



BOLLETTINO

ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage



Future Leaders Shine Bright with ICF Scholarships!



Elaine Valentine & Laura Hodges Branch 36.



Branch 391's Scholarship Winner Jonah Guardino with Stephen Lencioni and Rose Marie Clarke.



Branch 214, The winners of the heritage essay contest, Eva Koltunova and Addison Alvarez and President Roberta Healy.



Branch 285, Carolyn Cardinalli and Janet-Marie Petric presenting John Gikison his well deserved ICF scholarship.



Branch 14, Best wishes to two of our scholarship Students who join our branch for dinner. Lois C in the middle is the chairperson from Crockett #14.



Branch 217, Scholarship winners David & Sean Dainko.



Gianna Burgin, one of our ICF Branch 449 Scholarship winners.



Branch 115 President Neal Di Leva and Mary Star of the Sea High School scholarship winner Marcus Baccari.

Grand President's Monthly Message

Denise Antonowicz

Ciao, amici!

It's hard to believe that my two years as Grand President of the Italian Catholic Federation are coming to an end. Time really does fly when you're surrounded by good people, good food, and good-hearted laughter! As I sit down to write this final column, I can't help but smile at the memories we've created together and the milestones we've reached as a family.

From our spirited meetings—where the coffee flowed as freely as the conversation—to our unforgettable festivals, fundraisers, and service projects, I have been constantly reminded of the strength and warmth that define our Federation. I'll never forget the pride I felt seeing our members roll up their sleeves to help our communities, or the joy of watching generations come together to celebrate our faith and heritage. Whether we were packing food baskets for families in need, teaching the young ones how to make pasta from scratch, or simply sharing stories after Sunday mass, every moment was a testament to the love and dedication at the heart of ICF.

There were challenges, of course, but we faced them the Italian way: with

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"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."

—Elmer Davis



TIME SENSITIVE: PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY!

Convention Article: “Gateway to God’s Bounty” Update

Lauren Kilcullen
Convention Director

Hopefully, all branches have elected their delegates and sent in the delegate registration to the ICF office.

The agenda for the Convention is staying the same as in previous years.

The Convention officially starts on Friday evening with the Opening. Meet the Candidates is at 6:30 p.m. The Convention will end at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday after the Mass celebrated by Bishop Brennan and the Installation of Grand Officers.

We will have discussion during the general session about the future of the Awards (Pope St. John, Grand President, etc.) and the ideas about ICF Scholarship program. We feel these are important topics that the Central Council needs input from the membership regarding when or if any changes might be made to these programs. Updates to the ICF website and the new



ICF podcast will also be presented during the general sessions.

Remember to make your reservations for our events. Flyers for all events are in the Bollettino and in the Quarterly Mailing/Officer’s Portal and on the ICF Facebook page:

- 1. Hotel reservation form
- 2. Banquet reservation form for non-delegates
- 3. Delegate registration form
- 4. Thursday: Baseball Game. Visalia Rawhide vs. San Jose Giants
- 5. Blood Drive. Friday, August 29
- 6. Bingo. Friday, August 29
- 7. Fresno District Marketplace Vendor Sign-up Sheet
- 8. Salt & Light Donation Flyer

The Convention Directors Committee is curating an interesting and varied line-up of workshops for delegates and non-delegates on Saturday morning:

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

- 1. **Spiritual:** “Embracing Life’s Unexpected Gifts: A Sacred Journey of Faith and Gratitude” – presented by Fr. Chris Bennett.
- 2. **Membership** – The membership committee will present their findings from their focus groups and surveys.
- 3. **Finding Your Italian Ancestors** - This workshop geared towards people of Italian ancestry and is for those just starting out on the wonderful journey that is genealogy or for those who have done some initial research but may want to expand their family trees. Participants will learn how to use the Portale Antenati (Ancestors Portal) website. The presenter is Father Greg Kimm, a retired priest of the Diocese of San Jose, who has more than 50 years of experience in genealogical research. He has recently completed a number of Italian family trees with some branches reaching back to the 1600s.
- 4. **Technology 102** – Presented by Patrick Senge and building on last year’s Technology 101 workshop.
- 5. **Italian for Opera Lovers** - For members who are “Culture Vultuers” or who want to be, Francesca Taylor of Br. 362, Downey, will give an engaging presentation of four Italian Arias with video and translation.
- 6. **ICF Programs and Fundraising** – Synopsis of our programs and ideas on how to fundraise for them. Discussion led by Lisa Crudo.

I have three branches signed up for our “**Rapid Connections**”. I’m looking for more branches to participate. It’s a terrific way to share ideas amongst branches. The Convention Directors want the convention to be a place where branches can obtain innovative ideas, share information and learn from one another. Please email me at Ltek1965@comcast.net if you would like to participate. The “Rapid Connections” will take place on Saturday during lunchtime. If branches do not sign up to participate, this will be canceled.

Hoping everyone has a great Independence Day!

Lauren Kilcullen
Convention Directors Chairperson

Italian Catholic Federation Annual Central Council

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



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

Campaign Process:

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

Responsibilities of Central Council Members:

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



CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE NOMINATION APPLICATION

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

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

Signature of Candidate Date

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

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

Central Council Nominee Profile

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

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

Note:

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



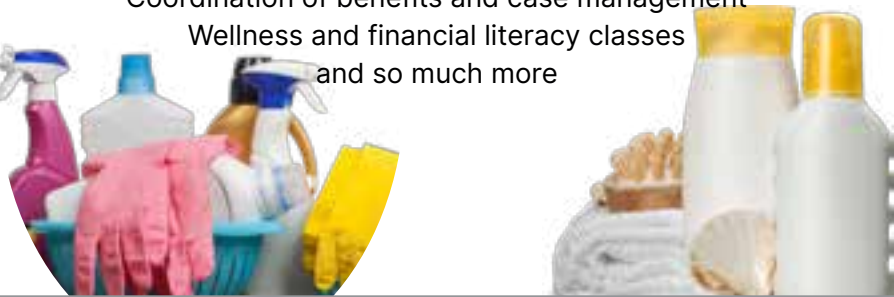
JOIN US IN HELPING THEIR COMMUNITY THRIVE

This year the Italian Catholic Federation will be collecting **mini or full sized cleaning and personal care supplies** at our Convention in Visalia. The items collected will be donated to Salt & Light who are making a **significant difference** for those in need in Central California.

FOSTERING COMMUNITY AND OFFERING DIGNIFIED HOUSING

The Neighborhood Village Programs

- Fully furnished modular homes for rent, complete with amenities inside
- Resident care and property management staff on-site, along with all Salt + Light staff
- Micro Enterprises and dignified income opportunities for residents -
- Job training and workforce development
- Wraparound mental and physical health services
- Coordination of benefits and case management
- Wellness and financial literacy classes and so much more



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Baseball

VALLEY STRONG ARENA
300 N GIDDINGS ST. VISALIA, CA 93291

THURSDAY - AUGUST 28, 2025

GATES OPEN AT 5:30PM

Rawhide VS GIANTS

All You Can Eat for 2 Hours

Hot Dogs
Loaded Carne Asada Nacho Bar
Coleslaw & Potato Salad
All You Can Drink Sodas - No Host Bar
Game & Food \$65 per Person
Free Parking

Name _____
Name _____
Name _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

of Tickets @ \$65 each _____ Make Check Payable to:
Italian Catholic Federation - 8393 Capwell Dr, Suite 110 - Oakland, CA 94611

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS - AUGUST 1, 2025



CONVENTION BINGO

Wyndham Visalia
Friday, August 29
2pm - 4pm

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

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

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

Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION’S 94TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

FRESNO DISTRICT’S MARKETPLACE

LOCAL VENDORS, ITALIAN
NOVELTIES AND MORE!!!

INTERESTED IN RENTING A TABLE? **COST \$85.00**

CONTACT: ALLEN WATTS – A.E.WATTS @SBCGLOBAL.NET
OR CALL – 661-363-3803

HOURS OF OPERATION:

FRIDAY AUG 29TH – 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM
SATURDAY AUG 30TH – 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

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:

\$190 includes: Green Fees, Golf Cart, Range Balls, Prize Fund & Fiesta Buffet

Deadline Friday, July 11, 2025

After price per Colfer \$190

Banquet only: \$50

Make check (\$190 per Colfer - 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

Lunch Buffet Catered by

Bennett Valley Grille

3328 Yulupa Ave - Santa Rosa

Name of Colfer: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name of Colfer: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name of Colfer: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name of Colfer: _____

E-Mail: _____

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

Italian Catholic Federation

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

23rd Annual Central Council

GOLF

TOURNAMENT

Friday

JULY 25,

2025

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 Colfers Goodie Bags. Your name on each bag. (10 available)

\$ 25

☐

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

☐

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

My Sponsorship is for Northern CA ☐

Please make your checks payable to:

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament

8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621

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

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

Sponsorship Opportunities

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

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

Closest to the pin Sponsor : \$50

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

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Make checks payable to

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament

8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

Sign up deadline is October 10th. We cannot guarantee a sign will be Produced, but the sponsor will be mentioned

For more info, contact Perry Shurko.

Cell: 562-804-0230

Email: p_shurko@yahoo.com

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

PERRY SHURKO AT (562) 804-0230, P_SHURKO@YAHOO.COM

Name: _____ Branch Number: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

I am purchasing _____ Golf Balls for the Raffle

Italian Catholic Federation

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

23rd Annual Central Council

GOLF

TOURNAMENT

Friday

JULY 25,

2025

"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

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone #: _____

Please make your checks payable to:

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament

8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621

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

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

Save The Date

Grand President Testimonial

honoring

Denise Antonowicz

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Palermo Italian Restaurant

791 Auzerais Ave, San Jose, CA

Cocktails: 5:00 PM

Dinner: 6:00 PM

Gifts of Love Donations

(Received as of June 10, 2025)

Cathy and Joe De Maria

In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Louise Vento

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

Mexican Buffet: \$50 per person

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

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

Make checks payable to

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament

8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

For more info, contact Perry Shurko.

Cell: 562-804-0230

Email: p_shurko@yahoo.com

Italian Catholic Federation's 3rd Annual So Cal 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: _____

Name of Golfer: _____

Email: _____

Name of Golfer: _____

Email: _____

Make checks payable to:

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament

8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

Make check for \$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

Book Review -- Books on the Italian American Immigrant Experience

Vince Piro

Pope Leo XIV reminds us, “No one is exempted from striving to ensure respect for the dignity of every person, especially the most frail and vulnerable, from the unborn to the elderly, from the sick to the unemployed, citizens and immigrants alike.” His beliefs are in line with decades old Catholic teaching and call on us to treat each person with dignity and mercy. However, in today’s climate, the rhetoric surrounding immigration can often be heated with immigrants being demonized and stereotyped. Of course, many of us, the descendants of immigrants, know that this hatred and discrimination is not new. Our ancestors faced it. They faced humiliation and disgrace from others as they tried to make a better life for their families in a new world. Below are several books with their publisher’s descriptions that tell us of this history and can act as reminders that we must treat each person with respect.

La Storia: Five Centuries of the Italian American Experience by Jerre Mangione

From the early Italian adventurers who played an important role in the European expansion across the Atlantic to the political and business leaders of the 1990s, this book tells a dramatic story. The heart of the story is the mass migration that took place between 1880 and 1924, when a whole culture left its ancient roots to settle in the cities and towns of America.

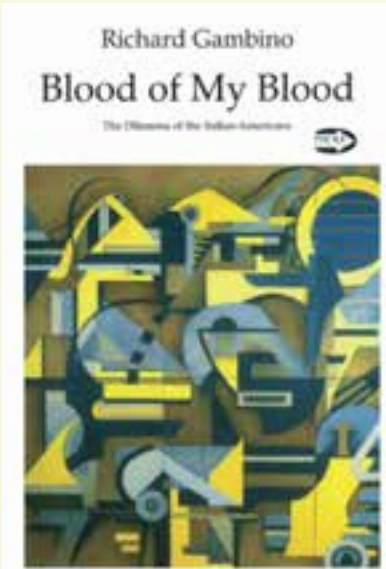


Blood of My Blood: The Dilemma of the Italian-Americans (Picas Series, No. 7) by Richard Gambino

Blood of My Blood weaves together the history, sociology and psychology

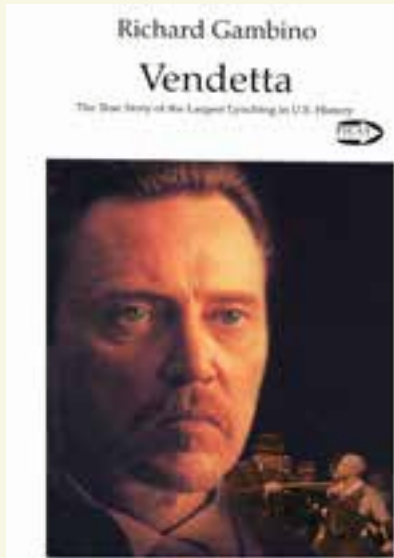


of first, second, and third-generation Italian Americans. Its data is presented with scholarly precision; yet the author's personalized style, which he peppers with autobiographical tidbits, makes it immensely readable. Unlike most books written by academics, this one compels the reader to feel as well as to know.



