



BOLLETTINO

ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage



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.

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Festa Italia - Mike Marotta and Dennis Murphy

Grand President's Monthly Message *A Reflection on our 100 years and the Future*

Denise Antonowicz

As we gather this month to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our beloved organization, it is with great pride and gratitude that we remember the legacy of our founders, Sir Luigi Providenza, and Father Albert Bandini. One hundred years ago, these two extraordinary men shared a vision of a united Italian Catholic community in America.

Over the past century, we have played a vital role in supporting our members, not only promoting Italian but the varied cultures of our members. As we look to the future, we must continue to build on the foundation laid by our founders.

We must remain committed to our mission of providing spiritual, social, and cultural enrichment to our members.

We must continue to be a voice for the voiceless and an advocate for the marginalized. But we must also recognize that the world has changed significantly since the days of our founders.

Today, our members face new challenges and opportunities. We live in a globalized world where technology and social media have transformed the way we communicate and connect with each other. In this rapidly changing environment, the Italian Catholic Federation must remain relevant and responsive to the needs of our members.

We must embrace new technologies and find creative ways to engage with our members and the broader community.

We must also continue to focus on our youth. They are the future

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SAVE THE DATES in 2024

100th Anniversary Celebrations:

June 9 — San Francisco

June 23 — Chicago

June 29 — Los Angeles

July 26

Northern California Golf Tournament

August 30 - September 1

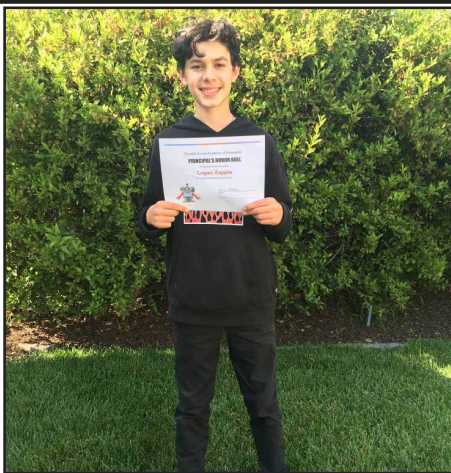
National Convention

October 26

Southern California Golf Tournament

November 10

Cabrini Pilgrimage, Cabrini Shrine, Burbank



Br. 446 teen member Logan Zappia with achievement award



Br. 390, Marilyn Tusso and Anna Serrato getting the dessert ready to set out.



Br. 36, April Branch Luncheon--Scholarship Winners



L-R Br. 198 St. Eugene President Doreen O'Rourke, Treasurer Robert Acquistapace Scholarship and winners Carolyn Wagner, Ava D'Anzica Himes, Jessica Righetti, Giorgio Baldini, Tyler Ward, and Ed Berncich

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Include photo captions with your
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and informative.

Deadline for the
July issue is
June 10, 2024

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

Thank you!

Message from our Spiritual Director

Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation:


When I was a child, a beautiful picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus hung in our dining room. A warm, smiling Jesus lovingly pointed to His heart, pierced, and crowned with thorns, in an eternal gesture of invitation. Whenever I looked at that picture, I felt good — embraced, loved, cared for — as if the Lord were inviting me to step into His joy and peace. My mother had a great devotion to the Sacred Heart; every First Friday, we would consecrate our lives anew to His love and mercy. Each summer — usually in June — we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and draw near to the tender mercy and forgiveness of the Lord. Poetically, the heart is a symbol of the human center — our emotions, loves, passions, desires, the force of the will.

As June is the month of the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus it speaks of love, tenderness, and mercy. Reflecting on the heart, I wrote down some of the positive and negative understandings of the word. The positives: a soft heart, a gentle heart, a beating heart, a loving heart, a generous heart, a kind heart, a tender heart, a forgiving heart, a merciful heart, a dear heart, a renewed heart, new heart, a heart of flesh, a fresh heart. And, the negatives: a hard heart, a frustrated heart, a bitter heart,

a unforgiving heart, a broken heart, a divided heart, a heavy heart, a bad heart, a jealous heart, a heart of stone. Jesus has all the positives, and offers us a bridge, a bridge of conversion, from the negative to the positive. So, how is your heart? We all know, we have places to work on, to make our hearts more like the tender heart of Jesus.

The celebration of this Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is significant as we enter a time of the 100th anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation. As we embrace our anniversary, may the Sacred Heart be a guide for all of us as we strive to open ourselves to the power and presence of God at work in the local church and its ICF branches. As we celebrate our 100th anniversary, may we continue to pay close attention to our relationship with Christ. It requires time spent in intimate communion with Christ, and there are no better means of entering into this Communion than through the Sacraments, spending time with God’s Word, spending time in quiet prayer and contemplation, and devoting conscious effort to acts of charity and love.

May God be with us on this 100th anniversary and let us thank God for the many great hearts and the faces of our dedicated members who have paved the way for the success of our branches. You know, the future looks bright, and we have great people and great branches





Father Christopher Bennett
ICF Spiritual Director

doing great work for the Lord. May God bless us all in every one of our good endeavors, in our every good works and efforts, for the love of His Most Sacred Heart.

As we embrace this 100th anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation, may the grace of the Sacred Heart fill your hearts with His 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


Italian Catholic Federation
Branch 446 Saint Anthony
Upland, California




Many blessings and congratulations to all the members who have been part of the vital 100-year history of our organization!




The membership and officers of Branch 446 look forward to many more years of service to our faith.



Rev. Albert R. Bandini
Founder



Luigi Providenza
Founder



Celebrating 100 years!
Congratulations from ICF Branch 14 Crockett

91st Festa Italia
Monterey (continued from p. 1)

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!

AT A 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)

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta
Providenza Seminary
Scholarship Fund Donations*

Received as of May 10, 2024:

IN MEMORY OF:

Rev. Bob Gavotto, O.S.A.
Claire Ramirez
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Mike Miraglia
Alice Ponza
Rinaldo Belluomini
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GET WELL WISHES:

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HAPPY 65TH BRANCH ANNIVERSARY:

ICF Br. #144 Bob and Kathy Acquistapace
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HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY:

Stewart’s Floral Denise Antonowicz

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Franklyn and Denise Antonowicz
Carol Lopes, Sr.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY:

Virginia Stagnaro Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Virginia Stagnaro Officers/Members of Br. 21

THANK YOU:

Deacon Juan Aquino Giulia Gallego

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:

Branch 332 - Novato.
Elaine Davis - Br. 191 - San Jose.
Diane McGovern - Br. 191 - San Jose.

*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.



Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Float

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

ICF National Convention 2024

Lauren Kilcullen, Convention Director's Committee

All branches should have elected their delegates in May or be electing delegates in June. The deadline for delegate registration is July 1. Registration is \$385 per delegate and includes Friday Opening Dinner, Saturday Banquet, Sunday Awards Lunch and Convention Yearbook, handouts and audio/visual. After July 1, the registration fee increases to \$400 per delegate.

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.

The Convention Directors Committee is planning some new activities, along with some old favorites. We are coordinating a no-host After Party on Saturday night after the banquet. We will also have Bingo on Friday afternoon and the Blood Drive on Friday.

Our Saturday Night banquet will focus on our 100 years by honoring our Past Grand Presidents and First Ladies. All awards will be given at Sunday’s lunch. We do not have a Pope Saint John XXIII award winner, this year.

The con-celebrated Mass will be on Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

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!

Workshops will include two spiritual workshops – one given by Fr. Chirs Bennett, and one given by Fr. Mario Rizzo. In addition to worthwhile spiritual messages, there may be some Irish – Italian banter. Other workshops include presentations by Francesca Taylor, Open Forum and Technology 101 – Practical Information for Branches. If your branch uses tech and would like to share with other branches, please let me know! This workshop is driven by branches for 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

100th Anniversary
“Sempre Avanti”

Delegate Registration



BRANCH NO. _____ CITY: _____ DISTRICT: _____

Individual Members as of March 31st: _____ Number of Delegates Required: _____ (see below)

The Central Council looks forward to welcoming you to the 2024 Convention in Burlingame.

Delegate registration deadline is July 1.

Elections for delegates are to take place at a branch meeting before the registration deadline.
Hotel reservation link: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1711653577856&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

DELEGATE NAME: (Print clearly) Use additional sheets if necessary.	Check for 1 st time delegate	Date Arriving	Email Address
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____

ALTERNATE DELEGATES:

1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____

GUESTS: (not attending lunch or dinners)

1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____

Mail this form with registration payment of \$385.00 per delegate by July 1 to: Italian Catholic Federation, 8393 Capwell Drive, #110, Oakland, CA 94621. Late registration is \$400.00.

Delegate registration fee includes: Friday Opening Ceremonies Banquet, Saturday 100th Anniversary Banquet, Sunday ICF Awards Luncheon, copy of the yearbook, convention materials, and contribution towards convention related expenses such as audio / visual.

Branch Check No. _____ No. of Delegates: _____ X \$385 (by 7/1) or \$400 (after 7/1) = \$ _____

Signature of one Branch Officer _____ Position _____ Date _____

FOR ICF Office Use: Delegates: _____ Guests: _____ Total Attendees: _____



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:

<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

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!

Heritage — *Fatherland*

Louise Vento



The immigrants to America considered their homeland as their fatherland. Many Italian immigrants came to America to seek a better way of life. Records show that after a few years of living in crowded New York and Boston or the East Coast, the Italian immigrant turned to the west. They traveled out to the West Coast working on cattle ranches, picking cotton, mining, logging, working on the railroads, anything to make their way to the west.

My father’s parents came from the Azores Islands and married in New Bedford, Mass. In 1905, my Aunt Annie was born in Marion, Massachusetts. They traveled west and in 1907, my Aunt Mary was born in St. Louis, Missouri. Again, they worked and traveled west. In 1908 they arrived in Cayucos, California, and my father was born. They traveled to San Jose, California and had 5 more children. It took them three years to travel from the East Coast to the West Coast.

Were there unhappy immigrants? Yes,

many regretted coming to America and the hardships they endured traveling from East to West. Immigrants came from Italy, Germany, France, Portugal and Spain. Most were willing to endure the hardships seeking a better way of life. In Colorado, they stayed to work in the coal mines for low wages and crowded living conditions. St. Frances Cabrini helped to bring the immigrants back to the church. They traveled from Nebraska, Texas and Colorado to help blaze the trail to California. Immigrants became involved in their community where they had settled, rather than make a quick profit and moving on. Many who worked the mines saved enough money to purchase land and became ranchers and prosperous businessmen. They built churches and joined fraternal organizations like the Italian Catholic Federation.

How many children of immigrant families today know anything about the hardships they endured? We should all take a look at our past and our present and be proud of our fathers who came before us. Only then will we understand the country of our origin--our fatherland.

Happy Father’s Day.

Cooley's Anemia Donations

(Report as of May 10, 2024)

Branch 21	Branch 115
Branch 27 (Closing Donation)	Donna Rossi
Branch 32 (Closing Donation)	In Memory of Ron
Branch 70 (Closing Donation)	Mifsud

Membership Committee Report:

June is Membership Month

Andy Pappani and Vince Piro

Traditionally, June has been the month when the Federation has coordinated an organization-wide membership drive. We encourage your branch - if it has not already done so - to organize a membership drive in your local parish(es) during June. Previous columns have described ways to organize, promote, and hold a membership drive. And, of course, the Central Council’s Membership Committee is here to help. There are many resources at <https://www.icf.org/membership/members/> under the Marketing Materials and Membership Growth sections. Additionally, on the Federation’s home page (<https://www.icf.org>), you will find a professionally produced video promoting the ICF, focusing on our charities, scholarships, and heritage.

While we have been successful this year as a Federation in recruiting new members, we are losing current members - either through cancellations or delinquencies. We encourage the Financial Secretaries and Membership Chairs to work with your branch officers to contact these “lost” members and encourage them to pay their dues and to become active members. We have found that a phone call from an officer encouraging them to renew their membership is the most successful way to get them back in the Federation. We held a workshop in late May with Membership Chairs and Financial Secretaries covering this issue.

GP Message--Continued

Denise Antonowicz *continued from p. 1*

of our organization, and we must invest in their education and leadership development. By empowering our youth, we ensure that the Italian Catholic Federation will continue to thrive for generations to come.

Let us continue to be a beacon of hope and support for our members, and a force for good in our communities. Together, let us build a future that is worthy of the legacy of our founders.

Viva la Federazione Italiana Cattolica!

Denise Antonowicz
Grand President

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.



MAY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
5/1	Maria & Pompeo Baccari	115	San Pedro, CA	\$30
5/2	Anna Mello	139	Lathrop, CA	\$30
5/3	Sacred Heart Church		Planada, CA	\$30
5/4	Kathy Houle	14	Vallejo, CA	\$30
5/5	Sam Veneziano	442	Canonsberg, PA	\$30
5/6	Josie Sweitzer		Salinas, CA	\$30
5/7	Damien Watkins		Boise, ID	\$30
5/8	Rev. Msgr. Michael Braun	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/9	Trudi Jensen	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
5/10	Alice Flocchini		Bayside, CA	\$30
5/11	Daniel McGhee		Bolingbrook, IL	\$30
5/12	Janet Rossi	343	Odenton, MD	\$50
5/13	Fr. Charles Puthota	258	San Francisco, CA	\$30
5/14	Margaret Cordrey	127	Petaluma, CA	\$30
5/15	Joe Carlo		Fontana, CA	\$30
5/16	Lucy Amico	184	Los Gatos, CA	\$30
5/17	Bonnie Lally	45	Sacramento, CA	\$30
5/18	Donna Cervelli	173	Talbott, TN	\$30
5/19	Abe Ferguson		Altaville, CA	\$30
5/20	Sandra Mihal		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/21	Branch 406		Orange, CA	\$30
5/22	Barbara West	115	San Pedro, CA	\$30
5/23	Sarah Dahl		Shoreview, MN	\$30
5/24	Russ Goodman	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
5/25	LeAnna Spence		Salinas, CA	\$30
5/26	Elaina Shanks	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
5/27	Dorothy Risky	39	Merced, CA	\$100
5/28	Christopher Curry		Merced, CA	\$30
5/29	Luke Huerta		Castro Valley, CA	\$30
5/30	Gennifer McClure	237	Carson, CA	\$30
5/31	Jessie Romero	391	San Jose, CA	\$30

SEE THESE FIRST ON OUR WEB SITE: ICF.ORG

Who Are The Twelve Apostles?

