



BOLLETTINO

ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage



Spring Brings Renewal: ICF Members Gather for Lenten Traditions, Service, & Easter Celebrations



Br. 368, Kitchen crew: Janet Glaubke, Ann Schlice, and Bobby Gallegos



Our future ICF branch 390 member



John and Carol Padlo, Br. 442's Mardi Gras.



Br. 28, Alex Larson made fresh pasta for our meal. Delicious.

Grand President's Monthly Message

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.



Buona Pasqua, our Savior has Risen!! Easter always reminds me of how the Catholic Church would decorate its altars with the first blooms from nurseries. It was a sign of a new beginning, symbolizing hope and transformation.

Easter represents Jesus' victory over death, promising that endings are not final, but rather seeds for new life. Aligned with spring, it signifies rejuvenation, growth, and the greening of nature, reflecting internal spiritual renewal.

I always remember being a parishioner at St. Joseph's Church in Capitola. I would go with my parents to the 11:00 am Easter Sunday service, sit and listen to Joe Orlando's Choir, which consisted of many ICF members. At the start of the mass, the choir would start singing. "Jesus Christ is Risen Today." I always looked forward to hearing that, followed by Father Bonjean, asking the parishioners who brought flowers from their gardens to come to the altar and decorate the cross. The parishioners' sense of participation brought joy to everyone. I wish I had taken a picture of how the cross looked.

Of course, those were the days when you saw the women and girls in their Easter Bonnets, and the men and boys in their suits. I only wish we could go back to those days, but it is good we have such great memories.

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The Feast of Saint Mark

The Feast of Saint Mark is celebrated on April 25 in honor of Saint Mark the Evangelist, the author of one of the four Gospels and the patron saint of Venice, Italy. Saint Mark has long been associated with Venice, where his symbol—the winged lion—can be seen throughout the city, especially at the famous St. Mark's Basilica in St. Mark's Square.

In Venice, this day blends faith, tradition, and local culture. Churches hold special Masses in honor of Saint Mark, while residents celebrate a beloved custom known as the "bòcolo." On this day, men traditionally give a single rosebud to the women they care about, including wives, mothers, daughters, or friends. The rose is meant to symbolize love, respect, and appreciation.

Although the celebration is rooted in Venetian history, the Feast of Saint Mark is also remembered by many Italian Americans. In Italian-American communities, the day may be marked through parish observances, cultural programs, or simply by sharing stories about family heritage and traditions from Italy.

For many families, the feast serves as a reminder of the strong cultural ties that continue to connect Italian Americans with the history, faith, and traditions of their ancestral homeland.



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All image and article submissions need to be sent in an electronic format. Those submissions not sent in an electronic format or those articles sent in the mail will not be used.

Finally, a reminder that ALL branch and district reports need to adhere to the **250 max word count** requirement or they will be shortened or possibly excluded entirely based on editor judgement.

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

Br380.StJoseph.servers.jpeg

Include photo captions with your article submission.

Please keep your submission positive and informative.

Deadline for the May issue is April 10, 2026

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

Thank you!

Message from our Grand Chaplain

Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation:

Easter begins with a whisper of light breaking into places we thought would never brighten. When we carry burdens—illness, worry, fear, or the quiet struggles that keep us awake through the long night—the darkness can feel overwhelming. It can seem like a wall around us, a weight pressing in, and a silence that refuses to lift. But into that very darkness, God sends the light of Easter. The resurrection is not only a moment in history; it is the living promise that God continues to breathe new life into us today. On Easter morning, the Risen Christ reveals the deepest truth of our faith: that God is a God of love who walks with us, heals us, strengthens us, and leads us toward hope when we cannot find it on our own.

Easter proclaims that no tomb is final, no sorrow is wasted, and no night lasts forever. Christ goes before us—into our homes, our workplaces, our parishes, and yes, into the daily life of the Italian Catholic Federation. He meets us in ordinary places where we serve, gather, and build community.

Remember Mary of Magdala.

Her grief was real, her fear overwhelming and her hope nearly gone. Yet, in one sacred moment—when she heard her name spoken by the Risen Lord—everything changed. What seemed lost was restored. What seemed dead was alive. What seemed impossible became radiant with God's promise.

This is the story of Easter:

a world renewed,
a people restored,
a community awakened to grace.

And, this same story is lived out in the Italian Catholic Federation. In every Branch, in every act of charity, in every gathering that strengthens faith and family and in every moment of fellowship that lifts someone's spirit, the signs of resurrection are already among us. The Risen Lord is at work in your ministries—quietly, faithfully, powerfully—bringing forth new life in ways seen and unseen. Our mission as the Italian Catholic Federation is rooted in this Easter hope.

We are called to be people who recognize the presence of the Risen Christ in our communities and who share that presence through service, compassion, and unity. Like Peter and the apostles, we are sent to proclaim what God is doing in our midst—to be witnesses of hope in a world that longs for renewal.

Easter strengthens us to face the challenges of our time with courage and joy. And we do not face them alone. Jesus walks with us—every step, every burden, every blessing. May this Easter season renew our Branches, deepen our fellowship, and inspire us to continue the good works that reflect the heart of the Italian Catholic Federation - faith lived with joy, family strengthened by love, and service offered with generosity.



Father Christopher Bennett
ICF Grand Chaplain

Risen Lord,

fill our hearts with Your light and renew us in Easter hope. Bless the Italian Catholic Federation—our members, our families, and all we serve.

Strengthen our faith, deepen our fellowship, and guide our works of charity.

Walk with us each day and make us signs of Your risen love in the world. Amen.

May you and our faith family of the Italian Catholic Federation, along with all those you hold close to your heart, know the tender joy of the Risen Lord this Easter. Please know that I carry each of you in my prayers, and I would be grateful to be remembered in yours as well. May God bless you, strengthen you, and surround you and your loved ones with His peace and His love.

Fr. Chris



Now is the time to start purchasing those great after Christmas Sales for the Reno Convention Raffle.

Yes, we're trying something new.

If you choose, we're asking everyone to share in the excitement of being a part of the most fabulous Convention Raffle ever.

More information will follow.

May your shopping experience be as successful as our Reno 2026 Convention...

Happy Shopping!!

Denise Antonowicz

d56@comcast.net



Convention Article:

"Our Legacy: Faith, Family, Heritage" Update

Convention Director's Committee

Reservations at the Silver Legacy Resort are open!

Reservations may only be made on-line: <https://book.passkey.com/go/SRICF6>

Our rate is \$150.00 per night for either single or double occupancy. The tax is currently 13.5% plus \$3.00 City Fee per night. The resort fee is waived. Self-parking is complimentary.

The deadline for hotel reservations is **August 19, 2025**. Please DO NOT wait until this date to make your reservations, as I anticipate the room block selling out prior to this date.

Hotel reservation information, delegate registration and banquet information may be found elsewhere in the *Bollettino*. This information is included as part of the Quarterly Mailing.

Branches should be electing their Convention delegates in May and June. The deadline to send delegate registration to the office is July 1. Delegate registration remains at \$385.00 per delegate. We encourage all branches to send delegates to the Convention. The Convention is where we renew friendships, learn new ideas and re-commit ourselves to the ideals and beliefs of our great Federation.

Please remember to send Lisa Crudo 4 to 5 photos from your district to be included in our Friday Opening Ceremonies. Send as JPEG attachments to Watkins6pk@aol.com. There is a firm deadline of June 1.



Our Thursday night pre-convention event will be dinner at Lou's Basque Corner in Reno. We will enjoy a delicious Basque dinner buffet of sliced Prime Rib, chicken and rice, salad, Basque beans, French fries and ice cream. Price: \$75.00 per person. A No-host bar will be available. The reservation form is elsewhere in the *Bollettino*. The restaurant is located at 301 East 4th St., Reno a few blocks from the Silver Legacy. There is a limit of 70 people for this event.

