



BOLLETTINO

ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage



ICF Celebrates Spring: A Season of Faith



Kids enjoying ice cream at the EBD Dave Rose memorial Crab Feed.



Branch 368 and the SCVD District Participated in Fr George Aranha's Yearlong Celebration of his 50th Anniversary of Ordination - Golden Jubilee Mass - Fr George, the SCVD Diocesan Chaplain



Branch 130 Mardi Gras Sandra Coradetti & Sonia Picone enjoying the festivities.



Newly installed officers of Branch 342



Branch 115 Crab Dinner kitchen helpers



Branch 36, Lenten Dinner--"The Fish Fryers"



Branch 144 Chicken and Polenta Take-Out. Pres. Ruth Monge and member Justin Alvarez



Jim Jones eating lots of Crab @ Fr Chris Bennett's First Crab Feed Fundraiser. ICF was a Sponsor



Branch 432, George Drummond and Shelia Nilo at the Crab Feed Raffle table

Grand President's Monthly Message

From Quaresima to Pasqua: Embracing Our Italian Catholic Heritage

Denise Antonowicz

As we conclude our *Quaresima* (Lenten) journey and prepare our hearts for *Pasqua* 2025, our Italian Catholic Federation family continues to honor the beloved traditions that connect us to our faith and heritage. This sacred passage, from the solemnity of Lent to the joy of Easter on April 20, reminds us of the deep spiritual roots we share with our ancestors.



Since *Mercoledì delle Ceneri* (Ash Wednesday) on March 5, our ICF branches have demonstrated the true meaning of sacrifice and community. Many of our members have maintained traditional Italian Lenten practices – from the Friday fish dinners that bring our communities together to the age-old custom of the *Quaresima* calendar marking our journey to Easter.



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Limit photos to 3 or 4 and include captions. Not all photos are able to be used due to possible limitations in space. Prioritize photos if possible. To insure photos are always linked to branch, include branch number when naming photos such as:

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Include photo captions with your article submission.

Please keep your submission positive and informative.

Deadline for the May issue is April 10, 2025

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:

Our hearts are filled with the joy of the resurrection of Christ, who emerges in radiance from the grave. The empty tomb reveals to us the fullness of life in the Lord to which we are called in the joy of God's children. This joy is given to all who see in the wood of the cross the door to renewed life in the resurrection. Because Christ, being the living God, out of great love for us, chose to voluntarily accept suffering, crucifixion, and death, to resurrect fallen human nature with himself, and to give us eternal life in His resurrection. By uniting with Christ crucified on the cross, we receive the fruit of his sacrifice in the resurrection from the dead.

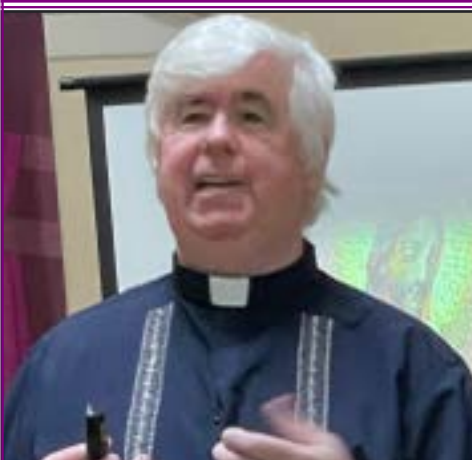
Easter comes to us as fitfully as it did to the first disciples. We carry to the tombs of our lives the same mixture of doubt, fear, certainty, anxiety, and joy that the disciples brought to Jesus' tomb. He always seems to choose for witnesses the most unlikely prospects, us included. Take Thomas, for instance. If Thomas—stubbornly insistent on tangible proof—can believe, there's hope for everyone. Doubt is not evil; it is the entryway to hope.

For us, as it was for Thomas, Jesus extends the same merciful invitation: "Touch me and see." Where we might have expected glory and trumpets, the first Sunday after Easter, instead the Gospel tells the story of honest, human groping toward truth. A sunny reunion

between Jesus and his friends, who dazzle with their resilient faith? Not quite. But something better: Jesus' mercy, meeting them where they (and we) are, extending his hand toward Thomas in genuine understanding and compassion. Only by coming dangerously close to this wounded Lord will we, too, know transformation of our wounds—and resurrection.

As we celebrate the victory of Christ over sin and death, as we rise to new life in Him this Easter, we are struck by the utter and enthusiastic emptying of Himself for each one. Yes, Christ loves us, and He loves us forever! He loves us even when we disappoint Him, when we fail to meet His expectations for us. He never fails to embrace us with mercy. Let us tap into this enthusiasm of Christ for our salvation, let us each one, draw strength and inspiration from the Risen Saviour so that we will leave no stone unturned. We will go that further mile; we will spend that last drop of energy in furthering the Mission of Christ that is that all may come to Him and through Him to the Father.

Many are those, in this confused and frenetic age, who fail to receive this message of love and hope which comes from the Risen Christ. Is it because we have become mediocre, complacent, or downright laid back in our concern for the Mission? He gave it to us. The only way we can go that further mile, the only way we can be credible Christians in a sometimes-hostile world, the only way we can engage in pastoral initiatives which will take us across boundaries never crossed, is by re-



Father Christopher Bennett
ICF Spiritual Director

maintaining intimately united to Christ, Himself, for without Him we can do nothing. Our relationship with Christ can only be revitalized and strengthened through a personal life connected to Christ.

Let us pray the Lord to awaken us to the great challenges and possibilities facing us in this new Paschal season and let us not be afraid to do the unthinkable because He indeed did the unthinkable for us—He died and rose again. May we rise with Him to New Life. This Easter season tells us that we have a God who is always in our midst and at work bringing restoration, and new birth. God is at work in our Italian Catholic Federation. May we be filled with the wonder of the Resurrection.

Fr. Chris



Gifts of Love Donations

(Received as of March 8, 2025)

Isabelle Laxague

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Eva Stern

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Kai Godina

In Memory of Maria Greo

Denise Antonowicz

In Memory of Maria Greo

Kathy and Zachary Schroeder

In Memory of Joan Delfino

Officers/Members of Br. 1

In Memory of Judy Matranga

St. Joseph teaches us that faith is not just belief, but action; through his work and devotion, we find the true meaning of living out our faith.

GP Message--Continued: From Quaresima to Pasqua: Embracing Our Italian Catholic Heritage

Denise Antonowicz, continued from p. 1

In Italian households across our federation, the aroma of traditional Easter preparations is beginning to fill the air.

Soon, our kitchens will be busy with the making of *colomba pasquale*, *pastiera napoletana*, and the blessed Easter bread that will grace our tables. These recipes, passed down through generations, remind us of the unbreakable connection between faith, family, and tradition.



This year's late Easter date gives us an extended opportunity to prepare our hearts and homes for the celebration. In true Italian style, our Easter Sunday tables will showcase not just the spiritual significance of the feast but also the warmth of our heritage – from the symbolic eggs representing new life to the traditional *agnello pasquale* centerpiece.



The transition from Lent to Easter mirrors the journey of our own federation – from the humble beginnings of our founders to the vibrant organization we are today. Just as spring brings renewal to the earth, Easter brings fresh energy to our commitment to faith, family, and fellowship.

For our younger members, this season offers a precious opportunity to connect with their Italian Catholic heritage. Through our ICF activities, they learn the meaning behind our traditions, from the somber reflection of Lent to the exuberant joy of Easter morning. These experiences help ensure that our cherished customs and values continue for generations to come.

As we gather in our parishes

and homes this Easter, let us remember the bonds that unite us as members of the Italian Catholic Federation. Whether we're sharing a traditional Easter meal, exchanging the kiss of peace at Mass, or simply enjoying the company of our ICF family, we celebrate not just the resurrection of Christ but also the enduring spirit of our Italian Catholic heritage.

Buona Pasqua a tutti!

May this Easter season bring abundant blessings to all our ICF members and their families, as we continue to strengthen the bonds of faith, culture, and community that make our federation truly special.

Denise Antonowicz
Grand President



Convention Article: "Gateway to God's Bounty" Update

Lauren Kilcullen
Convention Director

As I've traveled to district installations, members are telling me they are looking forward to attending the Convention. The Convention Directors Committee is planning a fun, interactive convention that will lead us into our next 100 years.



All branches should be preparing to elect their Convention delegates between April and June. **The deadline to send in your delegate registration is July 1.** Delegate registration is \$385 per delegate. After July 1, the late registration fee is \$400 per delegate.

Hotel registration is now open. Our rate is \$109.00 per night for either single or double occupancy. The tax is currently 12.19%. Members have three ways to make your room reservations:

1. **Visit this link:** https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham/visalia-california/wyndham-visalia/rooms-rates?brand_id=HR&checkInDate=8/27/2025&checkOutDate=9/2/2025&useWRPoints=false&children=0&groupCode=082725cat&adults=1&rooms=1&loc=ChIJKYfr04LYIIARDkgLAE7jklU&sessionId=1740432014

2. **Visit the Wyndham Visalia website:** <https://www.wyndham-hotels.com/wyndham/visalia-california/wyndham-visalia/overview?CID=LC:46q62bu8edfbx3y:49281&iata=00093796> and enter the room block code: 082725CAT in the "special rates" box

3. Call the front desk: 559-651-5000 and mention the **room block code: 082725CAT.**

The deadline for hotel reservations is August 8, 2025. Please do not wait until this date to make your reservations, as the room block may be sold out prior to this date.

Reservations are now open for Thursday, August 28, baseball game at the Visalia Rawhide Baseball Club. Please see the reservation flyer in the *Bollettino* or in the Quarterly mailing. Get your tickets soon, as the initial interest is enthusiastic! We've reserved "The

Saloon," a private area of the ballpark. The price is \$65.00 per person and includes ticket to the game, and "all you can eat" buffet of hot dogs, carne asada nacho bar, potato salad, coleslaw and sodas.

Reminder to continue collecting items for Salt and Light Organization. **Salt and Light are requesting household cleaning items (dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, etc.) and hygiene products (deodorant, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.).** Please bring your donations to the Convention to give to the group. More information about Salt and Light may be found at their website: <https://www.saltandlight-works.org/>

I'm still looking for branches to volunteer to be a part of the "Idea Hall." The concept is - if your branch has a successful idea that you would like to share with other branches, but don't want to do a full workshop, you will have a table where you would be available to present your idea to interested delegates as they come by. You'd have handouts, if applicable, answer questions and share ideas with other branches. Initial thoughts are - how to do a fish fry, how to do a bingo luncheon, how to do school outreach or outreach to other organizations. I'm looking for branches who have a successful idea and want to share their knowledge.

Please email me at Ltek1965@comcast.net if you would like to participate. The "Idea Hall" will take place on Saturday during lunchtime.

Patrick Senge of Br. 438, Roseville, has agreed to lead our Technology workshop. One of the technologies he will be focusing on is using Excel spreadsheets at your branch. We are confirming the topics of our other workshops and will announce them by June. Convention workshops are a wonderful way to learn practical information to bring back to your branches.

Lauren Kilcullen
Convention Director

Italian Catholic Federation
22nd Annual Central Council
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
Friday JULY 25 2025
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 11, 2025
After price per Golfer \$190
Banquet only: \$50

Lunch 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

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

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23rd Annual Central Council
GOLF TOURNAMENT
Friday JULY 25, 2025

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)

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Phone #: _____
My Sponsorship is for Northern CA

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Deadline July 11th, after this day, we cannot guarantee a sign will be produced, but the sponsor will be mentioned.

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"Lunch 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

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Deadline July 11th. (Write Banquet on the memo line)

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Italian Catholic Federation's 3rd Annual SoCal Charity Golf Tournament

Location: Lakewood Country Club 3101 E. Carson St, Lakewood, CA 90712

October 25th Saturday, 2025 **Shotgun Starts at 8 AM**
Registration Fee: \$200 After Deadline: \$210

Name of Golfer: _____
Email: _____
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Email: _____
Name of Golfer: _____
Email: _____

Make checks payable to:
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Make check \$200 per Golfer, write Golf in memo line

SIGN UP DEADLINE Friday, October 10th
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!

Mexican Buffet: \$50 per person

Name: _____
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Phone Number: _____

Make check \$50 per person. Write Banquet in memo line
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Family Recipe--Spinach Squares
Deborah Rodondi

No, I have not run away from home or the ICF. Every month I tell myself, I need to get back into doing the monthly recipes. As time flies by, so do the deadlines to get an article into the Bollettino. I promise I will try to do better.

This recipe, I am sharing with you this month, was made for our appetizer table at the San Mateo District's Roaring 20's Thursday night dinner party at last year's convention. The individual holding the recipe and willing to share was Branch 213 St. Augustine in South San Francisco's president Marianne Cameron. So, some of you had the opportunity to try it out. Gluten Free has come a long way and this recipe is delicious.

butter, flour, milk and baking powder; mix well. Stir in cheese, scallions and spinach.
Butter a 9" x 13" glass baking dish and spread the spinach mixture in the baking dish. If making ahead, cover tightly and place in refrigerator for up to 24 hours. Otherwise, bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until center is set.
** This flour seems to not leave a gritty taste that some gluten free options have a tendency to do.
Can substitute the 4 cups shredded cheddar cheese with 1 1/2 to 2 cups feta cheese, for a tasty alternative.
You can serve as an appetizer, main or side dish.

Spinach Squares
Thank you, Marianne, for sharing this with me and our ICF family.
Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been handed down with the members of the ICF. Send them to me at drodondi@comcast.net or mail to the ICF office include a story if any. If you have questions send them also, I may not be able to answer them but we can put them out there for our readers and maybe find what you are looking for.
Remember a good Italian cook measures with their eyes and heart!

20 oz. frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
4 Tbls. softened butter
1 cup Bob's Red Mill Brown Rice Flour**
1 tsp. baking powder
4 cups shredded cheddar cheese
3 eggs, beaten
1 cup milk
1/2 cup chopped scallions
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, beat eggs and then add

Buon Appetito!

