollettino/.

May God Bless you,
Welcome to summer!
Tom Myers

San Jose
Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

Trustee Mayme Abbott opened our June meeting with a prayer, and President Steve Lencioni thanked everyone for participating in our wonderful ribs’ dinner.

Our branch welcomed, Angelina Battaglia, our 1st year scholarship winner from Sequoia High in San Carlos, and her parents. She gave an impressive presentation of her background and of her future plans—she will be attending California State University at Long Beach, majoring in Interior Design.

In her heritage report, Louise Vento reported on Father’s Day, which was established as a national holiday in 1936. She spoke of many titles given to Fathers in their honor and as an expression of gratitude to them.

Our Summer BBQ will be held in St. Martin’s School Yard on July 9, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Price is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. Father Celso Singson, our new Pastor, and Serra Club members will be attending. Members, please bring a dessert.

Laura Hole was elected as our delegate for the Convention, and Louise Vento will be our alternate delegate.

Reminders:

Please return your convention raffle ticket stubs with checks to Tina Rossi by August 1, 2024. Note: Our branch receives \$10 from each purchase.

Branch 391 Summer BBQ--July 9, 2024, 5:30 p.m. social and 6:00 p.m. dinner.; District BBQ at Vasona--August 11, 2024; Italian American Heritage Festa—August 3-4, 2024; Ladies of Charity BBQ event—August 18, 2024; and ICF Quarterly Masses at St. Martin’s at 11:30 a.m.—September 8, 2024, and December 8, 2024.

Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!
Janis Patellaro



Sunnyvale
Br. 408, Resurrection

Congratulations to all our Graduates! Our Joint Efforts hosting the Parish Community Service Pancake Breakfast were well received. Steve trained a new Team of Pancake Cooks – who did a remarkable job - and the Girl Scouts ably manned the Serving Tables after both Masses.

Our June ICF Parish Blood Drive was Successful and was supported by a number of Walk-ins and new Donors from the Parish. Thank you to our Donors for their Generous Support.

Patricia Look was voted to represent Br 408 at the Convention this year and she kindly accepted.

Bob Masik passed June 6, 2024. May he Rest in Peace. Please Pray for the Repose of his Soul and extend your condolences to Leticia. As we learn more about the Services we will pass that information along.

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 May dinner meeting had a Cinco de Mayo theme. We dined on a popular 4H recipe of Tamale Pie coupled with Taco Salad and a dessert of Tres Leches cake. A small crowd enjoyed the meal and the meeting.

435 will be hosting the Santa Clara County district meeting on June 11. We will be serving appetizers and listening to a heritage report.

We are also looking forward to having our Santa Clara Valley District president visiting us on June 18. Our members of 435 will be given a token of appreciation and acknowledgment. This by means of a lapel pin marking our 100 years of existence. I will be proud to wear mine alongside my little white one I received when I joined and became a charter member.

Congratulations goes to Donald Paxton, graduate of Bellarmine high school and resident of Morgan Hill. He Will be the recipient of our scholarship. Good job, Donald!

Yet another event coming up is our delicious annual summer barbecue. Of course, hosted byGeorge Guglielmoo.at the wonderful Guglielmo Winery.

Lastly, please be watching your mail for the Raffle Tickets booklets for this year 2024 Convention.

Many tickets to sell and may our members win many prizes.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Ritchie Sorci

San Jose
Br. 445, Transfiguration

Members enjoyed our May general meeting themed "Italians and Wine Making". Many thanks to Jean Cosen-tino, Kathy LaScola, Donna Pfaff and Jan Stumhoffer who contributed table decorations. The dinner menu included a variety of appetizers 'antipasti' along with wine tasting for those interested. Italian sodas and Pellegrino water were also available. Desserts celebrated the May birthdays of Barbara Howell and Jim Canger.

In keeping with the evening's theme, member Emily Corral shared an interesting oral heritage report about her memories of how her family made their own wine at home through the years.

On May 26th, Branch members attended a memorial Mass at Transfiguration Church followed by a catered brunch at Tabor Hall. This gathering was held in honor of our ICF Br. 445 members who have passed away. They are truly missed and will always have a special place in our hearts.