Continue to collect books for our donation project at the 2026 Convention which will support "Spread the Word Nevada." Chapter books and recent titles for 4th and 5th graders are especially needed. More information about this group may be found on its website: <https://spreadthewordnevada.org/>. Please be generous in donating to this worthwhile cause.

Denise Antonowicz, chairperson of the Convention Raffle, is looking for donations for the Convention raffle, either a basket worth at least \$100 or donate \$100 and Denise will make a basket. Please contact Denise: d56@comcast.net.

Nina Malone continues to look for vendors to participate in our Marketplace. Please contact Nina: musicalnina61@gmail.com if you would like a table. There is no charge for renting a table, however we will collect a \$100 no-show deposit. The deposit will be returned when the vendor is on-site.

Happy Easter!
Lauren Kilcullen
Convention Director

Welcome New Members

(Report as of March 9, 2026)

Branch 010	Kevin C Smith	
Branch 026	Cheri M Huntley	
Branch 036	Henry Adragna	Lori Adragna
	Luz Aguirre	Claire Aiello
	Tom Aiello	Marie Anderson
	John Bagioli	Mike Bruno
	Tina Bruno	Angelo Bummer
	Cliff Cameron	Vince Ciolino
	Taylor L Colello	Frances Cortes
	Angelica Davila	Joe Di Maggio
	Frank Flores	Rita Flores
	Mimi (Mary) Gregg	Maria Graziano
	Vito Graziano	Mike Hardcastle
	Asher Johnson	Ezekiel Johnson
	Matthias Johnson	Antonette Kahn
	Brooklyn Kissell	Lindsay Kissell
	Russi Kissell	Scarlett Kissell
	Joleen Lo Manto	Maria Margosin
	Patricia Mc Aleer	Diana Miller
	Thelma Morales	Paul Rappa
	Karen Rodriguez	Gracie Rubio
	Jack Russo	Matthew Ryan
	Robert Ryan	Chris Smith
Branch 039	Agostino T Mendoza	Anthony A Mendoza
Branch 052	Bridgetta Catania	Mike Catania
	Sophia R Teldeschi	
Branch 130	John C Vincent	Maria T Vincent
	La Verne A Vitale	Diana Waters-Masters
Branch 135	Christine M Kuchinski	
Branch 145	Maria A Freitas	
Branch 191	James A Canger	
Branch 209	Joseph Sheerin	
Branch 210	Eric A Tafoya	
Branch 285	Helen O'Brien	
Branch 332	Edward L Dubost	Bradley Mc Lean
	Maverick Mc Lean	Rebecca Mc Lean
	Les Villanyi	
Branch 342	Donna Hinshaw	Hugo Hinshaw
	Mike Hinshaw	Gianluca Schmidt
Branch 368	Jerry Chimienti	Joann D Chimienti
	Rene M Schlice-Diehl	
Branch 406	Helen G Hill	Tom Hill
	Cynthia Micaletti	Francesca Micaletti
	Gary Micaletti	Christine A Russo
	Giuseppe A Russo	
Branch 408	Dylan C Chauvin	Grace A Chauvin
	Leigh A Chauvin	Todd H Chauvin
Branch 417	Jackie Heller	Lynn J Pappace
	Michael A Pappace	
Branch 438	Joanne Banducci	Mike Banducci
	Jeanne D'Arcy	Fred Pereira
	Leslie Pereira	
Branch 446	Linda Choppi	Paula De Stefano
Branch 450	Sylvia D Passaglia	

Cooley's Anemia Donations

(Received as of March 10, 2026)

Branch 352 JoAnn Schiro
In Memory of Beverly Wildermann

Gifts of Love Donations

(Received as of March 10, 2026)

Branch 352 Officers/Members of Br. 380
In Memory of Anna Iezza

In Loving Memory

(Report as of March 9, 2026)

Gail C Enea	Branch 036	Rose Haupt	Branch 291
Frank Goulart	Branch 036	Bruce C Hensley	Branch 291
John B Gabri	Branch 045	Giovanna T Schaefer	Branch 291
Lorraine Giusti	Branch 209	Throck Scudder	Branch 291

Your Hospitalization Plan

It's April—have you volunteered to serve as your Branch's Hospitalization Committee Chairperson?

If not, why wait? Your Branch President can use your help promoting and enrolling members in our valuable Hospitalization Plan.



This important program provides financial benefits to members following an overnight stay or surgery at a licensed acute-care medical facility. **Benefits of up to \$500 per year** (the calendar year maximum) may be paid directly to the member, with checks issued from the Central Council office. It is a meaningful benefit that many of our members have already taken advantage of.

Best of all, the Hospitalization Plan costs just **\$25 per year—only a little more than \$2 per month.** It's an affordable and worthwhile benefit for our valued ICF members.

Our **ICF office staff is always helpful and diligent** in assisting members with the completion of claim forms and ensuring the process runs smoothly.

For additional information about the Hospitalization Plan and its benefits, please speak with your **Branch President, Hospitalization Chairperson, or a member of the Central Council.**

Consider stepping forward to serve as your Branch's Hospitalization Committee Chairperson. It's a great way to support your fellow members and make a positive contribution to your Branch.

COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION TODAY!



The Thalassemia Team would like to cordially invite you to spend a **Golden Afternoon** with Your Friend's at CHLA

What: **Thalassemia Picnic**

When: Sunday, April 12th, 2026, 12noon – 2:30pm

Where: Courtyard at Children's Hospital Los Angeles
4650 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90027

Please RSVP by April 1st to:

Laurice Levine
360-860-2023
LLevine430@aol.com

We hope you can join us!



MARCH CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
3/1	Joe Massolo		Chualar, CA	\$30
3/2	Sid Jensen		Crockett, CA	\$30
3/3	Connie Jamison		Auburn, CA	\$30
3/4	Florence Herrera	362	Downey, CA	\$30
3/5	Michael P. Santich		Colorado Springs, CO	\$30
3/6	Victor Arnaudo	1	Daly City, CA	\$30
3/7	Luke Huerta		Atlanta, GA	\$30
3/8	Janet Pugliese	39	Merced, CA	\$30
3/9	Katie Farren		Christiana, PA	\$30
3/10	Joe & Angie Ring		Napa, CA	\$30
3/11	Pam DeBernardi	442	Pleasant Hill, CA	\$30
3/12	His Eminence, Cardinal Blase J. Cupich		Chicago, IL	\$30
3/13	Germaine Kimm	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/14	Barbara Gabriel	213	San Mateo, CA	\$30
3/15	Mary & Fred Sides		Columbia, CA	\$30
3/16	Stephen & Alyssa Fanucchi		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/17	Colleen Lopes	31	Los Banos, CA	\$50
3/18	Derek Dutra		Grand Blanc, MI	\$30
3/19	Parviz & Melanie Fathali	342	Auburn, CA	\$50
3/20	Rev. Msgr. Michael Braun	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/21	Connie Aguilar		San Mateo, CA	\$30
3/22	Peter Pernarelli		Grants Pass, OR	\$30
3/23	Lisa Houston		Pahrump, NV	\$30
3/24	Kathleen Santich		Alamo, CA	\$30
3/25	Branch 391		San Jose, CA	\$30
3/26	Nadine Mattier	215	Fremont, CA	\$30
3/27	Keely Sanchez	291	Arroyo Grande, CA	\$30
3/28	Daniela Hole	130	Redwood City, CA	\$30
3/29	Branch 39		Merced, CA	\$50
3/30	Kristin Kladstrup		Watertown, MA	\$30
3/31	David & Kat Howard		Albany, OR	\$30

SEE THESE FIRST ON OUR WEB SITE: ICF.ORG

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

(Received as of March 10, 2026)

IN MEMORY OF:

Joan Delfino
Mayme Abbott
Bev Wildermann
Patricia "Patty" Guglielmetti
Chic Cannon
Maureen Godar
Art Maggio

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Officers/Members of Br. 7
Officers/Members of Br. 445
Officers/Members of Br. 445
Officers/Members of Br. 445

IN HONOR OF:

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

Officers/Members of Los Angeles Archdiocese District

THANK YOU:

Cathleen Lencioni

Mike and Marcie Rossi

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND*:

A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Br. 352 in Danville, CA
A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Nick Bilandzich, a member of Br. 45, in Sacramento, CA.