GOLF Raffle 2025
Deadline to Enter – October 10, 2025

WHO WANTS TO WIN SOME \$\$\$?
TAKE A CHANCE WITH
THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION'S SECOND GOLF BALL RAFFLE.
...\$15 FOR 1 ♦ \$30 for 2 ♦ \$45 for 3 OR \$50 FOR 4...(BEST DEAL)
...CASH PAYOUTS INCLUDE PRIZES OF \$100, \$500, \$750, & \$1,000...
THE DRAWING TAKES PLACE AFTER THE
I.C.F. SO CAL REGION GOLF TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH.
CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION WITH THE MEMO - GOLF BALL RAFFLE.
WE NEED YOUR NAME, E-MAIL, PHONE NUMBER & BRANCH NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE).
ONLY 1,000 GOLF BALLS WILL BE SOLD.
CONTACT THE I.C.F. OFFICE AT (510) 633-9058 OR
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Send this Form with your check...made payable to Italian Catholic Federation...
Memo Golf Ball Raffle... to: 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

Name: _____ Branch Number: _____
Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____
I am purchasing _____ Golf Balls for the Raffle

Membership Committee Andy Pappani and Vince Piro



We are offered this reminder from the DonorBox.com:

“Whether you’re launching a new membership program or revamping your existing one, it’s so important to first understand what your members want.



The best way to do this is to survey your existing members. This is a great opportunity to learn what you can offer to make your membership seem more valuable, which will boost your member acquisition and retention.

You can use survey services like SurveyMonkey, or simply set up a Google Form. Be sure to ask a variety of questions and include some blank responses for personalized answers. You can send your survey to donors via email.”

We encourage you to survey your current members to learn what they want from your branch.

You may be surprised by the answers.

MARCH CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
3/1	Sister Mario Raffaelli		Fremont, CA	\$30
3/2	Sally Mirault		Alameda, CA	\$30
3/3	Liz Della Nina	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
3/4	Stephen & Alyssa Fanucchi		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/5	Branch 25		Salinas, CA	\$50
3/6	Suzanne Peterson	442	Pleasant Hill, CA	\$30
3/7	Rich Renz		Richfield, MN	\$30
3/8	Kathy Trevizo	19	Daly City, CA	\$30
3/9	Sharon Vannetti	209	Sebastopol, CA	\$30
3/10	Branch 214		Concord, CA	\$30
3/11	Thomas J. Silvaggio	48	Modesto, CA	\$30
3/12	Donna Piezzi	127	Petaluma, CA	\$30
3/13	Sue Moglia		Walnut Creek, CA	\$30
3/14	Vincent Ferrandino	379	Huntington Beach, CA	\$30
3/15	Patrick Madej		Castro Valley, CA	\$30
3/16	Chuck DeBord	25	Salinas, CA	\$30
3/17	Pat & Julie McDermott		Meadow Vista, CA	\$50
3/18	Greg Ruffalo	446	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	\$30
3/19	Jessica Segreto		Geneva, IL	\$50
3/20	Luke Gallego	435	San Martin, CA	\$30
3/21	Marlys Burke		Gardena, CA	\$30
3/22	Sheila Doan	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
3/23	Lupe Dominguez		Whittier, CA	\$30
3/24	Jamie Cuthill		Rocklin, CA	\$30
3/25	Betty Hollars	390	Half Moon Bay, CA	\$30
3/26	Margaret Blanco	362	Menifee, CA	\$30
3/27	Mary Ann Mikles	342	Meadow Vista, CA	\$30
3/28	Jo Bertaccini	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
3/29	Toni Green	144	Arcata, CA	\$30
3/30	Branch 281		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/31	Samuel Ferreira		Las Vegas, NV	\$30

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Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library

Carmelo Sabatella

The Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee would like to wish all ICF Members and Friends of Mother Cabrini a very Happy Easter as we continue to celebrate the Roman Catholic Church’s “2025: Jubilee Year of Hope” celebrated every 25 years as did Mother Cabrini when Pope Leo XIII asked Mother Cabrini and her first Seven Sisters to arrive in New York on March 31, 1989 to evangelize and care for “the unhappy sons of Italy.”

Come visit the Chapel and Library and Mother Cabrini Chapel Store. For more information on the Chapel and

Library please visit icf.org/mother-cabrini-shrine.

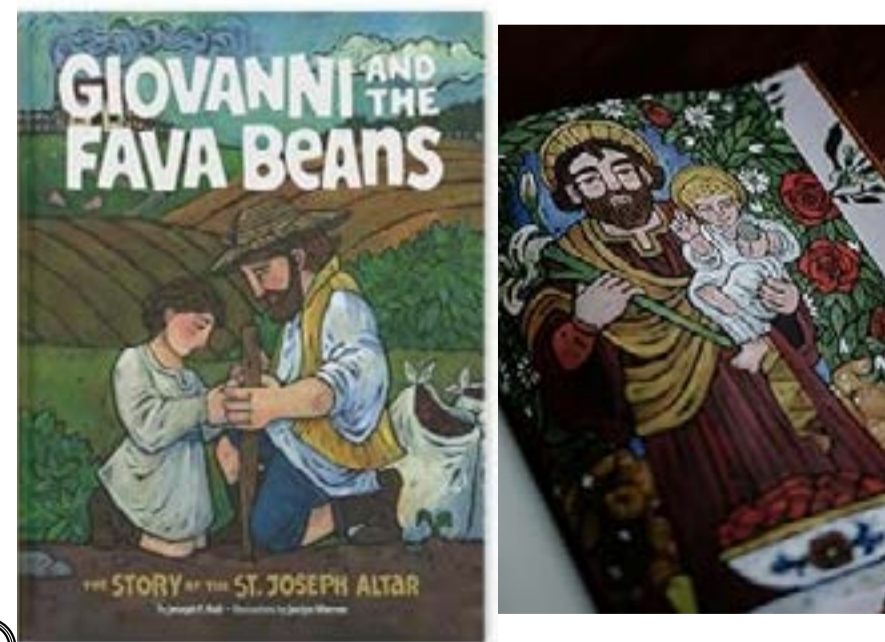
SAVE THE DATE

- April 13, 2025 - Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House at St. Francis Xavier Church, 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. hosted by the ICF San Fernando Region.

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



Joseph Ruli, an Italian Catholic, recently published a beautiful children's book, *Giovanni and the Fava Beans*, illustrated by Jaclyn Warren, telling the story of the origins of the St. Joseph Altar and its Italian roots. Growing up his family enjoyed this Italian Catholic tradition for years. Now that he is a father, he wanted to make sure the next generation would come to know and love this tradition and devotion to St. Joseph too.



Book Review -- Various Cookbooks

Vince Piro

As our kitchen is getting remodeled, Robyn and I have missed home-made meals. We have missed the aroma of garlic and olive oil drifting from the kitchen to the rest of house. And on my latest visit to the bookstore, this desire for a home cooked meal led me to the cookbook section to peruse the latest cookbooks. Here is a sampling of what I found.

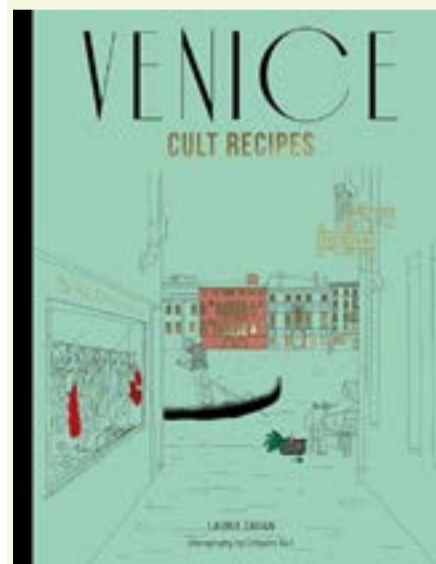


Venice Cult Recipes

Black cuttlefish risotto, grilled squid, fancy antipasti, delicious Venetian sweets and ice creams – here are 100 recipes that conjure up the real Venice.

There are recipes for fish, chicken, antipasti, ravioli, gnocchi, risotto, soups, snacks, polenta and desserts. There are also recipes for Venetian drinks, including the internationally renowned bellini, the perfect blend of white peach juice with sparkling prosecco, invented by Giuseppe Cipriani in 1930 at Harry's Bar in Venice, and synonymous with the sparkling city.

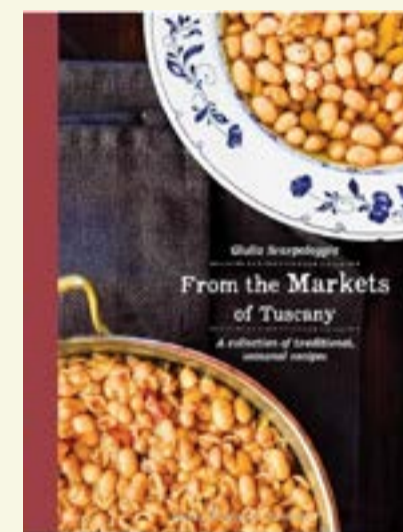
Author Laura Zavan shares her knowledge of Venetian food and its history generously, and includes commentary and maps for five guided walks around Venice that stop off at cafes, restaurants, food markets and wine cellars. Part of the Mini Cult Recipes collection that includes: New York Cult Recipes, Tokyo Cult Recipes, Barcelona Cult Recipes, and Istanbul Cult Recipes.



From the Markets of Tuscany: A Collection of Traditional, Seasonal Recipes

By Giulia Scarpaleggia

Tuscan cooking lives in the region's homes and gardens, its small shops and market stalls. With *From the Markets of Tuscany*, at once a collection of traditional, seasonal recipes and a guide to the area's top food markets, Giulia takes readers on a journey through her beloved



Tuscany, exploring famous places but also more remote areas – from Florence's urban streets and enchanting Volterra to mountainous Garfagnana and the wilds of Lunigiana, the gentle rolling hills of Val d'Orcia, and the vineyards and olive groves of Chianti. Through photographs, words and recipes, Giulia tells the story of Florence's historic markets, local organic farmers' markets, and the weekly market days held in Tuscan towns and villages. She also explores Tuscany's coastal fish and seafood markets, together with the roadside vendors of the Maremma area, with their vibrant fresh fruit and vegetable stands. With each encounter, Giulia delves into the stories of Tuscany's food markets, drawing on memories and recipes that taste of home.

The Italian Daughter's Cookbook

By Cathy Coluccio Fazzolari

The *Italian Daughter's Cookbook* is an ode to authentic Calabrese cuisine. In this captivating journey through the vibrant and often undiscovered southern regions of Italy, Cathy Coluccio Fazzolari – daughter of the pioneer purveyor

of high end and top quality Italian foods in New York City D. Coluccio & Sons– welcomes readers into her family's kitchen. Through heartfelt familial memories, authentic Calabrese recipes (both with the traditional chili peppers and without), and tantalizing images by Feast of the Seven Fishes author Daniel Paterna, the eclectic essence of Calabrese food comes alive.



The recipes in Cathy's book are divided into distinct sections, covering every course of food imaginable: Antipasto, Soups, Legumes, Two-Course Sauces, Quick Dishes and Sauces, Fresh and Baked Pastas, Rice and Polenta, Eggs, Fish and Seafood, Meats, Vegetables and Salads, Jarred, Cured, and Pickled Foods, and Bread and Sweets. Each section offers an introduction contextualizing the recipes within Italian culture, followed by up to 20 different recipes accompanied by captivating photos by Daniel Paterna, providing a comprehensive insight into Calabrese culinary traditions.

This deeply personal book offers a unique glimpse into the Italian-American experience, showcasing how family, tradition, and memory intertwine through the art of cooking. The *Italian Daughter's Cookbook* will infuse readers' homes and hearts with the warmth of authentic Calabrese cuisine and culture in homes around the world.

A World of Flavor: A Celebration of Food and Recipes from Around the Globe

In this innovative cookbook, children are invited to explore more than forty countries through the universal language of food. Through fun facts and fascinating information, unique ingredients, and culinary customs from across all five continents are celebrated. Also featured are over 40 authentic, kid-friendly recipes inspired by country cuisines around the world, from Vietnamese pho and Mexican salsa verde cruda to Italian focaccia and Nigerian jollof rice.



Each entry includes a recipe with simple, step-by-step instructions and lively illustrations of the finished dish. Accessible to all skill levels, the book includes a beginner-friendly section teaching key kitchen vocabulary and skills. There are plenty of recipes made in under thirty minutes, as well as more hands-on projects to excite ambitious young chefs.

Peppered throughout are pages dedicated to widely beloved foods such as dumplings, rice, and frozen desserts, revealing ingredients and dishes we share around the world and the unique ways they are enjoyed by children everywhere.

A good Italian cookbook is like a passport to the heart of Italy.

Apostolate/Charity -- The Papacy

Carmen Kilcullen
Apostolate/Charity Committee

Much of our news lately has been focused on the health of Pope Francis. We certainly wish him a speedy recovery. Not only Catholics, but the world in general is interested in the health of the Pope. I thought that this might be a good time to talk about the history of the Papacy.



and reigning rulers of Europe. The medieval papacy was also influenced by the temporal rulers of the various sections of Italy. Over time, the Papacy consolidated its territories along the Italian peninsula in an area which came to be known as the Papal States.

Emperor Constantine erected the Old St. Peter's Basilica, within the Vatican, on the place of St. Peter's burial. The Papal States had temporal powers from the 8th century until 1870. Mussolini seized Rome from the Pope's control, thus completing the unification of Italy. In 1929, the Lateran Treaty between Italy and the Holy See established Vatican City as an independent city-state, guaranteeing papal independence from secular rule.

There have been 266 popes so far. St. Peter served for 4-5 years. Bl. Pius IX served for 31 years, the longest so far. The shortest reigning Pope was Urban VII at 13 calendar days.

A happy and joyous Easter to all from our house to yours.

Carmen



Pope Francis

As we know, St. Peter was designated the first head of the new Church when Jesus named him the "rock on which I will build my church." According to Catholic tradition, the apostolic see of Rome was founded by St. Peter and St. Paul in the 1st century. However, in these first centuries of the Church, Peter's successors were obscure figures suffering persecution along with members of their flock.

After the time of Constantine, the Papacy gained temporal powers. During the following centuries, many conflicts occurred between the Church



Pope Pius IX



Interested in learning more about the ICF's National Charity, Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia)?
If so, Laurice Levine, ICF Liaison for Children's Hospital Los Angeles, would be honored to come and speak at one of your branch meetings or any special event (at no cost to your branch).
Contact Information:
360-860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com
It does not matter how small or how large your branch is, the goal is to educate everyone on Cooley's Anemia and the great work the ICF does for this cause.