Br. 445 was a sponsor in support of St. Christopher's June Parish Festival. Branch members helped in advance by individually bagging 500 cookies at Tabor Hall to be sold at the festival in support of St. Christopher's parish. Br. 445 member Julieta Araiza volunteered to help man a ticket booth during the carnival.

Other Br. 445 happenings:

-Members are enjoying playing Bunco monthly as the group rotates to the hosting member's home.

-Jan Stumhoffer will be Br. 445's delegate to the 2024 ICF National Convention and Jim Canger is the Branch alternate.

Happy July Birthday wishes to member Lorraine Sellarole! ... and belated June Birthday wishes to member Joanie Lang! Buon Compleanno a entrambe!

May you all enjoy a wonderful summer and a happy and safe Fourth of July!

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

STOCKTON
District

Modesto
Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

We had a very nice potluck for Mother's Day. We had some very good food and time to visit. We had a couple visitors, Teresa Borba and her daughter Heather.

We will not have a meeting in July or August. You would think that things would slow down but it doesn't work that way. We still have a delegate to select and reports for the convention have to be sent in. Members are reminded to make their hotel reservations for the convention.

Before we go to the convention we have our District Picnic August 18, 2024, at Escalon Park, in Escalon. It will be BBQ steak with all the trimmings and Hot Dogs for the children under 12. There are covered tables, playground for the children, Horseshoe, Bocce, Corn Hole games. Each branch will bring part of the food and the district will supply the steak. Bring your own plates and flatware, table covers and drinks. The cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under twelve.

Stay safe. See you at the District Picnic and Convention

Coming up:
July -- No meeting
Aug -- No meeting
Aug18 --District Picnic Escalon Park
Aug 30-Sep1 Convention -- San Francisco Airport Marriott
Sep 11 -- Meeting 6:00 p.m. "J" Street Hall 7th & K Streets

Lodi
Br. 82, St. Anne’s

If you thought, you’d be able to kick back and relax this summer...YOU’RE RIGHT!! During the next two months fit in some ICF activities in your staycation schedule:

July 24th-let’s gather at 5:00 in Hutchins Street Square to move to the beat of Whiskey Kiss Band. Bring a chair or blanket, dinner and your groove on.

July 27th-after 5:30 mass, St. Anne’s Fest is honoring Fr. Joseph who is retiring. Bring your scoop to help serve ice cream. Contact Chris to volunteer for a shift.

Aug. 18th-District Picnic in Escalon. BBQ steak, hot dogs and all the trimmings. Playground, games, shady, breezy pavilion. A great, lazy afternoon with ICF family. Contact Chris to make reservations.

Aug. 24th-11- 4:00 Bring your family, friends and acquaintances and their friends to air-conditioned St. Anne’s Hall for our Family Game Day. Bocce, basketball, volleyball, corn hole, board games, puzzles and more...or bring your own games. 5.00/person, 10.00/family; hot dog, chips, drink-3.00.

Aug. 27th-our member meetings resume at 6:00 in the Youth Room with an Ice Cream Social. Share your vacation stories over a bowl of gelato! This is a great time to introduce a friend/family to ICF.

Some special items:

Welcome to our new members: Nina Barnes, Jess Calloni, and daughter, Gabby, and mom/grandmom, Liz Halloday.

Thank you, Br. 139, for hosting a momentous Bishop’s Burse Dinner.

Know a graduating senior off to college or person with special needs wanting to improve themselves? Give them our scholarship/grant application.

Sell those Convention Raffle tickets. \$30/book, \$20 stays with branch.

Have fun and be safe during your summer adventures. Arrivederci!
Patty Liits, Corresponding Secretary

Manteca
Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio

At our May branch meeting, it was decided to make a donation to the District scholarship fund as long as the donation goes to a student in the Stockton Diocese.

Central Council member Dante Galeazzi reminded us of the ICF Convention on Labor Day weekend at the Airport Marriott in San Francisco.

The District picnic will held on August 18 at Hogan Park in Escalon. Our branch will bring salads and steaks will be served to adults with hotdogs for children. Tickets are \$15 and are available from Vice-presidente Ida Queirolo.