*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.

GP Message--Continued:

Franklyn Lopes Jr. *continued from Page 1*

Of all the holidays, Easter has always been my favorite. As a Catholic, it reminds us of Jesus' suffering and His resurrection.

Once mass was over with, we would head over to my grandparents' house, yes, the one that I showed their stove at Christmas time. Nonno would be outside, by his home-made open BBQ, cooking chicken that was very well marinated, and Nonna would be inside making her baked beans, and different salads. The meal was

more relaxed than Christmas, yet the time spent together remains unforgettable.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." 1Peter 1:3.

Easter Blessings to you all.

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

Grand President



Convention By-law Submission Procedure

Leonard Rossi, K.L.J., M.M.E. Grand Parliamentarian

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

All branches are urged to consider, discuss and formulate a proposal to change, modify or abolish a bylaw as it pertains to all the Branches of the ICF. According to the Branch Bylaw Chapter XVII Art. 3 G proposals and/or amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing (signed by the Branch President and Recording Secretary) to the Central Council Office not later than April 30, 2026. Branch bylaw change proposals may also come from Central Council through the Bylaws Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Family Recipe--Easy Refrigerator Pickles

Deborah Rodondi

With the Easter season behind us, we are moving into graduation parties, showers, BBQ's and all those fun summer events. If you love pickles, this recipe is a must and so much better than anything that can be bought in the stores.



Place onions and cucumbers in a large bowl – set aside. Combine remaining ingredients in a sauce pan and bring to a boil. Cook and stir just until sugar is dissolved. Pour over cucumber/onion mixture – cool.

Cover and refrigerate at least 24 hours for flavors to infuse. Mine kept for months in refrigerator.

¼ cup is about 35 calories.

Easy Refrigerator Pickles

- 6 cups cucumbers, thinly sliced
- 2 cups onions, thinly sliced
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 1 ½ cups cider vinegar
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. each: mustard seed, celery seed, ground turmeric and ground clove

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

BuonAppetito!



Scholarship Donations

(Received as of March 10, 2026)

2nd - 4th Year Donations

Mary C. Perata
In Memory of Isola Diodati



A reminder from the ICF Scholarship Committee: Judging of the many First-Year Scholarship applications will take place later this month. Please remember to submit your Branch's donation to support the Scholarship Program.

2026 1st Year Scholarship Program

Information on the 1st Year Scholarship Program that was sent to high schools in November, has now been made available to the Districts and Branches and has been posted on our ICF website www.icf.org via a link on the homepage, under the Scholarship Tab, as well as in the documents in the Officers' Portal.

The **Deadline for Donations and Applications is April 10, 2026**. This will allow additional time for students to apply and for Branches and Districts to follow up with the high schools in their areas. Please discuss participating in the program by making a donation of a full scholarship of \$500.00, if possible, or a partial donation of any amount. Partial Donations do help to make other scholarships possible when that money is grouped together. Individual Donations are welcomed as well.

Please encourage your children, grandchildren or anyone you know who is eligible to apply. They can contact their high school counselors about the **Italian Catholic Federation 1st Year \$500.00 Scholarship**, they can download the application using the link on the homepage of the ICF website or they can fill out and submit the application, with required documentation attached, online.

These are the **eligibility requirements for students:**

A High School Senior, a **total cumulative GPA (3 ½ years) of at least 3.2** and meets all of the requirements in either #1 or #2:

1) Are **Roman Catholic and of Italian Descent and live within the Roman Catholic Dioceses of California, Illinois and Reno, Nevada** (which also includes the other cities within the Diocese of Reno), only where Branches of the Federation are established. or

2) Are **Roman Catholic but need not be of Italian Descent** or live where Branches of the Federation are established if either Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is a member of the "Italian Catholic Federation" - membership of a Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is mandatory for #2.

*Please note the requirement of a parent or grandparent needing to be a member for Roman Catholic students who are not of Italian ancestry. A student cannot just meet the requirement of being a baptized Roman Catholic.

Again, please contact your local high schools where you would like to see applicants come from and make sure that they are promoting our scholarship program and have applications available.

If you have any questions or applications are needed, please call the ICF office toll-free at 1-888-423-1924.



ICF is Going Green!

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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>

THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

PRESENTS THE
2027 "DAILY RAFFLE THEME"

At the Banquet Table with the Apostles

WE HOPE YOU WILL ENJOY WHAT WE HAVE IN STORE
FOR THE 2027 CALENDAR!

BECAUSE FEASTING WITH THE SAINTS WAS SO POPULAR WE DECIDED
TO CREATE ANOTHER VERSION TO CELEBRATE THE APOSTLES; OF
COURSE ALSO PAIRED WITH FOOD AND BEVERAGES

You can help make the
calendar special!
List special family
occasions such as
birthdays, anniversaries,
graduations,
any special event!
you can also include
Branch and
District events.

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OAKLAND, CA 94621
PLEASE ALSO E-MAIL INFORMATION
TO ADMIN@ICF.ORG

PRICE SCHEDULE

1 NAME/EVENT - \$10
2 NAMES/EVENTS - \$15
4 NAMES/EVENTS - \$20

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ICF Ways & Means Committee

Support Our Annual Daily Raffle Calendar

The Ways and Means Committee invites you to take part in this year's fundraising efforts. We are excited to offer new opportunities to support our mission through our beloved Daily Raffle Calendar.

Add a Sponsor Square

Alongside the regular names and dates, you now have the option to include a personalized sponsor square.

This can be:

- A warm greeting with your name
- A small advertisement for your business
- A message honoring family, faith, or community

Sponsorship Options:

Size	Description	Contribution
1-inch square	Perfect for a short greeting or name	\$25
2*3 business-card size	Ideal for small business ads	\$50
5-square-inch feature space	A larger highlight area for maximum visibility	\$100

You can also help make the calendar special!
List special family occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations,
any special event!
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District events.

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Book Review -- *Mother Sauce: Italian American Family Recipes and the Story of the Women Who Created Them*

Vince Piro

Mother Sauce: Italian American Family Recipes and the Story of the Women Who Created Them

By **Lucinda Scala Quinn**

Artisan Books, 2025



In *Mother Sauce: Italian American Family Recipes and the Story of the Women Who Created Them*,

Lucinda Scala Quinn, former food content lead at Martha Stewart Living, delivers more than just a collection of recipes. She offers a poignant, deeply researched homage to the mostly anonymous matriarchs—the mammas, nonnas, and great-aunts—who immigrated from Italy to America, bringing with them a legacy of resourceful, flavorful cooking, known as cucina povera.

The book is a blend of culinary history, memoir, and practical, everyday cooking, marking it as an excellent addition to the genre of Italian-American cookbooks.

The premise of *Mother Sauce* is to give credit where credit is long overdue. Quinn argues that while Italian immigrant men often opened "red sauce joints," it was the women who created the, now iconic, dishes by adapting their ancestral recipes to available American ingredients. Quinn frames these women as gritty, frugal, and creative, turning humble staples into layered comfort foods.

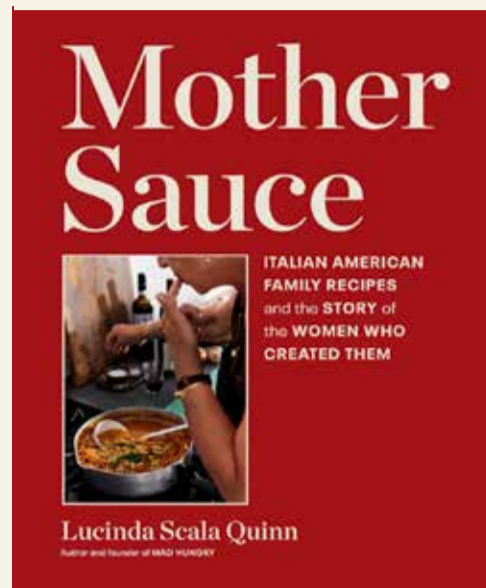
Featuring 100 classic recipes, *Mother Sauce* covers staples from Sunday spaghetti and meatballs to breadcrumbs, pizza, and cannolis. Interspersed with the recipes are essays on topics like the history of Italian-American food, cultural notes, and archival photos that bring the stories of these women to life. The book is organized by cooking style, including "Simmered on the

Stovetop," "Cooked in a Skillet," and "Layered and Baked."