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PRICE SCHEDULE
1 NAME/ EVENT - \$10
2 NAMES/ EVENTS - \$15
4 NAMES/ EVENTS - \$20
(ADDITIONAL NUMBERS WILL BE A COMBINATION OF THE PRICES LISTED ABOVE)
EXAMPLE: \$30 - 5 NAMES/ EVENT @ \$20 + \$10
OR \$40 - 8 NAMES/ EVENTS @ \$20 + \$20
DEADLINE FOR NAMES AND PAYMENTS IS JUNE 1, 2025

IRS AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

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

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

The IRS limit for the tax year ending 2024 is the following:
Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.

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

The State limit for the tax year ending 2024 is the following:
Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file State Form 199.

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

*****THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED*****

Both Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2025. The IRS and State strictly adhere to this date, so please take this process seriously.

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

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

Please make sure all District or Branch finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2024. Remember that the **Gross Receipts** are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

Convention Bylaw Submission Procedure

Leonard Zasoski, Jr., Grand Parliamentarian

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

All branches are urged to consider, discuss and formulate a proposal to change, modify or abolish a bylaw as it pertains to all the Branches of the ICF. According to the Branch Bylaw Chapter XVII Art. 3 G proposals and/or amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing (signed by the Branch President and Recording Secretary) to the Central Council Office not later than April 30, 2025. Branch bylaw change proposals may also come from Central Council through the Bylaws Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



In Loving Memory

(Report as of March 8, 2025)

Joseph Johnston	Branch 007	Anna Q Mello	Branch 139
Francine Jo Aliotti	Branch 036	Joel Canzoneri	Branch 145
Gaspar V Cardinale	Branch 036	Joan Delfino	Branch 368
Salvatore P Maiorana	Branch 036	Maria A Greco	Branch 368
Maria A Greco	Branch 054	Wilman Iacomini	Branch 391
Nancy Dolci	Branch 111	Leroy M Sawadski	Branch 392
Bruno Fomasi Jr	Branch 127		

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

Received as of March 8, 2025:

IN MEMORY OF:

Joan Delfino
Joan Delfino
Emily Corral
Joan Delfino
Joan Delfino
Kathryn Oliver
Madeleine Banfield
Nancy Dolci
Joan Delfino
Ann Basuino
Maria Greco
Joan Delfino
Joan Delfino
Maria Greco
Ann Basuino
Gloria Garcia

DONATED BY:

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
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Bob Basuino
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Denise Antonowicz
Mike and Marcie Rossi
Lonnie Swarrigim
Leonard and Karen Rossi
Leonard and Karen Rossi
Louise Vento
Bob Basuino
Bob Basuino

GET WELL WISHES:

Robyn Piro Bob Basuino

IN CELEBRATION OF 50 YEARS ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD:

Fr. George Aranha Mike and Marcie Rossi

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

Scholarship Donations

(Received as of March 8, 2025)

Scholarship Donations - 1st Year

Bob and Kathy Acquistapace
In Memory of Joan Delfino
Annette Novi
In Memory of Joan Delfino
The Kilcullen Family
In Memory of Ann Basuino

Jo Bertaccini
In Memory of Joan Delfino
Jo Bertaccini
In Memory of Maria Greco
ICF Spouses' and Family Association
In Memory of Joan Delfino
Mary and Marcello Ridi

Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th Year

Denise Antonowicz
In Memory of Joan Delfino
Officers/Members of Central Council
In Memory of Joan Delfino
Marlene Farber
In Memory of Joan Delfino
The Kilcullen Family
In Memory of Joan Delfino
The Fuentes Family
In Memory of Joan Delfino
Elaine Osorio
In Memory of Joan Delfino
Barbara Firpo
In Memory of Joan Delfino

Sandy Steele
In Memory of Joan Delfino
Giulia Gallego
In Memory of Joan Delfino
Giulia Gallego
In Memory of Maria Greco Association
In Memory of Joan Delfino
Mary and Marcello Ridi
In Memory of Joan Delfino
Sandy Steele
In Memory of Joan Delfino
Giulia Gallego
In Memory of Joan Delfino
Giulia Gallego
In Memory of Maria Greco

You have Questions About Donating Blood?

Live to Give has Answers

Laurice Levine, Live to Give Committee

Only 4% of the population donates blood, however 95% of the population will need to get blood at some point in their lifetime. We hope that by answering these frequently asked questions about donating blood that we will be able to recruit more blood donors.

How old do I have to be to donate blood?

Donors must be at least 16 years old (with parental consent). There is no upper age limit.

What will my blood be used for?

The leading conditions/procedures that require blood are:

- Blood transfusions for Thalassemia and Sickle-cell Disease Patients
- Cancer
- Heart Disease
- Traumas & Accidents
- Organ Transplant Recipients
- Obstetric procedures

Who might be using my blood?

- 1 out of every 10 patients in the hospital will require a blood product.
- Surgical patients use 64% of all blood transfused.
- More than 23 million units of blood components are used each year.
- Every 3 seconds, someone in this country requires blood.

How often can I donate?

Whole blood can be donated every 56 days, or up to 6 times a year. Platelets can be donated every 2 weeks, or up to 24

times per year.

Can I donate if I have high blood pressure?

Each donor's blood pressure is taken before the donation, so generally most can donate unless it would pose a risk to your health. If you are taking blood pressure medication and want to donate, please continue with your medication. Taking blood pressure medication will not disqualify you as a blood donor.

How much blood do I have and how much do you take?

Blood usually accounts for about 7% of total body weight. The average person has between 9 to 12 pints of blood circulating in their bodies. Approximately, 450ml (one pint) is taken during donation, which your body will begin to replenish immediately.

How does my body make blood?

Blood cells are made in the bone marrow. Each red blood cell lives for almost 120 days before it wears out and is replaced by a new one. Platelets are recycled by your body every 5 days. Your body is continually producing and replacing your blood cells, thus making it very safe for you to donate the small portion we need.

Why should I donate?

There is no substitute for human blood; it cannot be manufactured in a lab. Blood transfusions MUST come from other people.

Sources:

American Red Cross
Vitalant
Providence.org

ATTENTION BRANCH PRESIDENTS, FINANCIAL SECRETARIES AND MEMBERS 2025 Will Be an Another Open Enrollment Year For The Hospital Plan

As a special offer for the Italian Catholic Federation, the Central Council voted to continue the changes in the Hospital Plan for Individuals and Branches in 2025.

FOR INDIVIDUALS:

During all of 2025 the Hospital Plan will be open to every member, regardless of their age. The age 70 restriction is temporarily suspended for 2025, only, as an invitation for all members of the ICF to take advantage of this opportunity to enroll in our special plan.

FOR BRANCHES:

For any Branch member who becomes a NEW member of the Hospital Plan and pays their \$25.00 in January, February or March, the Federation will only bill the Branch for \$20.00. Thus, for each member who joins the Plan as a NEW member the Branch will earn \$5.00.

The \$5.00 reduction is only for those joining NEW in January, February or March. So, you must act right away to get this benefit. After March, the Branch will again be billed the entire \$25.00 for any new members to the plan.

HOSPITALIZATION PLAN – FACT SHEET

The following information briefly outlines the benefits, conditions and costs:

BENEFITS

After ninety (90) days of membership in the plan, the fund will pay:

- \$75.00 for the first day, \$50.00 for the second day and \$25.00 for the third day and any additional days thereafter.

NOTE: A member must stay overnight in an acute care facility unless an outpatient surgery is performed. Stays in convalescent hospitals and rehabilitation facilities are not covered by this plan and do not qualify for reimbursement.

- **\$100.00 for the use of the operating room** during a hospital stay or outpatient procedure at a state-licensed surgical center.
- **\$500.00 per calendar year.**
- **\$500.00 lifetime maximum per illness.**

FEATURES

- Payments are made directly to the member.
- No medical examination is required to join.
- All claims are accepted for up to one year after a hospital stay or outpatient procedure.

COST

- **\$25.00 per year** - paid to the Branch Financial Secretary
- If you have any questions, please contact the ICF Office.

Heritage — April

Louise Vento, Committee Member

April is the fourth month of the year. It is named for Aprilis, a Latin word meaning to open. April was the second month in an early Roman calendar, but it became the fourth month when Julius Caesar established the Julian calendar in 46 BC.

In April the last of the snow and ice have melted and leaves appear on the bushes and trees and the grass turns green. Small animals come out of their burrows and



birds fly north. April also brings us April Fool's Day; it is the first day of April. People play harmless jokes on one another. The victim is called an April Fool. When New Years Day was celebrated on January 1st some people in Europe still celebrated April 1st as the New Year, they were considered to be April Fool's.

Easter nearly always falls in April, along with other Christian celebrations such as Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Good Friday.

Happy Easter. Buona Pasqua.



Cooley's Anemia Donations

(Received as of March 8, 2025)

- Charles P. Gullo, Jr.
In Memory of Maria Greco
Officers/Members of Br. 7
- In Memory of Joseph Johnston
John and Natalie Canata
In Memory of Maria Greco
John and Natalie Canata
In Memory of John Greener
John and Natalie Canata
In Memory of Teresa Chen
Vic and Pat Arnaudo
In Memory of Judy Matranga

ICF General Fund Donations

(Received as of March 8, 2025)

- David Greenfield
In Honor of Joe Mannina

ICF is Going Green!

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



<http://eepurl.com/bLaMFb>

Welcome New Members

(Report as of March 8, 2025)

Branch 007	Edward D Bonanno	
Branch 036	Elena M Cabrera-Larente	Savannah Hardy
	Eastin Jennings	Emery Jennings
	Giuseppe Perretta	Jennifer L Randazzo
	Nickolas V Randazzo	Rocky Rivera
	Catherine Rodriguez	Davey Rodriguez
	David Rodriguez	Francine Rodriguez
	Grace Rudisill	Ashleigh Simon
	Jack Simon	Oscar Simon
	Catherine Spellacy-Fox	Elizabeth Star
Branch 039	Barbara L Branco	Alicia Migliazzo
	Kevin Olds	Sarah A Westfall
Branch 047	Kenneth Floyd	
Branch 073	Elizabeth A Breitbart	
Branch 130	George V De Martini	Jean L Dini
	Larry R Dini	Rosemarie T Grelli
	Barbara Mosso	Jim Mosso
	Donna Peruzzaro	
Branch 191	Carmela Infantino	
Branch 209	Madison C Lofftus	Benjamin Munoz
	Rusty Petersen	
Branch 308	Stephanie Guglielmo-Lynch	
Branch 332	Jeanemma T Bova	Bob J Musante
	Mary L Musante	Patty Parrott
	Steve Parrott	Elizabeth B Patocchi
Branch 351	Jeanette M Cook Barrett	John J Barrett
	Clark Ebel	
Branch 380	Donald S Modaro	
Branch 391	Rev Celso Singson	Cecily Zazueta
	Fernando Zazueta	
Branch 408	Carol Bruce	
Branch 438	Amy C Cho	Joann Ivey
Branch 442	Maria Elena C Sandoval	



Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Members:

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

Easter blessings to all members and their families.

*Cordiali Saluti
Diana Cresci*

SAN MATEO District

South San Francisco Br. 7, Sacro Cuore

Buon Pasqua South City!

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, October 25, 2025, Branch 7 will be celebrating our 100th anniversary with a luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. We are working hard to make this a memorable event and more details will be released this summer but we ask our members and all those in the Bay Area to please mark this day on your calendar so you too can join us for this momentous occasion.

Thank you to our members for attending our March dinner meeting celebrating the feast of St. Patrick and our Irish friends and family. Besides both Irish and Italians being predominantly Catholic, both have a kinship through similar immigrant stories that are a deep part of each community's heritage. While we descend from different countries, with different languages and customs, we settled in the same neighborhoods, worked in the same factories and worshiped in the same churches.

If you have not done so, please send your 2025 dues to Frank Rizzo, PO Box 5090, SSF, CA 94083-5090. This year the dues are \$50.

Finally, with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Branch member Joe Johnston after a valiant battle against cancer. A ten-year member of the Branch and a proud veteran, Joe loved attending the Branch events and we were fortunate to enjoy his presence one last time at our Christmas party in December. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Colma

Br. 19, San Vincenzo De-Paoli

We thank Annette Novi for sponsoring the St. Joseph's Table Dinner in March. We will be continuing our Lenten Journey with Branch 19's Soup Night Meeting on April 14, 2025 sponsored

by Kathy Trevizo. Reservations should be made to Debroah Rodondi by April 11, 2025.

Buona Pasqua to each member of the ICF.

Redwood City

Br. 130, Our Lady Star of the Sea

Branch 130 celebrated three events in March. Firstly, St. Pius Church, headed up by Fr. Patrick Okoye (Chair), Fr. Tom Martin & Cathy Yee organized the first Mardi Gras party on Fat Tuesday. Branch 130 members that assisted were George Schoenstein (Co-Chair), Sandra & Michael Corradetti, Sonia Picone, Leo Capovilla, Dave Patane all decorated the hall and set up the sound system. It was truly a friends & family potluck where an array of New Orleans dishes was served for the occasion and topped off with George Schoenstein's fabulous Gumbo! St. Pius parishioners and other church members in Redwood City joined Mardi Gras, reveling with colorful beads, masks & enjoying New Orleans traditional music topped off with an assortment of sweets including the King Cake.

Secondly, St. Joseph Table was held March 18 at St. Pius Church. Our Chairperson, Erma DeMartini was busy organizing this event along with several members from our club. In the spirit of faith & gratitude cookies, cakes, sweets and various traditional breads were served representing Jesus, Mary, & Joseph.

Thirdly, we hosted our first annual fundraiser, Crab Cioppino Dinner, March 22, which was sold out. A raffle and silent auction organized by Sonia Picone, Daniella Hole & Rosemarie Grelli, Denise Severi & Olga Capovilla was held after dinner with many happy winners.

Lastly, we at Branch 130, all wish our ICF brothers and sisters a belated Blessed St. Joseph's Table, St. Patrick's Day, & Happy Spring.

Burlingame

Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

In March we paid special honor to two saints—St. Joseph and we can never forget St. Patrick. Our members enjoyed a potluck St. Joseph Table celebration with a beautifully decorated altar thanks to Dorene Campanile.

We also want to thank our members who braved the rain and made delicious soups for our February meeting: Donna Cervelli, Luci Witherspoon and Dorene Campanile.

Our April meeting will be hosted by Marge Silva and we will have a guest speaker, Deacon Chris Mariano of O.L.A.

Nominations for our Convention Awards will have to be sent in by APRIL 1, 2025 this year. (St. John Paul 23, St. Theresa of Calcutta, President's Award or Young Adult Award).