Vendetta: The True Story of the Largest Lynching in U.S. History (22) (Picas series) by Richard Gambino (Author)

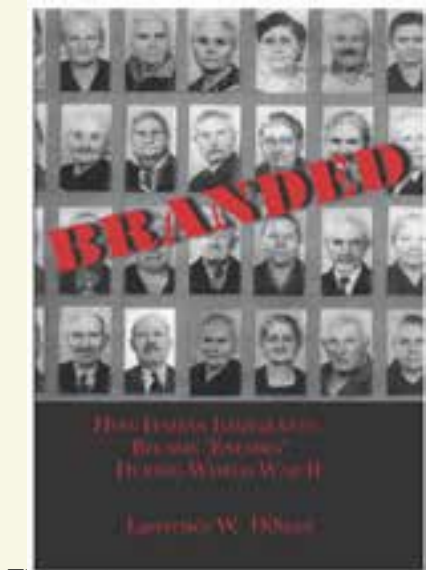
Eleven Italian Americans were lynched in New Orleans on March 14, 1891. The lynching caused a crisis between the President and the Congress of the United States, between Washington and Rome. It also introduced a sinister word to America: Mafia.



Branded: How Italian Immigrants Became 'Enemies' During World War II - by Lawrence W. DiStasi

Branded is a chronological narrative of the WWII restrictions on Italian immigrants without U.S. citizenship, who were branded "enemy aliens" at the outset of the war. The story starts with the government's preparations in the days before the war, takes us through Presidential Proclamation

2527 in December 1941 which made 600,000 Italian immigrants 'alien enemies' of their adopted country, and then fills out the narrative of the restrictions, internments, and evacuations that many suffered, taking us to the postwar conclusion. For even after official government confirmation--in Public Law #106-451--that these events took place, large portions of the American public still have no idea that any of it happened; still history texts that omit the truth about what happened to Italian immigrants on the WWII home front. This is because the accepted public narrative of home front violations during WWII has traditionally denied omitted it.



The Italian Americans: A History Hardcover – by Maria Laurino

From extensive archival materials and interviews with well-known Italian Americans, Maria Laurino strips away stereotypes and nostalgia to tell the complicated, centuries-long story of the true Italian-American experience.

Looking beyond the familiar Little Italys and stereotypes fostered by The Godfather and The Sopranos, Laurino reveals surprising, fascinating lives: Italian-Americans working on sugarcane plantations in Louisiana to those who were lynched in New Orleans;



the banker who helped rebuild San Francisco after the great earthquake; families interned as “enemy aliens” in World War II. From anarchist radicals to “Rosie the Riveter” to Nancy Pelosi, Andrew Cuomo, and Bill de Blasio; from traditional artisans to rebel songsters like Frank Sinatra, Dion, Madonna, and Lady Gaga, this book is both exploration and celebration of the rich legacy of Italian-American life.

Readers can discover the history chronologically, chapter by chapter, or serendipitously by exploring the trove of supplemental materials. These include interviews, newspaper clippings, period documents, and photographs that bring the history to life.

As these books illustrate, immigration is a complex issue with many different experiences and stories. They illustrate that whatever one’s stance is on immigration policy, immigrants themselves deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

Cooley's Anemia Donations

(Received as of June 10, 2025)

Branch 173
Branch 209
Branch 449
Terry and John Giannetto

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>

Membership Committee

Andy Pappani and Vince Piro



Traditionally, June has been the month when the Federation has coordinated an *organization-wide membership drive*. We encourage your branch - if it has not already done so - to organize a membership drive in your local parish(es) during June. Previous columns have described ways to organize, promote, and hold a membership drive. And, of course, the Central Council’s Membership Committee is here to help. There are many resources at

<https://www.icf.org/membership/members/>



The heart of the Federation is built not only by welcoming others, but by bringing one another back home.

Look under the Marketing Materials and Membership Growth sections. Additionally, on the Federation’s home page (<https://www.icf.org>), you will find a professionally produced video promoting the ICF, focusing on our charities, scholarships, and heritage.

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

JUNE CALENDAR WINNERS

| DAY | NAME | BR | CITY | WINS |
|------|---------------------------|-----|--------------------|-------|
| 6/1 | Julie Young | | Petaluma, CA | \$30 |
| 6/2 | Dino Cunial | 139 | Manteca, CA | \$30 |
| 6/3 | Francesca Brown | | Angels Camp, CA | \$30 |
| 6/4 | Michael & Krystel Imboden | | Fairfield, CA | \$30 |
| 6/5 | Dolores Finch | 446 | Upland, CA | \$30 |
| 6/6 | Linda Teplitz | 10 | Oakland, CA | \$30 |
| 6/7 | Thelma Cavazos | | Merced, CA | \$30 |
| 6/8 | Cindy Schuette | 21 | Santa Cruz, CA | \$30 |
| 6/9 | Barbara Crear | | Bakersfield, CA | \$30 |
| 6/10 | Kevin Wagner | 10 | Alameda, CA | \$30 |
| 6/11 | Kristin Kladstrup | | Watertown, MA | \$30 |
| 6/12 | Roseann Rovere | 210 | Fontana, CA | \$30 |
| 6/13 | Fr. Michael Hendrickson | 28 | Gilroy, CA | \$30 |
| 6/14 | Mary Kronick | | Orland, CA | \$50 |
| 6/15 | Andrew & Estrella Zasoski | 281 | Bakersfield, CA | \$100 |
| 6/16 | Sue Moglia | | Walnut Creek, CA | \$30 |
| 6/17 | Branch 374 | | La Canada, CA | \$30 |
| 6/18 | Kathy Trevizo | 19 | Daly City, CA | \$30 |
| 6/19 | Derek Dutra | | Grand Blanc, MI | \$30 |
| 6/20 | Jason Simon | | Somerset, CA | \$30 |
| 6/21 | Twila Bondi | 31 | Los Banos, CA | \$30 |
| 6/22 | Sharon Frazier | | San Pedro, CA | \$30 |
| 6/23 | Howard Schmidt | | Meadow Vista, CA | \$30 |
| 6/24 | Teresa Barnes | | Salinas, CA | \$30 |
| 6/25 | Greg Krouse | | San Ramon, CA | \$30 |
| 6/26 | Loreen Kathrein | | Las Vegas, NV | \$30 |
| 6/27 | Margie Blanco | 362 | Menifee, CA | \$30 |
| 6/28 | Jan Lemucchi | | Bakersfield, CA | \$30 |
| 6/29 | Dave Cardoza | | Morgan Hill, CA | \$30 |
| 6/30 | Diana Plescia | 108 | South Pasadena, CA | \$30 |

SEE THESE FIRST ON OUR WEB SITE: ICF.ORG

CORRECTION: Please note the June Issue listed the May Winners but the heading indicated April winners. The dates accurately showed winners.

Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library

OPEN HOUSE ON JUNE 8

Carmelo Sabatella

Please see the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House schedule below. Additional dates will be scheduled during the year. If you or your branches would like to visit the Chapel and Library, group visits can be arranged by email: cas1810@aol.com or telephone: 626-372-7812. If you would like to make a donation to help maintain the Chapel facility and to continue with programs such as the annual Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage event in Burbank, please call 626 372-7812 or visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine at www.icf.org.

- Sept. 14th - Open House 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. host Santa Barbara/Ventura Region.

- ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Committee meeting 12 to 1 p.m.

- Oct. 12th. - Open House 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. host Los Angeles Region.

- ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Committee meeting 12 to 1 p.m.
- Nov. 15th - Special Tour Cabrini Chapel for ICF Branch 47 Mountain View at 4:00 p.m.

- Nov. 16th. - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Mass (11:30 am), Pilgrimage, Benediction and Luncheon (SFXC/ICF) to follow.

- Dec. 7th – Open House 9:30 to 1:00 p.m. host San Fernando Valley Region.

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

Your support is greatly appreciated.

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



Scholarship Donations

(Received as of June 10, 2025)

Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th Year

Dorene Campanile
In Memory of Fred Yeager
Dorene Campanile
In Memory of Rafael Wemiz

Dorene Campanile
In Memory of Patricia Dugoni
Deborah Rodondi
In Memory of Joan Delfino
Deborah Rodondi
In Memory of Marie Mungai

Apostolate -- Mission San Miguel — Oldest Catholic Church in USA

Carmen Kilcullen
Apostolate/Charity Committee

The month of July holds deep significance for Americans, as we celebrate the founding of our nation on July 4, the day in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was adopted. This powerful document marked the beginning of the United States' journey toward democracy and self-governance.

However, long before 1776, another significant historical milestone was unfolding in what would later become the southwestern United States. In 1610, Spanish Franciscan missionaries established Mission San Miguel in what is now Santa Fe, New Mexico. This mission is recognized as one of the oldest Catholic churches in the continental United States.

The missionaries who founded San Miguel were part of broader efforts by the Spanish to establish religious, cultural, and social institutions in the New World. Their goal was to share



the Christian faith with the Indigenous peoples of the region.

Like many early mission churches, Mission San Miguel has undergone several restorations over the centuries, yet it retains key elements of its original adobe construction. The church features a single rectangular nave and measures approximately 24 feet high, 70 feet long, and 25 feet wide. The front of the mission faces west and is distinguished by a central bell tower.

Inside, visitors will find a number of religious paintings, including depictions of Jesus Christ, St. Michael the Archangel, St. Teresa of Ávila, St. Francis of Assisi, and the Annunciation. Mass continues to be celebrated at the church, with a regular Sunday service.

If you are visiting Santa Fe, Mission San Miguel offers not only a place for spiritual reflection but also a meaningful connection to the early religious and cultural history of the region. It remains a cherished landmark in the story of American faith and heritage.

Letter to the Editor:

On behalf of my family, we would like to thank those who sent donations in memory of my Aunt Marie Mungai. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

-Franklyn Lopes, Jr. & Family

92nd Festa Italia to Return to the Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park in Downtown Monterey on September 5th – 7th, 2025

The 92nd Annual Festa Italia invites the community to celebrate Monterey’s Italian heritage and honor the vital contributions of its local fishermen, both past and present.

This beloved, free, family-friendly event offers a full experience of Italian culture, featuring the sights, sounds, flavors, and traditions that have made it one of Monterey’s most cherished festivals. Drawing in locals and visitors from across the United States, Festa Italia continues to capture the essence of Italian heritage.

Held over three days, the festival presents a wide range of authentic Italian cuisine, lively music, energetic dancing, and a welcoming atmosphere for attendees of all ages. Guests can indulge in a tempting array of Italian dishes available for purchase, from Calamari and Steak and Sausage Sandwiches to Pasta, Arancini, and Cannoli, representing the rich tapestry of Italian culinary excellence. There will

also be an Eggplant Parmesan Sandwich, a delicious vegetarian dish added to Festa last year. An assortment of beverages, including wine, beer, sodas, and water, will also be available to complement the culinary experience.

Beyond food, Festa Italia offers Italian-themed and Festa Italia-specific merchandise, plus an array of vendors showcasing unique crafts, clothing, and more, adding another layer of cultural immersion.

The roots of Festa Italia date back to 1933, when the Sicilian fishermen of Monterey donated a statue of Santa Rosalia, their patron saint, to the San Carlos Cathedral. Seeking her blessings for safe journeys and bountiful harvests, they established this enduring tradition, which has since become a meaningful celebration of cultural heritage, honoring and preserving the legacy of Monterey’s fishing community.

Mark your calendars for the 92nd Festa

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

Received as of June 10, 2025:

IN MEMORY OF:

Basil Cavalieri
Marie Mungai
Joan Delfino
Janice Jones
Dale Picone
Alverda Orlando
Maureen Benito
Dr. Bruce Dunn

DONATED BY:

Officers/Members of Br. 7
Loretta Reaves
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THANK YOU:

Father Chris Bennett

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

HAPPY 90TH BRANCH ANNIVERSARY:

ICF Br. #45

Officers/Members of Central Council

HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY:

Denise Vento

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.

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:

A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Branch 21 - Santa Cruz.

Heritage — The Legacy of the Liberty Bell Let Freedom Ring

Louise Vento, Committee Member

As we celebrate Independence Day, it’s fitting to reflect on one of the most enduring symbols of American freedom: the *Liberty Bell*. Located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Liberty Bell is a treasured relic of the nation’s founding and a timeless icon of liberty and justice.

The bell is most famously associated with July 8, 1776, when it was reportedly rung—alongside other church bells across Philadelphia—to mark the first public reading of the *Declaration of Independence*. While historians debate whether the Liberty Bell itself rang on that day, tradition has firmly linked it to this defining moment in American history.

Commissioned in 1751 by the Pennsylvania Provincial Assembly, the bell was intended for the Pennsylvania State House, now known as Independence Hall. It was cast in London and cost around £150, or approximately \$300 at the time. Upon arrival, the bell cracked during a test ringing and had to be recast twice by local founders John Pass and John Stow, whose names are still visible on its surface.

Inscribed on the bell is a verse from the Book of Leviticus:

“Proclaim LIBERTY Throughout all the Land unto all the Inhabitants Thereof.” — Leviticus 25:10

Though originally chosen to commemorate the 50th anniversary of William Penn’s Charter of Privileges, the inscription later took on deeper meaning during the American Revolution and was later adopted by the abolitionist movement in the 19th century.

The Liberty Bell weighs more than 2,000 pounds and is primarily made of copper and tin. It was traditionally rung on Independence Day and other important occasions until 1835, when it developed a major crack, reportedly while being rung during the funeral of Chief Justice John Marshall. Since then, it has been symbolically struck on rare and significant occasions.

Today, the Liberty Bell resides in the Liberty Bell Center near Independence Hall, where it continues to inspire millions of visitors each year. Though it no longer rings, its message still resounds: a call to freedom, unity, and justice for all.