Quinn includes helpful tips and wisdom, often titled "What Mama Knew," guiding the reader on techniques like how to make a proper pan sauce or handle ingredients efficiently. And the book does not just focus on Naples or Sicily, but highlights the broader, often-overlooked history of Southern Italian immigrants facing poverty in American tenements.

Mother Sauce is a "must-have" for anyone interested in Italian-American cuisine, not just for the food, but for the story behind it. For those looking to recreate the nostalgia of a Sunday family dinner or simply to honor the legacy of the women who shaped American food, this book is a necessary addition to the kitchen library.

Mother Sauce was named a Best Cookbook of 2025 by Real Simple and The Strategist



Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library OPEN HOUSE ON APRIL 12

Carmelo Sabatella

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Chapel and Library continues to open its doors for regularly scheduled Open Houses through 2026. Bring members, family, friends and Parishioners to visit the Chapel and Library in Burbank and learn about America's first Saint canonized on July 7, 1946.

Presently Mother Cabrini Artifacts continue in the Italian American Museum of Los Angeles and in special Exhibitions on the East Coast.

For more information about the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library, the Open House calendar, scheduling a group visit, or making a donation to help maintain the chapel and support the annual Pilgrimage event in Burbank, please call 626-372-7812 or visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine at www.icf.org.

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

SAVE THE DATE

- April 12, 2026:

1) Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Open House 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Host: San Fernando Valley Region.

2) Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Committee Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- June 14, 2026

1) Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Open House 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Host: San Gabriel Valley Region.

2) Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Committee Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Your support is greatly appreciated.
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Live to Give-- Shining a Light on Organ Donation

By Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS

The **Live to Give Committee** was established in 2011 by Past Grand President Jane Dianda who had a vision to increase awareness of the need for blood by patients with Cooley's Anemia. Live to Give was born from a restructured committee formerly led by the late Past Grand President Richard Valli and referred to as the "**Organ Donor Awareness**" program. Expanding on Richard's mission, Live to Give worked to increase understanding and knowledge regarding not only organ and tissue donation, but the bone marrow/stem cell registry and setting up of blood drives at local ICF branches, districts and holding an annual convention blood drive.

Blood and donation have been a pri-



mary focus for several years, but we want to shine a light on organ donation as **April is National Donate Life Month (NDLM)**. NDLM was established by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003. National Donate Life Month helps raise awareness about organ donation, encourages Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors, and to honor those who have saved lives through the gift of donation.


Registering to be an organ/eye/tissue donor is one of the most generous decisions you can make, and could mean a lifetime for someone else. 100,000 people are on the national organ transplant waiting list.

To register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor please visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/mt78jhbe>

For More Information:

<https://donatelife.net/>



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.



Heritage — Apron

Louise Vento, Committee Member

I don't think our kids know what an apron is. The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, because she only had a few. It was easier to wash aprons than dresses and they used less material.

It served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was used for cleaning out dirty ears.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding place for shy kids.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks. When the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood and flowers were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men know it was time to come in from the fields for dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace the old-time apron that served so many purposes.

Remember Grandma used to set her hot apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her Granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron.

I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron but LOVE.



Cooley's Corner International Thalassemia Day

By Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS



International Thalassemia Day is celebrated annually on May 8th. Since 1994, The Thalassemia International Federation (TIF) has devoted this day to raise awareness globally; educate the community and decision-makers about this severe blood disease; and highlight the lifelong and challenging journey of patients who are living with thalassemia. It is also a time to remember all of the patients who have suffered and passed away too soon. On this day we renew our promise to keep working until the final cure for every thalassemia patient is found.

Each year The Thalassemia International Federation (TIF) chooses a theme for International Thalassemia Day and organizes events in order to raise awareness to patient groups, the general public, officials, healthcare professionals, and industry (Pharma and Bio-Tech). This year's theme is "**Hidden No More: Finding the Undiagnosed. Supporting the Unseen.**"

In choosing Cooley's Anemia as their national charity and embracing it since 1982, the ICF has supported those who are unseen by the general population. Long before the Federal Government began to support research for rare disease including thalassemia, the ICF led the way for research breakthroughs. In our current climate, with intense funding cuts, the ICF is still leading the charge to improve quality of life for patients around the world. The ICF is one of two organizations that supports Cooley's Anemia (The other is OSIA on the East Coast).

The ICF should be celebrated on this day (and every day) for the countless contributions they have made to the thalassemia community. By adopting Cooley's Anemia as the National Charity in 1982 and donating over \$2,500,000, the ICF has been instrumental in funding research that has led to lifesaving therapies; technology that has eased the burden of painful liver biopsies; sponsored nearly 30 Christmas parties/events/parties in a box for patients and families; assisted patients and families who do not have the means to pay for their necessary medications; flown countless patients to specialty care centers for treatment; educated the community; donated lifesaving blood through the Live to Give Committees Annual Blood Drive; and the list goes on.

If you would like to do something special during the month of May and/or on May 8th consider the following ideas:

- Reading more about the Thalassemia International Federation serving the global community: <https://thalassaemia.org.cy/>
- Donate blood at your local blood bank in honor of thalassemia (direct donation to a thalassemia patient is NOT possible – but we always need blood in the supply chain).
- Call a thalassemia patient and encourage them to keep on truckin'. Chronic illness is tedious and isolating. Knowing others care is lifesaving and with a chronic condition the need for encouragement is ongoing.
- Donate to the ICF Cooley's anemia Fund.
- Invite a speaker to a branch meeting or event (in person or zoom) to educate your members on the ICF's National Charity, Cooley's Anemia.

Apostolate -- Collective Journey of Lent

Rosemary Cook Shaw

Apostolate Committee

For many people, Lent can be a “second wind” for new year’s resolutions. Giving up bad habits like eating junk food or scrolling social media and introducing new ones like daily prayer and volunteering for 40 days, might act as motivation to continue the promises we made to ourselves on January 1st. Both traditions remind us that change is possible and within reach. However, where resolutions are focused on short-term personal development and end goals, Lent is a deeper, collective journey. The global Catholic community experiences the Lent together with mutual dedication to fasting and almsgiving, which promote lasting spiritual transformation for the entire Church. This month, these 40 days of communal suffering culminate in the joy of Easter. Alleluia!

Once again we’re reminded of the



core of our faith: the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is a precious time to rediscover the presence of God in our everyday lives and renew our commitment to living out the hope and joy of Easter in this season and throughout the year.

Pope Leo XIV reminded us on Ash Wednesday that “sin takes shape in the real and virtual contexts of life” and encouraged us to overcome both personal and communal sins and seek transformation. Easter, then, is not merely a celebration of what happened two thousand years ago, but also of the renewal that is happening today. We are rising from ashes right now in 2026: finding peace in times of war, restoring community in the wake of broken relationships, proclaiming truth when presented with misinformation, and spreading light in the darkness. As we relish in the resurrection of our Lord, may our repentance and unity inspire the world to see not just the ashes, but the new life rising among us.

Buona Pasqua!

93rd Festa Italia at the Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park in Downtown Monterey on September 11 – 13

The award-winning 93rd Annual Festa Italia, also known as Monterey’s Santa Rosalia Fisherman’s Festival, invites locals and visitors alike to celebrate Monterey’s rich Italian Sicilian heritage while honoring the enduring contributions of Monterey’s local fishermen, past and present.