Additional information can be found on

the ICF website at <https://www.icf.org>

Events occurring in the next few months: Annual Ravioli Dinner will be held on Sunday June 22, 2025 with additional information to follow.

We have moved our CAR SHOW from April to August due to the possibility of rain in April and it will be held in the OLA schoolyard.

Please remember to pray for the members of our Branch and throughout the Federation. Fr. Brian McKenna, Fr. Gerald Barron, Fr. Harold Snyder, Mary Bodisco, Anthony Bruno, Victor and Maria Camicia, Rina Cassanego, Mary Ann Camacho, Anita Cecina, Patty Dugoni and Fred & Melanie Yeager. Branch 1: Patricia Arnaudo and Branch 19: Kathy Trevizo

*God Bless,
Roz Emery*

South San Francisco Br. 213, St. Augustine

Here we are in April, how time flies. We had a fun Valentines meeting hosted by Donna DeVoe, Marianne Cameron and Diane Pangburn. As usual candy and kisses were exchanged along with a great meal and a short meeting.

Keep in your prayers, members Faith Hill, Chuck Baumann, and John Cannon for speedy recovery.

Our St Joseph's table was a great success thanks to Donna De Voe and her committee, where fava beans and baskets of bread were given out along with other delicious foods.

As usual fundraising was discussed at our meeting with Bingo, Casino trips, aluminum collections, among the top three fundraisers.

Congratulations to Joe and Judy Crosetti for winning \$30 from the calendar.

And a big Happy April Birthday to Roberta Franchini

*See you next month.
Joe Crosetti*

Millbrae

Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Our recent dessert & coffee social meeting was sparsely attended but fun nonetheless. Thank you to Rose Marie Morando who made an apple crisp, and to Tina Pessagno for making chocolate chip cookies. Our next meeting is our popular "Lasagna Dinner" on April 1st. It's \$15 for salad, lasagna, WINE, coffee & dessert. The deadline is March 28th! So, if you are going, call Eunice at 650-692-3740 to RSVP.

Our May dinner meeting is Tuesday, May 6th. This is our Mexican themed meal featuring 2 chicken enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, pico de gallo, chips & salsa, plus wine & beer, dessert & coffee. All for \$15! Social begins at 5pm with dinner at 5:30 at the Parish Hall. The deadline for this great meal is Friday, May 2nd! Send your check (payable to

"ICF Br 403") to: Eunice Danli, 4 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030.

Save the date for our KFC Dinner meeting: Tuesday, June 3rd, 5 p.m. social, dinner at 5:30.

*Ciao!
Adonna Amoroso, Secretary*

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

Happy April to you all. Here we are, and Springtime is in full bloom. I hope you all had a very successful St. Joseph Table.

We are hoping that we will have a new branch in our district soon. Our Lady of the Assumption may be our next branch, and if all goes well, St. Monica in Santa Monica could be next. Let's keep praying.

I'd like to wish you all a very Happy Easter! Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia!

Br. 67, National Branch, St. Peter

Wishes you a very Happy Easter!

On February 22, 2025, National Branch 67 members attended the 2025 Religious Education Conference in Anaheim, California. Various members attended the ICF Booth and introduced ICF to the many visitors including religious members of the various Catholic Diocese both domestic and international.

ICF National Branch 67 is a virtual branch that reaches out to members and nonmembers who do not have an ICF in their area and would like to be a part of the ICF Family. We also would like to have your input as we continue to develop this branch online.

Visit ICF.org and select ICF National Branch 67 for more information. You are welcome to join us at ICFNationalBranch67.org, complete the application process and join us at the next NBr 67 meeting.

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

*Keep safe and stay healthy,
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President
ICF National Branch 67
C 626 372-7812
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SAVE THE DATES

April 19, 2025 - ICF NBr 67 Committee Meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.

SAN MATEO DISTRICT



2025, Feb. 8 - Installation Br. 403 1st VP Tina



2025, Nov. 8 - SM District Installation Lunch Br. 403 Members



Branch 130 George Schoenstein, Mardi Gras co-chair, & Michael Corradetti enjoying George's fabulous Gumbo.



Branch 130 Cathy Yee, Fr. Patrick Okoye, co-chair, Alma Portillo enjoying Mardi Gras.



2025, Feb. 8 - Installation Br. 403 Pres. Paul



Branch 130 - Mardi Gras revelers enjoying potluck foods of New Orleans including Gumbo, Jambalaya, Beignets & the King Cake.



ICF Branch 213, St Augustine, South San Francisco celebrates Valentine's Day at their monthly meeting, with good food and a lot of laughs.



Branch 130 ICF President Leo Capovilla, with mamma Olga Capovilla & Fr. Patrick Okoye, St. Pius Church who organized Mardi Gras.

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

On March 2, 2025, members enjoyed the annual Branch Lunch Social and General Meeting held in the Heritage Room at San Antonio Winery near downtown Los Angeles. Members also celebrated the March Birthdays of Phil Argento, Mark Kern, Paula Fratino and Wedding Anniversary of Richard and Patricia Avila

On February 22, 2025, Branch 108 members joined members of several LAADC Branch Members in the ICF Booth at the 2025 Religious Education Conference in Anaheim, California and helped introduce ICF to visitors at the ICF Booth.

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

*Keep safe and stay healthy,
Carmelo Sabatella, PP
ICF Branch 108
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SAVE THE DATES

- April 6, 2025 - ICF Branch 108 Lunch Social and General Meeting 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our April General Meeting will be on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street in Montebello. Join us for a St. Joseph Table pre-meeting dinner as a thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and sponsored the St. Joseph Table

After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate this month's birthdays for the following members: Peter Revilla, Henry Herrera, Frances Canzonieri, and Emma Aquino. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

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

We are sad to report that our beloved member, Nancy Dolci, passed away on February 7, 2025. A funeral mass was held on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, in Montebello; Interment was at Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, in

Rosemead, and a Celebration of Life was held at Quiet Cannon Banquet Hall in Montebello.

Branch 111 Montebello had the pleasure of having Nancy serving us as a Branch Deputy for several years. When her Branch 118, St. Catherine Laboure, at the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church in Montebello, closed down, she joined Branch 111 and served as a Trustee until her passing. She has been a part our family for many years and was loved by everyone. Nancy also served the ICF Archdiocese of Los Angeles District as Treasurer for many years. Nancy will be dearly missed by all of us. May Nancy Rest in Eternal Peace.

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

*A Presto!
Frank Salomone
Branch 111 President*

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

Many thanks to all our volunteers who came together to host over 300 people at our annual crab dinner held on March 8th. The success of our dinner and branch is made possible because of you! It takes countless hours of preparation to host this event. Our branch is so blessed with many wonderful volunteers.

Please join us at our next branch meeting on Thursday April 10th at 7:30 p.m. in Parish Hall. On the agenda will be the result from Harrah's casino April 5th day trip.

Please join the Gioiello Jewels fundraiser supporting the American Cancer Society. Day trip to Viejas casino on Sunday, April 27th, leaving from the Boys and Girls club at 8 a.m. Please call Anita Trujillo for reservations 310 612-9811. \$30.00 donation

There is still time to join us on our Laughlin getaway. We will be staying at the Aquarius Hotel and casino leaving May 5th returning May 7. Cost for the 2-nite stay is \$215.00 a person double occupancy. \$280.00 single occupancy. For reservations, please call Pauline Iacono 310 833-0563

Mass in honor of the Madonna Del Arco will be held on Saturday May 10th at the 5:15 mass. Please join procession behind banner and bring flowers to present to our Blessed Mother. Please keep our benefactor Joseph Scotti in your prayers.

Our general meeting on May 15 will be a potluck meeting. Potluck will start at 6 p.m. Please call Anna DiLeva to let her know what tasty dish you will be bringing. 310 833-9444.

Please pray for the departed soul of Nancy Donato. Nancy joined our branch in 1981. She was a devoted member and will be missed.

Happy Easter to all! Please keep all our deceased and sick members in your prayers. -Anita Trujillo

**Glendora
Br. 179, St. Dorothy**

St. Dorothy Branch 179 has been very busy lately! At our February General Meeting, our very own Monsignor Norm Priebe shared his adventures from his pilgrimage to the Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James) in Spain.

Also in February, members gathered to load 13,760 pounds of clothing into the truck, which was a gross earning of \$4,936! This was our biggest haul ever! As a matter of fact, the truck was overflowing. It took three men to close the door! After all their hard work, pizza, salad, dessert and wine was served at the St. Lucy's Priory.

On March 2nd, our branch celebrated our first mass together. What a joy to see so many of our members filling the first several rows. It was such a great experience that it was decided to do it again in October to celebrate Italian Heritage Month.

Now on to preparations for our St. Joseph Table on March 16.

*God's blessings.
Patricia
Trustee, Branch 179*

**Downey
Br. 362, St. Raymond**

Spring is in full bloom. Welcome to April everyone. Last month we held our annual St Joseph Table and with everyone's help, it was a huge success. From our ticket sellers, bakers, set up and clean up teams to our kitchen staff and our clergy, thank you.

Please come to the Living Last Supper on April 6th which is presented by Danette Buckley and her Liturgy Committee. It's at 5 p.m. and it's free.

On Saturday, May 3, there will be a bus trip to Harrah's Casino in San Diego.

I hope your Lenten journey is moving along smoothly, and in a few weeks, we will be celebrating the glorious feast of our risen Lord.

*A very Happy Easter to you all.
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia!!*

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

We anxiously await the final financial outcome of our St. Joseph/Silent Auction event. The table offerings were abundant, and the auction items exceeded expectations. A big thank to Gloria McGaughey, Lila Nastro, and Phyllis Harb for assuming the chair positions once again and kudos to the members for their great participation.

A big thank you to members, Janet and Bernardo Volpe, for their generous

donation of 50 loaves of focaccia for the table and \$500 in gift cards for the auction. May God bless you both for your ongoing support to this fundraiser.

Many thoughts of gratitude and appreciation also go to Jo and Robert Barbera for their donation of \$5,000 to the Al Restivo Service Award. This will enable funding to St. Bede students over the next 10 years. In addition, a previous \$1,000 donation by Phyllis Harb will allow 2 more years to this award.

This year we are pleased to be able to add to our long list of scholarship recipients to include Scholarship Essay Awards to our neighboring parish students at Holy Redeemer-St. James School in the same amount that we give to St. Bede.

All current prepaid scholarship reserves are certainly impressive and continue to fulfill our mission to recognize the achievements and education of Catholic school students.

Rejoice in hope this Easter season!

**Rancho Palos Verdes
Br. 444, St. John Fisher**

Thanks to all who participated in our Valentine's Day Celebration on February 14th. Everyone brought delicious food to share, and Mary & Patty provided 2 Trivia Games featuring famous-women. Prizes were given, with a top prize provided by Hany Francis from Trader Joes, going to two potential new members.

March 14th Friday, we will be hosting the Parish Lenten Soup Supper. Tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches will be served right after the 5:15 p.m. Mass. Carol Piccirillo adds just the right flavoring to our tomato soup to make it taste more Italian.

Our dear member Karis Say-Cevceche passed away in February. She was a wonderful person, mother and friend. We will never forget her prize-winning trifle, winning First Prize for best dessert.

Rest in peace Karis, we will pray for you and please pray for us. Remember to pray for Marianne C., Joe Trani Guido Frassinelli, our longtime Members.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all.

Ciao, Patty Longo Hansen



LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT



ICF Members from Los Angeles Archdiocese District, including: National Branch 67, Branch 108, Branch 111, Branch 317, Branch 362 and Branch 380 who hosted the ICF Booth at the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim California. Visitors to the ICF Booth included members of various Catholic Diocese both domestic and international along with various Catholic Organizations.



ICF Members from Branch 108 held their Annual March Lunch Social and General Meeting in the Heritage Room of San Antonio Winery.



Branch 179 Clothing drive--members gathered to load 13,760 pounds of clothing



Branch 179, Monsignor Norm



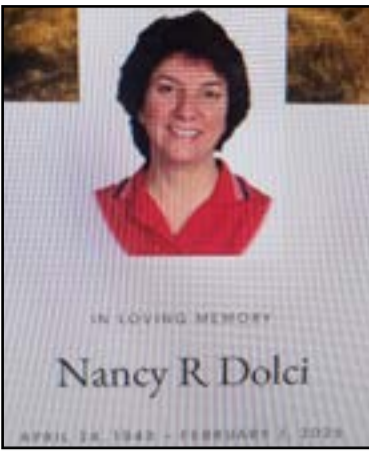
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LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



ICF 111 - Crocetta Salomone & Fr. Dionisio Cachero, Chaplain



ICF 111 - Nancy Dolci - Rest in Peace



ICF 111 - February Meeting



Br. 115 congratulations to longtime member and past 2nd V.P. Frank Colonna (center) celebrated his 90th Birthday pictured along with his brother Isidoro Colonna (R) and Pres. Neal Di Leva (L)



ICF 111 - February Valentine Dinner



Br. 115 Annual Crab Dinner Dance at Mary Star of the Sea Church Auditorium. Pres. Neal Di Leva and wife 2nd Pres. Anna Di Leva.



Br. 115 Crab Dinner Dance cook (back) Anthony Amalfitano and kitchen helper Nunzio Boccanfuso.



Br. 444, In-Memoriam Karis Say-Cavecche



Br. 444, Seated Cristina, BR Kathleen, Jan, Mary, Dolly, Gina, Carol & Patty



Br. 444, Seated Cristina BR Kathleen, Carol & Hany

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT



Br. 209's Chicken and Polenta Dinner



Br. 209's President, Pam McAlvain, getting ready to speak at our Chicken and Polenta Dinner



Br. 209's Leona Spadoni serving up delicious Chicken and Polenta



Branch#144 Some of the wonderful crew for the Chicken & Polenta Dinner



Branch#144 Chicken and Polenta Happy Cooks Makes Scrumptious Meal



Branch#144 Pres. Ruth Monge and new member Moira Pitlock

FRESNO DISTRICT



The Gustine ICF #54 held their annual pasta take out. Here are some pictures of members that helped make the take out a great success



Fresno District Installation 2025



Saint Patrick's Day celebration with the Knights of Columbus at St. Anthony of Padua



ICF Branch 281 pancake breakfast February 16th



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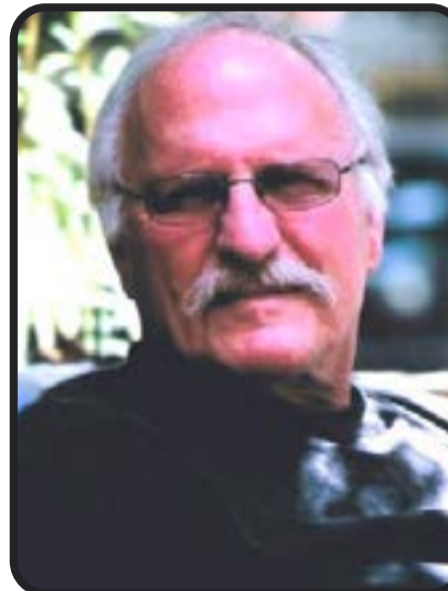
CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT



Francine Aliotti, Br. 36
1949-2025



Gasper Cardinale, Br. 36
1935-2025



Salvatore Maiorana, Br. 36
1939-2025

When we come together to serve food, we create a table of love, where everyone has a seat and no one goes hungry.