This Fourth of July, as we gather with friends and family, may we remember the values that the Liberty Bell represents—and *let freedom ring!*

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT

Lucy Wilman Branch 36

Br. 291’s Apostolic Chairperson, Pat Fairbanks, organized the annual St. Joseph’s Table, made a lovely presentation on St. Joseph, and handed out beautiful prayer cards to all the members with a Prayer to St. Joseph.

Br. 36 Volunteers

Branch 291 recently celebrated their St. Joseph’s Table, and members brought in non-perishable food, household products and toiletries to generously fill the table. All items collected were then donated to the St. Patrick’s Church Outreach Program.

Mark & David Canepa Branch 36

Welcome New Members

(Report as of June 10, 2025)

| | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Branch 010 | Susan C Erdmann | |
| Branch 021 | Joanne Swaney | |
| Branch 036 | Rev Louie Bellen | |
| Branch 111 | Bella C Figueroa | |
| Branch 173 | Antoinette Y Balestrieri | |
| Branch 179 | Guadalupe Barker | Oscar Barker |
| Branch 184 | Antoinetta R Jette | Laura Kramar |
| Branch 332 | Alexander M Gardner | |
| Branch 374 | Gregory A Sarno | Marta J Sarno |
| Branch 392 | Rosa Buonsante | |
| Branch 432 | Richard N Alward | Sandra L Alward |
| | Suzanne Brennan | Jon Hamblin |
| | Erino Lucchesi | Joe Pannitto |
| | Pilar Pannitto | |
| Branch 435 | Francis A Juliano | Ruthann M Juliano |
| Branch 438 | Brian E Burford | Karen M Burford |
| Branch 446 | Sue E Bonfiglio | |
| Branch 447 | Brad Dillman | Laurie Dillman |
| | Yvette Doke | Maggie A Gamble |

In Loving Memory

(Report as of June 10, 2025)

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|--------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| Thomas S Bommarito | Branch 005 | Roger J Roman | Branch 395 |
| Ron B Fugazi | Branch 082 | Joseph Maiorana | Branch 446 |
| Patricia Dugoni | Branch 173 | Anthony Melei | Branch 446 |
| Arlean M Arnaudo | Branch 390 | | |

2025 First Year Scholarship Winners

| Name | In Memory of | In Honor of | Branch/District/Individual |
|---|---|--------------|---|
| Matthew C. Anderson | Shirley Silva | | Br. 28 |
| Gianna Gastello | Rosie Mammini | | Br. 28 |
| Ethan Bertellotti | | | Br. 184 |
| Giada Caterina Nuovo | | | Br. 191 |
| Deven Merced | | | Br. 368 |
| Jonah Guardino | | | Br. 391 |
| Charlotte Mayer | | | Br. 391 |
| Gianna DeLuca | | | Br. 408 |
| Lilly Hanson | | | Br. 435 |
| Antonio Pistaferri | | | Br. 445 |
| Santo Monticelli | Bud and Tia Polley | | Santa Rosa District |
| Brandon Curry | | | Br. 52 |
| Sophia Saini | | | Br. 52 |
| Kendall Clemons | | | Br. 103 (Closing Donation) |
| Giovanni Paulo Dimauro | Samuele Di Girolamo | | Br. 127 |
| Jacob Ryan Patterson | Bruno Fomasi | | Br. 127 |
| Ava McCarthy | Mary Ellen Higgins | | Br. 127 |
| Caleb Pitlock | | | Br. 144 |
| Jarrett Smith | Jerry Colivas | | Br. 145 |
| Anthony De Torres | Norman and Roseanne Sikes | | Br. 198 |
| Jesus Martinez Diaz | Peter and Juliette Barbieri | | Br. 198 |
| Sofia Galetto | Gail Bongi Azevedo and Claire Giampaoli | | Br. 198 |
| Grace Domenica O'Hara | Joseph, Irene and Jerre Paolini | | Br. 198 |
| Karli Sikes | Richard Carrera | | Br. 198 |
| Katherine Thomas | Michael Milano | | Br. 198 |
| Caroline Wilkinson | Wilma and Bert Royeton | | Br. 198 |
| Sofie Billigmeier | | | Stockton District |
| Ava Dos Reis | | | Br. 139 |
| Philip Martin IV | | | Br. 390 |
| | | | Individuals |
| Gracie Angelina Perry | David Botta | | The Botta Family - Br. 14 |
| Andrew Mangiapane | Albert and Rina Brocchini | | The Albert and Rina Brocchini Family Foundation |
| | | | Friends of Nettie Descalso-Del Nero - Br. 39 |
| Maisen Priddell | Nettie Descalso-Del Nero | | Louise DeTomasi - Br. 14 |
| Devin Hubbard | Donald DeTomasi | | The Dooley Family - Br. 14 |
| Christopher Groves | James Dooley | | Robert Grassilli, Jr. |
| Angelo Carlo | Marie Grassilli | | Robert Grassilli, Jr. |
| Jake McTighe | Robert Grassilli | | Robert Grassilli, Jr. |
| Kaitlyn Nichols | Anna Oliva | | The Greco Family - Br. 54/Br.368 |
| Jovannie Chavez | Maria Greco | | Larry and Carmen Kilcullen - Br. 52 |
| Gemma Giuliana Hanna | Leo and Ila Kilcullen | | Bette and Renato Nicolai - Br. 438 |
| Sarah Pipitone | Candido Vittorio Giovanni Nicolai | | Virginia Coe Orlando - Br. 21 |
| Ryan Clark | John Orlando | | Leonard and Karen Rossi - Br. 343 |
| Diana Olmos | Nello and Cookie Rossi | | Leonard and Karen Rossi - Br. 343 |
| Triscella Saucedo-Duncan | | | Michael and Donna Santich - Br. 91 |
| Joseph Kremer | Robert and Theresa Dianda | | The Scesa Family - Br. 54 |
| Matthew Dillsaver | Frank and Helen Scesa | | The Scesa Family - Br. 54 |
| Haiden Priddell | Frank and Helen Scesa | | Jean and Bob Segale |
| Andrew Cecchini | Lola and Sam J. Parrinello | | Jean and Bob Segale |
| Matteo Del Grosso | William and Mary Segale | | Jean and Bob Segale |
| Amy Irias | Bill and Lou Segale | | The Standen Family - Br. 14 |
| Cariana Dee Ciapponi | | Colin Cabral | The Valli Family - Br. 14 |
| Zachary Parker | Bill Valli | | |
| *We also gratefully acknowledge the following partial donations that made additional scholarships from the ICF Scholarship Fund possible: | | | |
| Central Coast District: Franklyn Lopes, Jr. (Br. 21/Br. 227) - In Memory of Manuel Avila and Richard and Elaine Valentine (Br. 36) - In Memory of Marie Antonowicz; Contra Costa District: The Martinucci Family - In Memory of Diana DeSimoni; East Bay District: James Lee; Fresno District: Br. 417, Sarah Westfall, Officers/Members of Br. 39 - In Memory of Mabel Willmon, Stephanie Lucich (Br. 39) - In Memory of Mabel Willmon, Rita and Louie Mondo - In Memory of Mabel Willmon, Antoinette and Angelo Pecora (Br. 308) - In Memory of James O'Brien and Angelo and Antoinette Pecora - In Memory of Marilyn Renna; Blessed Sacrament District: Officers/Members of Blessed Sacrament District - Thank You to Franklyn Lopes, Jr. for Attending Our District Installation; San Mateo District: Dorene Campanile (Br. 173) - Get Well Wishes for Pat Arnaudo, Dorene Campanile - In Memory of Jeanne Bencharsky, Dorene Campanile - In Memory of John Campus and Annette Novi (Br. 19) - In Memory of Joan Delfino; Santa Clara Valley District: Br. 368, The Antonowicz Family (Br. 36/Br. 184), Denise Antonowicz - In Memory of Emily Corral, Denise Antonowicz - In Memory of Anamaria Galindo Falcone, Denise Antonowicz - Get Well Wishes for Carmen Kilcullen, Denise Antonowicz - In Memory of Marie Mungai, Germaine Antonowicz - In Honor of the Wedding Anniversary of Joan and Jerry Delfino, Shirley Catania (Br. 191) - In Memory of Amelia Corral, Shirley Catania - In Memory of Anamaria Falcone, John G. and Kim Filice (Br. 28) - In Memory of Terry Wolfe, Janet Glaubke (Br. 191/Br. 368) - In Memory of Maria Greco, Elaine Osorio (Br. 368) - In Honor of the Birthday of Joan Delfino, Elaine Osorio - In Honor of the 66th Wedding Anniversary of Joan and Jerry Delfino, Elaine Osorio - In Memory of Emily Corral, Richard and Donna Pfaff (Br. 184/Br. 445) - In Memory of Anamaria Falcone, Mary Ridi (Br. 368) - Thank You to Joan and Jerry Delfino for All of Your ICF Support, Mary and Marcello Ridi - In Memory of Sabina Solari and Sharon Studdert - In Memory of Maria Greco; Santa Rosa District: Br. 209, Bob and Kathy Acquistapace (Br. 198) - In Memory of Joan Delfino and The Kilcullen Family (Br. 52) - In Memory of Ann Basuino; Stockton District: Br. 48, Br. 82 and Br. 413; Out of Area: Kellanova North America Wellbeing and Regulatory Department - In Memory of Concetta Caranfa and Wing Him Tsang. | | | |

Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO Area

San Francisco

Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:

Thank you for purchasing the ICF Convention Raffle tickets.

Happy 4th of July and enjoy the summer!

*Cordiali Saluti
Diana Cresci*

SAN MATEO District Council

I hope you are all enjoying your summer.

Our next District meeting will be September 25, starting at 7:00 p.m. in our regular meeting room at Our Lady of Angels. Refreshments by Branch 213.

We will discuss the frequency of our meetings so please bring your ideas and suggestions. I will see you at the Convention.

Please call me if you have any questions 650-444-6999. Thank you.

*Ciao,
Barbara*

South San Francisco Br. 7, Sacro Cuore

Buon Quattro Luglio, South City!

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, August 10, First Annual Tri-Branch Bocce Ball Tournament at the SSF Orange Memorial Park Bocce Courts hosted by Branches 7 and 213 of SSF and Branch 19 of Colma. Tournament play including continental breakfast and lunch cost \$45; lunch only, no play \$20. Prize money calculated based on the number of players. This is an "il sacco" style tournament. Please mail checks by Friday, August 1 to Deborah Rodondi, 225 Wildwood Drive, SSF, CA 94080. For additional information please contact Frank Rizzo at 415-652-0740. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

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 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The lunch will be preceded by a Mass celebrated by ICF Spiritual Director, Fr. Christopher Bennett, in honor of former and current Branch members.

Thank you to our members for attending our May & June dinner meetings and

to everyone who helped set up, serve and clean up. No meeting until August. A fond farewell to All Souls pastor and ICF Branch member Rev. Kazimierz Abrahamczyk, SVD and associate pastor, Rev. Jerome Bai, SVD. We can't thank you enough for everything you have done for All Souls, and the South City community especially during the pandemic. We wish both all the best in their next assignments.

Colma

Br. 19, San Vincenzo DePaoli

Over the past few months, Italian Catholic Federation Branch 19 has enjoyed wonderful fellowship at our branch dinners, including a cozy Soup Night in April and delicious pupusas in May. During our gatherings, we discussed important topics such as first and second-year scholarships, the selection of convention delegates, and our upcoming participation in the Bocce Tournament with Branch 213 in August.

We're also looking forward to the ICF Northern California Golf Tournament on July 25th at Bennett Valley Golf Course in Santa Rosa.

Please note that Branch 19 will take a summer break in July, with our next meeting scheduled for August 11th.

The ICF Convention will be held August 29th to August 31st at the Wyndham in Visalia, California. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Burlingame

Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

Summer is finally here and many looking forward to enjoying fun events outdoors.

Our Branch is and has been preparing for our main fundraiser on June 22, 2025—our Ravioli dinner.

We have been informed that all branches are joining in to celebrate Branch 7's 100 years in the ICF. We are looking forward to the celebration which will be held on October 25, 2025 at the Basque Cultural Center. Mass will be at 11 a.m., followed by a delicious luncheon. The cost has not yet been determined. The San Mateo District has voted not to have Bishop's Day, Chaplain's Night and a Night of Recollection so we can support Branch 7.

Our branch is sad to report on member Fred Yeager who passed away on May 4th. The family needs your prayers as Melanie, his wife also recently passed away. A funeral mass and remembrance will take place at St. Catherine of Siena on June 13th at 1:30 p.m.

In addition, Patty Dugoni, who has been a member of Branch 173 for 43 years, passed away on May 11, 2025. May they all rest in peace.

Arrangements are in the works for our Car Show and plans for our 5:30 p.m.

Branch Mass.

We will be placing a full-color ad in the Convention book this year \$185.00.

Please continue to pray for the ill in our Branch and throughout the Federation: Mary Bodisco, Anthony Bruno, Mary Ann Camacho, Maria & Victor Camicia, Anita Cecena, and Rina Cassanego. From Branch 1 Patricia Arnaudo and Branch 19 Kathy Trevizo

TO ALL OUR FATHERS: We are thankful and grateful to you!

*God Bless,
Roz Emery*

South San Francisco Br. 213, St. Augustine

Memorial Day has past which reminded me of the old days when school was out and people would head for their cabins up the Russian River and Boyes Hot Spring in Sonoma.