Carmen Kilcullen, Apostolate/Charity Committee Member

Many mornings, I have been listening to the Daily Mass that comes from an abbey in Toronto, Canada. One morning, the celebrant, Father Huett, asked a number of young Catholics to give the names of the 12 apostles. Very few could go beyond Peter and John. Yet, Father went on to comment, these very people knew the names of all the popular stars of the day. He found it interesting that the people who were sent by God to preach the good news of the Lord did not have a very large audience. Those of us, who are older and who were schooled in old-time Religion classes were very aware of the 12 Apostles and what Jesus asked them to do - mainly spread the Word of God. Their work and preachings were the beginnings of our Church. Ask your family members this – who are the 12 apostles and what were they asked to do. It would be interesting to



hear the answers. Here they are with their feast days: Phillip – May 3 James the Younger – May 3 Matthias (replaces Judas) – May 24 Peter – June 29 Thomas – July 3 James the Elder – July 25 Bartholomew – August 24 Matthew - September 21 Simon – October 20 Jude – October 28 Andrew – November 30 John – December 27 More information can be found on the lives and works of the 12 Apostles on-line. Note: Watch the Mass on TV when you can. It broadcasts on YOUTUBE. **Carmen**



ICF 2024 Convention Lunch and Dinners

Friday Night Opening Dinner

Menu:
Red Oak Lettuce and Butter Oak Lettuce Salad, Pan Seared Chermoula Chicken with Kalamata olives, capers, feta cheese, sundried tomatoes relish and lemon orzo pasta, sauteed kale. Chef's Choice of Dessert

Price:
Delegates: Included in registration.
Non-Delegates: \$70.00
Official Convention Opening will follow dinner.

Saturday Night Banquet

Menu:
Hearts of Romaine Salad
Beef Braised Short Ribs with balsamic roasted shallots, faro mushroom risotto, braised red cabbage, glazed rainbow carrots. Chef's Choice of Dessert

Price:
Delegates: Included in registration.
Non-Delegates: \$70.00
ICF Past Grand Presidents and First Ladies will be honored.

Sunday Award Lunch

Menu:
Bayshore Salad
Grilled Breast of Chicken with sundried tomatoes, spinach, artichoke cream sauce, Tuscan herb orzo pasta, seasonal vegetables
Chef's Choice of Dessert

Price:
Delegates: Included in registration.
Non-Delegates: \$45.00
St. Teresa of Calcutta, Grand President's and Young Adult Awards will be presented.

To make reservations: Delegates complete the Convention delegates form.
Non-delegates: complete the form below.
Make checks payable to: ICF Convention Fund. In the memo line, write "Convention Banquets."
Deadline: August 1. Reservations received after August 1st are \$10.00 more per reservation.

NAME:	Br. #	Friday Dinner	Saturday Banquet	Sunday Lunch

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____


Welcome New Members				
(Report as of May 10, 2024)				
Branch 014	Todd Rabbach			
Branch 028	David J Flores	Paula M Flores		
Branch 031	Jeanette Aguilar	Lisa B Stoddard		
Branch 036	Connie Le Blanc	Francesca M Singh		
	Michael Singh	Michaela Singh		
	Sabella Singh			
Branch 039	Gena Davis	Mary M Gonella-Wentz		
	Natalie C Guzman	Derek Johnson		
Branch 045	Chuck A Zannetti			
Branch 047	Barbara Mc Reynolds	Tom Mc Reynolds		
Branch 052	Marlynn A Millick	Robert E Millick		
	Mary Jane Noble	Jim Suriano		
	Stephanie Suriano			
Branch 144	Rev Gnana Prakash Thumma			
Branch 145	Greg J Masterson	Kathy A Masterson		
Branch 173	Lana Appenrodt			
Branch 179	Tom M Brancato	Rick J Miali		
	Cathy Yerger	Hannah Yerger		
	Joel Yerger			
Branch 209	Linda M Collins			
Branch 217	William E Daley			
Branch 332	Sebastian S Vallelunga			
Branch 352	Merilee K Germano	Christine Lacy		
	Steve Lacy	Lori Musante		
	Anne Musante Ban	Robert Storer		
	Sandra Lucchesi Storer			
Branch 368	James D Arant	Rebecca C Arant		
Branch 374	Daniel Van Slyke			
Branch 390	Alice A Alegre	Denis L Alegre		
	Annalisa J Repetto	Lauren L Repetto		
	Leanna J Repetto	Cameron M Williams		
	Phillip J Williams	Tracy A Williams		
Branch 442	Carmela Kenney	Anthony W Scardina		
	Charmaine M Scardina	Diane Ward		
	Michael Ward			
Branch 446	Pat Kersbergen	Andrew Lomeli		
	Jasmine Lomeli	Marge A Meyerhofer		
	Mary Ann Miller	Michael Spiotto		
	Luis J Valenzuela	Maria J Valenzuela		
	Arianna Velasquez			

In Loving Memory		
(Report as of May 10, 2024)		
John Collins	Branch 014	
Victoraine Benedetti	Branch 019	
Jacquelyn C Cerchi	Branch 036	
David Pellegri	Branch 036	
Diane Bertoli	Branch 052	
Vilma Romo	Branch 073	
Maria Lauro	Branch 115	
Jeannie B Gregorio	Branch 191	
William Segale	Branch 209	
John Orlandini	Branch 374	
Blanche T Alessandrino	Branch 380	
Leonard A Longawa	Branch 392	

Italian Catholic Federation

Annual Central Council

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



www.ICF.org


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

Campaign Process:

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

Responsibilities of Central Council Members:

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



CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE NOMINATION APPLICATION

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

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

Signature of Candidate _____ Date _____

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

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

Central Council Nominee Profile

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

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

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

SAVE THE DATE!!

Convention Thursday Night Dinner


AUGUST 29, 2024


PLACE: OUR LADY OF ANGELS GYM

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

HELP KICK OFF OUR 100 YEARS OF ICF

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW!!





Thursday Night Dinner

ICF Celebrating 100 Years

August 29, 2024

Our Lady of Angels Gym
1335 Cortez Avenue
Burlingame, CA 94010

Raffle and Silent Auction


No Host Cocktails – 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Dinner – 7:00 pm
Salad, Grilled Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Dessert

Cost
RSVP by 8/1/24 – \$55 pp Adult
RSVP after 8/1/24 – \$60 pp Adult
Children 12 yrs & under \$20

Please RSVP to:
Deborah Rodondi
225 Wildwood Drive
South San Francisco, CA 94080
650-583-0805
925-918-2557
drodondi@comcast.net

Please complete & return by 8/1/2024
Please make checks payable to: ICF San Mateo District

Name: _____ # Attending _____
Phone # _____ Branch # _____



Carpools: If anyone in your group can lead a carpool to/from the Marriott Hotel and Our Lady of Angels please complete below:

Driver's Name:	Driver's Cell:	Besides yourself and your party, how many extra seatbelts do you have available?

If you need a ride, please complete below:

Passenger's Name:	Passenger's Cell:

Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library

Carmelo Sabatella

On May 6, 2024, Josephine L. and mother Ruth visited the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank, CA. This was a special visit for Josephine since it was the first time she was able to visit the Chapel with her 92-year-old mother Ruth who is an alumna of the Mother Cabrini Orphanage (1936-1939). Ruth was excited as this is the first time she has returned to the Chapel since leaving the facility in 1939. Josephine said her mother would tell her stories of the orphanage while growing up. Now she shared those stories at the chapel for the first time. St. Francis Xavier School students also visited the Chapel and Library.

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 June 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hosted by San Gabriel Valley Region.

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

- 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,
ALA, 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)

Branch 32 (Closing Donation)
Officers/Members of Br. 28
In Memory of Roberta Hughan
Joan and Jerry Delfino
Get Well Wishes for Lorraine Nunziata
Harold Fuentes
Thinking of You Wishes for Elaine Osorio
Teresa and Cory Helfand
In Memory of Ida Sularz
Officers/Members of Br. 218
In Memory of Stella Bruno

Joan and Jerry Delfino
Get Well Wishes for Noreen Gillio
Joan and Jerry Delfino
Get Well Wishes for Sid Pappani
Pat Pasquinnelli
In Memory of Vilma Romo
Officers/Members of Br. 332
In Memory of Ron Derenzo
Officers/Members of Br. 332
In Memory of Cliff Vattuone
Carla Del Carlo
In Memory of Juan Boccanegra

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

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

Fiesta Buffet Catered by
Bennett Valley Grille
3328 Yulupa Ave - Santa Rosa

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

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

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

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

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament
8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

October 26th

Saturday, 2024

For more info, contact Perry Shurko.
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Book Review--*Italy: The Best Places to See by Rail: An Alternative to the Escorted Tour*
Vince Piro

Italy: The Best Places to See by Rail: An Alternative to the Escorted Tour
By Bob Kaufman
CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform
May 10, 2018

Last fall, my wife and I and some close friends visited Italy for a month. Instead of taking a tour, we opted to travel unescorted from Venice to Palermo, using only trains to travel between cities and regions. The result was an adventure of a lifetime that included us visiting many sites that were not on the itinerary of our previously guided tours. Moreover, many train stations in Italy, especially in bigger cities, are equivalent to U.S. Airports in that they are full service facilities with excellent restaurants and lavish shops. Train stations in smaller towns are quaint affairs with cafes in which to relax and chat with the locals. Certainly, such travel is not for everyone or for every trip and it does have its challenges, but if you are inclined to travel Italy via rail, I recommend Kaufman's *Italy: The Best Places to See by Rail: An Alternative to the Escorted Tour*, which many travelers have found indispensable. As we enter the travel season and many prepare for trips to Italy, I thought this book might be useful. Below is the publisher's description of the book:

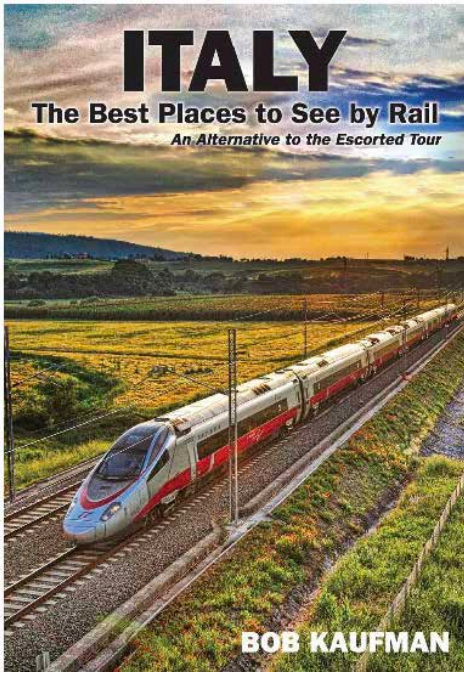
Escorted tours are highly regimented and expensive averaging \$300-\$500 per person per day excluding airfare. Bob Kaufman knows. For over 30 years he ran National Travel Vacations, Inc. a tour operator who offered escorted tours on contract to travel agents.

If you don't want to be told that you must be on the bus at 8 a.m., and that you have only one hour to shop in Venice, this book is for you. If you don't want to feel stressed out driving in a strange country, where everyone drives exceptionally fast, this book is for you. If you like waking up when you want, eating when you want and spending as much time as you want on each sight, this book will show you how to do it.

Bob Kaufman's *Italy The Best Places to See by Rail* is the essential book you need to plan an in-expensive rail tour of Italy traveling on the newest state-of-the-art ultra-modern high-speed trains.

The book is made for seniors and the younger generations, who are not comfortable or care not to take escorted tours or drive in a foreign country. For seniors, the book is easier to read because it is printed in a larger and bold type than normal travel books.

The author outlines five major itineraries which include: Rome, Florence,



Venice, the Lakes District (Como, Maggioro and Lugano), and an over the Alps option on the world-famous Bernina Express, the Amalfi Coast and Sicily.

Kaufman describes each itinerary and just how to plan it. Sicily is further broken down into day trips from Palermo and the Taormina areas. Day trips from Florence to Pisa, Lucca, Siena, San Gimignano and the Cinque Terre are described in detail.

The author has a full chapter devoted to hotels near the train stations, so you don't have to walk more than 10 to 15 minutes to your hotel. He even explains how to evaluate and choose each hotel along the way.

The book is easy to read (it's Kaufman's second book) and chuck full of information needed to plan your in-expensive rail trip including websites on how to obtain your rail and attraction tickets for the Coliseum and Sistine Chapel and more. This will save you hours of time and money on the internet.

Kaufman includes tables, maps an index of section headings, places of interest, hotels and recommended restaurants from almost thirty trips to this beautiful country.

Use this book for planning and take it along with you and a good tour book of Italy and you will not be disappointed with your vacation. Do take a look at the reviews on the rear cover of this book.

Bob Kaufman, is the past President of National Travel Vacations, and for over 30 year ran escorted tours. This is his second book. He loves travelling to Italy and Spain. He has been all over each country. He stopped counting his trips to Italy when they reached twenty! Bob knows Italy. In fact, last year he spent one month in Sicily. He likes to base himself at a city and take day trips by rail to other towns thus avoiding the chore of checking in and out hotels all the time. Bob is an Eagle Scout. In addition to loving travel in Italy and Spain, he loves two other things- Lenore and gelato!

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



You can help make the calendar special!

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

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

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

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

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
2024 Yearbook

YOU Are Needed!
Show us your celebrations.

Let us celebrate your joys and successes with you!

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

Artwork Deadline JULY 1st!

The ICF Convention Yearbook is:

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

You Need COLOR!
The full-page entry for San Mateo District looks great in the 2023 book! (See page 70.) So much more impactful than black and white would have been. **Please consider color for impact.**

Celebration Pages
Births • Weddings • Graduations
Full color: 1/16" page celebration entry for only \$25. Includes a photo and details. **Let us all celebrate the joys from your year!**

CELEBRATING
Mary & Tom Cook
30th Wedding Anniversary
Sept. 4, 1993 - Sept. 4, 2023

All of the documents relating to the Convention Souvenir Book are available on the web site in the Officers' Portal under the Documents.

Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

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

Dear Members:

We wish all Branch 1 Fathers a very Happy Father's Day!

Wishing Pat Arnaudo a speedy recovery from a fall.

Cordiali Saluti
Diana Cresci

San Francisco

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

A Big Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers. They deserve this for all they did and do for us.

Please return your ticket stubs with your checks as soon as possible. Tante Grazie!

Our Get Well Wishes for Rose Moisant. Rose you are in our prayers.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Please stay well. We love all of you.

Ciao,
Eva Perata, President

SAN MATEO

District Council

Happy June. By the time you receive this we have either attended the ICF Gala celebrating 100 years of the Federation, or we will be attending. I know it will (or was) a great event!!

Our next District meeting will be June 27, 7:00pm in the small hall of Our Lady of Angels.