Plans are intensifying for the June 22 Bishop’s Burse dinner and hosted by our branch. The dinner will honor Bishop Myron Cotta and funds raised will go to our diocesan seminarians, including our own Joshua Kong.

Presidente Birdie Nieri adjourned the meeting as members sang the Federation anthem.

Segretaria Ron Agostini’s assistance in preparing this report is appreciated.

Ciao,
Mariano

Tracy
Br. 390, St. Bernard

These days when our youngsters say ‘all hands’ they are talking about business team meetings at their offices. We held our monthly dinner on Thursday June 27th, but the day before ‘all hands’ were in Father Fleming Hall rolling and shaping that hand-made Italian meatloaf we love so much, and we made dozens because there is always a great turnout for this menu. Italians sure know how to ‘spice up’ these beautiful entrees! Congratulations to us for another successful dinner meeting.

We congratulate and thank those who hosted the 100th Anniversary Gala in San Francisco in June at the Basque Cultural Center, with Mass celebrated by Father Rizzo. We enjoyed visiting and celebrating with you. So many gathered together - many we had not visited with since the 90th anniversary 10 years ago.

We are in need of your prayers for our families and friends who are dealing with health issues these days and will pray for yours in return. God blessed us with a community of prayer partners for which we are grateful. Thank you.

Steve Ridolfi, who is in charge of our website, updates it often. 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

We invited Fr. Ramakoti to be our Guest Speaker during our Branch Meeting in May. He is one of our two new priests, both from the Heralds of Good News Seminary in Eluru, India. It was amazing to hear about Fr. Ramakoti’s life growing up in India, answering his call to the Priesthood, as well as his Catholic missionary work in the tribal lands of India. These tribal lands are among the poorest regions in India. His presentation was a most informative and humbling talk.

Our Branch also had the privilege to host the Stockton District Meeting at Presentation Church. It was an enormous success – a team effort by our Branch 395 Officers! Check out our photos of the District Meeting!

In June we will be attending the annual Bishop’s Burse at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church in Manteca. We will be presenting his Excellency, Bishop Myron Joseph Cotta of the Diocese of Stockton, with a check for \$1,000 to benefit the Seminarian Education Fund, as well as a Spiritual Bouquet.

Ciao!
Allen Sturtevant, President

Angels Camp
Br. 413, St. Patrick

Our branch gave six scholarships of \$500 each to six very deserving high school graduates this year. We included various home-schooled graduates. On June 2nd we held our annual Baccalaureate Mass for all graduating seniors, with cake after Mass. We are planning for our summer barbeque to be held on July 20th. Last month, we welcomed 3 new members, Dalen Brown, Mike Dutil, and Brandon McHardy.

We pray for all of our ICF members and families. Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

Ciao,
Annette Pachinger
Correspondence Secretary



SAN DIEGO
District

San Diego
Br. 246, St. Charles Borromeo

Branch 246 members spent this past weekend working at one of the food packaging tables at the Million Meal Event. This endeavor is an annual two-day event which is organized by the Deacons of the Diocese of San Diego. Participants pack over a million meals each year to be delivered to hungry children across the world. This year the meals are destined for Tijuana, the Philippines, and Africa. The Branch 246 contingent packaged 32 boxes of food this year. We also presented the organization with a donation from the proceeds of this year’s St. Joseph’s Table auction.

Ciao – Anthony Torregiani, Branch President



SAN BERNARDINO
District

Upland
Br. 446, Saint Anthony

Happy 4th of July! We honor the establishment of our great country 248 years ago and cherish the heritage of our ancestors. We pray for God’s continued blessings on “the land of the free and the home of the brave.” Our branch has been deep in heritage endeavors. At our meetings, members are encouraged to bring an artifact that represent their family story. Mary Ann Miller showed us a framed Certificate of Naturalization from her grandfather, Antonio Digiovanni. He came from Gibellina, Sicily, through Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1938 and went on to establish his large family in Los Angeles. He was able to buy property and build homes for most of his children all on the same block. Eventually, the properties were taken to become the current site of County General Hospital in Los Angeles. More heritage stories from our members will be reported in upcoming months.