Keep August 10th open for the Bocci Ball Tournament which is a fund raiser. We should all participate to aid our students.

There has been a time change for our monthly meetings. Doors open 4:00 p.m. Dinner 4:30 p.m. Meeting to follow.

How about that a Pope from America? It's about time. Pope Leo XLV, who by the way, is an Augustinian priest. Maybe He will bring us all back together again.

A Big July Happy Birthday to Judy Crosetti, Chuck Baumann and Donna De Voe.

Keep in your prayers Chuck Baumann, Jackie Smith, Barbara Gabriel, John Cannon and Lorraine D'Elia.

Thank you, Linda Benedetti and Linda Marcelli for hosting our last meeting the food and decorations were great and we even had visitors from our parish saying hello.

*Ci vediamo il mese prossimo
(See you next month)
Joe Crosetti*

Menlo Park

Br. 351, St. Patrick

I hope you are all enjoying your summer.

Our next meeting will be August 7. Please give me your suggestions for our dinner.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers.

*Ciao
Barbara
650-444-6999*

Millbrae

Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Ciao a tutti! I hope you all had a pleasant Father's Day celebration. If you were not able to make the KFC Dinner meeting on June 3rd, you missed a good time! Manager, Maria, at KFC Millbrae saw that we had plenty of food and all the sides we desired. There is no meeting in July, as that is our traditional vacation month.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 5th, 5 p.m. social, 5:30 p.m. dinner. This is our VERY popular "Giant Beef Hot Dog & Chili" meal, featuring homemade coleslaw, WINE & BEER, soda, coffee/tea, & dessert. The cost is \$15, as usual. Mail your check (payable to: "ICF BR 403") to Eunice Danli, 4 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030. The cut-off is Friday, August 1st!!

The Convention Raffle ticket books have gone out and the "stubs" & \$30 are due back to Eunice by July 15th. You can also drop them in Mary Vella Treseler's mail slot at 886 Tioga Drive, Millbrae.

Save The Date! Sunday, October 19th is our Chicken, Sausage & Polenta Fund-raiser! And, don't forget about Branch 7's "100th Anniversary Luncheon" at The Basque on Saturday, October 25th.

Adonna Amoroso (408)313-6325, Secretary

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

Hello everyone and Happy Independence Day to you all. America is celebrating birthday number 249, which means next year is a big one, our 250th!

Last month the district held a quarterly district meeting via Zoom. We had a little bit of confusion and I'm sorry about that. We have a couple of new branch presidents, so welcome!!!

By now all of the branches should have their delegates chosen by now and I know that we are all looking forward to the upcoming convention in Visalia, hosted by the Fresno district. Don't forget the Thursday welcome baseball game.

Other future events are the Golf Tournament on October 25 at Lakewood CC followed by the Bishop's Banquet on the 26th, and then the Cabrini Pilgrimage on November 16th.

Please be sure to share any branch activities you may have with the rest of the district.

If you're traveling this summer be safe out there.

God Bless America!!!

Br. 67, National Branch, St. Peter

On May 31, ICF Members attended a private screening of the award-winning new documentary *A Little Fellow* exploring the Legacy of A.P. Giannini," the founder of Bank of America. The Screening was followed by a Q&A with Director Davido Fiore and Producer Sacha Smith at the Italian American Museum of Los Angeles (IAMLA) in downtown Los Angeles. As son of Italian Immigrants A.P. Revolutionized the banking industry starting with his small Bank of Italy in San Francisco. His goal was to serve "the little fellow" and breed prosperity within his immigrant community by building trust and giving loans on a simple handshake creating one of the largest banks in the country - Bank of America. *A Little Fellow* tells the story of a man who struck fear into the heart of Wall Street while having everyday people in mind. Known as "People's Banker" he gave a friendly face as one of the first investors in Hollywood, the Golden Gate Bridge and Hewlett-Packard, using his forward-thinking to help the country through two world Wars and the Great Depression.

Congratulations to Fr. Mancini celebrating his 50th year anniversary in the priesthood.

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 ICFNational-Branch67.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 E Cas1810@aol.com*

SAVE THE DATE

- July 19, 2025 ICF National Branch 67 General Meeting at St Peters Italian Church and via Zoom.

South Pasadena

Br. 108, Holy Family

Branch 108 members celebrated their annual General Meeting and Potluck picnic in Alhambra Park on Sunday June 1, 2025.

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2025 ICF High School Scholarships Jordan E. (To Mayfield HS) and Tyler D.

(To St. Francis HS) and to the 1st Place winners of the Annual Branch 108 Bocce Tournament Patrick Grimaud and Aggie Centurioni Daws (Team no. 3).

Extending warm wishes to all members celebrating their June Birthdays this year including Lisa Shaw, Linda Sabatella, Dante Sabatella, Elaine Palusa and Patricia Avila.

SAVE THE DATE

August 29, 30 and 31, 2025 — ICF National Convention in Visalia, California.

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

*Keep safe, stay healthy and enjoy the summer:
Carmelo Sabatella PP
ICF Branch 108
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Montebello

Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. We will not have a general meeting during in July. The Branch has a special Italian mass for the Living and Deceased members of our Branch on Saturday, July 12, at St. Benedict Church, in Montebello. Invite your family and friends. We plan to go for pizza after mass. The lunch is free to members and \$10 for non-members.

We will also have a Picnic on Saturday, July 26, at Sanchez Adobe Park in Montebello. Look for a flyer in early July for more information.

Congratulations to Chiara De Lorenzo from Los Alamitos High School in Los Alamitos who won the Branch's \$400 College Scholarship. Chiara is the daughter of ICF member Anthony De Lorenzo, owner of Salvatore Italian Restaurant.

We are happy to report that based on our review of the ICF Phillip Pace Jr. Scholarship applications and essays we received from graduating Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School students, the winner of the \$500 Phillip Pace, Jr. Scholarship is Victoria Vasquez. Victoria will attend Seattle University. Congratulations to Victoria.

Also, from graduating St. Benedict School students, we selected 3 winners of the \$500 Phillip & Phyllis Pace Scholarships: Jezabel Madrid, Miley Bernard, and Mia M. Enriquez. Congratulations to Jezabel, Miley and Mia.

Our August General Meeting. will be on Thursday, August 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the birthdays of all the members with birthdays in the months of July and August: Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

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

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

San Pedro

Br. 115, St. John Joseph of the Cross

Please join us for our upcoming general meeting which has been moved to Thursday July 10th at 7:30 p.m. The date has been adjusted to allow us time to prepare for the taste of Italy fiesta dinner on Thursday July 17. A Taste of Italy fiesta dinner will take place on Friday July 18th. Menu will consist of green salad, ricotta stuffed shells, BBQ tri tip, sausage, eggplant parmesan, and cannoli. \$30 adult \$15 for children under 12. Fiesta queen will be crowned at this dinner. Tickets available thru rectory, after masses or by contacting Neal at 310 433-1044.

Also on the agenda will be our 71st anniversary dinner dance in honor of St. John Joseph of the Cross Saturday, August 16. Celebration will begin with 10 a.m. mass followed by procession to grotto. Refreshment to follow in auditorium., Dinner dance will begin at 6 p.m. Prime rib dinner with all the trimmings will be served. Live music by the Tony Ciaramitaro band. \$50 donation. For more information or tickets, call Neal DiLeva 310- 433-1044.

Please return sold convention raffle tickets that were mailed out with agenda. Our branch retains a portion of the sale. This helps to defray the cost of sending our 3 delegates to the convention in September. Branch will be sending Neal and Anna DiLeva and Louise Garcia. This year's convention will be held in Visalia Calif on August 29 thru 31st.

On a sad note, longtime member Angelina Gioiello passed away on May 23rd. Angelina was 94 years old. She became a member in 1967. She will be missed.

Happy Fourth of July to all!! Anita Gioiello Trujillo

Arcadia

Br. 218, Holy Angels

At our last meeting, a report was given on the sandwich and cannoli sale which netted us an income of \$1,832.15. Thanks to Teri and Scott Carrano for cooking and serving, to Jenni Hauge for putting the cannolis together and selling (which we ran out of quickly) and all that helped out. It was a great success. Also, President Jerry reported that the ICF had awarded a scholarship of \$750 to a student at Holy Angels School. Thank you to Maria Ioeli for an interesting heritage report. Bob Keeler won the membership award and Teresa Choi won the 50/50. A wonderful luncheon was served before the meeting and it was a celebration of Mother's Day and Father's Day. Thank you to Mary Rovarino for putting this together. The branch board is working diligently to make our meetings more interesting with some fun elements to it and we are also striving to recruit new members.

The Convention this year is in Visalia. If anyone would like to attend, please

let Jerry know. Again, we wish everyone a cool summer and will see you in September.

Lolly M

Gardena

Br. 237, St. Anthony of Padua

June brought us to graduations, lots of opportunities to provide scholarships to several students.

St. Francis HS student in La Cananda-Flintridge, Michael Ruel was awarded the first year ICF scholarship.

From our home Parrish of St. Anthony of Padua, five students received scholarships.

Winning awards for outstanding essay submissions were David Lopez-Ramrize who will be attending St. Anthony HS in Long Beach and Melissa Behena and Sofia Leos who will attend Junipero Serra HS in Gardena.

Lorenzo Molina and Jonah Grey received service scholarships for their dedication as altar servers. This scholarship was created three years ago to honor students for their time to this ministry.

Our small branch is blessed to have loyal parishioners supporting our scholarship fund. We are so grateful and honored for our generous benefactors.

Hopefully next year our High School scholarship winner will be from one of the many local schools. Thanks to the committee for all your hard work with this award.

*Respectfully,
Rose Moore, special events coordinator*

“How great are your works, Lord! How profound Your purpose!” Psalm 92-6

Downey

Br. 362, St. Raymond

Happy Birthday, America!! Just think, next year it's our countries 250th Birthday.

Last month we had a very successful Bingo luncheon, and we will have another one on July 13th. Come out and join us for some great food and a lot of fun.

It's hard to believe that our annual convention is coming up soon. I know we're all looking forward to a fun filled weekend in Visalia.

Looking toward the rest of the year, we have our Golf Tournament on October 25 at Lakewood CC followed by the Bishop Banquet the next day.

The Cabrini Pilgrimage will take place on November 16th. More details to follow soon.

I hope you have a relaxing enjoyable summer and if you're traveling, be safe out there. Once again, have a great 4th of July weekend and God Bless America!!

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT



The winners of Branch #209's Bocce Tournament - Congratulations to the Vannetti Family!



Branch #209's 2025 Scholarship Award Winners L to R: Rebecca Ficco, Sophie St. Marie, Juan Onofre, Jesus Martinez Diaz, and Yaneli Lopez Vigil. Not pictured: Emily Balajadia.



Teams competing at Branch #209's May 18th Bocce Tournament



Br. 52 honored it's ICF College Scholarship award winner, Sophia Saini and our 6th grade Heritage Essay winners at our Mother's and Father's Day Dinner



Br. 144 Members present for scholarship presentation @ St. Marys Arcata



Br. 144-Heritage Presentation by Alfred Eanni('15)



Br. 144 First Yr Scholarship Recipient Caleb Pitlock with Deacon Jon Pedicino ('23)

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT



Br. 352, How many people does it take to measure?!! Haha



Branch 432 cherry picking in Brentwood and the living is easy



Branch 432 President Deacon John Kortuem



Br. 352, Lisa Sager, Patsy Harrington, Dave Sager, Debbi and Gene Murphy: First Place



Br. 352, Art Panella, Rick Heilmann, Bob Finch, and Ben Adam: Second Place



Mmm. Who are these two people behind the bar at Crockett #14?

FRESNO DISTRICT



Branch 281 "Nite at the Races"3rd Photo Ashley & Luke Choate



Br. 281, Ashley Choate, Kristen Zasoski, Britney Rasmussen pose in the photo booth at the "Nite at the Races"

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT



Br. 115, Feast of Madonna dell'Arco, Gioiello Family.



ICF 111



ICF 111-Happy Birthday to Carmelita & Leo



Br. 444, February Meeting--Don Wynn & Sheryl Payne



San Pedro Cancer Survivors Relay for Life - Branch 115 and members participated and donated to the cause



ICF 111 - Chiara De Lorenzo Graduation Picture



Br. 115 Feast of Madonna dell'Arco at Mary Star of the Sea Church. (L-R) member Rosaria Amalfitano and 2nd VP Anna Di Leva



Br. 111 May Meeting

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



ICF Branch 108 Annual Bocce Tournament in Alhambra Park. 1st Place winners (Team 3) Patrick Grimaud and Aggie Centurioni Daws.



ICF Branch 108 High School Scholarship recipients Jordan E. (Mayfield Sr. School) and Tyler D. (St. Francis HS) with ICF Branch Trustee Jackie Ficht with Pastor Fr. Ricky



Br. 237 - Gardena scholarship winners with Connie Bohannon and Rose Moore



ICF Branch 218 at Holy Angels in Arcadia celebrated Mother's & Father's Day with a catered luncheon. All the lovely Mother's received a beautiful red rose and the wonderful Dad's were treated to See's chocolate bars. Happy Days to all!