We continue to plan for the convention celebrating 100 years of the Italian Catholic Federation. The Thursday dinner will be at Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame and all branches in the district will have an opportunity to participate. Please hold the date August 29, 2024.

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 June!
Ciao,
Barbara

Burlingame

Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

June will be a busy month for our Branch (6 to 9 p.m. 100-year anniversary at Basque Cultural Center and 6-30 Ravioli Dinner OLA). Please pass the word about our only fund-raiser for the year as the Lions Club will do the cooking; thank you to Lori Clyne for arranging this for us. Anyone who wishes to donate a raffle prize, please contact Roz Emery, Secretary.

We have voted to have a mass said for any branch member that has passed away. Unfortunately, it is with great sadness to report one of our OLA priests has passed away. Fr. James Stump will be missed. Please keep his family, Fr. Michael, Fr. Brian, Fr. Gerald, Fr. Peter and all of his Capuchin Brothers in your prayers.

Also, please continue to pray for members: Mary Bodisco, Rina Casanago, Anita Cecina and Melanie and Fred Yeager. From Branch 19: Jackie Barnes, Steve Barnes (who just had surgery) and Kathy Treviso.

Special memory to all fathers who have been a spiritual inspiration in our lives.

God Bless, Roz Emery

South San Francisco

Br. 213, St. Augustine

Our May 14 meeting was hosted by Linda Benedetti and Linda Marselli. A delicious Soup Supper was served and enjoyed by all.

The 100-year celebration of the Italian Catholic Federation was held on June 9 at the Basque Cultural Center and was well attended. Everyone enjoyed the meal and program.

Congratulations!! ICF!!

The ICF annual convention is almost upon us! Our president Marianne Cameron will be our delegate. All convention information will be in the *Bollettino*. Remember, this year's convention is hosted by our own San Mateo District, so we hope our members will participate in the functions. The Thursday night dinner will be held on August 29 at Our Lady of Angels Church in Burlingame. A theme for the evening had not yet been chosen. Each branch is asked to supply one basket valued at \$30 to \$50 for the raffle. We hope all branches will help with this fundraiser.

Convention raffle tickets have been mailed to all members. The price has changed: a book of 12 tickets is now \$30 and our branch keeps \$10 for each book sold. Remember, one of our members won a prize on last year's drawing! So, you might be a lucky winner this year!

SUNSHINE: Please remember our members who are ill or have health issues. Send a card or give a call.

Our next meeting will be on June 11 and will be hosted by Judy Crosetti, Kathy Amiot, and Roberta.

Hope to see you then!

Menlo Park

Br. 351, St. Patrick

Thank you to the Sylvia and Georgia for the delicious dinner and to Barbara Ebel and Buonocore's for dessert. Everyone enjoyed the evening. We also had a surprise visit from Cory which was great to see her! Happy to see she is doing well.

No June meeting due to the Parish festival being held in June at the Church. Our July meeting will be July 4th at Dr. and Rosie Yob's home. More information will be in the Branch Newsletter.

Thank you to the members that have already turned in their Convention Raffle tickets. Please continue to bring in your ticket stubs. The branch keeps \$10 for each book sold so it is a good fund raiser for our branch.

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 pm mass for our deceased members the 1st Thursday of each month.

Happy June!
Ciao, Barbara

Millbrae

Br. 403, St. Dunstan

A big "thank you" to all of our helpers at our popular Cinco de Mayo Dinner Meeting on May 7th. The food was really good & so the company. Our next dinner meeting is Tuesday, June 4th featuring KFC. It includes a 3-piece chicken meal, wine, and dessert for \$15. Hopefully, you will have gotten your check to Eunice by now. If not, call her to RSVP at 650-692-3740.

We have no meeting in July! Mark your calendar for our August meeting on Tuesday, August 6th featuring a giant hot dog, chili, salad, wine & dessert. The cost is \$15. Send your check (payable to "ICF BR 403") to Eunice Danli, 4 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030. If you would like to donate dessert or wine, contact me at 408-313-6325. The cut-off date for this is Friday, August 2nd.

Don't forget about the Convention: it's at the Marriott in Burlingame August 29th - Sept 1st. All are welcome to attend the classes & events. If you have not yet sent in your convention raffle tickets or you need an additional book, call me ASAP as they will be turned in soon!

Have a wonderful Father's Day (June 16th).

Ciao! Adonna Amoroso, Secretary

MARIN

Novato
Br. 332, Our Lady of Loretto

This month our Branch celebrates its 47th Anniversary. Established June 1977, under the guidance of Fr. Raimondi, the Branch has continued to thrive over the years because of the dedicated efforts of the Officers, an amazing kitchen crew, generous volunteers, and the extraordinary support of our activities by the membership. We are a blessed community!

We are proud to announce that Nicolo' Mazza was selected as the recipient of the ICF First Year Scholarship from our Branch. Nicolo' is the grandson of Past-president Guido Poli, and his two very proud Nonne, Loretta Poli and Silvia Mazza. An accomplished scholar, musician, and athlete, Nicolo is also a published author. His book, The Spectacular Swordsman, was published during his sophomore year of high school. He is currently working on the sequel to that book, while preparing for college in the fall. We wish him all the best.

July is Picnic Month at Stafford Lake. This wonderful family event will replace our normal monthly dinner. The day will feature a mouth-watering BBQ lunch, musical entertainment, Pedro and Bingo, and family games for the kids. Be sure to circle July 28 on your calendars, and don't forget to invite your family and friends. They will thank you for it.

Happy Father 'Day'!

LOS ANGELES

ARCHDIOCESE
District Council

There's a song from the musical Carousel called June is Busting Out All Over! It sure feels like it. Summertime is now upon us. It's time for relaxing and grilling and splashing around in the pool. It's also time to celebrate our dads and those graduating. Thank you, dads! Congratulations to all of our graduates.

Another celebration is taking place. The ICF's Centennial Gala. San Francisco is up first and then Chicago and LA will host at the end of the month. I'm looking forward to all of the fun and laughter and the reminiscing. I hope to see you there.

The LA Gala will be held at the cathedral in downtown LA at 1 pm with Archbishop Gomez celebrating the Mass. A magnificent lunch is to follow at Casa Italiana. Thank you to everyone for working so hard on getting this day to be a great success.

I wish you all safe travels wherever you may go this summer.

Perry Shurko, LA District President.

**Br. 67, National Branch
St. Peter**

At the April 13, 2024 NBr 67 General Meeting, ICF Members welcomed new member Harry Culotta from recently closed ICF Branch 169 in Ventura CA. Member Francesca T continues Oper-atic productions such as Gaetano Donizetti’s “Don Pasquale” performed by the YOUNG OPERA THEATER at Casa Italiana in Los Angeles and Grand Annex Theater in San Pedro in May 2024. For Opera Lovers, 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!” (See attached flyer). Opera venues as presented by Opera Italia in July and August. Opera venues as presented by Opera Italia in May and July. See info@operaitalia.com for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

- June 15, ICF National Branch 67 General Meeting 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. via zoom.

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

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

*Keep safe and stay healthy,
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA President
ICF National Branch 67, C 626 372-7812; E cas1810@aol.com*

**South Pasadena
Br. 108, Holy Family**

On May 5, 2024, Branch 108 celebrated Cinco De Mayo in the Galilee Room with Burritos, chips and salsa. Members also celebrated the Birthdays of Diane C, Diana P., Marisa P., Brian D., and Trish R. And the Wedding Anniversaries of Chris and Art Y and Karla and Cisco R. See you at the next meeting!

Branch 108 invites parishioners to join ICF and support your respective Churches and affiliated charities with your time and energy. Come to the next meeting and experience ICF for yourself.

SAVE THE DATE

- June 8, 2024 - ICF Branch 108 annual Picnic and General Meeting at Alhambra

Park from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Bring your families and try your luck at Bocce and Bean Bag Toss (Cornhole). Call 626 372-7812 to RSVP.

- June 9, 2024 - Open House at Mother Cabrini Chapel in Burbank from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- June 29, 2024 - ICF 100-year anniversary Celebration with 1:00 p.m. Mass in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels followed by Luncheon and Gala in Casa Italiana at St Peters Italian Church in downtown Los Angeles. SEE YOU THERE!

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
ICF Branch 108
C 626 372-7812
E cas1810@aol.com*

**Montebello
Br. 111, St. Benedict**

Ciao A Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our June General Meeting will be on Thursday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Elsa Wadzinski, Judd Wadzinski, Francisco Garcia, Gary Brougher, Anasofia Veneziano, , Luciano Scoria, and Franco Sergi. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

Congratulations to Chiara Sorce from Ramona Convent Secondary School in Alhambra who won the Branch's \$400 College Scholarship. Chiara will be attending California State University, Northridge.

We received applications and essays from St. Benedict School students, and we presented two \$500 Phillip & Phyllis Pace Scholarships to graduating students at the Graduation Ceremony on Friday, June 7. We also received applications and essays from Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School students, and we presented a \$500 Phillip Pace Jr. College Scholarship and a \$500 Salvator “Sam” Pace College Scholarships to graduating students at the Senior Awards Night on Tuesday, May 28.

Recently our Branch also donated \$2,000 to St. Benedict Church, \$500 to the St. Benedict Spring Festival, which was held on May 17, 18, and 19, and \$200 to St. Benedict School for their Casino Night fundraiser.

We hope to see many of you at the ICF 100th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, June 29 at the 1:00 pm. Mass at the Cathedral of our Lady o.f Angeles, Los Angeles and 2:30 p.m. Lunch at Casa Italian in Los Angeles. Heartfelt Congratulations to the entire ICF organization on celebrating its 100th Anniversary. What a tremendous milestone!! Tantissimi Auguri.

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

Ciao! A presto. Frank Salomone

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

We are happy to announce that our scholarships winners this year are Mia Gates and Clement Pasquarella. Both are graduates from Mary Star High School.

Congratulations and we wish wish them much success in their college endeavors. Mass for St Anthony requested by our branch will be held on June 13th at Mary Star 8 a.m. In addition, the Artiano family is continuing their traditional St Anthony mass at St Anthony of Padua in Gardena at 10 a.m.

Congratulations to our adopted seminarian Cole Buzon on his ordination to the priesthood. May the Lord’s blessings be upon him.

Our next general meeting will be held on June 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center. Up for discussion will be the June 29th 100th anniversary celebration for our organization. Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Angeles Cathedral. Lunch to follow at Casa Italian \$70.00. For more information or to reserve call Neal DiLeva 310 433-1044 by may 23rd. There is a chance the deadline date might be extended.

Also up for discussion will be our annual parish fiesta to be held on July 19,20 and 21 Volunteers will be needed from making meatballs to setting up, tearing down and working in booth. Please call Pauline to sign up 310 832-0563.

Please attend meetings to keep informed.

I am sad to report the passing of 2 longtime members Lucy DiMeglio and Maria Lauro. Condolences to their families. They will be missed.

With your agenda you will find a book of convention raffle tickets. Please support our branch by selling the tickets. Cost of the book is \$30.00. \$10 of the ticket sales is returned to our branch. This helps defer the cost of sending delegates to the convention.

Happy Father’s Day to all the dads and father figures in our lives

Anita Trujillo

**Arcadia
Br. 218, Holy Angels**

What a wonderful Mother’s Day Celebration we had. Thank you to Dave Scarminach for preparing a gourmet luncheon and to Mary Rovarino and JoAnn Hudson for assisting with the planning and the serving crew who served everyone at their tables. It was all very special with pink tablecloths, fresh flowers on every table, and elegant table settings. Also, thank you to Ken Fehrer for coming in and singing several very nice songs.

Our June meeting will be a celebration of Father’s Day. Watch for Jeane’s

newsletter for the details.

We are heading into our summer break –no meetings in July and August. There will be more regarding the upcoming convention at the end of August.

Everyone have a good summer, see you at the June meeting.

Lolly M.

**Gardena
Br. 237, St. Anthony of Padua**

Sending congratulations to Julieta Roa on her scholarship to Princeton University. Her parents Micheal and John, longtime members of the branch have been following her accomplishments since she was in first grade. Juliet has received many awards for her scholarship and athletic accomplishments. The branch is very proud of her and wish her much success at Princeton.

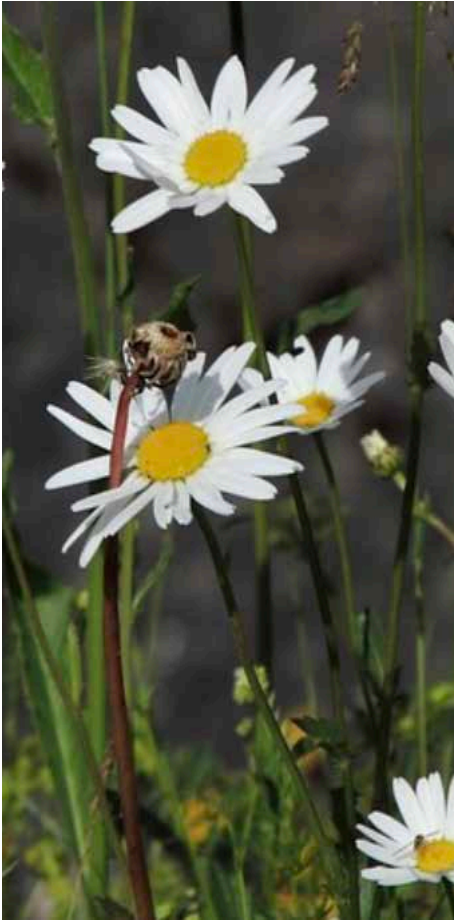
Rose and John Moore also long-time members are again serving as our parish Fiesta chairs. Last year they were the couple that brought back the annual Strawberry Park days celebration. The parish and the branch are so grateful for their service and dedication to St. Anthony, We are a small group, however we still support our parish, and they support us.

Happy Father’s Day to all the dads and moms that are the positive role models for our children. It is so important to have that support.

Prayer is the best armor we have, it is the key which opens the heart of God.

St. Padre Pio

*Respectfully,
Connie Bohannon*



SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT



Br. 191, Pasta Sauce fundraiser



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Br. 445 Jan, Jim & Julie Gathering Cookie Order



Br. 445 Emily Corral & Fr. Galong- May Crowning



Branch 47 Pasta Grab N Go



Br. 445 Celebrating Gina & Larry Farro's Birthdays



Br. 445 The Cookie Assembly Crew



St. Mary Branch #184, Member of #184 Janice Lamotte won the basket, brimming with goodies and Ruben Dominguez of Gilroy, a member of the Knights of Columbus, won the Garden Basket. The Raffle was held at the recent breakfast, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, and benefitting both ICF #184 and the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Mary’s.