Our branch continues to grow! We welcomed 4 new members: Mary and Tony Melei, Marge Meyerhofer and Noel Amatriain, who were installed by District President John Guerin. Our first branch Mass in recognition of the ICF was held on June 2 celebrated by branch members Fr. Jerry Ochetti and Fr. Ned O’Donnell. President Tony Santorufo spoke before Mass and many members participated as ushers, choir, EM’s, sacristan, etc. Another branch activity was visiting the relic of St. Jude on display at a local parish. Many members also attended the St. Anthony Feast Day celebration at St. Peter’s in Los Angeles. Vice President Carrey Rossie is currently planning our own Festa Italiana dinner to be held in October. Upcoming events include our annual family Ice Cream Social and recognition of our scholarship winners and more heritage stories. Have a spectacular summer...stay cool, relaxed and blessed!

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT



Br. 108, Student Graduates Michael Cunningham and Kate Alexander with ICF Board Member Jackie Ficht and Pastor Ricky Viveros.



Br. 179, Crew Loading Truck



Br. 179, Fr. Tommy processing into the church



Br. 179, Fr. Tommy's vestaments



Br. 179, Pizza Party



Br. 237, Scholarship awardees, altar servers, Benjamin and Isaac Valle and essay winner, Isabella Chavez.



Branch 218 in Arcadia recently held a sausage or meatball sandwich sale. The sale was held on a Sunday in the Gathering Center of Holy Angels church after all the masses. Good food and great fun for all!



Members of Branch 447 American Martyrs celebrate Pentecost Sunday with a Mother's Day tea (and some wine) honoring Mary with flowers and celebrating Mass with Father Joe and Deacon Bob (ICF treasurer) and others after the service



LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 443, Pictures taken by Barbara Tweedy at the Hot Dog BBQ Dinner, June 2, 2024.



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Eleven members of Branch 115 attended the ordination to the priesthood of their adopted Seminarian Fr. Cole Buzon at Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove, Ca on June 8, 2024



LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



Mark Mannarelli, Br. 374 Scholarship Chairman, presents the ICF College Scholarship Award to Pia Costanzo, daughter of Theresa and branch member Anthony Costanzo.



Br. 444, St. John Fisher, BR Gina Albi, Cristina Baldemor & Bruno Vieri, FR Marianne David, Mary Alley & Patty Hansen



SAN DIEGO DISTRICT



Branch 246 contingent at the Million Meal Event



Branch 246 members pack meals at the Million Meal Event

EAST BAY DISTRICT



Br. 215.Fran La Torre, President, ICF Branch #215 and Lorraine Neira, ICF Trustee



Fran La Torre, Pres., ICF Branch #215 and members provided desserts for sale including ice-cream with Italian biscotti's during the Corpus Christi Church Festival on June 2, 2024.



Br. 215.Rebecca Cruz, Member & Missy Volunteer

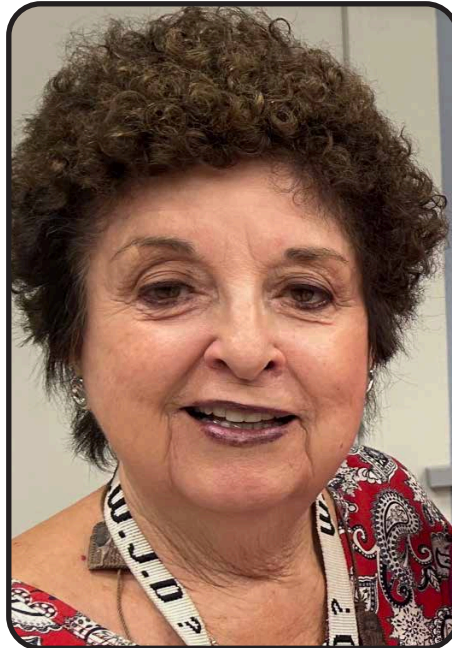
FRESNO DISTRICT



Diccico's Italian Restaurant, Branch #32 4-20-2024

Community leadership is the courage, creativity and capacity to inspire participation, development and sustainability for strong communities.

Gustav Nossal



Br. 308, Patti Lometti, Long time member of Branch 308 and tireless supporter of Right to Life. She passed in May.