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 444, ICF Italian Museum: Marianne Canetti, Don Wynn & Antionette De Lorenzo



ICF Br 444 Thanksgiving Meeting Nov 15--Don Wynn with members



Br. 380, Pres. Cathy Pantess gives donation to Father Michael



Br. 380, Pasta tasting and dinner



Br. 67, IAMLA Director Marianna Gatto, Director Davide Fiore and Producer Sasha Smith



Br. 380, Pasta Sauce Contest Winners

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

Due to the outstanding success of our last fundraiser, we are happy to report that in addition to our regular ICF committed charities like Cooley’s Anemia, Seminary Burse, Gifts of Love, the College Scholarship, and Thalassemia patients at CHLA, we can include other donations, as well.

After reviewing suggestions from the general membership, next year’s budget will include donations to the following: Eaton Canyon Outreach at St. Bede, Skidettes, St. Charles Borromeo Service Center, St. Peter’s Church (main-tenance), Elizabeth House, Ronald McDonald House, Tunnels to Towers, Smile Train, Mary Mercy Center, U.S. Naval Cadets, and Fellowship of Cam-pus University Students.

We are all looking forward to our branch Private Mass and Champagne Brunch to be held at Lakeside Golf Club in July. This is a very special, inspiring event that is a highlight of our branch activities. Fr. Jim Bevacqua will preside at the mass.

Welcome to new members: Marta and Gregory Sarno.

As we break for the summer, we will see you again on Tuesday, September 16th when we will hear a report on the convention from Joel Wynton.

Until then, have a fun, safe, and renew-ing summer.

Thousand Oaks
Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon

The aroma of simmering pasta sauce and cheerful chatter filled the air on June 13th, 2025, as ICF Branch 380 gathered for a special meeting at St. Paschal Baylon Parish Hall in Thou-sand Oaks. It was an evening blending our vibrant Italian heritage with warm Catholic fellowship.

We welcomed 25 enthusiastic attendees, including a new member from the re-cently closed St. Rose of Lima branch – a blessing to our ICF family.

The highlight was our pasta sauce contest. Members lovingly presented cherished family recipes, showcasing generations of culinary tradition. Competition was fierce, and flavors extraordinary! Then the talented win-ners were announced, each receiving a a well-deserved Trader Joe’s gift card:

- First Place: Marie Chodkowski
- Second Place: Joanne Zullo
- Third Place: Donald Modaro
- Fourth Place: Vinnie Pantess

Following the contest, everyone en-joyed a wonderful pasta dinner, featur-ing the very sauces that had delighted our judges.

The evening continued with our busi-ness meeting. Branch 380 proudly presented a check to Father Michael,

Pastor of St. Paschal Baylon Parish. This heartfelt gesture recognized his generosity in allowing us to use the parish hall, a true pillar of support. To conclude the meeting, President Cathy Pantess gave a brief presentation on how St. Paschal Baylon was chosen as the name for our parish.

Our June meeting was a celebration of shared faith, rich traditions, and growing fellowship. We look forward to many more enriching gatherings throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted Don Modaro

Rancho Palos Verdes
Br. 444, St. John Fisher

Our special member Don Wynn passed away in April. We will miss his friend-ship, His support, His caring for every-one in our Branch. His Funeral Mass is June 12th, 11 a.m.

Bingo is the Highlight of our June 20th Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Sea Side Room in Barrett Hall. 5 games, prizes, pizza, salad & drinks, for \$20. Mary Al-ley is taking rsvp’s, Cristina Baldemor is Bingo Caller, President Hany Francis & Carol are organizing all the food & drinks. All the board members are sup-plying prizes for the games.

LA’s Jubilee Year Gift—8 new priests. Archbishop Gomez ordained the new priests at Our Lady of the Angels. They will serve all over Los Angeles, County in different Parishes. We give thanks for the gift of your vocations.

Please continue to pray for Marianne Canetti, Joe Trani, Guido Fassinnelli, Sheryl Payne & our Br. 444 members.

Ciao, Patty Longo Hansen

OAKLAND

EAST BAY
District Council

Happy 4th of July! We celebrate summer and our freedom to cherish faith, family, friends, and the diverse cultures that en-rich our country.

Celebrating our culture, the newly formed, fan-supported minor league Oak-land baseball team – the Oakland Ballers – will be having an Italian Heritage night on Thursday, July 10th at Raimondi Park in Oakland. Several EBD members are supporters, and many are planning to attend.

Opportunities to enjoy the season include the ICF annual Charity Golf Tournament in Santa Rosa, July 25th. You don’t have to be a golfer to have a good time. There will be a lunch buffet. Further information is in the *Bollettino*.

The Annual Convention will be here before we know it- August 29th – 31st. EBD branches are busy selling the Annual Convention Raffle tickets. Check with your branch president or at the main office in Oakland if more are needed.

Bishop’s Day – a joint celebration with the East Bay district and the Contra Costa District has been scheduled for has Sep-tember 21st at Our Lady of Grace Church in Castro Valley. Mass will be celebrated, followed by a reception and presentation of burses to the Bishop.

East Bay District branches remain active through the summer with fundraisers, Bingos, festivals and socials. Consult the branch reports in this *Bollettino* for details and contact persons.

Sincerely
Roberta Madej

Alameda
Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

All are invited to our annual barbecue on Sat., July 19. at 6 p.m., in Monsignor O’Brien Hall, High St. at Van Buren St., Alameda. Birthright representatives will be present and accepting donations of baby items and cash.

Price: \$15.00 for members, \$20.00 for non-members, \$10.00 for children ages 5 through 12 and free for children under 5. Reservations are due by 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15 to John Zugnoni, 510-326-3474 or john@zugnoni.net. Pay in advance by check payable to ICF Branch and sent to the Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great Parish Office, Attn.: ICF Branch 10, 3101 Van Buren Street, Alameda, CA 94501.

Congratulations to \$500 Dave Rose Memorial Scholarships recipients: Liam Ogdie and Alondra Alvarado of St. Joseph Elementary and Mazen Jaber and Sofia Zamora of St. Philip Neri. Liam, Alondra and Sofia will enter Bishop O’Dowd High School in Oakland in August, while Mazen will attend St. Joseph Notre Dame High School in Alameda.

John Zugnoni,
Branch 10 publicity

Livermore
Br. 285, St. Filomena

Ciao Amici,

At our May meeting, we were treated to two wonderful cooking demonstrations that included the opportunity to taste the delicious creations. Thank you to Elaine Meier for showing us how to use porcini mushrooms to make wild mushroom risotto. Thank you also to Chris Carrano for demonstrating can-noli making, including giving us the secrets of making chocolate chip and pistachio cannoli fillings.

Carolyn Cardinalli and Janet-marie Petric recently had the pleasure of pre-senting our scholarships to two gradu-ating seniors from Livermore, Johah Kozioziemski, who recently graduated from Livermore High School, and John Gilkison, who graduated from Granada High school. We congratulate these deserving students and wish them much

success as they embark on their college journeys.

At the May meeting of our Italian conversation group, members spent an enjoyable afternoon playing the tradi-tional Italian card game Scopa while practicing their language skills.

We are looking forward to some deli-cious pizza at our June 22nd social meeting, when we get together at Pleasanton’s iconic Gay Nineties Pizza. Looking ahead to our July 20th meet-ing, we will be gathering for a barbecue at Ridgeview Commons.

With the ICF convention coming up, you have no doubt received your raffle tickets. Please be sure to return them to Shirley Koenig no later than August 1st. Maybe you’ll be one of the lucky winners!

Buon Compleanno to all those with July birthdays!

Please keep those members who are ill in your prayers.
Ciao,
Paula Flessatti

Castro Valley
Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

Branch meetings are always better when a nice dinner is served. At our June meeting we will be enjoying a tasty lasagna dinner. Our annual Au-gust meeting at the local ice cream shoppe “The Creamery” will happen once again. No one goes home hungry after this one! We are planning our next semi-annual “Bites and Bingo” event scheduled for September 13th. This is always a fun event that includes good food, good raffles, and a number of happy winners! Also in September, Bishop’s Day (for the branches in both the East Bay and Contra Costa districts) will be held at Our Lady of Grace church, and will be hosted by Branch #343 here in Castro Valley.

Buona estate a tutti!
Eduardo McGuirk

SAN MATEO DISTRICT



Br. 403, “Cinco de Mayo” dinner meeting in May



Br. 403, “Cinco de Mayo” dinner meeting in May

EAST BAY DISTRICT



Br. 285, Chris Carrano and Elaine Meier at their Italian cooking demonstrations at the May social meeting.

CONTRA COSTA
District

Martinez
Br. 13, San Martino

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” In our quests, we hold tightly to a declaration of human rights, which guarantee our Freedoms of Speech, of Worship, from Want, and from Fear; though, unstable at times especially in our country today.

Let’s remember that the Declaration of Independence is the anniversary of when the thirteen colonies declared their freedom from Britain. It established a new nation based on principles of natural rights, limited government, and the right to alter or abolish oppressive governments. Take pause to reflect on our faith and save the values of our democratic society; pray for unity and peace among Americans.

Having moved into Ordinary Time on the church calendar with the summer sun shining, we take a rest from work and relax our bones. Though, we never take a break from God. When travelling, consult MassTimes.com to find a Mass near you. Visit a church and meet others in the community you find yourselves vacationing. With no meeting until August, Branch #13 relaxes with an unencumbered summer.

We’ve joined the district in lending its support to member, Rosemary Cook, in her re-election campaign for Central Council. Two of our dear priests, Fathers Anthony Huang Le and Michael Nufable, celebrated their 10-year milestone of their priestly ordination with Masses and parish celebrations while Branch#13 marked its 98th year in the Federation.

Viva Papa Leo,
Mary Cook

Crockett
Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici!

Summer is in full swing, and that means lots of fun for our branch. We have several activities coming up, and hope to see your friendly faces.

Our Branch Bus Trip to Red Hawk Casino will be on July 25th. The cost is \$50.00, and includes transportation, \$15.00 in play credit and \$5.00 in food credit. If interested, contact Nancy Carlos or Donna Hoffmann. Come and join the fun!

Save the Date! Our Branch Picnic will take place in Crockett this year. Join us on August 10th in Alexander Park for BBQ smash burgers and a bocce tournament. For those who are a little less sporty, we’ll also have card games. Don’t forget your sunscreen! More info to follow.

Our next meeting will be held on

September 9th. We’ll be celebrating the 98th anniversary of our branch! Johnny V. and his BBQ Crew (Bar-B-Crew?) will be making his world-famous BBQ Ball Tip with all the fixings. Come join us for some smokey meaty goodness. Yum!

A few of our members are under the weather, and so we send our thoughts and prayers to Pat Botta, Louise De Tomasi, and Al DiPrima. Get well soon friends!

Congratulations to Dee Carone, Donna Hoffmann, and Sylvia Smith for being selected to represent our branch at this year’s Convention. We hope you have a safe and memorable trip.

Happily, bocce season is going quite well for our ICF players. They are representing our branch with their amazing natural skill and confidence (and a little wine doesn’t hurt either).

Wishing you all a Happy Independence Day!
Blessings,
~Helen

Concord
Br. 214, Todos Santos

Buon Giorno tutti:

I hope you are all well and enjoying our great weather.

At our May 15th meeting, we had two winners of the heritage essay contest with their parents join us for a potluck dinner. The two winners were Eva Koltunova from Queen of all Saints, and Addison Alvarez from St. Agnes School. They read their essays and were given money from our branch for their scholarships. They were truly amazing essays about their heritage. It was an incredible night.

Our annual members appreciation barbecue is being held at our president’s house, Roberta Healy. It is on July 26th. We will enjoy a delicious lunch catered by Back Forty and will have raffle prizes and great desserts from our members.

We are sending two delegates to the Convention in Visalia. They are Roberta Healy and Ed McGuirk. They will attend the various events and report their findings to our branch. We wish them a safe trip.

We are selling raffle tickets for the Convention and Roberta will bring donated household items and hygiene items to Salt and Light organization. They will be donated by our branch members.

On September 20th we are having another pasta/bingo from our branch. Flyers will go out in August. This is a fun event.

Enjoy the summer days and stay healthy and safe.
Ciao,
Norene Deluca

Danville
Br. 352, St. Isidore

Bongiorno, ICF members,

May was an exciting month for our Branch 352. We had our second annual bocce tournament at Sycamore Park, Danville. This year we tried the month of May instead of August because of the heat. This timing worked out much better. We had 56 people that joined in at 9 o’clock on Sunday morning. We served coffee, tea and donuts and had some practice rounds. Bob Marx, Fred Sanchez, Art Panella, and Frank Fanelli organize the games and the teams were set beforehand. I think everyone had a really good time. The winners were Bada Bing Ballers: Lisa and Dave Sager, Patsy Harrington, and Debbie and Gene Murphy. Second place was Bocce Ragazzi: Art Panella, Bob Finch, Rick Heilmann and Ben Adams. We will definitely do it again next year.

We had our Cinco de Mayo dinner, that was catered by El Molino, Concord. Russ Bellici and staff were actually able to sit down and enjoy the dinner. Dan Sartori played Mexican songs on his accordion. As usual, a lot of people sang along.

Next month, we will have our scholarship presentation dinner. Brian Moresco will be cooking on the barbecue plus he will be doing a presentation of World War II. We have some other exciting things in the works that we will talk about next month.

Thank you to all our members that help to make our events, fun and successful!

Ciao, Sally Panella

Brentwood
Br. 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary

Hello and Happy Independence Day!

We all celebrated our country’s 249th birthday with another amazing parade in Brentwood. I can’t wait to see what the city has planned next year for our Semiquincentennial or 250th!