St. Mary Branch #184,Members of #184 Marlene Ferrigno, Ryan Meyer and Pres. Deanna Meyer stand with Sue Ahmadian, President of St. Vincent de Paul, at the recent breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)



Branch 391's Monthly Meeting



Branch 391's Multicultural Celebration



Br. 368 St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Joan Delfino, Giulia Gallego



Br 368 at Mary's Crowning and Rosary



Br. 368 Lynda Demanti, calling numbers for door prizes St. Pat's Day.

Downey
Br. 362, St. Raymond

Welcome to June everyone. Summer-time is here. It's time for Dads and Grads too. Happy Father's Day to all of the dads out there and Congratulations to all of the Graduates this year.

Well, now it's time for us to celebrate another big event - the Italian Catholic Federation's 100th Anniversary. There's been a lot of planning leading up to this month, so thank you to the Ways & Means Committee for doing such a great job. I look forward to attending the Gala in San Francisco and then at the end of the month here locally in LA. I wish I could go to the Chicago event, but I won't be able to attend. It looks like we will have a nice representation from our branch attending at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels Mass and luncheon to follow at Casa Italiana.

Last month we held our annual Awards Night and were able to donate over \$11,000 to our parish, ministries, scholarships, and community. Great job everyone and thanks for the hard work you do all year.

Our next Bingo luncheon will be on July 14th and don't forget to support us by taking a flier to Handles Ice Cream. We get back 20% of the receipts. Enjoy the Summer and safe travels to you all.

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

It's graduation month which reminds us of the several monetary awards our branch gives to St. Bede School eighth grade students at their graduation ceremony. Mark Mannarelli and his committee review Contest Essays written by the students on one of three topics and choose 2 essays that meet the writing and content criteria. Another award is given to the student who has accumulated the most Service Hours. In addition, an award is given to a student who demonstrates Musical Talent. Next year, because of our successful fundraisers, we will be offering similar opportunities to the graduating students at St. James School, in Montrose. In addition, our branch provides funding toward a First-Year College Scholarship to a student chosen by the ICF Central Council who, this year, attends Sacred Heart Academy. We hope to meet some of these accomplished students at the June General Meeting.

Thanks to the generous monetary donations to the recent auction from members, Robert and Jo Barbera and Benardo and Janice Volpe, we can continue to provide these wonderful recognitions. Also, this year we added the San Gabriel Pregnancy Center and Elizabeth House for Unwed Mothers to our Apostolate donations.

Don't forget to reserve your spot for July 14th at the Lakeside Country Club in Burbank for a Br. 374 private

Mass presided by Fr. Jim, followed by a sumptuous brunch. The summer mass held off-site at a different venue every year is a beautiful, spiritual event.

Dates to Remember:

Saturday, June 29th- !00th ICF Anniversary Dinner - Time is running out. Reserve now!

Sunday, July 14th-Mass and Brunch at Lakeside Country Club

July and August- No General Meeting

Happy Father's Day and Happy and Safe Summer!
Diane Restivo

Simi Valley
Br. 443, St Rose of Lima

We gathered on April 19 at St Rose of Lima Hall. Deacon Dave led us in the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the ICF Pledge. After delicious appetizers and dessert, we planned future

meetings and events led by President Rita.

Sunday June 2, at 3pm we will meet at Rita and John's home for a Family Potluck Dinner featuring the famous Downey BBQ. Bocce, cornhole and possibly swimming will be available to work up our appetites.

In September, we will have the Annual Bocce Tournament at Lemon Park. Attendees are asked to bring their favorite dishes to accompany hamburgers and hot dogs.

The very popular appreciation dinner for the Masters' Chorale of St Rose will be held in November.

In December, we will have the Christmas Party.

After the discussion, Barbara Tweedy provided the fun events which included answering questions about Italy, including "Who is the patron Saint of Italy?" "What is the name of the famous opera house in Milan?"

Barbara passed out a Word Search which contained 24 words in Italian: crocifisso [crucifix], fiori [flowers].

And then we were given a list of 20 Laws in California that many of us were not aware of.

"In Acadia, peacocks have the right of way in all driveways and roadways."

"It is illegal to grow oleander in Norco."

We always enjoy Barbara's activities.

Peace and Blessings,
Josephine M. Perini



Rancho Palos Verdes
Br. 444, St. John Fisher

Thanks to President Hany Francis and his wife Carol for the Fantastic dinner they prepared for our April meeting. Pork Lion never tasted better with grilled veggies, salad, and a Homemade dessert by Carol. Mary Alley led us in prayer asking Our heavenly Father to Bless our members all the members of our Parish. An invitation was extended to all members of the Parish to join us for a Bingo Fun Night. Cristina Balde-mor hosted the Bingo Games with the help of Hany and Tonia. What a fun evening for everyone.

We especially want to remember in prayer, Joe Trani, Guido Fassinelli and Marian Canetti, founding members of our Branch. We miss all of you and hope for your return soon.

Our June meeting will be a post Mother's Day Celebration. We will share memories of our mothers, and maybe bring one of her special dishes for everyone to taste & enjoy.

A Presto,
Patty Longo Hansen

Oakland

East Bay
District Council

Spring and early summer give us so many opportunities for gratitude! The gift of the Holy Spirit in Pentecost, the gifts of our mothers, fathers, and all those who nurture children and youth, and the beginning of sunnier days are just a few. The contributions of the ICF see fruition as scholarships are awarded to graduates and those continuing their studies, and seminaries perform ordinations.

The East Bay District is planning and looking forward to the grand events that will bring us together in the summer months, from the 100th Anniversary Gala, the Annual Golf Tournament, and the Annual Convention- all in our backyard- to the many local dinners, picnics, and Bingo's at the branches.

We are making gift baskets to donate to the raffle for the Gala, thanks to the generosity of our members. For the Golf tournament in Santa Rosa, EDB is sponsoring a hole. The tournament and lunch event are fun even for non-golfers! There are several sponsoring opportunities for those interested. See the *Bollettino* for details.

Make sure to sell and turn in the raffle tickets for the Annual Convention on Labor Day Weekend!

Congratulations to Branches 10 and 343, celebrating Anniversaries this spring!

Sincerely
Roberta Madej

Alameda

Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

All are welcome to join us for or annual summer barbecue to be held this year on Saturday, July 20 at Monsignor O'Brien Hall, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda. Festivities start at 6 p.m. The menu includes hamburgers, corn, watermelon, bottled water, soda, wine, beer and dessert. Prices are \$15.00 for adult members, \$20.00 for non-member adults, \$10.00 for children ages 5 to 12 and free for children under five who are accompanied by an adult. For reservations, please contact John Zugnoni, 510-326-3474 or john@zugnoni.net, by 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16.

The barbecue is scheduled for the same date as Italian Heritage Day at the Oakland A's baseball game. However, since it is only a five-minute drive from the Oakland Coliseum to Saint Philip Neri Church, there is plenty of time for you to attend both ICF events.

Congratulations to Ava Bozzone of Bishop O'Dowd High School of Oakland, this year's recipient of our branch's ICF's first-year college scholarship. Ava is the daughter of David Bozzone and Vicki Bargagliotti and will attend Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park. Her ICF heritage includes her great-great-grandmother, Victoria Pelosi, who served as branch president, and Ava's mother, who also earned an ICF scholarship.

And thanks to 20-year members Bob and Rochelle Pola for their more-than-generous donation to the ICF Scholarship Program. The Pola's often make reservations for our dinners within minutes of us pressing the "send" button for the event flyer.

In the July *Bollettino* we will announce the winners of the Dave Rose Memorial Scholarships awarded to four graduates of Alameda's two Catholic grammar schools, Saint Joseph Elementary and Saint Philip Neri.

See you at our barbecue!
John Zugnoni,
Branch 10 publicity





JUNE

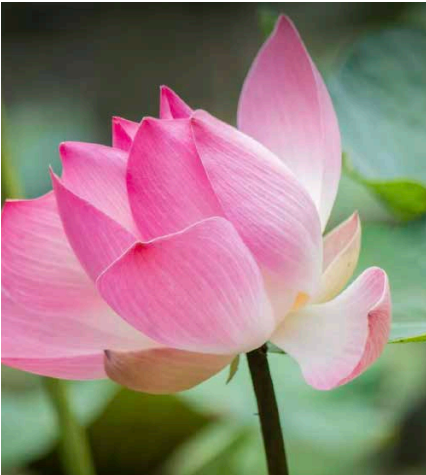
New month, new chapter, new page
and new wishes.

May the month give you courage, strength,
confidence, patience, self-love & inner peace.

May every day in June fill your days with hope,
love, sunshine and energy.
Let there be joy, fun and laughter.

CONGRATULATIONS
ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
JERRY (CC MEMBER EMERITUS) AND JOAN DELFINO

Happy Anniversary



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
97/100
BR#13
MARTINEZ



BEST WISHES AND PRAYERS FOR A
HAPPY 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION!

FROM BRANCH 285... TRI-VALLEY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT



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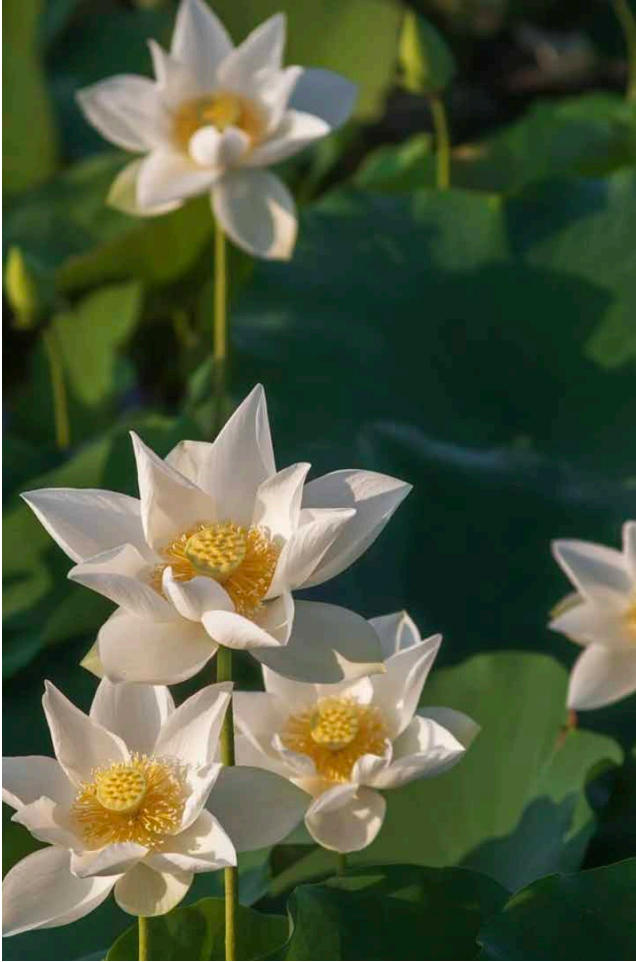




100
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATING

For 100 years, the ICF has brought members together to celebrate our heritage, support our Catholic faith and encouraged us to perform charitable works.

Congratulations from the Board and Members of ICF Branch #191 San Jose





1924 - 2024

A Century of Faith, Family & Fellowship



CONGRATULATIONS
ON 100 YEARS OF
FAITHFUL SERVICE!

Cent' Anni!
Branch 213
St. Augustine
South San Francisco, CA

HAPPY
Anniversary



Congratulations to our I.C.F. Family
on our 100 Years Celebration!

Thank You for your
Kindness and Friendship.

Patty, Nanette and Charlene
Your I.C.F. Office Staff

Buon
**Centesimo
Anniversario
alla Federazione**

Dal Distretto di Contra Costa
Martinez 13 Concord 214
Crockett 14 Danville 352
Richmond 154 Brentwood 432
Pleasant Hill 442







**Congratulations
to the
Italian Catholic Federation**

Grand 1st Vice President
Franklyn Lopes, Jr.







For 61 years Branch 173 has been a part of The Italian Catholic Federation.
Our officers and members are grateful to be a part of the 100th Anniversary.

Let's look forward to another great 100 years!!!

Fr. Michael Mahoney	Chaplain
Dorene Campanile	President
Mary Ann Camacho	1 st Vice President
Luciana Witherspoon	2 nd Vice President
Rosalind Emery	Recording Secretary
Mary Ann Camacho`	Corresponding Secretary
Brenda Wemiz	Financial Secretary
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Lori Clyne	Trustee
James Witherspoon	Trustee
Beatrice Tomasello	Trustee
Maria Camicia	Sentinel





*Buon Centesimo
Anniversario alla
Federazione!*

Dai Membri del Filiale
442 di Pleasant Hill

Branch 432
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Brentwood

Our Brentwood members send our warmest greetings
to all ICF California Paisanos!

Per Cent' Anni to all and here's to Due Cent' Anni!



BLESSED SACRAMENT DISTRICT



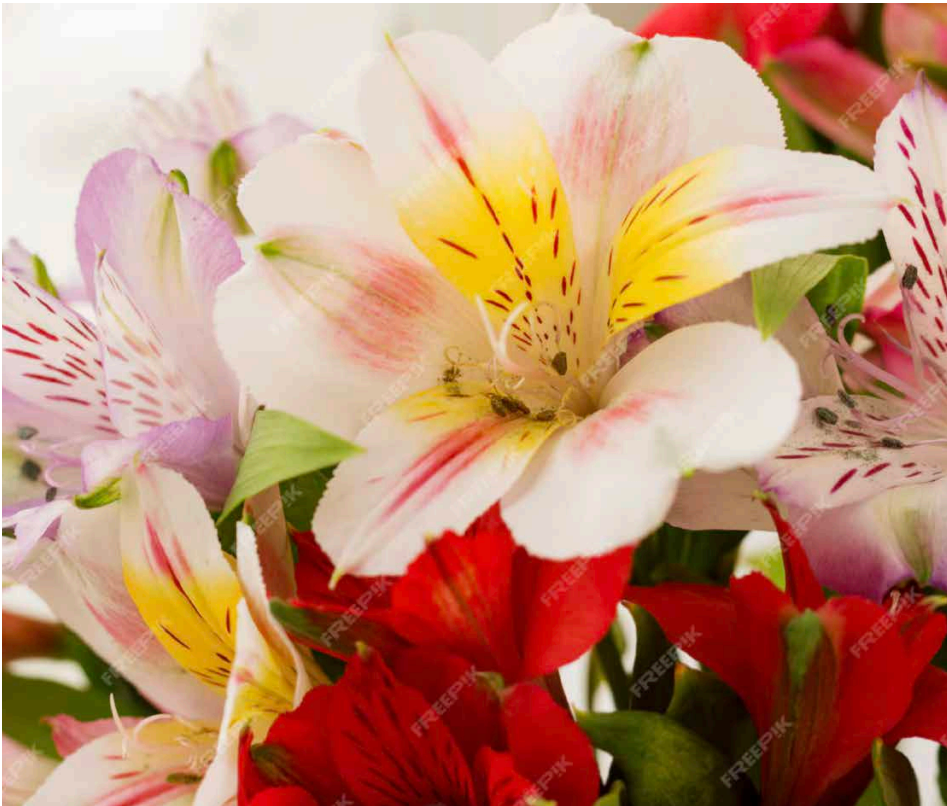
Br. 342, MaryAnn being honored by the board



Br. 342, Past president MaryAnn Mikles



Br. 342, Guests enjoyed lunch and bingo



EAST BAY DISTRICT



Happy Anniversary Branch 10. Jeannette Zugnoni (L) and Terry Greig from Branch 10.