BLESSED SACRAMENT DISTRICT



Pictures - Members of the Blessed Sacrament District enjoying the SF 100 Year Gala

SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT



Br. 446, Mary Ann Miller explaining the legacy of her grandfather.

Br. 446, ICF Commemorative Branch Mass



Br. 446 at the relic of St. Jude.



Br. 446, Installation of new members

2024 First Year Scholarship Winners

Name	In Memory of	In Honor of	Branch/District/Individual
Maria Russo			Central Coast District
Giovanna Panetta			Br. 21
Izzabella Trego-Cardenas			Br. 25
Sabella Mary Singh			Br. 25
Eva Ushakoff			Br. 36
Bethany Barlow			Br. 51
Alvaro Ruelas			Br. 51
Paige Grossi			Br. 227
Timothy Hueston Slater	Otto Ambiel		Br. 227
Ben Gingerich			Br. 354
Anthony Uribe			Br. 354
Isabelle Gregie			Chicago District
Nolan Cuddihy			Scholarship Fund
Michael Klapperich	Sheila A. Grilli		Contra Costa District
Sofia Campilongo			Br. 13
Lauren Smith			Br. 14
Matthew Fillari			Br. 14
Cashe Esposito			Br. 214
Rylan Joseph Riccabona			Br. 352
Allison Bell			Br. 352
Claire Diaco			Br. 432
Alessandra Alioto			Br. 442
Mia Obando			Br. 442
Ava Bozzone			East Bay District
David Rothstein			Br. 10
Gianna Masinter			Br. 215
Gianna Salerno			Br. 285
Ariana Bottel			Br. 285
Aaron Branchaud			Br. 343
Lacey Fachin			Scholarship Fund
Eric Ceballos			Fresno District
Brayson Gillio			Br. 32 (Closing Donation)
Sofia McComas			Br. 32 (Closing Donation)
Trevor Hath			Br. 32 (Closing Donation)
Rohan Thiara			Br. 39
Ryan Hath			Br. 39
Stefania Sesock			Br. 54
Jeanette Antongiovanni			Br. 250
Romano Francesco Smith			Br. 281
Forrest Johnson			Br. 308
Miriam Dever			Scholarship Fund
Chiara Sorce			Los Angeles Archdiocese District
Mia Gates			Br. 108
Clement Pasquarella, III			Br. 111
Danica Bachman			Br. 115
Molly Grace Melia	Angie Publico		Br. 115
Gianna Ciaramitaro			Br. 218
Michael Wuebben			Br. 237
Pia Giulia Costanzo			Br. 362
Konrad Hardy			Br. 362
Joseph Pantess			Br. 374
Danielle Fiamengo			Br. 380
Alessia Lavorato			Br. 380
Leonardo Van Camp			Br. 444
Nicoló Mazza			Scholarship Fund
Jade Joyce			Scholarship Fund
Claudia Castagna			Marin Area
Micalyse Gates			Br. 332
Hailey Hirsh			Orange District
Livia Bacchi	Msgr. Virgil Gabrielli		Br. 379
Daniel Rieta			Br. 406
			Scholarship Fund
			Reno Area
			Br. 135
			Blessed Sacrament District
			Br. 45

2024 First Year Scholarship Winners

Name	In Memory of	In Honor of	Branch/District/Individual
Tyler Peterson	Marie Grassilli		Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Cameron Michael-Anthony Williams	Anna Oliva		Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Chris Troy	Leo and Ila Kilcullen		Larry and Carmen Kilcullen - Br. 52
Lucas Hill		The 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen	Family and Friends
Luke Kronbetter		The 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen	Family and Friends
Sofia Guimaraes	John Orlando		Virginia Coe Orlando - Br. 21
Alyssa Spagnuolo	Nello and Cookie Rossi		Leonard and Karen Rossi - Br. 343
Michelle Cocker			Leonard and Karen Rossi - Br. 343
Hannah Patin	Helen Dianda		The Robert Dianda Family - Br. 91
Braxton Belerique	Frank and Helen Scesa		Tom Scesa - Br. 54
Mia Colabianchi	Lola and Sam J. Parrinello		Jean and Bob Segale
Sabrina Philip	Lou Segale		Jean and Bob Segale
Marco Lombardo	William Segale		Judy and Bill Segale - Br. 209
Gabriella Tarantino	Mary Segale		Judy and Bill Segale - Br. 209
Quinn Stafford		Colin Cabral	The Standen Family - Br. 14
Allison Dariano			Eva Stern - Br. 47
Francesca Varner	Billie Valli		The Valli Family - Br. 14