This beloved, 3-day free, family-friendly festival on September 11-13, 2026, offers fun for all ages with great food, live music, dancing, bocce tournament, shopping, networking and more. Drawing attendees from across the United States, Festa Italia remains one of Monterey’s most cherished cultural traditions, capturing the sights, sounds, flavors, and spirit of Italy in a welcoming community setting celebrated at 20 Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park in Downtown Monterey adjacent to Old Fisherman’s Wharf. Festa Italia is proud to be the First Place winner for “Best 2025 Community Event” in the annual Monterey Herald’s Readers’ Choice Awards.

Held over three days, Festa Italia features an abundant selection of authentic Italian cuisine available for purchase, including calamari, steak and sausage sandwiches, pasta, arancini, cannoli, Italian cookies, fried shrimp, as well as a vegetarian eggplant Parmesan sandwich. Guests can also enjoy refreshing Italian ices, along with wine, beer, sodas, and water. Adding to the cultural experience, lively music and dancing is included all 3 days, with Tarantella dance lessons offered in front of the main stage on Sunday. Another highlight of the weekend will be a Classic Fisherman’s Wharf calamari cooking

demonstration led by Gourmet Realtor Chef Tene Shake.

Beyond the food and entertainment, Festa Italia offers Italian-themed and Festa Italia-exclusive merchandise, along with a variety of vendors showcasing unique crafts, clothing, and specialty items. The festival’s roots trace back to 1933, when Sicilian fishermen in Monterey donated a statue of Santa Rosalia, their patron saint, to the San Carlos Cathedral in gratitude for safe voyages and abundant harvests. That act of faith and community gave rise to a tradition that continues today as a meaningful celebration of Monterey’s Italian and fishing heritage. Join us for the 93rd Annual Festa Italia and be part of a living legacy that honors the past while keeping these cherished traditions vibrant for generations to come.

At a Glance:

- Festival Entry Cost: Free
- Where: Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park, Downtown Monterey
- When: Friday – Sunday, September 11-13, 2026
- Friday, September 11th – 3 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Saturday, September 12th – 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Sunday, September 13th – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Bocce Tournament – September 11 and 12 at the Custom House Plaza bocce courts

Information: (831) 633-4444 or email mail@FestaItaliaMonterey.org

www.FestaItaliaMonterey.org



Membership Committee: ICF Workshops for One and All Andy Pappani and Vince Piro



Over the next month, the Workshop Committee will present a series of workshops via Zoom that will enhance your branch and ICF participation. These workshops are run as interactive presentations and discussions, so bring your ideas and experiences to share and join in the fun. All members are welcome.

You can join the workshops by clicking on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84096910300>

Meeting ID: 840 9691 0300

SCHEDULE

April 9, 6 p.m. - Increasing Membership: For those who wish to learn AND share successful strategies for increasing branch membership

April 16, 6 p.m. - Retaining Members: For those who understand the importance of retaining current members and want to learn and share successful retention strategies

April 23, 6 p.m. - Cooley’s Anemia (Thalassemia) 101: For those who want to learn more about Cooley’s Anemia and how the ICF provides essential support to those who suffer from this disease.

April 30, 6 p.m. - Running for Central Council - The What, Why, and How: For those who have ever considered running for Central Council or who have ever been interested in the process.

Future workshops - Later in 2026, we will hold workshops on ICF Charities and Scholarships, the Hospitalization Plan, Conflict Resolution and more.



Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco

Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:

Happy April Birthday Wishes to our Members Mike Antonini and Connie Mertes.

On Sunday April 26th at 1 p.m. President Vic will have a luncheon catered by Colombo Deli at his house in Daly City. Invitations were sent to Branch 1 Members. We hope you can join us.

Easter blessings to all Members and their families.

Cordiali Saluti
Diana Cresci

SAN MATEO District Council

Happy Easter to all!

Our next district meeting will be April 23, 2026 at Our Lady of Angels 7:00 p.m. in the small hall.

Branch 173, Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame will be responsible for Installation of Officers 2027. They already have the date. It will be February 6, 2027 at Our Lady Angels. Mass at 11:00 a.m., installation, and lunch following. More details as the date gets closer. Please mark your calendars now.

Our District meetings will be:

April 23, 2026

July 23, 2026

October 22, 2026

Ciao,
Barbara

South San Francisco Br. 7, Sacro Cuore

Buona La Festa della Mamma South City! Wishing the best to all the incredible moms, guardians, and nurturing figures in our lives.

Thank you to our members for attending our April branch dinner meeting and a big thank you to President Donna Smith for organizing. Please note the May dinner celebrating Cinco De Mayo will be at 5:00pm on Wednesday, May 13 at the Santo Cristo Hall at the corner of Oak Ave and Old Mission Road.

Please note we will not be having Branch meetings in June or July, however, the City of South San Francisco will be having a celebration in July for the United States' Semiquincentennial and our Branch will look at ways in

which we can participate.

Please pay your annual dues in the amount of \$70 to Frank Riso at P.O. Box 5090, SSF, CA 94083. At our February Branch meeting the members opted to increase the cost this year to help offset administrative expenses, as well as, raise funds for charitable donations.

We are happy to announce that Jeanette Acosta has returned home on Country Club Drive in South San Francisco. She is happy to receive visitors so please don't hesitate to drop by and see her.

Colma

Br. 19, San Vincenzo De Paoli

Our next meeting will be at Deborah Rodondi's house and will feature "Soup Night," hosted by Kathy Trevizo. Even though it's after Easter, it's a great time to "start fresh" and take a moment to reflect.

The meeting will be April 13, 2026, starting at 5:30 p.m. Please let Kathy know if you plan to attend.

Our May meeting will be May 11, 2026, hosted by Donna and Jackie Barnes.

A special thank you to Annette Novi for hosting the St. Joseph's Table Dinner in March!

Burlingame

Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

We are looking forward to many upcoming events. For March we will be honoring our guest speaker Laurice Levine at our St. Joseph's Table and potluck.

We have lost a Charter and devoted member of our Branch - Nerina Di Bella and may she rest in peace.

On Saturday, April 11, 2026, Branches 19 and 173 will be hosting a Pedro Tournament at the OLA Gym. All proceeds will be split evenly between the two branches. Anyone wishing to donate finger food or desserts please call Donna Barnes or Lana Appenrodt. Donna 650-991-0178 / Lana 650-307-2369. A flyer was sent out listing the details of the above event and for those who only want lunch the price is \$15.00.

Renew program - please join us this Lenten Season - Season 5 of "The Chosen" will be viewed and discussed. The session will take place at Dorene's house on Wednesday afternoon. Please contact Dorene at 650-344-7870.

Planning ahead we will be having a car show in August as a joint venture with the OLA'S Men's Club. More info to follow.

February 6, 2027 - San Mateo District Installation will be hosted by Branch 173 and Fr. Michael will celebrate. Mass at 11 a.m. and installation will follow.

Please continue to pray for all who are ill in our Branch and throughout

the Federation. Fr. Brian, Fr. Gerald, Fr. Harold, Mary Bodisco, Anthony Bruno, Maria & Victor Camicia, Rina Cassanego, Anita Cecena, Virginia Fuentes, Ed Gigliotti. Isabelle Laxague and Branch 19 - Charly Simon.

God Bless,
Roz Emery

South San Francisco Br. 213, St Augustine

St. Augustine parish celebrated St. Joseph's Day with mass and a parade around the church and stopping at St. Joseph's grotto where prayers were offered up to St. Joseph. The celebration was attended by our ICF members.

Keep buying those ICF calendars.

Remember the time change for our monthly meetings. Doors open 4:30 p.m. Dinner 5:00 p.m. Meeting to follow.

A Happy Birthday to Roberta Franchini.

Keep in your prayers Chuck Baumann, Linda Marcelli, Jackie Smith, Barbara Gabriel, Father Ray Reyes and Lorraine D'Elia.