Happy Anniversary Branch 343. Lisa Crudo (L) and Melinda Klever from Branch 343



ICF Branch 48, Modesto
St. Stanislaus Catholic Community

Blessings and peace to everyone in this 100th Year Anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation.

May God bless the ICF as we move forward, discovering more of God's will, strengthening our membership, and continuing to help those in need.

Praying for much success during the next hundred years of the ICF.



Congratulazione and Thank You
on the 100th Anniversary of ICF.
We are looking forward to the next 100 years.

Tante Auguri
Br. 352 - Danville



Happy Anniversary!

**“ICF is our place to connect with our Catholic faith,
our Italian culture, family, friends, and of course delicious food.”**

Buon Centenario
from
Branch #144 - Arcata



Congratulations
for ICF's first 100 Year Anniversary.

From
St. Patrick's ICF #413
in Angels Camp



CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT



Mike and Liz Rios cooking for branch 227 monthly meeting



Br. 227, Margaret Margo, Franklyn Lopes and Dolores McCartney



Branch 51



Br. 36, New Members



Initiation Branch 36



Jackie Cerchi 1931-2024 Branch 36

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 291, Several members from Br. 291 attended Br. 354's fundraiser, where they enjoyed a delicious spaghetti and meatball dinner in Paso Robles. Clockwise from bottom left: Margaret Franco, Joanna Van Blaricom, Keely Sanchez, Theresa Aston, Pete Gallagher, Ellen Bavaro, Abby Gallagher, Dave Sanchez and Joe Franco.



Br. 36, Elaine Valentine and Diana Aiello



Br. 291 recently celebrated our St. Joseph's Table. Members donated non-perishable food and household items for our table, and all items were then donated to the St. Patrick's Church Outreach Program. Pictured here is our new Apostolic chairperson, Pat Fairbanks, who did a wonderful job organizing our St. Joseph's Table.



Br. 291 recently celebrated the birthday of longtime member, Rose Haupt. Pictured L-R: President Pete Gallagher, Rose Haupt, Joanna Van Blaricom and Annie Subia.



Livermore
Br. 285, St. Filomena

Manga! Manga! Manga! could be heard throughout our Chicken Cacciatore / Polenta dinner. We served 170 guests! Many of our members participated to make this event successful. We even had help from Oregon by Judy and Dave Wellbeloved.

Welcome new members: Paula and Raymond Miranda.

Our next social gathering will be an informative program presented by David Jen, the editor-in-chief of the Independent Newspaper. He will speak about A.P. Giannini, the connection to Bank of America (Livermore) and Journalism in our valley. Thank you Phyl Buonsante for arranging this program.

Buon Compleanno to our June Birthdays: Patty Brick, Mary Grubbs, Anne Suter, Jennie Piazza and Ron Page.

Congratulations to our scholarship winners: Gianna Salerno, Granada High School, Livermore, Gianna Masinter, Dublin High School, Dublin.

We ended up the month with Ministry Sunday at St. Augustine's Parish in Pleasanton.

*Blessings to all as we finally get into our summer activities.
Patty Brick
Second V.P.*

Castro Valley
Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

We began once again with dinner, this time with a Cinco de Mayo which Melody and her crew took charge of serving; then Bob Britton supplied us with a wonderful homemade Tres Leches Cake for dessert, which he says he prays over as he puts it into the oven. His prayers must work because it was just wonderful!

Since the Convention is so close, we are hoping that many of our branch will be able to attend at least a part of it. Karen has 100-year anniversary pins which are delightful, they have 1924-2024 dates with a gold cross in the center denoting it is 100 years. Hopefully each of you will be able to get one.

On June 9th we will hold our 100th anniversary gala, I think that those tickets have been sold out, but check with Lisa. For you sportsmen/women, there will be a golf tournament in late July.

Since our President will attend the convention as a member of the district, our 1st Vice Pres. Margaret will go as President and Melody will be a Delegate.

A Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, aunts and other ladies who helped us along the way.

Happy Graduation to all those from 6th/8th grade, 12th grade and college.
*Pat Grasso,
Branch Sec.*

CONTRA COSTA
District Council

Greetings from Contra Costa. We hope everyone is enjoying the many festivities throughout our branches. This month the ICF celebrates its 100 th anniversary. What an accomplishment! So many wonderful memories have been made.

Please save the following dates: June 9 - ICF 100th anniversary Mass and Gala at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. July 20 - Italian Heritage Day and baseball game hosted by the Oakland A's at the Oakland Coliseum. Our chairman, Bruce Pedrotti, will send flyers. August 4- District Mass followed by breakfast at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Brentwood. Hosted by branch 432 Brentwood. Details coming soon. District Meeting- August 8 at 7 o'clock PM at Christ the King Parish in Pleasant Hill. Rooms A and B.

A reminder that each branch should send their apostolic report to the ICF office by June 30th. Two of our mentors are stepping down--Matt Dallara and Maria Catanese Helburg. We thank them for serving. We are in need of new Mentors. The Mentors visit a branch quarterly. It's a simple but important position. If interested or for more information email Patty at: Jandp1976@aol.com . That's all for this time. Best wishes for a Happy Father's Day.

Fraternally, Patty Jarrett. Past President/District Mentor

Martinez
Br. 13, San Martino

Our Centennial is a rare achievement and should be celebrated! However, the number is not the message. The number is an explanation for the message about where we stand and the time we've flourished. Generations managed hurdles while focusing on the future of this organization. Members have overcome a World War, Great Depression, Prohibition, Y2K, 9/11, pandemic, and more; though I'm sure not anticipated to be part of our founders' goal.

Their goal of "awakening a more intense Christian life among the Italian population in California" brought together 30,000 members at its peak. We are far from that now. It's a delicate balance to remember our history and just how far we've come with where the Federation is headed to in the future. A box of old papers/pictures stashed away for heritage displays can be visited from time to time, but when embarking on the start of the second hundred years trying to rebuild membership, we need to leave the past for memories and use action for moving forward.

If we're too focused on the past, the message becomes myopic. Let's draw upon our founders' ethos and revitalize and reinterpret their vision to propel this fraternity forward. Let's power a new era, generate new ideas, and not just do what's always been done. We're not good because we're old, we're old because we've been good for decades. With cooperation and being a God-centered

group, God has made us who we are with the uniqueness of our culture and belief system. Sempre Avant!

Chin Don, Mary Cook

Crockett
Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici! Time sure does fly! It's hard to believe that it's already June.

This month, please help us congratulate our deserving scholarship award winners at our June 18th meeting (Note the date change). We'll be having ravioli, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. The cost is \$15.00.
-Sofia Campliongo, El Cerrito (Branch Scholarship in Memory of David Botta)
-Lauren Smith, Sacramento (Branch Scholarship in Memory of David Botta)
-Mackenna Mondo, Merced H.S. (In Memory of David Botta)
-Trevor Buti, Nevada Union H.S. (In Memory of Donald DeTomasi)
-John Churchward, Davis Senior H.S.A. (In Memory of James Dooley)
-Quinn Stafford, Sutter H.S. (In Honor of Colin Cabral)
-Francesca Varner, Delta H.S. (In Memory of Billie Valli)

It's not too late to sign up for our Casino Bus Trip on July 26th. The trip to Red Hawk Casino also includes \$15 in slot play and \$5 in food credit. Contact Nancy Carlos to sign up for a busload of fun!

Sadly, we recently lost our friend John Collins. Please pray for John and his loved ones during this difficult time.

Wishing a speedy recovery for Addie Bepler, Debbie Keys, Bonnie Leal, John Lira, Tony Scardina, and John Valentini. Get well soon friends!

And finally, we send our heartfelt congratulations to Fr. Leo in celebration of his 45th year of ordination in the priesthood. He is a blessing to all of us!

Wishing you all a happy and healthy summer!

Blessings, ~Helen

Richmond
Br. 154, St. Raymond

HAPPY 100th ANNIVERSARY to the ICF!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE GRADUATES THIS YEAR!

Our June Meeting will be on the second Monday, June 10th at 6:30. We will start with a delicious meal of ravioli and salad for only \$15.00 with a short meeting to follow. Call Lorraine to reserve at 510-697-3128.

SAVE THE DATE NOW...our next Polenta Dinner will be Saturday, September 28th

At Salesian High School Cafeteria.

Happy Summer! Sally Costa

Concord
Br. 214, Todos Santos

We have a busy month in May. This time of year, we select two 8th grade students from the 4 parishes of Concord to write an essay on their family heritage.

Selected this year is Annaliese Ysmael from St. Agnes School and Anton Massis from Queen of All Saints parishes. We invite their parents to attend our meeting and the students read their essays and we present each student with a check for \$100.

Our \$400 scholarship winner is Mathew Fillari from De La Salle High School. We will present him with a certificate of accomplishment and a check for \$100 for school supplies. We are so proud so many students participate in this essay contest. The parents are so proud of their children.

Our branch is looking forward to the 100th Anniversary. We have 11 members who will attend the Mass and lunch. Congratulations to the Italian Catholic Federation for these many years of bringing Catholics together for prayers, caring, and loving support of their Italian heritage.

I hope you all had a great Mother's Day on May 12th. The weather was perfect to celebrate with your families.

I wish you good health and happiness in the coming summer months.

Ciao for now. Norene DeLuca

Danville
Br. 352, St. Isidore

Our monthly dinner meeting on April 15 had a special treat, Nate Bradley from Amphora Bay Area. Nate is the owner of an olive oil and vinegar shop in downtown Danville. His family has been in the business for over 100 years, and he came to educate us on olives and olive oil. He told us about the different qualities, and we learned about all his oils and vinegars in his shop. He set up each table with different oil and vinegar and testing cups, we tried all his suggestions. We were also given different recipe cards to bring home and of course time to purchase and learn more. We had over 100 people attend so we know everyone was looking forward and enjoyed the presentation. Russ did not disappoint with a delicious dinner of antipasto, salad, pasta, sausage and bell peppers. And as always wonderful Italian songs by our accordion player, Dan Santori.

On Sunday the 14th ICF hosted donuts Sunday. We enjoyed talking to people we would not have had the opportunity to meet normally. Between both functions, we have received quite a few new applications.

On Monday, May 20 is our next dinner meeting. We will celebrate Cinco de Mayo dinner is catered by El Molino. One of our members Phyllis Martinelli will talk about the Piedmont area of Italy.

*Well until next month, many blessings to all.
Arrivederci, Sally.*

Brentwood
Br. 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary

We hope all our members who serve in any capacity as "Mothers" enjoyed their special day in May.

We welcomed many new visitors to our April meeting (13!) as our Membership Team is "on fire" bringing in new folks over the past few months - with several becoming new members. Thanks again to our wonderful team of Michael Valenti, Sandy Gamble, Shelia Nilo and Sam Scalise.

Our Italian themed dinner, provided by Sam and Peggy Scalise was fantastico! Ravioli with 3 different sauces, salad, antipasti, tiramisu and biscotti for dessert. Thanks Sam and Peggy.

Mickey Modena provided a fascinating Heritage Report focusing on her father, from Musso, Italy and her mother, from Brembilla, Italy. As Mickey told us she is FBI (full bloodied Italian). Her parents, born in the 1800's emigrated to the USA in the 1900's and got married in 1926. They lived and raised their family in San Francisco. Mickey has also stepped up to represent our Branch at the annual convention this year. Way to go Mickey!

Despite our not meeting in May, our scholarship Team will be busy working to provide 10 scholarships (totaling \$11,400) to worthy high school students. The scholarships will be awarded at a dinner reception in July.

Our Parish will be holding its annual festival on June 8 with all Ministries represented. Any profits made from our branch will go to our Youth Ministry for activities taking place throughout the year.

Ciao for now - Mary M.

BLESSED
SACRAMENT
District Council

Sacramento
Br. 45, St. Mary

Our next event will be held on Sunday, June 23, 2024, in Giovanni Hall. Our branch meeting will begin at 3:30pm with BINGO at 4:30 pm and a Spaghetti & Meatball dinner at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$20 for Members and \$25 for Non-Members. Dinner includes one bingo card sheet for 10 games with additional card sheets available for purchase. Dinner includes Salad, Roll, Meatballs, Spaghetti, Dessert and Beverage. For reservations or more information, call me at 916-508-1199 by Monday, June 17th.

Welcome new member CHUCK ZANETTI who joined in April. Looking forward to your ideas and help with

branch activities. Thanks for joining!

CONGRATULATIONS to our St. Mary School 8th grade scholarship winners for 2024. Scholarships in the amount of \$500 each were awarded to: Nives Legarizzi-Schettini, Charlotte Lucas, Emilia Lehrsen and London Weninger. Nives, Charlotte and Emilia will be attending St. Francis High School and London will be attending Jesuit High School. Wishing you much success in high school! Thank you to Lee Bennett and Don Pasquini for their continued support and donation of two of the scholarships in the names of Leda Pasquini and Shirley Pasquini Bennett.

Ciao, Janine

Auburn
Br. 342, St. Joseph

A big thank you to all who attended our April Bingo Fundraiser! Despite a last-minute change of venue and a day of rain, we were able to have a delicious lunch and a fun afternoon of bingo. We were also able to honor past president MaryAnn Mikles for her many years of service to our branch. I also want to say thank you to all who helped to organize and help out on the day of the event. Hope you will be able to join us in the fall for our next fundraiser.

Congratulations to our 2024 scholarship recipients. Our two high school recipients are Gina Genovese and Keegan McManus and our two eighth grade recipients are Maura McManus and Ana Gallawa. These scholars and their families will be invited to our June board meeting to receive their awards and share their plans for the future,

*Ciao!
Pam Andersen*

Roseville
Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi

First, congratulations to our new President Elizabeth Snyder! She was formerly the Vice President and has now taken on the role as President for the rest of the year. So far, she is doing an outstanding job at getting things organized. Best of luck to her and all that she is doing to make our branch a big success with all that we do!