Karl Nicholas, Turie Cavaliere & Andy Cardinalli Branch 36



Mark and David Canepa and Eddie Lenten — Br 36



A LOT of work goes into preparing the homemade coleslaw for Branch 291's Fish Frys. Here is a collection of photos—showing a busy Friday morning before a fish fry that evening—of our members preparing the delicious coleslaw and filling cups with freshly prepared tartar sauce.

STOCKTON DISTRICT



Br. 390, Brad Diaz and his son enjoying dinner.



Br. 390, Frank Marty and Greg Welch enjoying their libations



Br. 390, Chuck Tuso, Annette Ormonde and President Denis Della Nina



Br. 390, First Lady Liz Della Nina



Life Member Dante Galeazzi and Virginia Asborno, Branch 395 Stockton



Branch 395 celebrates new members

STOCKTON DISTRICT (continued)



Dante Galeazzi gives his Central Council report at the district meeting.



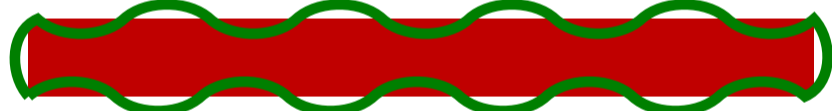
New Stockton District President Robert Pachinger starts the district meeting with secretary, Elisa Moberly.



Patty Litts (branch 82) District Orator gives us our opening prayer.



Ida Corello (Branch 139) and Denis Della Nina (Pres. Branch 390) checking out the appetizers.



Br. 82 hosting Stockton District Dinner Meeting



Br. 139, Members getting ready for Tony's chicken cacciatore served polenta plus Tony's flavorful appetizers....



Br. 413 February Crab Feed 2025



Br. 139, The Queirolo Kitchen Team with devoted Ida.... Queirolo's charter members



St Bernard's Br. 390 Feb Stockton District Meeting hosted by Lodi Br 82



Feb Stockton District Meeting hosted by Lodi Br. 82.



Br. 413 Crab Feed Cooks assistant Josie Barnes and Cook Tom Kingshill



Br. 413 Crab Feed Cook Mary Kingshill



Br. 139, CC Life Member Dante Galeazzi with Master Chef Tony Queirolo and son Mario at Tony's Kitchen....



Branch dinner meeting February 25; Ron Agostini and President Birdie Nieri with her son...

STOCKTON DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 395, Our speaker, Bob Weber, gives an incredible motivational talk.



We love the ICF! Branch 395.



A Potluck at Branch 395 never disappoints!

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT



Br. 432, Mike and Shelia Nilo



Br. 432, Juan and Carol Rojo, Crab Feed



Br. 432, Baked Potato Bar



St. Joseph's Table Celebration at Crockett #14 . Great way to bring In The Lenten Season.



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CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT (continued)



Members who enjoyed Judi's presentation. Father Mark and Father Helmuth, Branch 352



Branch 352 Judy Lloyd presentation on Lipari



Bingo, Branch 352.



Bingo, Branch 352.



Pasta/bingo Branch 214



Branch #214, Terri and Allison selling bingo cards



Pasta/bingo Branch 214



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EAST BAY District Council



The East Bay District's (EBD) Annual Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed was the main event in February. This popular feast, hosted at ICF Branch 10's hall at St. Phili Neri's Parish is our main fundraiser, providing for our charitable donations to Seminary burses, Thalassemia research, and College scholarships.

Planning, preparation, reservation management and hall set up by Chair, Leonard Rossi, Branch 10 President James Lee and their indefatigable crew: JoAnn Donivan Maggiora (EBD President), Melody Klever (EBD VP), Karen Rossi (EBD Mentor), Lisa Crudo (Br 343 President), Fran LaTorre (Br 215 President), John and Jeanette Zugnoni (EBD Trustee and Orator) and Dave Madej (EBD Treasurer) demonstrated the solidarity and hard work of the District.

Delicious appetizers donated by each branch highlighted the cocktail hour and were savored throughout the dinner. In addition to crab, we had pasta with pesto, salad, chicken for the non-crab eaters, and ice cream. Our chef, Ben Ratto, and his hard-working crew cooked and served about 118 guests. Father Joseph Pathiyil, pastor at St. Phillip Neri lead us in a thankful grace.

Completing the evening was the raffle of the much-anticipated gift baskets donated by each branch.

Central Council and ICF dignitaries included Leonard Rossi, Lisa Crudo, and Mike Rossi.

Thanks to all who came and to those who helped clean up!

With the Crab Feed wrapped up, EBD branches are planning Anniversary, St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's table dinners and other events this spring- opportunities for fellowship, fun, food and contributing-to-good this lent.

Sincerely
Roberta Madej

Alameda Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

We hosted 70 happy celebrants to our slightly-early Irish Social (Saint Patrick's Day) on Saturday, March 8. Much appreciation to the young ladies from the multi-generational McBride School of Irish Dance who entertained us and to chef Ben Ratto for the delicious meal of salad, corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots.

We are in the middle of marking centennial anniversaries. The ICF's own 100th year, of course, was 2024. Here, in 2025, we are commemorating the 100 years since the founding of Saint Philip Neri Church of Alameda, which was merged with Saint Albert the Great Church of Alameda in 2011 to form

Castro Valley Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

Daylight Savings Time has begun, and Spring is just around the corner!

At our February meeting, members were each handed his/her own name tag, complete with lanyard. As our branch membership grows, it does make it easier to remember our new members' names! (we also use the name tags for the evening attendance drawing).

In January, our branch sent a \$240 donation to Birthright, as well as quite a bit of baby clothing.

Our branch is accepting donations from our members for wildfire relief in Los Angeles. Donations will be accepted and then one check from our branch will be sent to the ICF Central Office to be sent to Catholic Charities.

Our March meeting will include a corned beef and cabbage dinner and a St. Joseph's table. A basket will be there to collect free-will donations from members to be sent to St. Vincent de Paul at Transfiguration Church.

Join the Habit Burger and Grille in Castro Valley to support our branch on March 25th. This is a fundraiser where the Habit in Castro Valley will donate a portion of the day's sales to our branch. Be sure to mention that you are there in support of the ICF!

On April 10th, we will celebrating our branch's 46th anniversary with a dinner at Buon Appetito in Hayward.

Questo è tutto!
Eduardo McGuirk

CONTRA COSTA District Council

Greetings to all from Contra Costa.

We hope everyone is enjoying spring-time. Many of our Branches have been busy hosting St. Joseph Day celebrations, Pasta Bingo events, Tea luncheons and other fundraisers.

Our annual night of Recollection was held on March 12. The evening started with a delicious catered Italian dinner. Followed by an inspirational talk given by our District orator, Deacon John. We thank him and all who worked to put this event together.

We ask all of our mentors to please send your reports quarterly to District mentor, Mary Cook. Our Branch mentors are, Linda Kortuem, Walter Costa, Diana Mackinson, Juliette Cote, Patty Jarrett and Donna Hoffman. We thank them.

Our next District meeting will be held on Thursday, April 10, at Christ the King parish in Pleasant Hill at 7 p.m. Diana will send a reminder with the meeting room location. We ask that each Branch save the date and send representative to the meeting.

We wish to extend get well wishes to our Past President, Rose Mc Neal as she recovers from surgery.

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

As we continue with our Lenton Journey, we look forward to Easter. May it bring many blessings to all.

Fraternally, Patty Jarrett
Past President

Martinez Br. 13, San Martino

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human right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint; absence of subjection to foreign domination or despotic government.

“An innocent man tortured, murdered, and buried in a tomb. Three days of breathtaking grief and hopeless silence. Three days of painful waiting. Then, in the pre-dawn hour, a group of mourning friends reach the tomb, the stone covering it has been pushed aside and the space emptied. They initially assume their friend's body has been stolen by executioners, but their despair soon becomes momentary disbelief, then breathless exhilaration when they are given the news by strangers—that their beloved friend is among the living. They rush to tell the world the unthinkable news: He is not dead, He has risen!” --Pavlovitz

Ready yourself to experience His resurrection this Jubilee year with open hearts. Easter is here! Let's be banded together as one; let's contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints; let's pray with passion; let's live in holiness; let's evangelize steadily by our examples and with fire in our souls; and, let's live so that we may leave His grace in the hearts of others, a time of reconciliation, forgiveness, and hope in the Catholic Church.

As we rejoice over our freedom from sin remembering His actions, let's continue to pray fervently for those whose freedoms to live have been compromised and/or forcefully removed by those with no concern for human life. Let's pray for peace in our world especially in the US, Ukraine, and Russia.

Alleluia!
Mary Cook



EAST BAY DISTRICT



East Bay District Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed



Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed Chair-Leonard Rossi addresses the diners



EBD President Jo-Ann Maggiora-Donivan welcomes diners at the Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed



EBD Lisa Crudo raffles off amazing gift baskets with kids help at the Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed.



Branch #285 members enjoying dinner at the February social meeting.

Crockett**Br. 14, San Carlo**

Ciao Amici!

It may seem that we do quite a bit of eating at Branch 14, and while that may have more than kernel of truth to it, that is not our focus. Our meetings provide us with an opportunity to socialize with friends, practice our faith, and care for our community. With that said, I'm happy to report on the latest branch news...which ironically talks a lot about food.

Many thanks to all who contributed to a successful Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. So many people generously donated their time and talents. From the cooking crew, to the decorators, purchasers, bartenders, servers, raffle organizes, cleaners, and members who participated in this annual event. We couldn't do it without you, and we can't thank you enough for your support!

Be sure not to miss our April 8th meeting. A pasta dinner will be prepared by the Smith sisters, Clo and Sylvia. Their Italian heritage really comes out in their delicious cooking!

Please support the St. Rose of Lima Fish Fry on April 11th. Delicious all you can eat fish (in house) will be served with all the fixings by our friendly members of St. Rose Church in Crockett. The cost for this important fundraiser is \$30.00 per person, and is well worth it. For information or tickets, please contact the church rectory at (510) 787-2052.

We recently welcomed two new members. Ardith Bertorello and Jerry Parsons will be wonderful additions to Branch 14. We're always happy to have new members and friends!

*Wishing you all a very happy Easter! Blessings,
~Helen*

Concord**Br. 214, Todos Santos**

Cari Amici:

Spring is here and we moved ahead one hour. Glad the evening hours are light out and time to get more done.

Our longtime member, Mary Androtti celebrated her 101st birthday on March 4th. God bless her.

On March 8th we had a fantastic fundraiser. Our pasta/Bingo was a huge success. We had 93 people attend the back of St. Agnes Church. We were honored to have Father Fred from Queen of Heaven Church join us and give a blessing before our meal. We enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by Zandanello's, in which everyone raved about the pasta and meatballs and salad, followed by ice cream and cookies and popcorn when playing Bingo. We then played 5 games of Bingo with money payouts for winners. The Bingo was called by Eduardo McGuirk who tells funny jokes in between games. We also had 2 great door prizes and 22

wonderful raffle prizes. Everyone really enjoyed the fun day. It was a team effort to set-up, serve, and clean up. I thank all my members who helped this event become successful. We have a lot of generous members who donate prizes and help. I truly appreciate all your time and effort.

In March we will have our annual St. Patrick's Day pot luck dinner, St. Joseph's table and meeting.

Looking forward to April, celebrating Easter Sunday spent with family and friends.

Please enjoy the holy days in the month and months to come.

*God bless you all.
Buona Pasqua,
Norene DeLuca*

Danville**Br. 352, St. Isidore**

Dear *Bollettino* readers, always a joy to read what is going on in other ICF branches...you are an inspiration.

Our last dinner we had an Italian heritage presentation by Judy Lloyd on Lipari in the Aeolian Islands off Sicily. Both of Judy's grandparents immigrated from Lipari Thank you, Judy. Russ prepared Pasta à la Norma (with eggplant) which is popular in Lipari. Later, we sang Italian songs accompanied by Dan Satori on the accordion.

As I mentioned in the last Bollettino, we were looking forward to our Bingo event. Well, it did not disappoint. We had 87 people, everyone had fun and we are looking forward to the next time.

Our next event is on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17. We will have corned beef and cabbage, but it will be served with pasta with pesto. Patsy Harrington will give us some fun facts about Ireland.

We are also preparing for May 18 bocce tournament at Sycamore Park. Next dinner meeting, we will be asking members to sign up their teams.

Thank you, and until next time, Buona Primavera, Sally Panella

Brentwood**Br. 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Greetings to all,

Hope you all found your Pot-of-Gold on St. Paddy's Day!

We all enjoyed the Crab Feed on Feb. 14 as there were over 200 in attendance. Our Branch shared profits this year with our Parish Knights of Columbus who sponsor the yearly event. Pat Rebolgar once again provided amazing silent auction items and a plethora of wonderful Raffle items. Thank you, Pat, and all who helped.

We also enjoyed the fantastic dinner Tom and Sandy Gamble provided for all at our February meeting, which had a Valentine theme. Great dinner and

everyone loved the baked potato bar. Our special guest turned out to be our former pastor Rev. Jerry Brown, who holds a special place in our ICF Branch heart. We celebrated his "39th birthday" with a Boston crème pie cake Sandy made for him.

We got down to business and voted to increase our scholarship amount from \$1000 to \$2000 per recipient to adjust for inflation as we had not raised the amount since 2009.

We hope you have made a call to your favorite winery, or visited, to ask for their participation in our Wine Tasting Fundraiser on July 26 (previous *Bollettino* had the wrong date). Please take the time to reach out. These events are a good opportunity for wineries too.