*We also gratefully acknowledge the following partial donations that made additional scholarships from the I.C.F. Scholarship Fund possible:

Convention Game; Officers/Members of Central Council - In Memory of Jody Balestrieri; Central Coast District: Officers/Members of Central Coast District - Thank You to Denise Antonowicz for Our District Installation, Johnnie and Kay Ghio (Br. 21) - In Memory of Ann Zoccoli, Harry and Kathy Hill (Br. 26) - In Memory of Enes Vallejo, Mac Mota - In Memory of Enes Vallejo, Virginia Coe Orlando (Br. 21) - In Memory of Ann Zoccoli, Cecil Vallejo (Br. 26) - In Memory of Enes Vallejo and Elaine Valentine (Br. 36) - In Memory of Bettye Sollecito; Contra Costa District: Br. 154, Pat Botta (Br. 14) - In Memory of Janice Jones, David Ramies - In Memory of Bob Osorio and Norbert Walz - In Memory of Bob Osorio; East Bay District: Br. 91, Officers/Members of Br. 215 - Thank You to John Zugnoni for being our Convention Delegate, Al Bronzini (Br. 343) - In Memory of Mary Fanti, Fran La Torre (Br. 215) - In Honor of the 83rd Birthday of Peter P. La Torre, Jr. and James Wilson - In Memory of Madeleine Petri; Fresno District: Br. 417, Antoinette and Angelo Pecora (Br. 308) - In Memory of Michael Pukish, Antoinette and Angelo Pecora - In Memory of Phillip Douglas Sagaser and Leonard and B.G. Zasoski, Jr. (Br. 281); Los Angeles Archdiocese District: Br. 108; San Francisco Area: Marina Franco - In Honor of the Wedding Anniversary of Dan and Cathy Quigg; Blessed Sacrament District: Officers/Members of Blessed Sacrament District - Thank You to Denise Antonowicz for Our District Installation, Officers/Members of Br. 342 - In Memory of Josephine Andersen, Mark Neuburger and Arianna Smith - Merry Christmas Wishes for Eva Perata and Mark Neuburger and Arianna Smith - Merry Christmas Wishes for Mary Perata; San Mateo District: Br. 130, Br. 351 and Dorene Campanile (Br. 173) - In Honor of Melanie and Fred Yeager; Santa Clara Valley District: Br. 368, Br. 435, Officers/Members of Br. 184 - In Memory of Joe Yurosko, Denise Antonowicz (Br. 5/Br. 36/Br. 184) - In Memory of Joe Yurosko, Bob Basuino (Br. 191) - In Honor of the Birthday of Kathy Acquistapace, Jo Bertaccini (Br. 191) - In Memory of Elise Marsalli, Jo Bertaccini - In Memory of Bruce Swarringim, Mr. and Mrs. John Lochner - In Honor of the Birthday of Rose Arnaudo, Giulia Gallego (Br. 435) - In Appreciation of Diana Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jaramillo, - In Honor of the Birthday of Rose Arnaudo, Bob and Elaine Osorio (Br. 368) - In Honor of the 65th Wedding Anniversary of Jerry and Joan Delfino, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pinkston - In Honor of the Birthday of Rose Arnaudo, Mrs. Lydia Norcia (Br. 184) - In Honor of the Birthday of Rose Arnaudo and Jan Stumhoffer (Br. 445) - In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Emily Corral; Santa Rosa District: Br. 209; Stockton District: Br. 48 and Br. 413.

The 2nd - 4th Year Scholarship Applications have been sent out to the eligible students who previously won a 1st Year Scholarship and the letter requesting donations has been sent out to the Branches and Districts.

The Deadline for Donations and Applications is August 1, 2024.

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