The Cinco de Mayo dinner was lots of fun! This dinner is always popular, and this year was no exception. There were a big variety of Mexican food for everyone to choose from. The Aguilar family always does a great job with the ambiance, along with the meal. Everything was "Muy bueno."

We have recently added a 50/50 Raffle. Sometimes some of the members who win just give the money back in order for us to provide more money to the different charities we donate to. Thank you to all who participate in this fun activity.

A Happy Mother's Day to all the women that attended. Whether you are a mom, stepmom, a mother-figure to a

friend, family member or pet, we recognize and celebrate who you are and all that you do.

Next month, we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary with a special dinner. Of course, we will also be celebrating Father's Day. In August we will be having a Bingo fundraiser with the district. There are lots of fun things happening. Come join us and have fun!

*Ciao for now...
Irene Perez*

SANTA ROSA
District Council

Healdsburg
Br. 52, San Francisco Di Sales

Members and guests enjoyed a wonderful Mother's and Father's Day Dinner on May 14. Richard Passalacqua and crew BBQed an amazing tri-tip dinner. It was great to honor our scholarship winners, also.

Upcoming events:

ICF Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, at 6:00 PM in the rectory. All members are welcome to attend.

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

ICF Convention: August 30 - September 1 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront in Burlingame.

Potluck Dinner: Tuesday, September 10. Mark your calendars and start planning the awesome dish you'll bring! The food is always so good at this event.

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

I sent out the ICF Raffle Tickets, please purchase your book of tickets and return it to me by August 1. Our goal this year is to sell 75 books. \$10.00 from each book stays with our branch.

*Please continue praying for Peace.
Happy Father's Day!
Lauren*



Petaluma
Br. 127, St. Vincent

Summer is coming. Warmer times.

I want to thank all who gave to the Bake-less Bakesale for their generosity. This is now our main fund raiser as we will no longer be able to do dinners. There is still time to send in your donation. Send to Margaret Cordrey, 3 Pidgeon Ct. Petaluma, Ca. 94952

A reminder, June 29 will be Quarterly Communion mass at St. James church, 10:30 a.m. Coffee to follow.

You will be receiving your Convention raffle tickets this month. Please return to Lucy Spingola by July 15. We get to keep part of the money for our branch.

We hope to see more members at meetings. That is why we now meet at 3p.m. on second Monday. You might get lucky and win the meeting money prize. Plus, we have dessert.

Bring us a story of how your family came to America. We would love to hear about it.

Heather Matzen was a calendar winner. She is so generous and always giving so that was great.

*Have a bang-up July 4th.
Ciao for now. Margaret Cordrey*

Arcata
Br. 144, St. Mary

Quite a busy month of April. We hosted the 65th anniversary celebration with Branch#145 on April 21 (photo) with a delicious catered luncheon. A number of guests were in attendance: President Bob and Kathy Acquistapace, Dennice DeGirolamo, Doreen O'Rourke and Tommy Nguyen, Carmen and Larry Kilcullen and daughter Lauren, Sharon Hromek and Mary Ellen Higgins, as well as Regie Fosnaugh, director of Newman Center at Cal Poly Humboldt and student Kieran Stack who both shared what goes on at the NC and how our branch's support has been a vital part of that community. (Photo)

There were two tables full of memorabilia. Bob brought a *Bollettino* from Dec. 1973 where Branches #144 and #145 hosted the Santa Rosa Bishop's Day.

The next big event happened on Sunday, April 28 when member Tony Gonsalves ('22) celebrated his 70th birthday, Hawaiian style! (photo).

Member Dora Scott ('78) grandson, Samuel Brown, who graduated from Petaluma HS and attended college, recently was drafted by the Los Angeles A's baseball franchise and is currently in spring training in Arizona. His proud aunt is Pat Damassa ('78). Very exciting!

We hope to continue having a movie outing like we did with Cabrini, but only if they are of the same quality. Those movies are sorely needed!

Our branch continues to host the 2nd weekend Coffee Hour after the Masses at St. Mary's Church in Arcata.

Anne Carlisle Eanni, Secretary

Eureka
Br. 145, St. Ambrose

The next meeting of Branch 145 Eureka will be on Tuesday June 11th at 6 p.m. It will be our annual pizza potluck to honor our Colivas Scholarship recipients and their families.

Many thanks to Arcata Branch 144 for the delicious 65th anniversary luncheon in April. Cassaro’s Catering (707-845-2255) did a really good job.

Special guest speakers were Regina Fosnaugh (Director of the HSU Newman Club) and Kieren Stack (student organizer of the HSU Newman Club’s many activities). Their talks were informative, and the campus Newman Club appears to be thriving. (Though Regina did mention that their clubhouse on Union Street needs some maintenance: donations of time, materials, or funds are gladly and gratefully accepted.)

Thank you to all of the ten Santa Rosa district officers and members who made the trip to Humboldt County to celebrate with us.

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

Santa Rosa
Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Our scholarship dinner on May 6 was a true success with 70 people in attendance and 6 of our 7 scholarship recipients in attendance. Special thanks to President Doreen O’Rourke for her organization, Robert Acquistapace and Patrick Serge for the BBQ, and Linda Pisenti for cleaning up after the dinner. The donation of baby clothes for Life Pregnancy Services was the largest we have ever had. THANK YOU!!

Branch 198 was proud to help with the supplies for the ordination of two new Priests at the Cathedral. One of them was Christopher Girolo from Petaluma. He came to several of our meetings as a Seminarian and we are proud that our contribution at the Bishop’s Day helped him complete his education.

President Doreen still has raffle books for sale, and we encourage you to buy one or more. Our branch keeps \$10.00 from each book sold.

Please pray for Lynette Lucia and any other members who are recovering or ill. In the spirit of St. Joseph, we wish every father a very HAPPY FATHERS DAY.

Ciao,
Robert Acquistapace



Sebastopol
Br. 209, St. Michael

Hello from Branch #209.

Our branch has some sad news. On April 27, 2024, our first vice president Bill Segale passed away. Bill was a beloved member of our branch. In fact, he most recently organized a delicious pasta dinner for our February 2024 general meeting. Bill helped out in so many ways, if not tending the bar, he’d work the raffle table. Always willing to do what was needed. We will surely miss him. Our love and prayers go out to his family.

On May 14th, we rewarded six soon-to-be high school graduates from our community a \$600.00 scholarship each, and along with their families, treated them to a lasagna dinner.

Andrea Benito Chino, Courtney Landucci, Isabella Ghirardelli, Stephanie Carreras, Kris Zezza, and Joselyn Sierra were the deserving winners. We were honored to be able to help these amazing young students reach their future goals.

Our bocce tournament is May 19. We will share that fun event with you in the next *Bollettino*.

God bless and be well. Ciao!
Yvonne Dorr, Recording Secretary

FRESNO
District

Los Banos
Br. 31, Santa Lucia

Hello again from branch 31! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and Mother's Day and are also looking forward to Father’s Day, that is just around the corner.

As the 2023-2024 school year comes to an end, we would like to recognize the recipients of our local scholarships this year. Los Banos recipients were Cole Brandi and Dominic Seeba. Pacheco High recipients were Richard Nunez and Evelyn Balvaneda-Alvarez. Congratulations to them and the entire 2024 graduating class; may you all trust in God and find success in your future.

Our next meeting is a breakfast meeting on June 30th at Country Waffles. Have a wonderful summer, God Bless!

Ciao,
Giona Boffa

Merced
Br. 39, St. Cecilia

At our May meeting, we celebrated Lillian Dal Porto’s 100th birthday. Lillian has been a member of the branch since 1959. Michael Belluomini cooked a

delicious roasted pork dinner complete with a Limoncello birthday cake. The branch also presented Lillian with a resolution, acknowledging her many years of membership and service to the branch.

Also, at the May meeting, Bob Tyler gave a presentation on the history of Castle Air Force Base. The presentation included some fascinating photographs of airplanes housed at the Castle Air Museum as well as interesting facts and information about the base and museum.

Our biscotti cookie sale went extremely well with sales reaching 400 dozen. Thanks to chairs of this event, Janet Pugliese, Maryellen Mazzei, and Michael Pellicano and all who helped out. Most of our sales were from pre-orders, but we also sold out at St. Patrick’s at the 7:30 mass. This is always a group effort and over 30 people helped prepare, bake, and package the cookies. Thank you to all.

Clovis
Br. 250, Our Lady of
Perpetual Help

Greetings from Clovis, the doorway to Yosemite and the Sierra Nevadas!

Happy birthday wishes to Jeanette Couch and Linda Stockwell!

Long-time member Ron Travis is now receiving hospice care. Ron has been our First Vice President for many years and always ready to help with the various branch activities. We can all recall how he loves to tell stories. Please keep Ron, and his family in your prayers.

Little known pope’s department; St. Sylvester I(the 33rd pope)314-335; Holding office as bishop of Rome for 21 years,11 months, and 1 day, Sylvester was the longest reigning pope at the time he died; he was highly respected and considered to be a man of wisdom.

Our members enjoyed a delicious Cinco De mayo meal at the May meeting, it included very tasty Mexican food and salad. As usual the decorating committee did a great job.

Philosopher Angelino says: “L’Uccellino Che Sta In Gabbia Non Canta Per Amore, Ma Per Rabbia”-The Bird Kept In A Cage Sings Of Rage, Not Of Love.

Reminder we need to sell, or buy convention tickets; the income helps us in our works of charity.

Thought for the month:

When quiet days come, as they sometimes do,

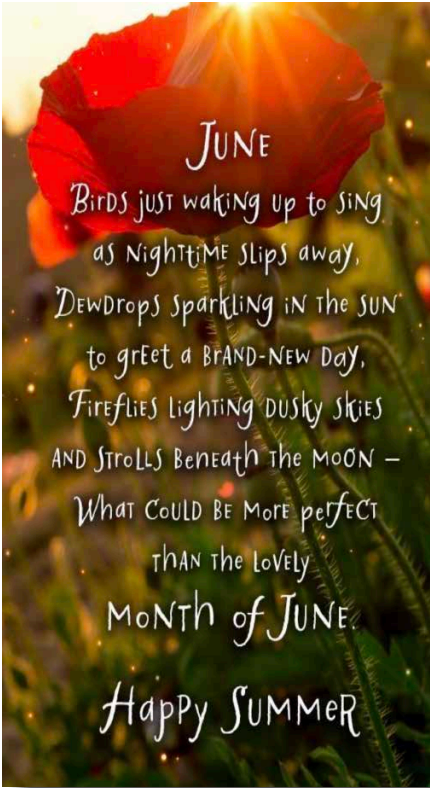
And life's busy pace slows down for you,

Just remember that rests are needed to beat

The rhythm that makes life's song complete.

-Hoff

Ciao,
Georgio Galuppo



Fresno
Br. 308, St. Anthony of
Padua

Hello Members,

Here are highlights of our May 8th general meeting:

Bernie and Susan prepared a delicious posole verde. Members brought side dishes. No one left hungry.

Co-President, John Mulligan, volunteered our club (Bernie) to provide 52,000 meatballs for the Feast of St Anthony, June 13. We are actually providing 600.

Our club voted to donate \$300.00 to Deacon Cabrera.

Our 2024 First Year scholarship recipient is Romano F. Smith, graduate of San Joaquin Memorial.

Susan Mencarini recommended attending Festa Italiana in Lodi on June 9th. Visit festa-italiana.com.

Pati Soto provided a refreshing beverage.

Our club finances are fairly healthy thanks to Debbi’s Cool Hand Luke dinner and the hard work of Bernie and members of the kitchen crew and all those that help with sausage sandwich sales. We also thank Jo Soligian for donating proceeds of her plant sale to the club.

Special thank you to Bernie for cooking and many times providing the main dish at no cost to the club. I always mention Bernie and “kitchen crew” but usually it’s just Bernie. We are very fortunate to have him. We can always count on Bernie to provide a delicious meal. If you are so, inclined ask him if you can help. If you can’t help, then thank him for his work.

Please keep in touch with our ill members: Patti Lometti, Nazareth House. Nadine Hickie and Carolyn Romersa, Armenian Home.

Jay Newsome, Co-President

CENTRAL COAST
District

Monterey
Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Happy Father’s Day - May you have a fun and relaxing day. “A blessed father gives his family firm roots” Sirach 3:9

April 17: We initiated 45 out of 77 new members. Thank you, Dante Galeazzi, Grand Trustee, Br 36 mentor; and Andy Pappani, Grand Past President, for conducting our initiation. Congratulations to six students who received \$1500 Br 36 scholarships each. Congratulations to Eva Ushakoff for receiving \$400 1st year scholarship from Central Council. All enjoyed chicken parmesan, pasta, green salad, and our famous garlic bread dinner. Cake for dessert. Thank you, George Leonard, and kitchen crew, for preparing and cooking our delicious dinner.

May 23: We toasted our 93rd Anniversary - and enjoyed a delicious dinner, serving Chicken Cacio e Pepe, Pasta with broccoli rabe aglio olio style, green salad, garlic bread and assorted pies for dessert. Fabulous entertainment by Mike Marotta, David Marzetti, and Erasmo Aiello. Congratulations to John Botsch for 50-year membership, Josephine Mercurio 47- year membership; Anna Apostrofe 41- year membership; Josephine Favazza, Jack Flores, Liz Grammatico, Frank Nuovo, 40- year of membership; Rose Della Sala 39- year of membership; Pansy Belleci, 35- year of membership. All enjoyed spending time together with family and friends.

June 20: Dinner/ Meeting

Location: San Carlos Hall

Theme: “Lazy Days of Summer”

More info will follow.

July 25: Dinner/ Meeting

Location: Moose Lodge (Hawaiian)

August 22: 85 and over dinner

Location: San Carlos Hall

Theme: “Taste of Italy”

September 19: Dinner/Meeting

Location: Moose Lodge

We are saddened to report that our dear members, Tom Bruno, Jackie Cerchi and David Pellegri recently passed away. Our condolences to their families. May they Rest in Peace.

Welcome Summer - “Smell the sea, feel the sky. Let your soul and spirit fly.” Van Morrison

Con affect,
Elaine Valentine
President Br 36



Castroville
Br. 51, Santa Caterina de
Siena

First, my sincerest apologies for missing the cut-off for the May *Bollettino* and as a result not wishing our members with May birthdays a happy birthday so... Happy belated birthday to Allison Barlow, Susan Carbonel, Mazie Cortopassi, Rosella Salarpi, Ashley Stefani, and Marie Tonus. Happy Birthday as well to our members celebrating June birthdays, Nancy Ausonio, Rev. Pedro Espinoza, and Carrie Holbrook. We wish you all buon compleanno!