A big JOB WELL DONE to Donna DeVoe and Diane Pangburn for hosting our last meeting.

Ciao
Joe Crosetti

Menlo Park Br. 351, St. Patrick

Happy Easter to all!

There will be no meeting in April because that is Holy Thursday. We will meet again May.

We voted to give two scholarships this year a 1st year and a 2nd year. Thank you to the membership.

Our corned beef and cabbage dinner in March was delicious thanks to all of our cooks. Our decorations by Paul and Charo were amazing as usual. Thanks to all that attended.

Keep our sick members in your prayers.

God Bless you,
Barbara
650-444-6999

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

Ciao a Tutti. It was a pleasure seeing many of you at the ICF Los Angeles Archdiocese (LAA) District 1st Quarterly Meeting. We had lots of discussions and exchanged ideas of how we can help each and branches work together with synergy to become more successful. Together, we accomplish more than one can alone.

Our next get together is at the Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Thalassaemia Picnic, on Sunday, April 12, from 12 Noon to 2:30 p.m. At the Courtyard at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, 4550 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles 90027. I hope to see many of you there.

Please mark your calendars for the following ICF & LAA District meetings and events:

1. The LAA District 2nd Quarterly Meeting is Saturday, June 6, at 9 a.m. at St. Benedict's St. Augustine House, 200 N.12th Street, Montebello.

2. The 2026 ICF National Convention is September 4-6, in Reno, Nevada. The LAA District will hold its 3rd Quarterly Meeting at the ICF Convention on Saturday, following the morning general session - around lunchtime. We will keep you posted.

3. The 2026 Bishop's Day & Seminarian Recognition Mass and Banquet is Sunday, October 11, at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo.

4. The St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Pilgrimage, Mass & Luncheon is Sunday, November 15, in Burbank.

5. The LAA District 4th Quarterly Meeting is Saturday, November 21, at 9 a.m. at St. Benedict's St. Augustine House, 200 N.12th Street, Montebello

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

Ciao! A Presto. Hope to see all of you soon.
Frank Salomone, President
Los Angeles Archdiocese District



Br. 67, National Branch, St. Peter

"Buona Pasqua a tutti i membri e alle loro famiglie!"

Happy Easter to all members and their families! As we join together during Lent, we ask that you pray in a special way for your members and their families who will be working together to bring their talents and skills to ICF to learn, teach and share their knowledge and skills with other members including the younger generation to grow together in the love of family, friendships and traditions carried down from our forefathers and mothers.

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

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

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

*Keep safe and stay healthy,
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President
ICF National Branch 67
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SAVE THE DATE

April 18 - ICF National Branch 67 General Meeting from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (PST) at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Downtown Los Angeles and/or via Zoom. Please call 626-372-7812 for more information.

South Pasadena Br. 108, Holy Family

Happy Easter to members and families! On March 14 and 15, 2026, ICF members joined Holy Family Church parishioners in celebrating St. Joseph Day; some even celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a beautiful display of donated items for visitors to choose from.

Some Members and guests continued the St. Joseph Day celebration with members of ICF National Branch 67, Los Angeles Archdiocese District and Garibaldina Society at St. Peter's Italian Church in Casa Italiana, downtown Los Angeles.

Thank you, members of ICF and Parishioners for supporting this traditional event.

Happy Birthday to all March members and congratulations to those celebrating their March Wedding Anniversaries.

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

*Keep safe and stay healthy,
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA
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SAVE THE DATE

- April 4 - ICF Branch 108 General Meeting in HFC Connolly Hall from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Montebello Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. Hello everyone. Our April General Meeting will be on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. Join us for a St. Joseph Table pre-meeting dinner as a thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and sponsored the St. Joseph Table!

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

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

On Sunday, May 3, 2026, at the 10:00 a.m. mass at St. Benedict Church, 1022 W. Cleveland Ave., Montebello, the mass will be offered for the living and deceased members of ICF 111. After mass, we will gather at the BJ's Pizzeria, 1424 W. Beverly Blvd, Montebello, for a luncheon.

Finally, please pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

*A Presto!
Frank Salomone
Branch 111 President*

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

A huge thank you to our community for supporting our branch's annual crab dinner honoring our patron, St. John

Joseph of the Cross. More than 300 people attended an evening filled with great music, excellent food, and fun. Events like this are possible because of our dedicated volunteers.

Special thanks to Neal DiLeva for organizing the event and selling tickets, and to our kitchen crew, led by Anthony Amalfitano, for preparing a fantastic crab dinner. Thank you also to everyone who helped with setup and cleanup, served as bartenders and servers, and donated raffle prizes.

Please join us for our next general branch meeting on Thursday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center, where the results from the dinner will be discussed.

We will also discuss our annual Laughlin trip, scheduled for May 4-6 at the Aquarius Hotel. The cost is \$230 per person (double occupancy) or \$290 for single occupancy. For reservations, call Pauline Iacono at 310-832-0563.

Please join us for Mass on Saturday, May 9 at 5:15 p.m. in honor of Madonna Del Arco. Members are invited to join the procession behind the banner and bring flowers to present to the Blessed Mother.

Our May 21 general meeting will be a potluck starting at 6:00 p.m. Please call Anna DiLeva at 310-833-9444 to let her know what dish you will bring.

Laurice Levine will join us to provide an update on Cooley's anemia.

We are saddened to report the passing of member Joe Caruso. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Tina, and family. Joe will be greatly missed.

*Wishing all a Happy and Blessed Easter
Anita Trujillo*

Glendora Br. 179, St. Dorothy

Branch 179 had a very busy February. First, several members gathered to honor St. Dorothy, our church patron saint, on her feast day. Adoration was held in church all day, and various ministries signed up for an hour to sit with Our Lord. Pictured is the group that lead the rosary during the ICF hour.

Next, 33 of us went to see the 3 Italian Tenors at Citrus College. What wonderful music! This writer grew up with all these songs played in our home so lots of great family memories to enjoy!

And, finally, we had another Load the Truck party for our continuing support of St. Dorothy's, ICF, and other charities. The group loaded 13,000 pounds of clothes for \$4500! Everyone always enjoys the pizza, salad, wine and camaraderie afterwards.

We don't meet in March due to St. Joseph's Table. Hope to see everyone there.

*Patricia
Trustee, Branch 179*

Arcadia Br. 218, Holy Angels

As of this writing the St. Joseph's Table has not taken place, but I am thanking Chairperson Mary Rovarino, President Jerry and all that helped put this together. As always, this is a very successful event.

Also, I hope everyone had a beautiful Easter. Our next general meeting is April 12th. The board has been discussing many different options for our meetings, possibly having them offsite and adding a day of not only getting together, but having some fun.

Hope to see all the members at these meetings. Lolly M.

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

It was another successful St. Joseph's Day Bake Sale and Silent Auction! The table was filled with decadent cakes, delicious cookies and hearty, savory casseroles. Many treasures could be found in the Silent Auction—trips to well-known museums, golf outings, restaurant gift cards, and an in-home experience with a private chef! All proceeds from the Silent Auction are earmarked for our various charities.

Our March donut and membership drive was also successful as we added one new member!

Much appreciation goes out to Phyllis Harb, President, who coordinated the Table and Auction, with thanks also to Marta Sarno, Fiora Murphy, Raul Acevedo and Gloria McGaughey who assisted.

The day's celebration continued with a catered Italian Luncheon consisting of penne pasta, house-made marina/meat sauce, meatballs, crisp salad and buttery buns; with much gratitude to Diana, Marissa and Daniela Dykes for coordinating this special event.

At our general meeting, April 21st, there will be a speaker with St. Bede's Skidettes to discuss the history, goal and aims of this group which makes and delivers sandwiches for the homeless to three downtown shelters.