Unfortunately, no one has stepped up over the past two months to provide us with a Heritage report. It would be a shame to let this go as we all benefit from the sharing our members provide, and I know they have a good time doing their research. Please reach out to Mary M. if you would like to share your family history.

We observed St. Joseph day with an evening Mass and Procession on his feast day. The evening ended with Fr. Candelario Jimenez offering a consecration to all who felt called to participate.

Just a reminder: SOCK HOP JUNE 21---WINE TASTING JULY 26---CAR SHOW SEPT. 26

Happy Easter! "We were buried with Him through baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in the newness of Life." (Romans 6:4) STAY RISEN!

Ciao for now, Mary M.

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BLESSED SACRAMENT District**Auburn Br. 342, St. Joseph**

Congratulations to our newly installed branch and district officers who were installed at the Blessed Sacrament District Installation on March 1st. We are so grateful that you are so giving of your time and talents, and I look forward to a wonderful year working together. I was also honored to see the many Central Council members that traveled to our area to celebrate with us.

Our April 12th Bingo Fundraiser is sold out!!! We are really looking forward to an afternoon of great BBQ and fun Bingo. Thank you, Bridget Piziali and Adriana Jensen, for chairing this event and to all those who volunteered to help out at the event. Pictures to follow in the next Bollettino.

*Ciao!
Pam Andersen*

Roseville**Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi**

Every year we are honored to host one of St. Clare Church's Friday Night Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross. I am pleased to say that this year there were many parishioners who attended the meal. We provided many delightful soups, thanks to the generosity of the ICF members who donated the different soups.

Once dinner was over, the parishioners attended the Stations of the Cross at the church. It is always a privilege to have our members be a part of this program. This event is a St. Clare tradition during Lent and is always well-attended. This year was no exception.

Our branch had a variety of treats this year at our St. Joseph's Table Fundraiser. Every year, this fundraiser is based on volunteer contributions from our ICF family, and we always receive many donations from our remarkable members. Thank you very much for all your contributions!

The St. Joseph's Table Fundraiser was also a big success because of the awesome community at St. Clare Church.

Every time we have an event; the community is always there to support us. It is amazing to see how many people show up at the end of Mass looking for their favorite treat. With their help, they make it possible for ICF to provide college scholarships, donate to seminarians and contribute to various charities.

Next month will be our Spring is in the Air Easter Dinner. Mark your calendars for April 25, 2025. See you there!

*Ciao for now...
Irene Perez*

SANTA ROSA District**Healdsburg****Br. 52, San Francisco Di Sales**

We hope everyone is getting ready for Easter. St. John's has several Lenten activities, please check the parish bulletin.

Upcoming Events:

ICF Meeting: Tuesday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory. All members can attend our meetings and participate in the decision making for the branch.
ICF Monthly Mass: Sunday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Fish Fry: Friday, April 11. Price: \$45.00 per person for adults and \$10.00 for children 6 – 12. Tickets may be purchased by calling Carmen and Lauren: 707-595-3111. The deadline is April 6. The Fish Fry is always a popular and fun event.

Tuesday, May 13: Mother's and Father's Dinner. More information, next month.
Happy Easter!- Lauren

Arcata**Br. 144, St. Mary**

Our branch had a scrumptious Valentine's Day dinner on Friday, February 14.

Alfred Eanni ('15), cooked a delicious prime rib, along with shrimp scampi! Attendees brought appetizers, sides or desserts. It was a very enjoyable evening. Moira Pitlock and family were initiated as new members by our branch President Ruth Monge ('08). (photo).

Sunday, March 9 we had our semi-annual Chicken & Polenta dinner. Both sit-down and take-out were provided. Over 225 were served. Another sold-out event! Any left-overs were donated to Arcata House. Thank you to Rosemary Melendy ('93) for delivering to them.

The Peanut Butter & Jelly Super Bowl fundraiser for Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation's Pantry, sponsored by Branch #145 (Eureka), was a huge success.

Total 1489 lbs. was collected. Our parish, St. Mary's, collected the most with 713 lbs.!!! Third year in a row we have won this worthy drive.

We are planning our St. Joseph's Table for the weekend of March 15 & 16.

Our branch has a dedicated email address now: ICF144arcata@gmail.com

Lenten Season is my favorite liturgical season. It provides a time for reflection and renewal.

May you also be re-energized during these 40 days.

*Buona primavera!
Anne Carlisle Eanni - Secretary*

Eureka**Br. 145, St. Ambrose**

The Super Bowl of Peanut Butter and Jelly competition in honor of Fr. Eric Freed benefiting Bette Chinn's ministry to the homeless was a success.

Total collected this year during the NFL Super Bowl playoffs was 1,501 pounds. The breakdown of outstanding contributors is as follows:
-St. Mary's Arcata: 713 lbs.,
-St. Bernard Eureka: 265 lbs.,
-Christ the King, McKinleyville: 166 lbs.,
-Assumption Church, Ferndale: 141 lbs.,
-St. Joseph, Eureka: 76 lbs.,
-St. Joseph, Fortuna: 66 lbs.,
-Sacred Heart Church Eureka: 62 lbs.,
-St. Bernard High School: 13 lbs.

Thank you to all who gave so generously to this effort. (Especially St. Mary's Branch #144!)

If you have not done so yet, please mail your 2025 ICF dues (\$40) to Joe Bonino's address at PO Box 254 Eureka, CA 95502.

Our ICF anniversary luncheon hosted by Branch #145 Eureka will occur on Saturday May 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

Santa Rosa**Br. 198, St. Eugene**

Dear Brothers & Sisters

With just over two weeks before Easter we still experience the serious days of Lent, but we know we are close to the joy of Easter. Not only are we rejoicing in the Resurrection but we also look forward to being with members of our family who may join us from out of town. April 20 is this year's Spring Celebration.

The corned beef dinner was excellent Tom Nguyen and Doreen O'Rourke really deserve our thanks for their hard work. Without the two of them there would not have been a dinner.

Please consider attending the Day of Recollection in Petaluma on Sunday, May 4th. Mass at St James at 10:30 a.m. followed by coffee and doughnuts, Guest speakers, the Rosary and lunch. It promises to be a really Great Day.

Our scholarship dinner will be on May 5 with refreshments at 5:30 p.m. and a barbecue at 6:00 p.m. Come and meet our scholarship recipients.

May God bless the members of the Italian Catholic Federation. -Robert Acquistapace

Sebastopol**Br. 209, St. Michael**

Hello from Branch #209!

Lent season has arrived! And soon Spring will be sprung.

At our February General Meeting, Steve and Nancy Stedman, who are in charge of Heritage, brought in for viewing an old-time movie of Italian families from way back in the day. They were celebrating holidays, dancing, laughing, playing games and eating together. It was very nostalgic. Everyone could relate to the old-time scenes which brought back many personal memories. It was such a treat! As we were viewing the short film, we were enjoying a delicious barbecued chicken dinner prepared by Tami and John Marion.

On another note, our Branch held our Chicken and Polenta Dinner on February 15, 2025. A special THANK YOU goes out to all Branch #209 members who volunteered to help make this event successful! It was wonderful and enjoyed by all!

Our Fish Fry is coming up on Friday, April 11. We are excited, as this is one of our most popular events. Our fish is always cooked to perfection!

We are wishing you all a wonderful Easter! Please take care and will check in with you next month!

*Ciao!
Yvonne Dorr
Recording Secretary ,Branch #209*

FRESNO District Council

Fresno District Officers and Branch Officers were installed after Mass at St. Helen's Church, Fresno, CA.

Lauren Kilcullen, Grand 2nd Vice President and all-around nice person, conducted the installation.

Fresno District Officers for 2025

President: Allen Watts, BR 281, Bakersfield

1st VP: Leonard Zasoski, BR 281, Bakersfield

2nd VP: Vince Piro, BR 39, Merced

Treasurer: Robin Piro, BR 39, Merced
Secretary: Jay Newsome, BR 308, Fresno

Trustees: Mike Caglia, BR 185, Fresno; BR 250, Clovis; Susan Mencarini, BR 308, Fresno; Joey Zasoski, BR 281, Bakersfield

Branches present: 39 Our Lady of Mercy/St. Patrick, Merced; 185 Sacred Heart, Fresno; 250 OLPH, Clovis; 308 St Anthony, Fresno; 417 Fresno; 281 OLPH, Bakersfield.

Volunteers of Branch 250 Clovis provided a delicious Lasagna lunch, table decorations and clean-up.

Big thank you to Mike Caglia, St. Helen's for providing the hall, members of 250, Allen Watts for the wine and all those that pulled this together on short notice.

Next Fresno District meeting- Saturday, March 22, 2025. St. Anthony of Padua, "Donut Room," 10 a.m. – 12 Noon.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jay Newsome, Secretary, Fresno District*

Merced**Br. 39, St. Cecilia**

Happy Spring! With the Lenten season upon us, our branch has been busy participating in different events within our Parish.

On February 23rd, some of the officers attended an installation at St. Helen's Church in Fresno. We attended mass followed by an installation ceremony and a delicious lunch and fellowship.

Our pasta sauce sale in February was a success and we look forward to doing it again in September. A special thank you to all who help make this run so smoothly!

Recently, some branch members helped with preparing different "meatless" soups that were served at St. Patrick's Hall prior to the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 7th.

Our branch continues to host Coffee and Donuts every 2nd Sunday after the morning masses at St. Patrick's. Stop by and say, "Hi!", and join us for coffee and conversation.

The next two meetings will be held on March 12th and April 9th, 2025. Social Hour at 5 p.m., Dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting to follow. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Biscotti bake and sale will be happening in April, pick up is April 3. If you forgot to preorder this time, we will be doing it again in December, so keep an eye out.

Clovis**Br. 250, Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

Happy birthday greetings to Jennifer Campopiano and Mary Zanarini!

Branch representatives participated in the recent installation of Branch officers held at St. Helen's church in Fresno. A delicious lasagna lunch was enjoyed, followed by the installation presided over by Central Council member Lauren Kilcullen. It's encouraging to see the Fresno District operating again.

Philosopher Angelino says; Marzo Ventoso, Aprile Temperato, Beato Il Contadino Che Ha Sementato," "Windy March, Mild April, Contented Is the Farmer Who Has Seeded His Crops".

As we go to press, we report that Shirley Mitchell is in rehab following hospitalization for the flu and pneumonia. Keep Shirley in our prayers for a complete recovery, and soon!

Little known Pope's department: St. Clement I (the 4th Pope), 92-100 A.D.: That Clement was widely respected during his lifetime is almost certain because by the year 92 he was one of the few men still alive who had been an adult old enough to meet with St. Peter and St. Paul.

Around the year 60, St. Paul wrote a letter to a respected worker named Clement, the same Clement who became Pope.

Please note: future meeting dates and location are currently unsettled due to recent decisions by the Parish which are creating the need to relocate; this, after our Branch has been an important part of OLPH for over 55 years! Please pray that the Lord will find a new home for us. Stay tuned!!!

Thought for the day:

"Lord, let me never forget that I can do all things in you and nothing without you" (Hoff)

*Ciao,
Sasha Soparello*

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

Bakersfield Br. 281, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Greetings to all our fellow ICF members. It's been a while since we have sent a message in the *Bollettino*, but happy to say Branch 281 is alive and well!

Joey Zasoski (our current president), and his wife Kristen are doing an amazing job reaching out to attract new members to our ICF family by planning family orientated events.

For the first time since 2020 we hosted a pancake breakfast after our morning Masses on February 16th. It was a great to see the fellowship and conversations flow as our OLPH family enjoyed a delicious breakfast.

As we slip into Spring we are looking forward several notables events. Sunday March 16th we will host our Pasta dinner at Our lady of Perpetual Help Hall. This is ALWAYS a very successful event starting with the hours of preparation right down to when the first bite that is enjoyed by the attendees. The recipe for Branch 281's pasta sauce has been passed down for generations and it is DELICIOUS!

On June 7th we will be hosting Horse Races which has traditionally been in the Fall but moved to June to attract more participants.

On a different note, we continue to pray for one of our dear original Branch 281 members Maxine Scatena. She has recently been moved to an assisted living facility. Maxine has been a vital member of our branch for many years and we wish her all good things as she continues to heal.

Finally, we wish all our ICF family a blessed Lenten season and may your Easter be filled with hope and joy as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

*God Bless,
Theresa Amarante*

Fresno Br. 308, St. Anthony of Padua

Happy Spring,

Our Ed Girrado once again filled three tables at the annual St. Patrick Knights of Columbus dinner held at St. Anthony's Hall. Irish cheer, music, dancing and spirits were enjoyed.

Bernie Squeo's famous homemade sausage sandwich sale was another success. Thank you, Bernie and all his leprechauns, who came to help with prepping, molding, slicing and cleaning for the two-day sale. At the March dinner meeting, Italian chef Bernie served traditional corned beef and cabbage. Happy to see John Mulligan and Betty Zisler after a brief absence.

Prayers for fellow members who are ill or experiencing health issues. Especially Joanne DeBenedetto and John Mulligan. Please thank Janet Gilchrist for taking the office of corresponding secretary.

We celebrated two birthdays in the month of March. Marylen Karsted and Janet Gilchrist. April's dinner will be stuffed pasta shells.

John Mulligan and Debbi Jorgensen

CENTRAL COAST District Council

Monterey Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Wishing you and your family a very Blessed Easter. "We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence" - Pope Francis

Thank you for supporting us at our first Lenten Dinner on March 7. We all enjoyed Sand Dabs, Pasta Pomodoro, salad and garlic bread. We thank all our volunteers that worked hard preparing and serving 705 dinners.

Our Friday Lenten fish and pasta dinners are at San Carlos Cathedral Hall. Two April dinners remaining: 4/4 and 4/11 - hope to see you there.

- Same pricing as last year for members (\$20 per person) and children's (10/under) pasta only \$10

- Non-Members will be \$25 per person (Join and Save \$!)

- Bar and dessert prices are also the same as last year.

- Ticket sales online at www.Monterey-ICF.org (Mondays 12 noon-Thursdays 8 p.m.) - reserve/prepay online only. (Very few tickets available at the door on Fridays.

- Menu changes weekly based on availability but always includes fish, pasta, salad and garlic bread.

ICF Members are asked to donate a dessert weekly. We rely on these for our dessert table. Thank you for your generosity.

Lent dinners doors open at 4:30pm; takeouts available 5-7 p.m., dining room service 5:30-7 p.m.

Don't forget to purchase 50/50 Scholarship Raffle tickets - drawing on 4/11. This raffle funds our scholarship program each year, and one lucky winner splits the proceeds too!