As I submit this on June 10, we are very excited for our upcoming Sock Hop fundraiser on June 28th. And a Heritage report from our Hawaiian Entertainment scheduled for our June 30th meeting. Look for photos from both events in August edition. Welcome new members Suzanne Brennan, Erino Lucchesi, Richard and Sandra Alward.

In the month of July, we are looking forward to our Wine Tasting event on July 26 and our July 28 Scholarship Dinner. Short submission this month so...

Ciao for now, Mary M.

Pleasant Hill
Br. 442, Christ the King

The hotter weather has arrived as have more tomatoes in the garden! And the zucchinis are going crazy! We hope all the dads had a happy Father’s Day last month.

As Branch 442 takes July off (sort of), we want to wish everyone a safe and happy 4th of July! Our branch church, Christ the King, has been closed for roof repairs but we have all shifted over to St. Stephen for mass and social events. We will be having our one and only July event on July 20th. It will be our quarterly mass and brunch so please join us for mass at St. Stephen and then brunch right after. Check the evite for more details.

We are still taking donations for the Salt and Light convention charity. Please check your email for details. We hope some of you will consider joining us and go down to the convention for a couple of days. We always have a good time! A few events coming up...Pancake breakfast on August 17, with our monthly meeting to follow. Our Fall dinner is scheduled for September 13th. And, our assistance is needed with the Salami booth at our parish festival on September 26th and 27th.

Enjoy the warm weather and see everyone soon.
Ciao!
Juliette Cote



DEADLINE

August 1 for the August/September issue of the Bollettino.

Send your articles & photos:

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STOCKTON DISTRICT



Branch 390 scholarship award winner Gia Rinaldo with scholarship chairwoman Annette Elissagaray.



Br. 390, Central Council scholarship award winner Philip Martin IV with scholarship chairwoman Annette Elissagaray.



Bake Sale 2025 for Branch 395



Branch 395 member, Robin Deiro, ready to sell the last of the sweets



Branch 395 members get ready for the Bale Sale . Over 1000 items !



Life Member Dante Galeazzi joins Father Cesar Martinez celebrating his 10th anniversary of his Ordination at the Cathedral of the Annunciation



Br. 82 Brick House Fundraiser: Adrienne, Patty, Nita



Br. 82 Blood Drive Gift Bags: LuAnn, Chris, Lori



Br. 82 Blood Drive: Jess donating Gift of Life



Br. 413, Father John Peter



**BLESSED
SACRAMENT
District**

Roseville
Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi

Congratulations to all our scholarship winners! We had lots of great entries this year, so it was difficult to make a selection. One of our winners was the granddaughter of one of our Trustees and her husband. I am sure that Giovanna Rice and her husband Harold Rice are very proud of her.

We celebrated Father’s Day with a barbecue of juicy hamburgers and hot dogs at our monthly ICF Dinner. And, of course, we couldn’t celebrate this very special day without Bad Dad Jokes! We shared a few of them, just so that all the fathers would feel right at home! These jokes brought lots of laughter and a smile on everyone’s face at the end of the meeting.

On August 9, 2025, we will be having a BINGO fundraiser in conjunction with our Blessed Sacrament District. This is always a very fun afternoon for all who attend. There will be a 50/50 Raffle, baskets with different themes that will be raffled off, and of course, Bingo with monetary prizes. We also include lunch with the price of admission, which is always a very tasty meal. Get your tickets early! This event always sells out fast! Since everyone from the district is invited, it gives the attendees an opportunity to meet new people, see old friends from the church and the other churches in our district. But, most important, spending time and having fun playing their favorite game and yelling “BINGO!”

*Ciao for now...
Irene Perez*

**SANTA ROSA
District**

Healdsburg
Br. 52, San Francesco Di Sales

We hope all our members are enjoying their summer and all the activities Healdsburg has to offer.

Upcoming Events: ICF Mass: Sunday, July 20 at 10:00 a.m. Mass.

ICF Meeting: Tuesday, August 12, 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Calling all Golfers: Friday, July 25 is the ICF Golf Tournament at Bennett Vally Golf Course. Price: \$180.00 for golf, breakfast burritos and lunch. \$50.00 for lunch only. Call Lauren for

reservations: 707-595-3111

Carmen has mailed the Convention Raffle Tickets to all members. Please purchase your book of tickets for \$30.00. Deadline: August 1. Last year’s grand prize winner of \$2,500 was from our branch!

*Happy Independence Day!
Lauren*

Petaluma
Br. 127, St. Vincent

Happy summer all. Sorry about last month but I had no news. Good or bad. No meeting in July.

Important! Meeting in August will be a decision-making vote whether to close Branch 127!

You must be present to vote. No write ins. You will get a letter explaining about it.

Please plan to attend. Also, you may want to be heard about what to do with money remaining.

Looking forward to seeing you. Aug. 11. 3 p.m. at St. James meeting room.

Ciao for now. Margaret Cordrey

Arcata
Br. 144, St. Mary

Two scholarships were awarded in June. First year recipient of \$400 is Caleb Pitlock (’24). He is a graduate of Eureka High School and will be attending College of the Redwoods in the fall with a strong interest in Art. (photo).

Raven Alvarez (’23) is a second-year scholarship recipient from our branch. She attends University of Arizona at Tucson where she is majoring in Natural Resources with an emphasis on Watershed Management and Eco-hydrology and a minor in Linguistics.

The recipients were acknowledged at the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary’s. See photos on district page.

Alfred Eanni (’15) is Historian for our branch and gave an informative presentation on his exploration of his family’s heritage in Italy. (photo). He and his wife, Anne (’15), travel to Italy frequently and each time find another bit of information.

We will be saying a fond farewell to Barbara Eanni (’89) who is moving to Santa Rosa area to be nearer to family. We will miss her greatly. She made a wonderful Befana!

We look forward to our annual garden party held at the Monge’s (’18) on July 20th.

*Happy Birthday USA!
Anne Seymour Eanni, Secretary*

Santa Rosa
Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
June marked the beginning of summer but the 4th of July is a real day of celebration and we remember the historical significance of the date and our independence. I hope you all enjoy the day with your family and come to our meeting for hot dogs, apple pie and ice cream on July 7th.

Raffle tickets are now on sale for the ICF convention. Doreen has them and everyone should consider buying a book.

The plants and flowers in our garden are doing well. But, if you know any of our members who are not doing well let us know so we can send them a card and pray for their recovery.

*God bless the members of the Italian Catholic Federation.
Ciao Robert Acquistapace.*

Sebastopol
Br. 209, St. Michael

Hello from Branch #209!

Our General Meeting on May 13th was a special celebration honoring our six scholarship recipients, who along with their families enjoyed a delicious lasagna, salad, and garlic bread dinner. Cake was for dessert!

Jesus Martinez Diaz, Yaneli Lopez Vigil, Juan Onofre, Sophie St. Marie, Rebecca Ficco, and Emily Balajadia are the well-deserved scholarship award winners. The students introduced their families and shared their future goals. We are so proud of each and every one of these hardworking individuals!

On May 18th, we hosted our annual Bocce Tournament. It was a fun day! We had eight teams participate and everyone enjoyed a hotdog lunch. After eliminations and moving through the brackets, we reached our winning teams: 3rd Place: Philip Seavey, Cathi Seavey, Sue Piazza, and Judy Bushnell. 2nd Place was: Steve Azevedo, Greg Nelson, Jim Kany, and JR Mafia. And a big CONGRATULATIONS to the First Place Winning Team: Gene Vannetti, Ricky Vannetti, Eugene Vannetti, and Sharon Vannetti. Thank you to everyone who participated, and a special thank you to Debbi Wallen for coordinating everything!!!

Lastly, we’d like to acknowledge Father Mario from St. Sebastian Catholic Church who reached his 15 years of priesthood. Our Branch helped the Church celebrate this special occasion by making a donation towards a fun surprise party in his honor on Sunday, May 25th. Congratulations Father Mario!

That is all for now! Hope everyone is doing well!!

*Sending love and prayers,
Yvonne Dorr
Recording Secretary
Branch #209*

**FRESNO
District**

Merced
Br. 39, St. Cecilia

June was a busy time in Merced with graduations and summertime kicking off. Congratulations to our two scholarship winners from Branch #39: Anna Abbate from Central Catholic High School in Modesto and Nic Presto from Atwater High School.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy Fourth of July! We had our annual picnic at Lake Yosemite, and what a wonderful evening was had by all. Thank you to Bob Tyler and his crew of helpers for making this a wonderful event every year!

Our branch has nominated the following delegates for the upcoming convention: Vince Piro, Terrie Rhodes, Michael Beluomini and Paula Pimentel. Don’t forget to turn in your raffle tickets and money to Robyn Piro no later than August 15th.

Don’t forget, there will be NO General Meeting for the month of July, our next meeting will be on August 13th at the Italo Lodge in Merced, 5p-social hour, 6p-dinner with meeting to follow.

Bakersfield
Br. 281, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Saturday, June 7th Branch 281 hosted it’s 3rd Annual Marian Zasoski Memorial “Nite At the Races” The attendees enjoyed a dinner catered by El Pollo Loco before settling in to an exciting evening that simulated an experience at the track. Members sponsored horses in advance and on the night of the races all were able to wager bets on their favorite horses. There was a lot of excitement as one could not predict the outcome until the last few seconds of the races. It was great to see so many new faces as well as familiar ones enjoying a great night of fun. We were delighted to have Pat and Lou Mages come all the way from Thousand Oaks to experience a Branch 281 tradition. Many thanks to the Watts, the Zasoskis, the Choates, and all the others who helped behind the scenes to make Nite at the Races such a success. We are grateful for Jeff and Jan Lemucchi for hosting our June meeting. It has become a tradition the past couple years our members look forward to especially since their community outdoor area has a real Tuscany vibe!

As we grow and evolve in our branch, we look forward to carrying on old traditions as well as embracing new ideas and members so we will continue to thrive for years to come!

*We wish all our ICF families a happy and safe summer.
God bless!
Theresa Amarante*

Fresno
Br. 308, St. Anthony of Padua

Boom, Boom, Boom!

Happy 4th of July where temperatures will reach in the triple digits. This is the perfect time to find peaches, plums, nectarines, watermelon, and grapes. All of this fresh produce can be found in our local roadside stands. Our famous Fresno State sweet corn is in full swing. Folks from miles around travel for this delicious summertime treat. Our corn has even been recognized when restaurant chef Jimmy Pardini from the Annex Kitchen featured this corn in his agnolotti dish. Tyler Florence and Simon Majumard personalities of the Food Channel Network posted to his Instagram it was the best dish he ate in U.S. in 2016.

Branch #308 was established June 21st, 1975. The 50th anniversary will be celebrated by Mass at St. Anthony of Padua parish on June 29th at 8 a.m. Here we will honor past and present members who continue to uphold the ICF pledge.

Repose of the soul of Marilyn Goodall, sister of Tim Solipasso. May she rest in heavenly peace.

Debbi Jorgensen

**CENTRAL COAST
District Council**

Congratulations to our 1st Year Scholarship awarded to Mary Marsalek, from Arroyo Grande. Mary was a student of Mission College Preparatory Catholic High School.

July 19, 2025 – District meeting will be held at Stewart Floral in Santa Cruz at 11:00 a.m.

We will be voting on our 2025 By-Laws. Please bring a dish to share and we will appreciate a raffle basket/prize from each Branch.

September 13, 2025 – Bishop’s Day, 10:30 Mass San Carlos Cathedral – Hosted by Br. 36 Monterey- followed by lunch.

*Have a great summer.
Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Valentine
President, Central Coast District Coast*

Monterey
Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Happy 4th of July - united we stand, divided we fall, let’s celebrate our unity.

Thank you, Lucy Wilman, (our Scholarship 50/50 raffle winner) for donating \$400 to our scholarship fund.

June 26, 2025: Br 36 celebrated our 94th Anniversary by beginning the evening with a congratulatory toast and the presentation of a check to Fr. Ommar / San Carlos Cathedral for \$20,000! Guests

enjoyed Chicken Cacio e Pepe, Pasta Alla Trapanese, Salad, Garlic Bread and Berry Crisp dessert. Forty new members were scheduled to be initiated at our business meeting – our formal welcome to all new members.

Congratulations to the 8 honor students who received ICF Branch 36 Scholarship awards of \$1100 each: Trevor Bernardino, Johnny Carnazzo, Brianna DiGirolamo, Laura Hodges, Jaden Kerr, Ava Mangiapane, Giada Nuovo, and Jaelyn Taylor.

Laura Hodges received an ICF Central Council 1st Year Scholarship of \$400!

Congratulations also to August Bernardino for receiving a \$500 San Carlos School Achievement award!

July 31: Our annual 85 and Over celebration! Recognize our cherished members, music, and a menu of BBQ skewers (chicken, sausage, vegetables), Pasta with Pesto cream sauce, Caesar salad, Garlic bread, Cannoli Poke cake.

August 23: Summer Buffet Dinner/Meeting — San Carlos Cathedral Hall

September 13: Central Coast District Bishop’s Day begins with 10:30 a.m. mass at San Carlos Cathedral, followed by luncheon hosted by Branch 36 at San Carlos Hall.

Please continue to pray for all our members who are ill, homebound and for their special intentions.

“God loves us all, without any limits or condition” Pope Leo XIV

Elaine Valentine, Co-President Br 36

Castroville
Br. 51, Santa Caterina de Siena

We’re excited to share a quick update as we reflect on a great May general meeting! We had a fantastic turnout, and the energy in the room was inspiring. Members brought forward new fundraiser ideas, discussed ways to recruit new members, and enjoyed a lively conversation about the Italian Horn (Cornicello)—a powerful symbol of luck, protection, and Italian tradition.