*Peace and Joyful Easter Blessings to all!
Gloria McGaughey*



Thousand Oaks

Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon

We celebrated our 41st Anniversary on Saturday March 7th. An appetizer Potluck evening was highlighted by meeting at Lou and Pat Mages's home where we shared good food and fellowship. A brief business meeting was held where we finalized plans for the St. Joseph's Table celebration held on March 22, 2026

The St. Joseph's Table celebration was a huge success. A bake sale in the morning was followed by an evening Dinner featuring a beautiful Italian salad and Rigatoni with Bolognese Sauce. This was followed by a dessert course featuring cake, pastries and cookies. A cannoli sale followed and as usual they were sold out in record time. They were especially tasty, having been locally made by Branch 380 members Jean and Matt Bridges. *Complementi!*

*Respectfully submitted by Don Modaro
Corresponding Secretary*

Rancho Palos Verdes

Br. 444, St. John Fisher

We lost Sherly Paine recently & extend our condolences to her sons Pat and Andy. Her funeral was celebrated by Msgr. Antonio Cacciapouti, Pastor. Msgr.'s kindness to the boys meant so much to all who attended. May she rest in peace in heaven. St. Valentine's Day meeting was a big success with our Dessert Contest. Carol Picarillo won 1st Prize for her delicious Tiramisu. St. Valentine Holy cards & his history was discussed, followed by Trivia Games, & Pat Payne won First Place. We are planning to be part of next Year's Lenten Parish Friday meal, followed by the Stations of the Cross. Hany was able to reserve Barrett Hall for so we can invite Parish to play Bingo.

Hope everyone had a reflective Lenten season & a Blessed Easter.

Please remember in prayer our members who have gone to Heaven & those who are struggling with health issues.

*Stay well & safe Amici.
Patty Longo Hansen*

EAST BAY District Council

Celebrating during Lent? As we prepared to feast on mountains of crab, salad and pesto, Leonard Rossi reminded us that the EBD Annual Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed is not merely a festive celebration. In memory of one who gave so much to the ICF, the church, his community, and the young men he fostered, we gathered in friendship and service to share a meal and raise funds for the many charities we sponsor. Hosted at St. Philip Neri

Parish Hall (Br. 10) this event provides for our charitable donations to seminary burses, Thalassaemia research, and college scholarships.

Chair, Leonard Rossi (CC), James Lee (Br. 10 President) and their mighty committee: JoAnn Donivan Maggiora, Melody Klever, Karen Rossi, Lisa Crudo, Fran LaTorre, John and Jeanette Zugnoni and Dave Madej organized and ran this event like a well-oiled machine! After grace, led by EBD Orator Jeanette Zugnoni, about 130 guests dug into the delicious dinner prepared by chef, Ben Ratto, and served by his hard-working crew.

Each branch donated hors d'oeuvres and phenomenal gift baskets. We also enjoyed the 50-50 raffle run by Mike Santich.

Central Council and ICF dignitaries included Leonard Rossi and Lisa Crudo With the Crab Feed behind us, we are planning the EBD 90th Anniversary Celebration, Saturday May 2nd at Our Lady of Grace Church and Hall. We start with 5 p.m. Mass followed by a cocktail reception of heavy hors d'oeuvres. Lisa Crudo has details.

Lots of activities in the EBD branches! Please read their reports.

Sincerely, Roberta Madej

Alameda

Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

Saturday, May 16 will be an auspicious date in the history of Branch 10. On that day we will be observing the 100th anniversary of the formation of our branch. We will be celebrating with 5:15 p.m. Mass in Saint Philip Neri Church, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda and dinner right next door in Monsignor O'Brien Hall. We will settle on the details at our March and April meetings. For information contact John Zugnoni, 510-326-3474 or john@zugnoni.net

We hosted 80 happy guests to our Saint Patrick's Irish Social on Saturday, March 7. Thanks, as always, to chef Ben Ratto for the dinner of corned beef and cabbage. The evening also included a performance by young ladies from the McBride School of Irish Dance and the initiation of seven new members, including a family of a mother, father and three children. One of the grandmothers was also present for the event.

We have just concluded our Fish Fry Dinners, which were offered on every Friday in Lent except for Good Friday. Thanks to our financial secretary, Karen Harrington, for providing a craft table for the children who attended.

Congratulations to our sentinel, Peggie Dorrance, for selling 100 per cent of our allotment of 65 ICF calendars. Thanks to Peggie, we achieved first place in calendars sold in our category of 71 to 129 members.

John Zugnoni, Branch 10 Publicity

Livermore

Br. 285, St. Filomena

Ciao Amici,

What a great time we had at our February social meeting! We learned about the history of Venetian Carnevale masks and enjoyed making our own masks. What creativity!

The theme of February's Italian conversation group's meeting was lesser known Carnevale traditions. The town of Ivrea celebrates with an unusual event, the Battle of the Oranges.

We are looking forward to hearing Father Mark's Camino de Santiago pilgrimage presentation and enjoying another one of Chris Carrano's delightful Italian dinners at our March meeting. We will also have the opportunity to donate non-perishable food items for St. Vincent De Paul at our St. Joseph's Table.

Mark your calendars for our annual Polenta and Chicken Cacciatore Dinner Fundraiser at St. Augustine's on Saturday April 25th. Dinner will include antipasto, salad, rolls, dessert, and wine, and the talented accordionist will be playing all of your Italian favorites. There will also be raffles for generously filled gift baskets. Tickets are \$55 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Proceeds from this wonderful event will benefit scholarships and other charities. Contact Toni at (925) 557-6552 by April 17th for tickets.

Welcome to our newest members Georgeen Tringali, Suzanne Tringali, Ann Stanton, and Helen O'Brien!

We mourn the losses of Paul Petric and Carl Bates. Please pray for them, for Paul's wife, Janet-Marie, Carl's wife, Judy, and their families. Also, please pray for our members who are ill.

Buon Compleanno to all members with April birthdays!

*Ciao,
Paula Flessatti*

Castro Valley

Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

I hope all of us are enjoying "primavera" the "first spring" of the year, when yards, meadows and gardens begin to blossom. Time to get out there and enjoy all that Mother Nature has to offer!

Our branch recently celebrated the Lunar New Year with a most honorable meal of Chinese food. All enjoyed the dinner ushering in the Year of the Horse. Our branch also prepared a Lenten soup meal for parishioners at Our Lady of Grace church. Thanks to our "marvelous mama of minestrone", Lisa Crudo, for the delicious soups: one with sausage and one vegetarian.

In April, we have our branch's 47th Anniversary dinner at one of our favorite local restaurants: Buon Appetito in Hayward. Also, this year we are again offering a scholarship opportunity to

eighth-graders at Our Lady of Grace School in Castro Valley. A scholarship will be awarded to a student with the best written essay of a topic being: Family Heritage: Reflect and share a personal experience of your heritage. How can you take what you have learned about your heritage and apply it to your own life now, and in the is a great way to acquaint ICF to the school community!

Now it's time to go and enjoy some pasta primavera!

*Buona primavera a tutti!
Edoardo McGuirk*

CONTRA COSTA District Council

We hope that all of our branches enjoyed their St Joseph's Day festivities. Remember to send pictures to the *Bollettino*. As well as other pictures from your various events.

We thank our mentors for visiting their assigned branches. A reminder to each of them, to please send your quarterly reports to District mentor, Mary Cook.

Branches, please select a date for your annual membership drive. Many parishes have ministry fairs. Which is a perfect time to have a membership table. Please encourage your members to invite family and friends to your dinners and meetings.

How about promoting the ICF hospital plan? Members only pay \$25.00 per person for the year. When they submit a claim, they receive a check. It's sent directly to the member. Contact the ICF office for details.

Please save the date for our next District meeting. It will be held on Thursday the 9th of April at 7 p.m. We will meet at Christ the King Parish in Pleasant Hill. An email will be sent with the meeting room location. We will finalize our upcoming events. And share what's happening in our branches.

That's all for this time.

Wishing everyone in Contra Costa and beyond, a blessed Easter.

