

Convention Article: "Our Legacy: Faith, Family, Heritage"

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The Convention Directors' Committee had a productive site visit to the **Silver Legacy in Reno** in October. We met with our Convention Manager, looked at our convention space and stayed overnight to test out the rooms and beds (consensus is the beds are comfy!) Please see the photos with this article. The Silver Legacy has plenty of restaurants to satisfy everyone's food preferences.



More information about the group may be found on its website: <https://spreadthewordnevada.org/>. Please be generous in donating to this worthwhile cause.

Since the raffle the Fresno District held at the 2025 Convention was successful, we have decided to continue this for 2026. Denise Antonowicz will be the chairperson. We are asking districts, branches and members to either **donate a basket worth at least \$100 or donate \$100** and Denise will make a basket. Please contact Denise: d56@comcast.net.

We will also have a **marketplace at the Convention**. Nina Malone is looking for vendors to participate. Please contact Nina: musicalnina61@gmail.com if you would like a table. There is no charge for renting a table.

As we head into the new year and branches are doing their budgets, please budget enough money to send your delegates to the Convention. Registration remains at \$385 per delegate. Rooms at the Silver Legacy are \$150 plus tax. The resort fee has been waived, and self-parking is complimentary.

The Convention is where we renew friendships, learn new ideas to bring back to our branches, elect Central Council members and celebrate Mass with our ICF family.

*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!
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The 2026 Theme is **"Our Legacy: Faith Family, Heritage."** The committee thinks this encompasses the three areas that are the most important to the ICF.

Our donation project at the 2026 Convention will support **"Spread the Word Nevada."** This worthwhile organization is Nevada's largest children's literacy nonprofit, dedicated to advancing early childhood literacy by placing books into the hands and homes of children within Nevada's low-income communities. It **gives away over 5,000 books a month in Reno, Elko, Las Vegas and other areas of Nevada. We will be collecting books, both new and gently used, for ages birth to 5th grade.** Chapter books and recent titles for 4th and 5th graders are especially needed.

Sharing Blessings of Faith, Family, & Heritage — ICF Spirit Shines



ICF Float in Italian Heritage Parade - Under direction of Grand President Franklyn Lopes Jr. This is the first time in our participating in the parades we won 2nd place for best amateur-non commercial float.



Br. 446 Members MaryAnne and Mel Miller



Los Gatos, St. Mary Br. #184 — Here we see Ryan Meyer greeting member Frances Filice at The Polenta Dinner.