We love seeing the passion and commitment within our branch. Thank you to all who continue to show up, share ideas, and support our mission of faith, family, and community.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars! We’re planning a Sausage Sandwich Lunch Fundraiser coming in August 2025. It promises to be a delicious event that brings people together while supporting our efforts. More details will be announced soon—stay tuned!

As we enter the summer months, we’d also like to wish everyone a safe and joyful Fourth of July! May your celebrations be filled with gratitude, good company, and plenty of red, white, and blue spirit.

“La famiglia è la patria del cuore.”
"Family is the homeland of the heart."
– Kevin Cortopassi

Aptos
Br. 227, St. Joseph

President Franklyn Lopes wishes to thank all those who attended the memorial mass on June 7 at Resurrection Church for Marie Mungai, his aunt and our longtime Financial Secretary and Treasurer. It was an honor to have ICF President Denise Antonowicz in attendance as well as several other district officers. ICF Spiritual Director Chris Bennett offered a touching homily paralleling Marie’s career at AAA with her map to heaven. There was an impressive turnout of members from our branch. The mass concluded with our traditional rose ceremony.

We are happy to report that Mike Rios is home after a successful lung transplant and an extended recovery period.

The last name of our convention delegate was misspelled in in last month’s report. It is Nancy Harrold, not Nancy Herrick. Mea culpa.

We are hosting the Central Coast District Meeting on Saturday, July 19, at Stewarts Floral. Franklyn still needs workers. Let him know if you can help.

Remember there is no July branch meeting. We need cooks for the August meeting.

*Happy Fourth of July and best wishes for an enjoyable and safe summer
Deanna Musler, Secretary*

Arroyo Grande
Br. 291, St. Patrick

Branch 291 will be awarding Branch College Scholarships at our July General Meeting to three very deserving recent high school grads! Mary Marsalek, Vinny Orlando and Lillie Parish all graduated from Mission College Prep High School in San Luis Obispo and will be attending colleges across the U.S. (Photos to come in the next *Bollettino*.) Our new Scholarship Chairpersons, Jim and Tricia Rallis, did a great job reviewing the scholarship applications to make sure the applicants qualified for their awards, and the students all met the requirements with flying colors! Congratulations Mary, Vinny and Lillie!

The ICF National Convention is right around the corner, and you still have time to purchase convention raffle tickets at our July General Meeting. Tickets are \$3 each or \$30 for a book of 12. The 1st Place prize is \$2500! Also, if you would like to attend the convention this Labor Day weekend in Visalia, you have until August 1st to send in your reservation and money. We selected our delegates at our June General Meeting, but other members can attend as guests and enjoy the weekend festivities!

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

*Happy 4th of July – and enjoy your summer!
Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary*

**SANTA CLARA
VALLEY
District Council**

The Santa Clara Valley District June meeting was held at Santa Teresa and hosted by Branch 445, Transfiguration of San Jose.

For the upcoming Convention, the district reminds all branches to send in the delegates’ registration and reserve hotel rooms early. Also, please sell and buy Convention raffle tickets, and hurry to send in the branch list of Convention Memorial names and Sponsor names ASAP before the deadline July 1st. Also, branches are highly encouraged to send their annual Heritage and Apostolate reports to the ICF office by July 15th. The District would love to achieve 100% participation by branches sending in these reports.

A reminder that the annual district BBQ picnic will be held on Sunday, August 10th with outdoor mass at 10:00 a.m. celebrated by Diocesan Chaplain Father George Aranha. This year’s location will be Almaden Lake Regional Park, Arroyo picnic area, located on Winfield Blvd. in San Jose.

Please remember to attend the Italian American Festa at History Park in San Jose during the weekend July 26th and 27th. Stop by the ICF booth and say hello to our volunteers.

A reminder that San Jose Diocese Bishop’s Day will be Sunday, October 5th, 11:30 a.m. mass at St. Martin of Tours in San Jose, followed by lunch at Three Flames. Menu to be determined.

The Santa Clara Valley District wishes all ICF members a Happy Independence Day and a wonderful summer vacation!

Michael Rossi

Gilroy
Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

Dear Members,
At our May dinner/meeting, we had a “wheel of fortune” game. Members spun the wheel. If it landed on the winning spin, you won! There were a slew of prizes to choose from. Thanks to our members who donated the items for our fun game. We also played a couple of rounds of Bingo at our meeting a couple of months ago. These games are fun! Let’s continue with being creative at our dinner meetings.

Our next dinner meeting will be held at Old City Hall Restaurant on August 18th.

*Blessings,
Jeanette Hudson*

Mountain View
Br. 47, San Giorgio

Ciao Summer! Buon 4, Luglio!

Happy Summer! Happy 4th of July! It's hard to believe the first half of the year is over. We have had quite an eventful period, and I am excited to share all the wonderful things our branch has been up to. We had 12 members carpool to the Multi-Cultural Night at Branch 391. Everyone had a wonderful time. We had an ICF Mass on May 18 and breakfast afterwards. See our pictures!

Our branch is working on replacing the laminating Prayer Cards in Church. Thank you, Norm Mohr, for heading up this project.

We have invited Laurice Levine and her son to speak on Cooley's Anemia at our June meeting.

Natalie Canata has been voted in to represent us at the ICF convention in Visalia this year.

We have put together a trip for a Pilgrimage to Mother Cabrini in November and we are taking signups now.

We are happy to announce Deacon Oscar Godinez will be our ICF Chaplain. Welcome Deacon Oscar!

Peace and God Bless,
Ciao, Julie Wester

San Jose
Br. 191, Saint Frances
Cabrini

This past month has been a very busy one for our members. Our Pasta Sauce Fundraiser kept everyone very active and was very well supported. A huge thank you to everyone who cooked the sauce, took the orders for the sauce, packaged and got the sauce ready for distribution. Our thanks also goes to all those who purchased the delicious Pasta Sauce.

The month of May brought our members together for our May Crowning of our Virgin Mary. A wonderful ceremony took place at our monthly meeting. Thank you to all of our members who decorated the altar, brought flowers as well as a floral crown for Mary.

We are looking forward to celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Branch 191 with a dinner to be held at Palermo's Restaurant in San Jose. This will be a great night to gather our members together and celebrate.

A number of our members are getting ready to attend the ICF Convention in Visalia. We are looking forward to their reports when they return home.

With the Summer Season upon us, we hope everyone enjoys time with family and friends.

Best wishes,
Sharon Logan

San Jose
Br 368, Santa Teresa de
Avila

Happy Birthday USA! The United States is 249-years-old.

Please pray for our sick, Loraine Nunziata and Bill Rice, Maureen Curulla, and John Gillio. Janet Glaublke has offered to chair Layette. Jerry Delfino reported that the district gave \$5000 in scholarships this year. Br 368 gave a scholarship to a Los Gatos student for \$400.

For our monthly Heritage presentation, Zachary Schroeder talked about the history of his family coming to America in 1880's. Zack mentioned, with no proof, that there may have been a Pope Schroeder. It was a wonderful history lesson on how most of our families came to America from different parts of the world.

Robin Hayr would like to retire from the Dining for \$\$\$ chairperson. Please let Robin know if you are interested. Also, Tom Myers would like to retire from doing the monthly report for the *Bollettino*. Father George's goodbye party is on June 22nd. We need volunteers to help. Bishop's day is Sunday, October 5th. Here is a summer poem for you to meditate on,

HEARTS LIKE WILDFLOWERS

*I hope you are blessed
with a heart like a wildflower.
Strong enough to rise again
after being trampled upon,
tough enough to weather
the worst of the summer storms,
and able to grow and flourish
even in the most broken places.*

Nikita Giff

Have a wonderful and cool month of July.
May God bless each and every one of you and your families.
Tom Myers

San Jose
Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

Our dinner meeting was opened with prayer and acknowledgements from Steve Lencioni. He thanked all who prepared and served our delicious rib and coleslaw dinner.

In her heritage report, Louise Vento reported on Father's Day, which was established as a national holiday in 1936. She spoke of her father's upbringing and reminded us to remember our living and deceased fathers on this special day. For additional information, you may want to read her "Father's Day" article in last month's *Bollettino*.

Steve and Scholarship Chairperson Rose Clarke presented our first-year award to Jonah Guardino from Mitty

High School. Along with Jonah, members met his mom and dad, Sal and Amy, and his sister, Melina.

In June, Tina Rossi distributed ICF Convention raffle tickets. Please return your convention raffle ticket stubs with checks to Tina Rossi by August 1, 2025. Remember that our branch receives \$10 from each purchase.

Thank you to delegates Steve and Marina Tilbury, who will represent our branch at this year's ICF Convention.

Our Summer BBQ will be held in St. Martin's School Yard on July 1, 2025 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Members, please bring a dessert.

Reminders: Branch 391 Summer Hot Dog and Sausage BBQ--Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.; Italian American Festa with ICF Information Booth—July 26-27, 2025; District Picnic--August 10, 2025, Almaden Regional Park; Bishop's Day--October 5, 2025, 11:30 Mass, St. Martin's, lunch at Three Flames Restaurant; #391 Quarterly Communions--September 14, and December 7, 2025, 11:30 a.m. masses at St. Martin's.

Have a safe and Happy 4th of July!
Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale
Br. 408, Resurrection

Happy Birthday, America!

Our Summer Blood Drive was Successful – we will host our next Blood Drive in September.

ICF will supporting the Farewell Party for our Priests – Pastor Fr. Phong and Our Parochial Victor Fr Arthur Yables. This will be held on Sunday 29 June from 1 to 4 p.m. Please contact Patricia to help with hosting this event. We wish them well and offer our prayers for them on their journey.

Patricia has agreed to serve as our Convention Delegate 28-31 August in Visalia.

Please Pray for our Members and Friends: Laurice Levine, and Al Chantelope.

Morgan Hill
Br. 435, Santa Caterina
D'Alessandria

Br. 435 President, Giulia Gallego, opened our May meeting with an introduction of the S.C. District President, Debbie Piro, and meeting Mentor, Andy Pappani. The meeting started with a dinner celebration. Grace was led by Fr. Mendie Nguyen over an excellent dinner meal provided by ICF members included Cid Pappani, wife of the visiting Mentor (Enchiladas), Thersa Castro, Kim Gallego, Toni and Giovanni Foggiano. After dinner, in recognition of Mother's Day, the business meeting opened with a tribute to members' mothers. mothers' pictures brought

by members were placed on a beautifully decorated table which included a picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Members who wished to give a verbal tribute to their mother's included Debbie Piro, Toni and Giovanni Foggiano, Denise Campagna, and Giulia Gallego. A tribute to all our mothers was led by Fr Gerardo Menchaca. A similar tribute for fathers is planned for the June meeting. Finally, the Annual Br. 435 BBQ fund raiser at Guglielmo winery is scheduled for July 17th.

San Jose
Br. 445, Transfiguration

Save the Dates: July 13th Br. 445's next Quarterly Mass 9:30 a.m.

Sunday October 19th – Br. 445's FAMILY FEUD GAME SHOW FUNDRAISER ... Guaranteed to be a Fun Afternoon! More information to follow.

Branch members are enjoying the opportunity to use Tabor Hall's kitchen stove for our ICF events. A spaghetti and meatball dinner was served to members for our May General Meeting.

Many thanks to our cooks, Marti Rao and Jim Falcone, and to members who added other special pasta options, sides and desserts. Gina Farro spearheaded table decorations along with Larry Farro, Kathy La Scola and Jean Cosentino.

Our Lunch Ministry for the unhoused continues weekly. Branch profit of \$300 from our April Soup Supper was donated to the Lunch Ministry to buy supplies.

Heritage report featured "How Italy Celebrates International Women's Day".

Br. 445 approved \$300 to purchase individually wrapped cookies from the Pacific Cookie Company for donation to St. Christopher's annual June Festival.

Our Branch Delegate to the upcoming ICF Convention is Donna Pfaff and her alternate is Jim Canger.

On May 25th, members attended our annual Memorial Breakfast at the Parish Hall to honor our ICF Members who have passed away. They are truly missed and forever in our hearts.

Many thanks to our main chefs Julie Araiza, Roseann Costabile and Janie Falcone with assistance from Jim Falcone, Andy La Scola and Lorraine Sellarole for a delicious breakfast.

Happy July Birthday wishes to Lorraine Sellarole!!

Wishing all a wonderful summer and a Safe and Happy 4th of July!

Until next month stay safe and well,

Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer



SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT



Branch 28 always welcomes members with a smile!



Br. 28, Roy and Mike help members win raffle prizes!



Br. 28, Cinco de Mayo celebration



Lots of good company and food at Cinco De Mayo celebration Branch 28



Br. 435, Celebrating our mothers including our Blessed Mother in recognition of "Mother's Day" with a prayer from Fr. Gerardo Menchaca.



Br. 435 ready and anxious to enjoy our Dinner and begin our meeting.



Branch 47 May 18 2025 Eva, Mike, Leanne Ren, Jo & Shirley.