We are saddened to announce that Francine Aliotti, Gasper Cardinale and Salvatore Maiorana recently passed away. Our condolences to their families, may they Rest in Peace.

*Buona Pasqua,
Elaine Valentine,
Co-President Branch 36*



Arroyo Grande Br. 291, St. Patrick

Our Lenten Fish Frys started out with a bang! We held a successful Mardi Gras Fish Fry on February 28th, and then on March 7th we kicked off our Lenten Fish Frys with a huge outpouring of love and support from our community! Everyone loves our fish dinners, that include big pieces of freshly caught Alaskan cod, homemade coleslaw and delicious desserts! We still have a few more Fish Frys left, so please join us on April 4th or 11th and enjoy a fun evening of great food and fellowship.

Due to the final few Fish Frys and Easter weekend, Branch 291 will not be holding a General Meeting in April. However, we will be meeting on May 18th (a week early due to Memorial Day weekend at the end of the month) and we will be celebrating our St. Joseph's Table that day. Please bring non-perishable food, household products and toiletries for our Table that will be donated to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program.

Our Branch is still accepting applications for our College Scholarship, awarded to qualifying high school graduates attending a 4-year college. The deadline is quickly approaching, so we encourage Br. 291 members, or children/grandchildren of members, to apply if you or your student plans on attending a 4-year college this fall.

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

*Have a Blessed Easter celebration! He Has Risen!
Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary*

SANTA CLARA VALLEY District Council

The Santa Clara Valley District February meeting was held at Santa Teresa and hosted by Branch 368, with a Valentine theme.

The district is making plans for the annual district picnic. This year it will be held at Almaden Lake Regional Park, located on Winfield Blvd. in San Jose. The tentative date will be in early August.

Bob Basuino is collecting personal hygiene supplies to be donated to the homeless in Fresno County at the ICF Convention in Visalia on Labor Day weekend. Donations can be given at your branch, which will be forwarded to Bob at the district meeting.

Congratulations to our Diocesan Chaplain Father George Aranha who celebrates 50 years as a priest this year. A mass and celebration lunch were held at Santa Teresa in February, which was attended by many ICF members who marched into the church wearing their ICF regalia. I think Father George really appreciated seeing us there. Flyers are out for the 100th anniversary

celebration of Branch 5 at St. Clare on Saturday, April 26th, at 12:00 mass, followed by a celebration lunch at Palermo restaurant in San Jose. Contact Bob Basuino for reservations by the deadline April 14th. Check the flyer at your branch meeting for more details.

Please be generous in giving to the ICF fund for the victims of the Los Angeles fires. More details will be in the *Bollettino*.

The Santa Clara Valley District wishes all ICF members and their families a blessed Easter! -Michael Rossi

Gilroy Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

Dear Members,

We had another successful Peeled Shrimp and Ravioli fundraiser dinner in February. In addition to our annual raffle with over 30 items, we had a special treat listening to music by Another Second Music. Stefan Mercer and Nolen Ugalde entertained us the entire evening. They are now our favorite musicians, playing a variety of smooth sounding songs. Another Second Music has played for us at our summer picnic, the Christmas Dinner in December, and for the third time at our fundraiser dinner! What a joy to hear them play!

Please join us on April 28th for our dinner meeting. The Vanni Family will be cooking. It's always a pleasure to have them cook a wonderful meal for our ICF members.

Blessings -- Jeanette Hudson

Mountain View Br. 47, San Giorgio

Ciao Primavera! Hello Spring! Vi auguro una Quaresima benedetta! Wishing you a blessed Lent!

Last month, we had three new members sign up! This month, we are excited to announce our latest new member, Ken Floyd. Welcome Ken!

We hope to keep up the momentum, new members and exciting events. Besides members, it all involves food and of course we all love to eat. We have a potluck to celebrate the Feast of St Joseph the worker on March 18. There will be saw dust.

Our first Pasta Grab N Go, raffle baskets and a beautiful blessed cross, will start the weekend of March 29. Pre-orders will be taken, and dinners will be picked up on April 13.

Road Trip! We have rented a 15-seat van. We are going to Monterey for the Lenten Dinner at Br. ICF 36, April 4.

Our next ICF Mass is scheduled for May 18 with brunch to follow.

*May the miracle of Easter bring you perfect peace.
Peace and God Bless! -Ciao, Julie*

St. Mary Br. 184, Los Gatos

We are working our way through Lent, anticipating the Joy of Easter. Although many of us are out of the fasting age range, it's a challenge to still find ways to participate with Lenten fasting.

March saw celebrations of two great Saints, Patrick and Joseph. St. Patrick was of Roman heritage, but he is the Patron Saint of Ireland for bringing Christianity to its shores in the 5th Century. St. Joseph is the epitome of Faith and Family. Through Faith he accepted Mary and became the foster father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This has been a sad time for our branch, as we had to say goodbye to two special women. Maria Greco had been the Deputy of our Branch. We learned about ICF with her talks on the "Good of the Order." Janet Mannina, member, had been our "Sunshine" chairman. We will miss both of them and send our deepest condolences to their families.

We are joining with St. Vincent dePaul as the Knights of Columbus prepares and serves their Pancake Breakfast on April 27. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on April 5 and 6 and again on April 12 and 13. Please call Deanna Meyer (408-230-9105) if you can sell tickets after those Masses. We will need members to help serve on the 27th.

Hope to see you at our next meeting, Tuesday, April 8, at 3:30 in the Conference Room. Until then, we continue to pray for our members.

Ciao for now, Lucy Amico

San Jose Br. 191, Saint Frances Cabrini

As we continue to make plans for our many activities for this year, our members have stepped up willingly to take on many of the tasks.

Our first upcoming activity is our Soup Night on April 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Essig Hall. We will be serving homemade Chicken Noodle Soup as well as Minestrone. If you are able to join us, you will be most welcomed.

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to one of our active members who moved to be closer to her family. We wish her the best in her new home.

At our March General meeting, we will celebrate Saint Joseph's Day. Our cooks will be serving up a delicious lunch of spaghetti and clams. Lunch will be served at 11:00 followed by our general meeting at noon.

Our Quarterly Mass and Breakfast will take place on April 13th, Palm Sunday; Mass will be at 8:00 a.m., with breakfast following Mass, in Essig Hall. All families are invited.

During this Lenten season, please keep all those in need in your prayers.

*Blessings to you all!
Sharon Logan*

San Jose Br 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

Happy April Fool's Day

Our branch lost two wonderful members. In February, Joan Delino passed away suddenly and then 5 days later Maria Greco passed away. These two members were a major part of our branch and will be greatly missed.

At each of their funeral masses, our members presented the ICF Santa Teresa Rose Ceremony, with each member presenting a yellow rose as recognition to their families. Following each mass, members help serve lunch to those in attendance at Avila Hall. Please pray for the families of Joan Delfino and Maria Greco and our sick, Loraine Nunziata and Bill Rice.

The Crab Dinner was a huge success. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers. Joan Delfino was part of the original crab dinner and future crab dinners will be named after Joan.

Dining For Dollars was another successful dinner at LA PLAYITA RESTAURANT with a donation of \$300 with 10% being given to Santa Teresa church.

The Polenta Dinner is scheduled for March 29th and the Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross will be April 11th. The date for the Luau Rib Dinner is to be determined.

The 2025 ICF Convention, Gateway to God's Bounty, is scheduled for August 29 -31- 2025 at the Wyndham in Visalia California.

Rudy DeZordo was the calendar \$30 March winner. Check the *Bollettino* for the winners.

Have a wonderful safe and healthy month of April.

*May God bless each and every one of you and your families.
Tom Myers*

San Jose Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

In March, members were treated to an Irish Dinner of delicious corned and cabbage, vegetables and potatoes prepared by our wonderful members, Al and Diana Vallorz of Tony and Alba's.

Steve Lencioni opened our short meeting with a prayer and with acknowledgements to those members, who are always there to serve, assist in setting up for the meeting and in breaking down the equipment. He also encouraged members to attend the healing service in the church, which followed our meeting.

He reminded us that the deadline for scholarship applications is due on April 1, 2025.

Our branch hosted St. Martin's Stations of the Cross in March during Lent.

A big thank you to those who represented ICF.

Our Multicultural Celebration fundraiser is on May 17, 2025. Our branch is seeking donations for the silent auction and is asking for volunteers to prepare and work the international food booths.

Tony & Albas is hosting a dine-in fundraiser for Vocations from April 29, 2025 through May 1, 2025. Please support this charitable endeavor.

Congratulations to Shah and Kati, our RCIA couple, who had a baby boy Ryan on March 1.

Reminder:

Branch 391 Dinner Meeting—Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.; Multicultural Celebration Fundraiser—May 17, 2025; Bishops Day—October 5, 1925, 11:30 Mass, St. Martin's, hosted by our Branch.

*Wishing you a Happy Easter!
Janis Patellaro*

Sunnyvale Br. 408, Resurrection

Buona Pasqua!

Thank you to all who helped make ICF Br 408 Hosting of the First Lenten Soup Supper after the Friday Stations a big Success! We were supplied with plenty of hearty soups, and we were staffed with plenty of volunteers. We set a high standard for this Event.

Our Annual PASTA dinner Fundraiser was well attended and Good Food and Fellowship was had by all. We were able raise over \$1500 to help support the 6th Grade Class Attendance at the Weeklong Science Camp next Fall.

Our Spring Blood Drive went smoothly with over 30 Donors and with these donations we were able to support with nearly one hundred units of the many Blood Product needs of Stanford Hospital.

We look forward to your Help with the Annual Community Service Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 4th. Please pray for the availability of our usual 25 dozen of eggs.

Please pray for our members: Fr. Chris Bennet, Laurice Levine, Spike Burkhardt, Steve Richey, Donna Richey and Al Chantelope.

Morgan Hill Br. 435, Santa Caterina D'Alessandria

Fr. Robert Brocato and his brother Barry were present for our dinner meeting on February 18th. Father Robert said the blessing before dinner. We were again grateful for their presence.

Sylvia Sorci will soon be moving to a care facility in Gilroy. Struggling members Fran Scalzo and Carol Tacci are now at home. Fran is with her daughter, Ann Marie. Both Fran and Carol are

receiving therapy and doing well.

We will be involved in Lenten Soup Suppers, Stations of the Cross and will attend a Seder Meal. Thank you to Toni and Giovanni Foggiano for all their help with the February dinner.

Thank you to Louie Cordich for his Carrot Cake and Sheila Walters for her Almond Valentine Cookies. All homemade and delicious!

*Thank you to Johanna Tacci for her Reflection entitled "Daily Valentines." Closing Prayers
Giulia Gallego*

San Jose Br. 445, Transfiguration

Branch 445 upcoming events include: hosting April 16th Soup Supper for members and parishioners; completion of See's Easter Candy Fundraiser and start of the 4th Annual Mother's Day Cookie Fundraiser!

Our February meeting had a Valentine theme. Many thanks to our members for the festive decorations and their delicious cooking skills. All enjoyed a dinner of Italian sausages / peppers / onions, salads, breads, desserts and drinks!

Newly elected orator Bill Perry led everyone in prayers. He shared that the Lunch Ministry Program has prepared & distributed 22,000 sack lunches since its start in April, 2020.

Bill also reported on Catholic Relief Services Lenten Rice Bowl program to feed the hungry locally and abroad. Br. 445 Members assembled 175 Rice Bowl boxes for Lenten donations.

Heritage report featured the life and legacy of Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American born Saint and this year's 50th anniversary celebration of her canonization.

In memory of member Emily Corral, Br. 445 donated \$500 to the Tuition Assistance Program of her alma mater Notre Dame High School.

Br. 445 members and friends enjoyed attending the St. Christopher's delicious Crab Feed Fundraiser.

In lieu of March Donut Sunday, Branch 445 members brought and served birthday cakes to celebrate Pastor Rev. Chris Bransfield's birthday with Transfiguration's parishioners.

Happy April Birthdays wishes to members Larry and Gina Farro!

Wishing everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter too.

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



SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT



Richard Codiga enjoying family, friends and food at Branch 28 meeting.



Br. 28, Kim Filice had our storage container painted. A beautiful job!



Sonya and John along with Father Rubio enjoying Branch 28 Ravioli and shrimp feed.



San Jose Diocesan Chaplain Father George Aranha celebrates 50 years as a priest this year.



Br. 445 February Dinner Buffett Line



Br. 445 Members Ready to Enjoy Dinner of Sausages and Peppers



Br. 445 Members Assembling Lenten Rice Bowls



Br. 368 Christmas Party

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)



Fr. Robert Brocato and his brother Barry welcomed to Br. 435 Meeting and Dinne



Santa Clara Valley District, Los Gatos, St. Mary Br. #184 (Left to Right are pictured Virginia Giacomini, Larry Vollman, Donna Pfaff, Marie Yurosko, Rita Bonasera and Lucy Amico, holding a Board meeting "alfresco" in St. Mary's courtyard.)



Br. 368, Crab Dinner



Br. 368 Crab Dinner Teenage Servers



Br. 368, Crab Dinner

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)



Resurrection 5th Grade Class and Their Teacher at ICF Br 408 PASTA Dinner distributing handmade God's Eye Craft Mar 2025



Resurrection 5th Grade Class at ICF Br 408 PASTA Dinner with Past Fr Phong and Fr Xavier Mar 2025



Resurrection 5th Grade Class VIP Table at ICF Br 408 PASTA Dinner Mar 2025

In every craft a child creates, there's a piece of their heart - given freely to brighten someone else's day.



Br 408 PASTA Dinner Fundraiser for 5th Grade Science Camp Raffle Basket Mar 2025

STOCKTON District

Modesto Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

May will be a busy month starting with our Bake Sale May 3 & 4 after the masses at the Maze Blvd. Church. We will need all our bakers to help bake cookies, cakes, pies, biscotti and all their special baked goods. This is our biggest fund raiser. The work all the bakers do is very much appreciated.

We will have our Mother's Day Potluck May 14, 2025. We invite you to join us. Bring your favorite dish and your family and friends.

It is convention raffle ticket time again. I always hear "You will never win on that raffle." But you can win! I did at last year's convention. I won five hundred dollars plus one hundred dollars for selling the tickets. If each member buys one book, it will help our branch and you can win!