We would also like to wish Susan and Art Carbonel a belated Happy Anniversary. They celebrated 37 years of marriage on April 25, with Art surprising Susan with a trip to Cambria. We wish you many, many more years of wedded bliss!

We held our April meeting on April 13 with a potluck dinner. Leonora Barlow, our heritage director, with the assistance of Kevin Cortopassi, did a presentation on the game of Bocci Ball, which was very interesting and fun.

On May 19 we had our scholarship recipient dinner, where we awarded two young people with scholarships. They are Bethany Barlow and Alvaro Ruelas. Congratulations to the both of you and best of luck in your academic endeavors!

Stefani Cortopassi

Aptos
Br. 227, St. Joseph

We celebrated Cinco de Mayo at our May meeting with a delicious dinner prepared by Jane Kotila and Manny and Magdalena. We ate chicken enchiladas verde, beef enchiladas with red sauce, salad, rice and beans. This was topped off by strawberry cream chocolate cake for dessert. The raffle, conducted by Dottie Smith, took an unusual turn. Elena Tufo’s number was called and after she received her prize, Dottie asked her to pick the next ticket. Elena reached into the basket only to discover that she had drawn her own number! Her lucky day.

The annual barbecue set for July 20. A flyer with all details will be handed out at our June 2nd meeting. The June meeting will be a potluck.

Convention raffles have all been sent out. Don’t forget to return yours to Heidi Ambiel. The tickets cost \$30, and \$10 of that stays with our branch.

Please pray for Dolores McCartney who has been diagnosed with a tumor on her pancreas. Dolores has been a member of our branch for 45 years and served as President six times. She currently serves as District Orator. Please keep this lovely lady in your prayers.

Happy 100th Anniversary to the Italian Catholic Federation. Several of our

members are attending the San Francisco Gala on June 9.

Happy Father’s Day. Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande
Br. 291, St. Patrick

With the ICF National Convention and 100th Anniversary celebration getting closer, we will be selecting our delegates at our June General Meeting to represent Branch 291!

We are looking forward to co-hosting the Central Coast District Bishop’s Day on Saturday, September 28th along with Branch 354, Paso Robles. Mass—officiated by Bishop Daniel Garcia—will be held at 11AM at St. Patrick’s Church in Arroyo Grande and a luncheon will follow. We can’t wait to share this special event with our Central Coast District Officers and Members!

Several officers and members from Branch 291 enjoyed a delicious spaghetti and meatball dinner, put on by the Paso Robles Branch, in late April. Dave Zanni and his crew sure know how to make delicious meatballs!

At our April meeting we celebrated a milestone birthday for long time member, Rose Haupt. We presented Rose with a beautiful cake, decorated with blue roses (her favorite color), to honor her on this special occasion of turning 30...again!!

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

Wishing all the dads and grandfathers a very happy Father’s Day!

Keely Sanchez, Recording Secretary

SANTA CLARA
VALLEY
District

Gilroy
Br. 28, Santa Maria
Ausiliatrice

Blessed Members,

This month we honor all fathers, especially our Father Divine. If you pray to Him every day this month, you will feel a closeness that you never felt before. St Joseph is the patron saint of fathers and families. He is the model of fatherhood. St Joseph is the protector of all fathers.

Our bake sale last month was a success! Thanks to everyone who contributed the specialty of baked goods.

The cooks at our June dinner meeting this month are Vince Saso and crew. It is sure to be a good dinner. Hope to see you there.

Blessings, Jeanette Hudson

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

Mountain View
Br. 47, San Giorgio

Buon Giugno! We finished up our Pasta Grab N Go fundraiser and raffle. It was a popular event and we sold out. It was a great opportunity for us to let parish-ioners know we have an ICF branch at St Joseph’s. Ten of us were able to enjoy the Multicultural Celebration at St Martin of Tours Parish. We all had a wonderful time. We plan on promoting the ICF at the St Joseph Ministry Fair during the summer. We are currently planning on another fundraiser for fall.

Peace and God Bless,
Julie Wester

St. Mary
Br. 184, Los Gatos

Our Heritage reports continue to inform, inspire and amaze us. Member Larry Vollman has no Italian blood but is very Catholic! One relative became the first Bishop in St. Paul, Oregon, and is buried under the altar in Victoria. Larry has 320 cousins of different degrees of course. His was quite an interesting story. When he was born, he had nine living grandparents. Some of those grandparents born in Ukraine, where they had migrated from Germany. Come to meetings to hear these reports.

The Pancake Breakfast with the Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul was well attended and fun! There was eating and visiting and raffle baskets. Thank you, Richard Geruson and Marie Yurosko for the Baskets, you provided for the Raffle. Our member Janice Lamotte won the Goodies Basket and Ruben Dominguez of the Gilroy Knights of Columbus won the Garden Basket.

July 14 at 11 a.m. will be the next Quarterly Mass. Please join us, sitting on the St. Mary side of Church. We will go to Willow Street for lunch together after Mass.

We had a visit from Debbie Piro from the Santa Clara Valley District. She asked us to answer this question: "What do I want from the ICF and what am I willing to do to achieve it?" We can discuss our answers at the June 28 meeting. Seems like a good way to get input for the ICF moving forward.

By now you have received Raffle Tickets. The lucky tickets will be drawn at the Convention over Labor Day weekend. Please send your check and stubs to Donna Pfaff. The First Prize is \$2500.00!

Summer is right around the corner-- enjoy the weather and be safe. Best Wishes to all fathers on June 16 and always!!

Ciao for now, Lucy Amico



San Jose
Br. 191, Saint Frances
Cabrini

Happy Father’s Day to all the dads in our ICF Br. 191. You make our days brighter with your laughter and all that you do for your families!

We had a beautiful crowning of Mary at our General meeting on Saturday May 25th, with Jim Jones preparing the table for the Blessed Mother and all our mothers. We also enjoyed a wonderful lunch made by one of our members and he used his mother’s enchiladas recipe.

Thank you again to all who helped make our Pasta Sauce fundraiser a huge success, we look forward to doing it again and hopefully build up a cliental and be even more successful!

We look forward to hosting the Central Council meeting on Saturday June 8th, with Build your own Sandwich for lunch and BBQ Tri-Tip for dinner, maybe play a little Bocce in the Courts. Then off to our 100th year Anniversary Gala the next day!!! Our faith is what kept us going for the past 100th years, let's go for another 100 years!!!!

Happy Father’s Day
Debbie Piro

San Jose
Br 368, Santa Teresa de
Avila

Br. 368 crowned Mary with a flower crown and said the rosary honoring Mary. Maria Greco told us she had a Holy Spirit Moment when Mary asked her to make and place the crown on Mary this month, just as she did 70 years ago, on the same day as today at 6 years old. Maria lived in Calabria, San Sosti, Italy.

Please pray for: Lorraine & Mike Nunziata, Jackie Morton, Gale Resz and Maria Greco.

Buy your raffle tickets for the 2024 Convention now. Our member Janet Glaubke won this month's \$30 prize for the monthly calendar drawing listed in the Bollentino. Next year, buy a calendar for a chance to win every month.

ICF and parish Green Team had an E-Waste collection led by Carol Provanzano. Santa Teresa and ICF hosted a Seder dinner with a Jewish community to learn about the Jewish tradition of Seder.

The ICF Rib Dinner is scheduled for August 17th. Chairpersons are Tom Bouska and Robyn Schlice and they need lots of helpers for this ICF fundraiser.

STD Oct 5th for the Chili Cook Off. Cathie Orlowski is the chairperson. June 12th is Picnic dinner and Bocce at 6 p.m. Almaden Lake. Dining for Dollars for May at Asi Restaurant, May 16 & 17. Br. 368 awarded a \$400 scholarship to Bellarmine student Benjamin

Coulter. The Grab Bars Bathrooms Project is slowly moving along. Br. 368 board meeting Tuesday June 11th 6:30 p.m. includes discussion of Gala, Branch Calendar, Fundraising, and Bishop’s Day. *Bollettino* online at www.icf.org/about/news/bollettino/.

May God Bless you and your families,
Happy Easter,
Tom Myers

San Jose
Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

In May, our meeting was held outside in front of St. Martin’s Church, and members were served a delicious chicken and pasta dinner provided by Tony and Alba’s Al and Diana Vallorz.

Father Saju thanked ICF for supporting his 30th Anniversary celebration and announced that he will be leaving St. Martin’s for a diocesan position and that Father Gener will be moving to St. Justin’s as pastor.

Our April Multicultural Fundraiser raised over \$6100 and was supported by our members and St. Martin’s Parishioners. This successful, annual endeavor included foods from Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Portugal, and the Philippines. President Steve Lencioni thanked all who helped with their time, donations of multiple foods and drinks, and donations of beautiful baskets for the silent auction.

We welcomed District President of Santa Clara, Debbie Piro, who was visiting all branches and who asked the following: “What do you expect of the ICF? and What will you do for the ICF?” Steve will be addressing such questions and answers in the future.

Steve announced that two 1st-year scholarships were awarded to Sophia Antuzzi and Angelina Battaglia, who will be invited to our June meeting.

Tina Rossi recently sent out the convention raffle tickets, and the cost is \$30 this year. Please return your checks by August 1, 2024.

Reminders:

Branch 391 Dinner Meeting—Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 5:30 p.m. social and 6:00 p.m. dinner in the Gym, and ICF’s 100-year-old anniversary, San Francisco--June 9, 2024.

Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale
Br. 408, Resurrection

Happy Father’s Day to all our fathers, and father figures!

Thanks to all who supported the Parish wide Community Service Pancake Breakfast hosed by Br 408 ICF and our local Chapter of SVdP. We worked with all the Parish Ministries including Tijuana Ministry, Kyros, SCS, and of course SVdP. We had a good turnout and packed many, many bags of rice

and beans to feed the Hungry in our Community!

Our next ICF Blood Drive is 2 June in the Farana Center from 8 a.m. -1 p.m. Collecting Blood remains a Challenge for our Local Hospitals – so please consider donating.

We look forward to our upcoming District Picnic at Vassona Park with Mass @ 11 a.m. on 11 August and our National Convention on Labor Day Weekend

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

Morgan Hill
Br. 435, Santa Caterina
D’Alessandria

Hi folks,

Once again, our Branch President’s family has stepped up to the plate and helped with

our April business/dinner meeting. Featuring a delicious meal of lasagna made by Joshua Seifert. Joshua’s sister, Jessica, presented us a wonderful Bundt cake. Giulia’s

son, Alex and his wife, Kim, assisted Giovanni and Toni Foggiano who provided the ice cream.

Membership voted on our, ICF Charities and our St Catherine Perish programs. We are also promoting the Convention and, Hearts & Hugs program.

As every summer brings special events, we once again have our barbecue to look forward

to. It is hosted by the Guglielmo family at the Guglielmo Winery, here in Morgan Hill. Please, mark your calendars for July 25, with details to follow.

Member Bill Scheid enjoyed his birthday at our April meeting having his Birthday dinner on us!

By now there will be many gracious memories of Mother’s Day honoring our mothers. Whether here with us or “gone ahead” there is much to celebrate.

God bless,
Respectfully submitted
Sylvia Sorci

San Jose
Br. 445, Transfiguration

Branch 445 welcomed Spring 'Benvenuta Primavera' with seasonal decorations and a delicious buffet. Thanks to all members who contributed to another festive meal and meeting. The night's Heritage report "Growing Up in the Valley of Heart's Delight" was historically informative and interactive. Several members were born and/or raised locally. They shared their experiences growing up here: picking prunes, apricots, cherries; cutting costs for \$.25/tray or \$.50/tray and packing

tomatoes. It was truly a glorious time in our Valley. The evening ended with dessert and birthday celebrations for Gina and Larry Farro!

The May Crowning of Mary was organized by Br.445 for our members and Transfiguration parishioners. Rev. Joseph Galong led all in prayer. Branch member Emily Corral presented the crown for the Blessed Mother's statue while everyone sang a medley of religious songs honoring Mary.

May was also noteworthy for our 3rd Annual Mother's Day Cookie Fundraiser. Many thanks are owed to our branch members who helped: gather cookie orders; assemble cookie boxes; fill boxes with cookies and distribute the orders! We appreciate our Br.445 members, friends of ICF and parishioners from Transfiguration and St. Christopher's churches who supported this event with many cookie orders. It was a great success! Proceeds will benefit the Outreach Sack Lunch Ministry for the Unhoused and the Diocese Seminarian Fund.

Transfiguration's Rev.Tito Cartagenas will be transferring to another parish this summer. A brunch celebration in Fr. Tito's honor is scheduled for Sunday, June 16th at 11:00a.m. in Tabor Hall. If you are interested in attending, email Donna Pfaff at: donna.pfaff@dsj.org.

Happy June Birthday wishes to: Jennifer Nisich, Bill Perry and Geri Tusio ... Buon Compleanno a tutti voi!!!

Happy Father's Day to all our grandfathers, dads, husbands, sons, brothers, uncles, cousins and friends!

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

STOCKTON
District Council

Haven't made your Sat., June 22nd Bishop's Burse Dinner reservations yet? No worries.

You have until June 7th.

\$40/person, \$25 for 13 and under.

Contact your branch, Tim Cabral 209-601-9828 or Birdie Nieri 510-304-7525.

The dinner, in the school gym, follows 5:00 pm mass at St. Anthony's, 505 E. North St, Manteca

Come honor our Most Reverend Bishop Cotta and support our diocese seminarians.



Modesto
Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

We had a very successful Bake Sale the weekend of May 4th and 5th. A big thank you to all who baked and helped - very greatly appreciated! We had wonderful baked goods and we had great support from our parish community.

The Bishop's Burse will be held Saturday, June 22nd at St Anthony's in Manteca. It will begin with Mass at 5:00 p.m. The Bishop’s Burse helps to support our seminarians.

Th Convention has been moved to the Marriott Waterfront, San Francisco Airport, 1800 Old Bayshore Hwy, in Burlingame. Be sure to get your reservations in. Our branch is sending two delegates to the Convention. Cecelia McGhee will be one of the delegates. We will name our second delegate at our June meeting. Looking forward to seeing you at the Convention.