Branch 47 May 18 2025 James, Diane, Seraphim, Shirley & Rosella



Branch 47 May 18 2025 Max, Natalie, Irene, Oscar & Louis



Br. 368 Bill Greco and daughter Maria after crowing Mary



Br. 368 Mary is crowned

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)



Br.445 Heritage Poster flanked by Gina Farro and Geri Tusoy



Br.445 April/May Birthday Celebrations: Jim Canger, Gina Farro, Barbara Howell, Larry Farro



Br. 445 Members in May Buffet Line



Br. 445 Members and Fr. Chris Bransfield at Memorial Mass Breakfast



Br. 408 Donna Ogden, Kate Shimshock, Br. 368/Br. 5/Br. 408 Mentor Tina Souza Dutra Servers from ICF Pancake breakfast May 2025



Br. 408, Thank you Letters to ICF from 5th Grade Class



Br. 408, Scouts Serving ICF Pancake Breakfast May 25



Br. 368 members at Mary's crowning.

Stockton District

Life Member Dante Galeazzi joined Father Cesar Martinez celebrating his 10th anniversary of his Ordination at the Cathedral of the Annunciation completed in 1942, where Father Cesar is the Pastor.

He was also present at his Ordination in 2015 and his 5th Anniversary as well. Father Cesar was appointed Vocation Director by Excellency Bishop Myron Cotta of the Stockton Diocese with much success in the recruitment of Seminarians.

Modesto Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

We have had to change our meeting dates for summer due to conflicting events at our parish. Our meeting on June 11, 2025 has been moved to July 9, 2025. There is no meeting in August, and we resume our meeting schedule in September.

The convention is coming up in August and there are things to finalize. We have our delegates for the convention. They are John Zamora and Nancy Souza. Some of our other members will be attending the convention as well.

Before we go to the convention, we have our Stockton District Picnic. It will be a steak BBQ with all the trimmings. It will be held at Escalon Park. There are places to setup bocce ball, there are horseshoes pits, and bring any games you think will be fun. There is also a playground for the smaller children to play. Bring your family and friends for an enjoyable afternoon.

Wed Jul 9 – 6 p.m. Meeting at the Zamora home

No Branch Meeting in August

Sun Aug 17 – District picnic & meeting - Escalon Park

Aug 29 – 31 – ICF Convention in Visalia

Wed Sep 10 – 6 p.m. Meeting 6:00 p.m. J St. Hall 7 & K Streets

Happy Father's Day and have a safe 4th of July!
Cecelia McGhee

Lodi Br. 82, St. Anne's

Where did Spring go? Seems like it whizzed by, and now plans are in the works to celebrate our country's Independence Day. Italy's Independence Day is Festa della Repubblica on June 2nd each year, marking the birth of the Italian Republic in 1946 when Italians voted to abolish the monarchy in favor of the republic. Their celebrations are similar to ours with parades, festivals, and concerts followed by fireworks

displays.

On the topic of celebrations, the parish will have their St. Anne Feast in honor of St. Anne, our patroness, on Sat., July 26th after the 5:30 p.m. mass. Our branch is serving up ice cream and toppings. To volunteer, contact Chris.

There's no branch meeting in July. Our next meeting is an ice cream social on Tues. Aug. 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Bring a friend!

Also, mark your calendar for the Stockton District Picnic at Hogan Park in Escalon on Sun., Aug. 17th at 11:00. Cost is \$25 for steak and all the fixings. Hot dogs are free for 12 and under. It's a family affair! For reservations, contact Elisa.

One of our founding members, Ron Fugazi, has passed on to meet our heavenly Father. Please keep him in your prayers, as well as his wife, Linda, and all his family and friends. Ron, you will be missed.

Whether your summer plans include a staycation or travels elsewhere, may St. Christopher guide you on the road and keep you safe from harm.

Patty Litts, Corresponding Secretary

Manteca Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio

Our May Meeting was held on the 27th at St. Anthony's Cafeteria. Tim Cabral led us in prayer prior to dinner. Dante Galeazzi prepared pasta, chicken, and asparagus. Birdi Nieri brough spinach salad, bread and butter. Michelle Harmon brought cookies.

President Birdie Nieri called the meeting to order after we finished dinner. Members present recited the Federation Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance. The usual business was conducted including reading and approval of the Minutes from the April 22 meeting and balances in our Checking Accounts as of May 1. As always, Members are encouraged to read the *Bollettino*.

Discussion was held as to a possible fundraiser sponsored by us and St. Anthony's School. More details to come. No decisions were made at this time.

Branch 139's next meeting will be held on July 22nd at St. Anthony's Cafeteria. Yvonne Chimenti will provide dinner; Tim Cabral will bring dessert. Meeting adjourned with the playing of our Federation Anthem.

Branch #139 would like to recognize one of our long-time members, Marion Elliott, (you know him better as Mariano because he wrote this column for the *Bollettino* for several years) for a recent acknowledgement he received. Throughout his professional career he was a teacher, coach, principal – among other things. He was also a mentor – not just in the classroom, or as a school administrator, or through involvement in organized youth sports, but also through his Catholic faith. Before retiring in 1995, Marion was principal of Lincoln

Elementary School in Manteca. In recognition of all of Marion's good deeds that touched the lives of so many, the Manteca City Council recently renamed Lincoln Park, adjacent to the school, to Marion Elliott Park. What an honor and tribute to a man who has dedicated much of his life to helping others in more than one way. Congratulations Marion and thank you for all you have done and the many lives you have blessed.

Bye for now,
Michela

Tracy Br. 390, St. Bernard

June dinner of homemade Italian Meatloaf was another big win! We want to especially thank the board members and their buddies who spent the day before the event mixing and fixing these delicious offerings, lending a hand to our already fabulous Mike Bacchetti and his dependable crew in the kitchen.

We are thankful and very blessed to have just about the same number of members renew their allegiance to our branch again this year. We remain over the 170 mark again for 2025! Our dinners have been well-attended all season, with members bringing many guests who are contributing to the success of our scholarship and other fund-raising efforts. Another constant is the group of volunteers who arrive around 3:00 to cook, set up and decorate for our meetings, as well as the generous donations of many, many raffle prizes, sometimes filling two tables, and the desserts that they bring as well. A big thank you goes to the dozens who stay behind after the raffle to help clean up!

We've lost another charter member of our branch, Arlean Arnaudo. She lived all of her 98 years in Tracy, married to Steve Armando for 72 years before his passing in 2022. Many of her children and grandchildren support our monthly dinners. Our prayers and condolences go out to her family and many friends. May she rest in peace.

Please keep our ICF families and friends in your prayers. Pray that God's healing power will fill them with strength and hope. Thanks to all prayer partners for their support.

You can share family memories in our Heritage section. We would love to hear where all your ancestors came from.

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Stay healthy, happy & safe.
Betty

Stockton Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

Branch 395 is taking our summer break Italian style except instead of Ferragosto it is our Ferrlugio!

We had some highlights before our break. We installed three new members to Branch 395; Pat Beglau, Jen Peterson and Jacque Refregier. We are so excited to have them as a part of the family.

Our members selected Gabrielle Robledo as the recipient of our first-year scholarship. The official presentation and celebration will take place at our August meeting. Congratulations to all our ICF graduates.

We were also happy to once again support our seminarians by presenting Bishop Cotta with a check from our branch at our recent Bishop's Burse.

Just want to end by thanking all our members for everything they do to support our branch. You are all a very special group of people and your time and dedication to Branch 395 is appreciated.

Buone vacanze,
Mary Ann

Angels Camp Br. 413, St. Patrick

On Sunday, May 25, we joyfully celebrated Father John Peter Pragasam's 20th anniversary of priesthood. What began as a small dinner hosted by the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) blossomed into a vibrant international celebration. The dinner featured a rich variety of cuisines, including Filipino, Italian, Hispanic, American, and Indian food. It was a wonderful evening filled with fellowship and gratitude.

On June 1, we held our annual Bacca-laureate Mass for all graduating seniors at the 10:15 a.m. Sunday Mass. The ICF provided a celebratory cake from the local SaveMart bakery, enjoyed by graduates, their families, and the parish community. It was a beautiful and inspiring celebration. Branch 413 was proud to send our graduates into the world with the blessing of the Mass. May they go forth and shine Christ's light in an ever-darkening world.

Special thanks to Monsignor John Armistead, Father John Peter, and all those who worked behind the scenes to make these events possible. God bless you all for your service and dedication.

We continue to pray for all our ICF members and their families. Thank you, and may God bless you abundantly.
Robert J; Pachinger
President
Branch 413



SAN BERNARDINO
District

Fontana
Br. 210, St. Joseph

Hi all, just a quick note to say hi to all our members who regularly attend all meetings and those who come when they can. This Memorial Day, we had a beautiful Mass celebrated by our beloved Auxiliary Bishop Rutilio Del Riego, along with Monsignor Lopez and Father Paul Schmidt, SVD at Green Acres Memorial Park & Mortuary. It was a wonderful way to honor all of our veterans and first responders, those who are still with us and those who gave their all for us. This was truly about Faith, Family and Heritage. We had several members of one family coming together to honor their dad (and granddad) Jack Grisafe, who served in World War 2. Another one of our members, Ralph Segarra, served in the Air Force during the Vietnam era. Freedom is not free, and we thank all of our service men and women who served. All gave some and some gave all. Thank you! One of our members, Alba Segarra, is critically ill right now and we are asking for your prayers, thank you!

Some members of our branch will be getting together to attend the Liturgy Service at St. Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Church, since they have been so good to us giving us a meeting place and welcoming us so warmly. Date TBD.

Happy Father's Day
Annie McCarthy, President Branch 210



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.

Redlands
Br. 217, Sacred Heart

Our last meeting before we took our summer break was a little small but we got much accomplished. We funded our annual charitable gifts and decided to help out the Vocations Office with their "You Are Called Retreat." It's a week-end of silence, prayer and brotherhood to help men uncover the vocation God has placed in their hearts. We strive to work for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and this is something we can do to help men (of all ages) discern if the priesthood is in their future.

We also discussed our trip to Little Italy. Our financial secretary is investigating the particulars. Our Bishop's Luncheon was also on the agenda and we're all looking forward to it.

Our reception for the Dainko brothers, winners of our scholarships, was a success. They had several family members and friends at the Mass and afterwards we all enjoyed homemade goodies in the parish hall.

Thanks to our President, Paul Emmerick, we also enjoyed a little Italian trivia. Did you know that Gaius Julius Caesar was born in Rome on either July 12 or 13th 100 BCE? And that June 2 in Italy is a public holiday known as Festa della Repubblica (Republic Day)? It commemorates the date in 1946 when Italians voted to abolish the monarchy and establish the Republic.

*Till next time,
Annie McCarthy, VP Branch 217 Redlands*

SAN DIEGO
District

Santee
Br. 449, Guardian Angels

We are proud to recognize Gianna Burgin and Kai Kussman, graduating seniors who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to their faith and community. Both are active members of their local parish within the Diocese of San Diego and are preparing to continue their education beyond high school. In recognition of their hard work and commitment, each has been awarded a \$750 local scholarship by our Branch 449 Scholarship Committee. We wish them continued success in their academic and spiritual journeys! (Photo to come on 6/11 after our ICF meeting).

Our branch also proudly donated to the 2025 ICF Central Council First Year Scholarship, and additional funds for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year scholarship as ICF sees fit.

Save the date: Saturday, November 22nd - 6 p.m. for the Branch 449 5th Annual Italian Dinner, Dance & Auction.

Join us for an unforgettable evening of delicious Italian food, lively dancing, and exciting auction items—all in support of our largest fundraiser of the year for Branch 449! Mark your calendars and spread the word! Additional details to follow soon.

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Br. 392, St. Francis Borgia

The Celebration for San Padre Pio commemorating the anniversary of His Canonization on June 8th, 2025 was very well attended. Thank you, Teresa, Maria and Aurora for getting it all together. Thank you also to Giovanna and the lectors as well as the choir, and let us not forget the "Cappuccini" Onofrio, Tony, Vincenzo e Nicola escorting Padre Pio Statue as well as the ladies and gentlemen members carrying the banners preceding the statue of San Pio. The Mass spoken in Italian by the Celebrants included our Pastor Father Mark, Father Chris and Father Marcin. The procession was held inside the church due to the rain. After the Mass everyone gathered at Rocco Vino Restaurant for a nice dinner.

Happy summer from Chicago everyone!

RENO AREA

Reno
Br. 135, St. Albert

The meeting and potluck on June 1, 2025, was attended by 9 members and a guest. At this meeting we usually honor our ICF high school scholarship winner who is Quintin Mandichak, but he was unable to attend. He graduated from Bishop Manogue Catholic High School.

In May and June, the Branch awarded scholarships to graduating eighth graders of the three Reno Catholic elementary schools. They were Charlotte Clausen from Our Lady of Snows Catholic School, Brady Scholl from Little Flower Catholic School and Elise Galan from St. Albert the Great Catholic School. They will be attending Bishop Manogue High School in the fall.

President, Charlyne Pacini will be attending as the delegate to this year's convention, August 29-August 31 in Visalia, California.

As July is a vacation month from meetings for the members of the St. Albert, Reno Branch, we will be having a picnic in President Charlyne's backyard in August. The Branch will furnish the hamburgers and hot dogs and some drinks. Everyone else attending should bring a side dish, salad, dessert or wine.

Ciao
Charlyne Pacini



SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)



These are Branch 191 members at the May Crowning.



Branch 191, St. Frances Cabrini.

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Tarantella Dancers

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Halim and Anna Marotta Halim,
accompanied by Mike Marotta Jr.,
Dennis Murphy, Paul Tarantino
and John Beron

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THREE DAYS
Friday: 3:00pm–9:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am–9:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am–6:00pm