Coming up:
Wed Apr 9 - 6 p.m. Meeting - 709 J Street Church Hall

May 3 & 4 - Bake Sale after weekend masses

Wed May 14 - 6 p.m. Meeting & Mother's Day Potluck - 709 J Street Church Hall

Have a Blessed Easter!
Cecelia McGhee

Lodi Br. 82, St. Anne

Happy Spring! We are midway through Lent. Struggling with your Lenten sacrifices? Hang in there! Easter joy will soon be here!!

Would you like to add to your Lenten almsgiving? Come share in fellowship and help decorate Salvation Army's Hope Harbor Dining Room for Easter on Tues., April 8th at 6:00 p.m. It usually takes an hour and, for those interested, afterward we can grab a bite to eat downtown. Contact Patty to volunteer.

A special guest is joining us at our April 22nd meeting. Laurice Levine, ICF Cooley's Anemia liaison, will share her journey living with Thalassemia, reveal recent treatment updates, and how ICF supports research. 6:00 - fellowship dinner, 6:30 - presentation, followed by a business meeting. All parishioners and district branch members are invited.

Presentation Br. 395 is hosting an Italian Mass on Tues., April 29th at 6:00 p.m. followed by refreshments and Fr. Mark's presentation on St. Catherine of Siena. Let's get a group together and carpool!

Do your friends, family, and you want

to try your luck on the Central Council Convention Raffle and win cash prizes? Contact Elisa for raffle ticket books - \$30 for book of 12 tickets, and the branch keeps \$10 in their coffers!

Spring is a time of renewal, growth, and new beginnings. "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song." - Pope St. John Paul II. This season may you be filled with a sense of hope and joy!!

Buona Pasqua!
Patty Liitts, Corresponding Secretary

Manteca Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio

Our February Meeting was held on the 25th at Tony's Kitchen. We were treated to a dinner of Chicken Cacciatore, polenta, salad, beans with bacon, bread and butter. Dessert was provided by George Bertuccio and Patti and Ed Fichtner. Members were encouraged to bring guests as well.

President Birdie Neiri shared that she, along with Ida Queirolo, Ron Agostini, and Michelle Harmon, represented Branch 139 at the recent District Meeting hosted by St. Anne's in Lodi. Dante Galeazzi also attended as the Central Council Representative. At these Meetings the 6 Branches of the Stockton District share "what's happening" within their Branches. Events happening include Lenten Soup Suppers, Crab Feeds, and Bake Sales. Stockton District President, Robert Pachinger, conducted the Meeting.

Upcoming dates for District activities were announced: Branch 139 will host the May meeting. Subsequent to this Meeting, it was decided that this Meeting will take place on May 18th at Tony's Kitchen. Bishop's Burse will be held on Sunday, June 29th, at St. Bernard's in Tracy.

The annual District Picnic will be held on August 17th at Hogan Park in Escalon.

The November District Meeting will be on November 1st and hosted by Branch 395.

Robert also reminded all Branches that the deadline is April 1st for submission of scholarship applications. The Annual Convention will be held over Labor Day weekend in Visalia this year. Raffle tickets were available for all Branches to pick up at this Meeting.

Continuing on with Branch 139's Meeting, our Heritage contribution this month came from Tony Queirolo. He shared that he was born and raised in Manteca and there were approximately 12 Catholic families in the Mossdale area where he grew up. The area was called "Little Italy".

Branch 139's next meeting will be held on March 25th at St. Anthony's Cafeteria. On the menu is home-made soup, bread, and butter. Dessert is always a surprise. Dante Galeazzi led us in a closing prayer and meeting was adjourned.

Bye for now, Michela

Tracy Br. 390, St. Bernard

March dinner of Italian roasted chicken and pasta pesto was delicious! Membership is very healthy these days - we are happy to report that our member count has now reached 174.

We are currently processing scholarship applications and are very happy that we will have some good news to report at our next meeting. Our dinner proceeds go to our own branch and Central Council recipients and, if needed, to our district scholars.

Thursday, April 24th dinner will be Italian Spaghetti and Meatballs with all the trimmings, celebrating our Italian Heritage. Deadline to make your reservations is Monday, April 20. Get ready for some slammin' accordion playing to celebrate our favorites!

We wish everyone who is celebrating a birthday or anniversary in April "Buona Fortuna"! You know who you are (Chuck & Betty) - we raise a glass to you this month.

Please keep our ICF families and friends in your prayers. Pray that God's healing power will fill them with strength and hope. We know God is listening - we are grateful that our dear member, Frank Marty, is recovering nicely and attended our dinner last month (see photo in this issue). Thanks to all prayer partners for their support. Not only that, we saw that our beloved Pope Francis has had round-the-clock prayers at the Vatican for his recovery and is now doing much better.

You can share family memories in our Heritage section. We would love to hear where all your ancestors came from, as I have already done, on our website.

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Stay healthy, happy & safe.
Betty

Stockton Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

Buona Pasqua everyone!

Branch 395 has been busy. In keeping with our theme of HOPE, our guest speaker in March was Bob Weber. Following a delicious ravioli dinner, Bob's presentation topic was, "Five Life Game-Changers for Aging Adults." It was a very inspirational talk and a reminder how important our catholic faith is in our everyday life.

April will continue to keep us on our toes. Our soup makers are perfecting their recipes as we host Presentation's Soup Supper on April 11th after Stations of the Cross. History tells us we can expect a full house.

We are also sending off Easter gifts to our 7 seminarians to help them with their journey. We appreciate them so much.

We also have three new members to install and plan to do that following our annual Italian Mass. The mass will be held on April 29th at 6 p.m. and will be in honor of Saint Catherine of Siena. The mass will be followed by a rinfresco and the opportunity to learn about this incredible woman from our pastor, Father Mark Wagner.

"Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire."

-St Catherine of Siena

alla prossima,
Mary Ann

Angels Camp Br. 413, St. Patrick's

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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

Now we are getting ready for the St. Patrick's Day Lunch. We will have a bake sale during the event.

I was informed that our branch consists of only 18 adult members. It is a miracle that we can keep going to serve our parish community. We plan on having a membership drive so that this branch has a long future.

Have a Blessed Easter.
Ciao,
Branch 413

By joining hands in service, we turn simple acts of kindness into powerful works of faith that feed both body and spirit.

SAN DIEGO District

SAN BERNARDINO District Council

Redlands Br. 217, Sacred Heart

San Diego Br. 246, St. Charles Borromeo

Branch 246 just completed our first Friday Fish Fry of the 2025 Lenten Season. We had a great turnout and the food, as always, was spectacular. Many thanks to Phil Pace and his crew from the locally famous Phil's Barbecue for preparing the food. We appreciate the generosity of our members and their families who volunteer to help set up the hall, serve food, and then clean up after each dinner. Come join us on Friday evenings during Lent to enjoy the best fish fry in San Diego. You can dine with us in the Parish Hall or take your meal to go. Dates are March 14 & 28, and April 4 & 11. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for children 10 and younger. Tickets can be purchased online at our website: icfbranch246.com.

On Friday March 21, we will be celebrating St. Joseph's Table, which has been a Branch tradition for over 30 years. Our usual fish fry board of fare will include the addition of sfincione to the menu. Our sfincione is guaranteed to satisfy even the most discriminating palates. The evening includes an auction to benefit some of our local charities - items include Padre tickets, SDSU Aztec tickets and Italian dinners.

Buona Pasqua - Anthony Torregiani, Branch President



Due to prior commitments and the illness of some of our members, our March meeting was unusually small. Yet, we managed to get through a lot of pending business. We approved a \$400 1st year scholarship and went over several pending items. Several of our members will attend our Bishop's Annual Tea Time, which raises funds for his Burse which helps fund our Seminary's needs. Several of our members will also attend The Bishop's Dinner, a black-tie event that also funds many of our Bishop's goals. Our District works together with our Branches to accomplish ICF goals, and thereby assisting our parishes.

Until next time, Annie McCarthy, District Treasurer

Fonatan Br. 210, St. Joseph

Our March meeting was held at St. Nicholas Byzantine Church where we feel so welcome every month. We have the same members who come every month, no matter what, and for that I am so grateful! We accomplished so much during our meeting; we went over all the time sensitive items from the President's Report and almost all of the other items from the ICF website. We voted on our convention delegate, and we voted to fund a full 1st year scholarship in memory of Corky Papenfus, a past member who recently passed away. His wife Gerry, is still a very loved member of our Branch. We always have a wonderful lunch, and this meeting, we started off by reciting the Rosary. How nice it is to have Our Blessed Mother accompany us during our meeting! Many of our members also took home a ticket book! What a great way to kick off our next fundraiser!

Until next time, Annie McCarthy, President, Branch 210, Fontana

Hi all! At our last Branch meeting, we were busy distributing some well-deserved scholarships. We awarded an 8th grader from Sacred Heart Academy, Sean Dainko a \$500 scholarship to help him with his expenses at Aquinas High School in San Bernardino, and our Branch also approved a \$400 1st year scholarship in memory of Linda Auzenne. We always enjoy our Branch meetings, our heritage reports presented by Diana Hill are always fascinating, and it's always wonderful to come together every month and share those moments of the past month that were meaningful to us, as well as see what we can do to help our Branch grow.

This meeting was especially joyous for us as we had a very special guest. Laurice Levine graced us with her presence. She was so gracious in coming all the way from the Bay area to spend some time and share her story with us. We learned so much from her as she recounted her struggles living with thalassemia. She also told us how much the ICF does for our National Charity. Since 1982, when ICF officially adopted Cooley's Anemia as our National Charity, we have donated over 2.5 million for research, but we still have a long way to go! She said she's looking forward to seeing many of us at Convention this year.

Ciao for now, Annie McCarthy, Branch 217 Vice President

Upland Br. 446, Saint Anthony

Our February meeting was very well attended and many members brought yummy treats to share. John Guerin, our District President, also attended our meeting. We made plans for our upcoming events, especially for our St. Joseph's Table. We sell home baked cookies after all the Masses, so many hands are needed. Our members signed

up to bake cookies and to help set up for the weekend event.

Once again, we will be participating and leading the Stations of the Cross during one Friday in Lent. Our members serve as readers while others hold the candles and crucifix at each Station.

President Carrey Rossie asked for volunteers to serve as members of a fundraising committee. Several members responded to working together to help decide on the plans and activities for our branch.

Secretary Betty Cavanaugh presented a slide show "A Year in Review" of the numerous events and activities in which our branch participated. It was fun to talk about and reminisce about our activities and all the friends we have made as members of the ICF.

CHICAGO District

Chicago

Br. 392, St. Francis Borgia

Dear ICF 392 members and friends, Teresa Helfand, Maria Perna and Aurora Pensa together with the St. Joseph committee would like to thank you for your generosity, hard work and volunteerism at the St. Joseph's Table.

This was our 38th year celebrating St. Joseph's Table and it's been one of the best! All donations collected are for our St. Borgia's Church.

We would like to thank all of the restaurants that donated food from different regions and for our bakers and bakeries that donated over 100 lbs. of bread and 90 pounds of sweets!

There were more than 300 guests between the 4:00 p.m. Mass and after the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

We would also like to thank Father Marek Smolka and his associates for the Blessing of our food.

SAN DIEGO DISTRICT



Full House at Br. 246 Fish Fry



Br. 246, St. Augustine Saints on Clean-up Detail



Branch 246 Fish Fry



Br. 246 Members Tracy & Steve Walter



Italian Proverbs: Wisdom Passed Down Through Generations

Italian proverbs are rich in wisdom and offer timeless life lessons, often passed down through generations. One such proverb is "*Chi va piano, va sano e va lontano*," which translates to "*He who goes slowly, goes safely and goes far*." This saying encourages patience and perseverance, teaching us that rushing through life may lead to mistakes, while taking our time allows us to make thoughtful decisions and achieve lasting success.

Another valuable proverb is "*Dove c'è amore, c'è vita*," meaning "*Where there is love, there is life*." This reminds us that love is the driving force behind our actions, relationships, and faith. Whether in our families, communities, or spiritual journeys, love is what sustains us and helps us thrive.

These Italian proverbs not only highlight the beauty of the Italian language but also offer practical wisdom that can guide us in our daily lives, encouraging us to live with patience, love, and purpose.

SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT



Br. 446 Membership Meeting



Br. 446 Membership Meeting



Br. 217, March Meeting




Annie McCarthy, RoseAnn Rovere, Mauro Romagnoli, Ralph Segarra, Leslie Segarra, Marlene Clark, Joyce Coccia. All members of Br 210, Fontana, and John Guerin, our District Mentor, member of Br 217 and District President; behind the camera, Paul H Behrens!



Paul Behrens (Br 210) Annie McCarthy (Pres Br 210 & District Treasurer) Mauro Romagnoli (2nd VP Br 210) John Guerin (Br 217 & District President) Bill Dailey, Angie Dailey (Br 217), Diana Hill (Br 217) Michelle Keough (Br 217) Barbara Keough (Br 217 District Scty) and Carrey Rossie (President Br 446)



I.C.F. Membership

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Host a membership drive after masses.	Connect with silent members. Invite them to the next activity. Offer transportation.	Offer member pricing at your events to extend membership value.	Place an entry in the church bulletin announcing upcoming activities.	Enter your own method: _____ _____
Collaborate with other service organizations to participate in ICF activities.	Invite members to take part in our member benefit, the Hospitalization Plan.	Include a one year ICF membership as a raffle prize.	Follow-up with members who are past due on their membership.	Keep members informed by submitting a monthly entry in the Bollettino.
Hold a family night and invite the school and religious ed families.	With permission, place ICF brochures in the vestibules of local parishes.		Announce meetings and events in the diocesan newspaper. Some have a free section.	Have a membership table at the parish ministry fair.
Contact former members, invite them to your next meeting. Invite them back to the branch.	Invite college students from the local Newman Center to a branch meeting/event.	Participate as a branch in religious, heritage, and community events.	Host an activity for your parish RCIA program. Share ICF with attendees.	Have branch representatives attend a Zoom Membership Workshop.
Include a branch calendar with dues slips to let members know what to look forward to.	Create a social media account to connect with existing and prospective members.	If your parish invites groups to be part of their website, provide the link to the ICF website and membership video.	Have Officers attend the Zoom Officers' Training Workshops.	Assign a liaison to each new member/family to orient them to ICF and keep updated on activities.

Review the above membership tips. Mark the ones which the branch will commit to trying throughout 2025. Form at least one "bingo" line and the branch will earn a convention raffle ticket. Mail, email, or fax your branch's bingo card to the office by March 31, 2025.

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CHICAGO DISTRICT



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