Coming up:

Wed June 12 – 6:00 p.m. – Branch Meeting– J Street Church Hall

Sat June 22 – Bishop's Burse – St. Anthony's in Manteca

July – No Meeting

Aug – No Meeting

Sat Aug 18 – District Picnic – Escalon Park

Blessing to all. Cecelia

Lodi
Br. 82, St. Anne’s

This schoolchildren’s rhyme from the 1930s, “No more pencils. No more books. No more teachers’ dirty looks.” notes the end of the school year and the beginning of summer vacation break. Yes, the season of high temps is almost here!

May news: Our 2nd largest fundraiser, the Brick House Dinner, was definitely a success. Grazie to all members who sold tickets, to Elisa - the event chair, and the generosity of owner, Geno Cassella. At our May meeting, Kristen Merrill of the Red Cross presented a bleak report on blood donations. The crisis continues with blood availability being prioritized according to need. Please continue to donate this Gift of Life.

Upcoming June events:

Branch Bible Study - Wednesdays at 6:30, Jeff Cavins The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation. Interested... contact Patty.

ICF 100th Anniversary Gala—Sun., June 9th, South San Francisco, 11:00 mass followed by lunch, \$70. Let’s get a Lodi branch contingency to attend!

Festa Italiana – Sun., June 9th, 10-4:00, Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. No Branch ICF booth this year.

Stockton District Bishop’s Burse Dinner, Sat., June 22nd after 5:00 p.m. mass at St. Anthony’s in Manteca, \$40. Reserve by June 7th. Let’s carpool!

No June or July Member Meetings.

Wherever you may roam over the summer, may the Lord bless and keep you.

May all fathers be honored on their special day, June 16th. Continue to instill in your loved ones our Catholic family values and traditions. Happy Fathers’ Day!

Patty Litts, Corresponding Secretary

Manteca
Br. 139, Nostra Signora del
Buon Viaggio

Branch Vice-presidente Ida Queirolo rejoined our group after a bout with a broken leg and she reports that husband Tony is recovering well from a heart problem. We hear the same of Dan Amaral.

Presidente Birdie Nieri announced that our Branch picnic, including a steak barbecue, has been set for September 29 at the home of Dino and Sharon Cunial. Birdie also gave a progress report on preparations to host the Bishop’s Burse on June 22. The dinner will honor Stockton Bishop Myron Cotta and our seminarians. Tim Cabral and Ed Fichtner are busy selling dinner tickets.

Our delegates will attend a Stockton District meeting on May 14, hosted by Branch 395, at the Church of the Presentation in Stockton.

Central Council member Dante Galeazzi reminded us of the Grand Convention to be held on Labor Day weekend at the San Francisco Airport Marriott. The convention will celebrate the 100th birthday of the ICF.

Dino Cunial shared with us the story of his parents coming to this country. His father, Emilio, arrived here in 1920 after serving in the Italian Army fighting the Germans in World War I. He lived with his sister in Oregon for a short while and then returned to his hometown, Pusagno. He married Dino’s mother, Gioconda, and they came back to the US. They settled in Susanville where they raised their family.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Federation Anthem.

Grazie to Segretario Ron Agostini for his assistance with this report.

Ciao, Mariano



Tracy
Br. 390, St. Bernard

Merry Month of May dinner was one of the biggest for Branch 390 - Mike Bacchetti and crew prepared juicy Tri-Tip and seasoned roasted potatoes. We will welcome summer with our monthly dinner on Thursday June 27th featuring that hand-made Italian/Sicilian meatloaf we love so much. We will continue to mail cards and email notices this month.

Branch 390 has received scholarship applications. Speaking of scholarship winners...congratulations to Samantha Leiberg, granddaughter of Lucy Orsi, upon her graduation on June 16th from U.C. Santa Barbara with a degree in Communications! She earned our scholarships all four years! Way to go Samantha - God bless you and guide you in your pursuit of a career.

This gang is attending the San Francisco 100th Anniversary Gala on Sunday June 9th: Annette Elissagaray, Luci Orsi, Serena Martocchio, Betty Hollars, Joe Bacchetti, Steve and Anita Ridolfi, and Gary and Suzanne DelCarlo. Behave yourselves and have a good time! Our Branch 390 has been around for 38 of those 100 years and proud of it!

Our condolences to the family and friends of David Vincent Pellegrini who passed away recently. May he rest in peace.

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

www.icfbranch390.org

Stay healthy, happy and safe.
Ciao, Betty

Stockton
Br. 395, Presentation of the
BVM

At our Branch Meeting in April, we were blessed to have Fr. Cesar Martinez, Director of Vocations at the Diocese of Stockton, as our Guest Speaker. He provided us with an update on the status of our eight Diocesan Seminarians, as well as answering numerous questions on the spiritual, educational and financial requirements to become a priest. We were all impressed with the level of rigor and commitment expected from our Seminarians – from hearing and answering the call to serve, to being assigned as a parish priest.

During our meeting, we presented Fr. Cesar Martinez with a check for \$5,000 for the Diocese of Stockton, Seminarian Education Fund. The funds for this check were from the proceeds of our highly successful Polenta Dinner.

We also awarded a \$400 First Year Scholarship to a young gentleman graduating from St. Mary’s High School in Stockton. He will be attending Cal Poly Humboldt in northern California, and majoring in Applied Fire Science, in the hopes of becoming a career Firefighter. We are all wishing him the very best in his academic endeavors and future career!

We will be hosting the ICF Stockton District Meeting at Presentation Church, in May.

Lastly, our Guest Speaker for our Branch Meeting in May will be Rev. Fr. Ramakoti Sakani, one of our two new Priests.

Ciao! Allen Sturtevant, President

Deadline for July Issue of the *Bollettino* is
June 10. Send your articles & photos:
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Be sure to include branch name and number.

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT



Br. 111



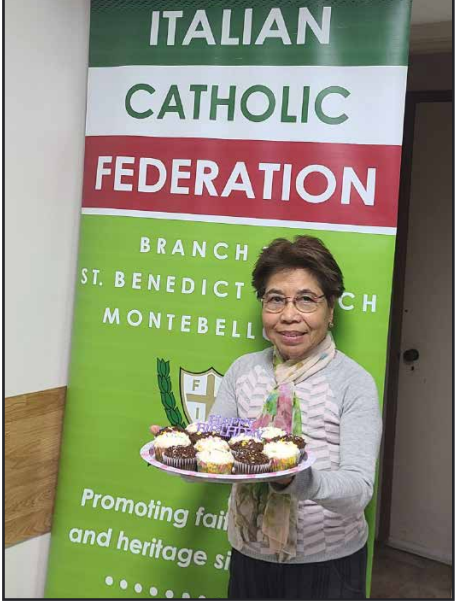
Br. 111, Luncheon at the park



Br. 111, Lunch after April mass



Branch 444, BR: Bruno & Hany; FR: Karis, Betty, Patty, Mary, Tonia, Dolly & Jovita -- Branch 444 Bingo Night



Br. 111, Happy Birthday to Emma!



Members of Br. 443, Simi Valley attending April 17 meeting.



Members of Br. 443, Simi Valley attending April 17 meeting.

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



San Pedro Branch 115 bus trip to Laughlin, Nevada at Aquarius Hotel. on April 7-9, 2024. This was a fundraiser for Cooley's Anemia and seminarian support. Some members dined at the Outback (Left) Carl and Carmela D'Ambra, Anna Di Leva, (Right) Branch President Neal Di Leva, Jerry Di Leva and trip coordinator Pauline Iacono.



Br. 237, John, Julie and Micheal Roa.



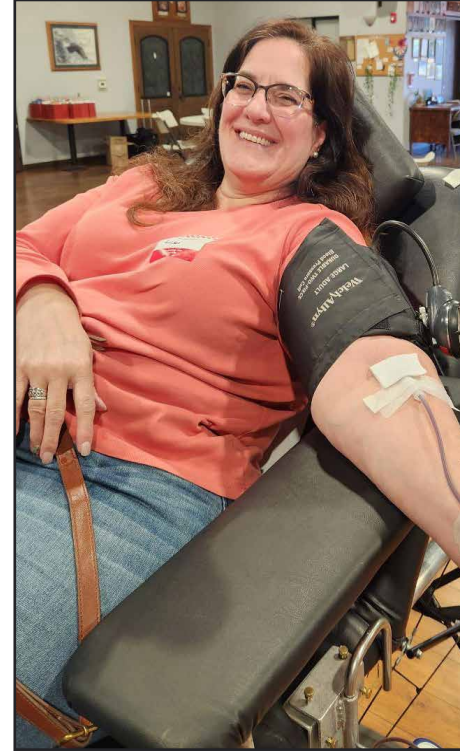
Julieta Roa from Branch 237



STOCKTON DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 82 Prospective new members Jess and her mom. Nina and John



Br. 82 Blood Drive Fin Secretary, Lisa Fugazi



STOCKTON DISTRICT



Branch 395: Fr. Cesar, Director of Vocations.



Branch 395: Fr. Cesar presented with \$5,000 check for Seminarian Education Fund



Br. 390, Barbie Dellaringa, Annette Ormonde, Elaine Bogetti, Renee Reece, and Darlene Goddard. You can see Bruno Cerri on the accordion in the background.



Br. 390, Our 1st Vice President and bartender, Joe Bacchetti serving drinks to members, Annette Ormonde and Jim Rinaldo



Br. 390, Serving food to our members

Diocese of Stockton

Pray for our Seminarians 2023-2024

 Saul Walle Perez <i>Theology III</i> St. Jude's Ceres	 Joshua Lesan <i>Theology II</i> All Saints Turlock	 Patrick Germann <i>Theology II</i> Sacred Heart Turlock	 Joshua Kong <i>Theology I</i> St. Anthony's Manteca
 Michael Kelley <i>Pre-Theology II</i> Assumption Turlock	 Javier Elias <i>Pre-Theology II</i> Our Lady of Guadalupe Lathrop	 Josue Montoya <i>Pastoral Year</i> All Saints Turlock	 Osvaldo Zuniga <i>Propaedeutic Year</i> St. Linus Stockton

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Fr. Cesar Martinez
Director of Vocations



Br. 390, The "Arnaudo" table ready to eat.!

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT



Br. 144 65thAnniverary



Br. 144. Tony's 70th birthday



Branch #144 & 145 65th anniversary luncheon. Bob Acquistapace and Anne Carlisle Eanni lead the attendees in singing Noi Vogliam Dio at the conclusion of the gracious affair.



Br. 144 Cal Poly Humboldt Newman Center



Br. 144 Hosting Social Hour

FRESNO DISTRICT




Baking Biscotti Photo - Branch 39



Lilian Dal Porto Celebrates 100 years from Branch 39


St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."



Congratulations!

on the '100th Anniversary
of 'Shining the Light'




*Best Wishes and prayers for another
'100 Years' in continuing to keep the 'Light Bright'*

*From the Officers and Members of
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Scholarship Donations

(Received as of May 10, 2024)

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SAN DIEGO District

San Diego

Br. 246, St. Charles Borromeo

Branch 246 had a tremendously successful Lenten Fish Fry season, and we are forever grateful to Phil Pace and his crew from Phil's Barbecue for preparing the food. Proceeds from the auction at our St. Joseph's Table Dinner will be distributed to several local charities. Upcoming events include our summer barbecue, St. Charles Borromeo's Halloween Carnival and Borromeo Bash. Our members will also be manning a food packaging table at the Diocese of San Diego's Million Meals Project.

Ciao – Anthony Torregiani, Branch President

SAN BERNARDINO District

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Br. 446, Saint Anthony

Spring season for Branch 446 was busy and blessed. We received another generous donation from one of our members. The family wishes to remain anonymous.

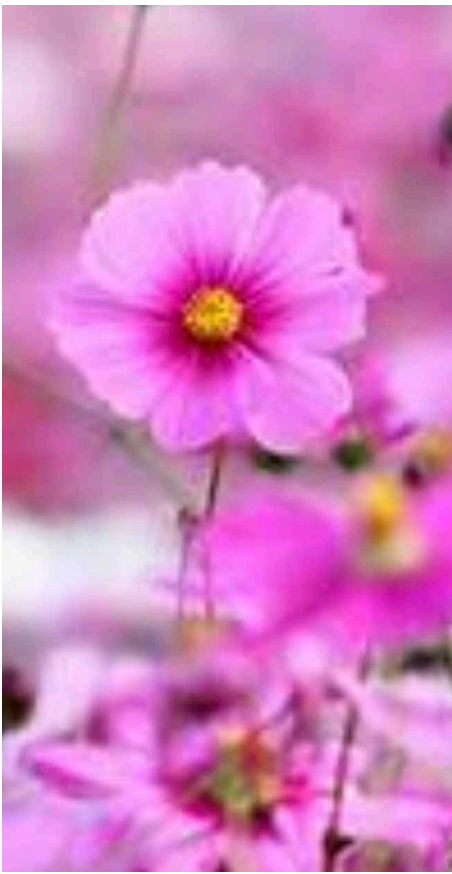
Membership recruiting by Financial Secretary, Greg Ruffalo and President Tony Santorufo, helped to bring in 6 new members! We were honored to have District President, John Guiren, perform the installation.

Historian Marie Garcia continues to document our events and has been working with a new bundle of 50 photos to add to our branch scrap book. And thanks to Sentinel Virginia Impastato, we are well nourished at our meetings. Many activities fill our calendars.

In May, some members attended Don Pasqualeopera at Casa Italiana. We also venerated the relics of St. Jude that were honored with Mass at a local parish. Our ICF branch Mass is scheduled for June 2 to be celebrated by Fr. Jerry Ochetti and Fr. Ned O'Donnell. We are blessed to have them as honorary members of our branch.

As the school year comes to an end, we are proud that our branch has another ICF Scholarship winner! Nathan Reis is an outstanding senior and scholar at St. Damien High School. His achievements include the top award in Physics. Nathan is the grandson of our proud Financial Treasurer, Greg Ruffalo. Two of our teen ICF members also achieved school successes. Dante Zappia is a Junior at Damien and was recognized in the areas of Engineering, English, and Physics. His junior high brother Logan earned an award for straight "A" grades.

As always, our branch is especially blessed to have members that cherish the friendships, families and spirit of well-being that we share with each other as we move forward in service to our faith.



SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT



Br. 446 Blessing by Deacon Ramirez for birthdays and anniversaries.



Br. 446 ICF teen member Dante Zappia with ICF grandparents Betty and Kevin Cavanaugh



Br. 446 Installation of new members by John Guerin assisted by Delores Finch: Luis and Maria Valenzuela, Pat Kersbergen, Mike Spiotto



Br. 446 celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: Tony Santorufo, Dr. and Mrs. Hess, Deacon Ramirez, Anna Reyna, Peter and Joyce Tesoro, Pietronella and Biagio Pavia



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