*Fraternally,
Patty Jarrett.
Past President/Trustee/Mentor.*

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CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT



Bishop Ramon Bejarano and Students--Branch 36 Lenten Dinner



Bishop Ramon Bejarano and Father Omnar Solis--Branch 36



Gail Enea 1939-2026 Branch 36



Lenten Dinner Greeters--Branch 36



Newly appointed to the Monterey Diocese His Excellency Bishop Ramon Bejarano and Pastor Omnar of San Carlos Cathedral.



Visiting Branches attended the Br. 36 Lenten Dinner..



Br. 21 Santa Cruz attended Br. 36 Lenten dinner with Dante Galeazzi .



Central Coast--Installation of Most Reverend Bishop Ramon Bejarano 2-19-26



Visiting Branches attended the Br. 36 Lenten Dinner..



Branch 291 recently hosted Officers' Installation and a luncheon with Br. 354. Pictured here are Branch 291's Officers for 2026.

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT (continued)



Newly installed officers, Branch 354



Newly installed officers, Branch 354



Friends meet for the first time in 2004 at Riverside Convention.




Members from Central Coast District join Co-President Elaine Valentine at the Fish Fry.



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SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT



Ruffalo Family at Spaghetti Fundraiser, Br. 446



District Installation hosted by Br. 446.



Installation of Branch Presidents Paul Emerick, Carrey Rossie, Anine McCarthy



Br. 446 Thomas Bracuto and Anna Reyna at Installation



Central Council with Fr. Ochetti



Grand President Lopes, Jr. presides over San Bernardino District Installation.



Fr. Ochetti and Fr. Vu

SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 217, Sacred Heart



Br. 210, St. Joseph

FRESNO DISTRICT



Branch 250, St Paul Newman Center, Fresno, CA

STOCKTON DISTRICT



What do you do when your Chaplain is running late and you need to say grace... call on two kindergarteners from Presentation School to fill in. Branch 395, Polenta 2026.



Two Lincoln High School grads reconnect at Branch 395's Polenta Dinner.



Giovanni Galeazzi the newest member to Br. 139 poses with Nonno.



His Excellency Bishop Ramon Bejarano, who was a Priest in the Stockton Diocese, welcomes President Ron Augustini from Br. 139 in Manteca.



President Ron Augustini visited Fish Fry as he prepared for his Parish night. Advice for Br. 139 by CC member Dr Vince Malfitano.



Br. 390, Our servers for dinner Anna Serrato, Linda Welch, Lucy Orsi, and Alena Chappell



Steven Ridolfi, Past President of Br. 390 in Tracy rests after a productive District, meeting as a District Vice President and photographer.



Jenn Peterson from Branch 395, Stockton, with Br. 390 President Denis Della Nina checks out how our club operates.



Br. 390, Our 2nd Vice President and bartender, Joe Bacchetti serves up some libations to our members.



Br. 139, President Ron Augustini celebrates a delicious dinner with long time members of Saint Anthony's Church.

STOCKTON DISTRICT (continued)



Gabe Singleton and Russell Pachinger serve the Br. 413 Valentine's Dinner.



Wendell and Josie Barnes dance at the Br. 413 Valentine's Dinner.



Br. 82, Guest Kyle with Lori Johnson, she was his kindergarten teacher!



Br. 82, Elisa with President Chris Whiting under the watchful eyes of Mary.

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT



Branch 442 members attend quarterly Mass at Christ the King Church.

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 352, Father Wayne's table!



Br. 432, Bob and Nita at the bar



Br. 352, Linda Sager and guests



Br. 352, Tony and Marsha working in the kitchen!



Br. 432, Abondanza! Members enjoying the Italian ravioli dinner.



Br. 352, Linda and Kyle's guests



Br. 432, Eleanor, Hildegard, Lilly and Sandy serve up ravioli.

CHICAGO



Branch 392 held a Live Nativity and Mass with refreshments.



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Br. 392 members celebrate at Rosetta's 90th Birthday Party!



Rosetta DeFrancesco's 90th Birthday Party!



Rosetta's 90th Birthday Cake...Enjoyed by All!

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT



Branch #209's February General Meeting Potluck



Branch #209's Yvonne Dorr serving at their Chicken and Polenta Dinner.



Branch #209's President Steve Stedman honors outgoing Treasurer Lorraine Vannetti with flowers for her contributions to our Branch.



#144 Chicken & Polenta cooks



The clean up crew from Branch #209's Chicken and Polenta Dinner after a successful night!!!



#144 Charla Davis puts the finishing touches on our very successful Silent Auction & Basket Raffle.



Br. 198, St. Eugene--Corned Beef Dinner. Enjoyed by Secretary Janis Shaffer & President Doreen O'Rourke.



#144, Kitchen Crew for Chicken & Polenta Dinner



#144 Bob Green (Toni's husband) and Fr. Prakash, Chaplain, enjoying Prime Rib and Sautéed Shrimp at Valentine's Day Dinner



#144 Chicken & Polenta cooks



EAST BAY DISTRICT



East Bay District, Bar hosted by Leonard Rossi and Jim Lee - EBD Dave Rose Memoria.l



East Bay District, Mike and Donna Santich manage the 50-50 Raffle- EBD Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed Feb 21.



Leonard Rossi Chair and MC - EBD Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed



Lisa Crudo calls Raffle basket winners - EBD Dave Rose Memorial.



Grand President Lopes, Jr. ready to discuss next agenda item.



Ron and Anita get creative making Carnevale masks at Branch 285's social meeting.



Branch #343 Chinese Dinner 2026



Jeanne and Phyl working on their Carnevale masks at Branch 285's social meeting.



Branch #343 Chinese Dinner 2026



Leonard steps down as President, Margaret takes over



Central Council Officers with Grand Chaplain Fr. Chris Bennett.

Martinez Br. 13, San Martino

Easter is upon us. Hoping you had a worthwhile Lenten season. Now, experience His resurrection with an open heart. As we rejoice over our freedom from sin remembering His actions, let's continue to pray fervently for those whose freedoms to live have been compromised and/or forcefully removed by those who are cold-hearted with no concern for human life.

In the words of Bishop Hemmerle of Aachen, "I wish each of us Easter eyes, able to perceive in death, life; in guilt, forgiveness; in separation, unity; in wounds, glory; in the human, God; in God, the human; and in the I, the you." Let's pray for peace in our world especially in the US and in our families; and for those who have no one to pray for them. Branch #13 wishes Easter blessings to all whom this message reaches as you celebrate our risen Lord. Alleluia.

Spring brings with it new life and growth in nature and in ourselves. April is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope. Let this new month bring great miracles, new visions, and greater blessings. It is another chance to look forward, reset our goals, and start fresh. Join me in this journey of anticipation.

Wishing branch members Anne Crisp and MaryLynn Rogers a happy birthday in March and April, respectively.

*For the greater glory of God,
Mary Cook*

Crockett Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici!

Our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner was held on March 14th and was a great success. A big thank you to Chef Derek and the Crew, to the planners, servers, decorators, raffle organizers, bartenders, 'setter-uppers' and 'taker-downers'. We couldn't have done it without you.

Our branch St. Joseph's Feast celebration was held on March 17th. Thank you to "Mary and Joseph" for their creative reenactments, to Father Leo for blessing our gathering, and to everyone who helped celebrate this wonderful tradition.

We have a few members who are under the weather; Clo Haisley, Aime Maricich, Cookie Maricich, Alice Romao, Melanie Smith, and Linda Wolthuis. We hope you all feel better soon!

We send our deepest sympathy to the Rose Catalano family. Rose was a long-time member who was always happy to see you, and shared wonderful stories of her life and girlhood homeland. We will miss her fun-loving spirit. We also send prayers of condolence to Kris and Nancy Carlos on the loss of Kris' father. We are thinking of you all at this

sad time.

Please congratulate our friend Kathy Cargo for accepting the Orator position in 2026.

Our next Branch Meeting will be held on April 14th, when Father Leo will lead us in celebrating Mass in the Church Hall at 5:00. An Italian dinner prepared by Chef Al will follow (\$15.00), with our meeting thereafter.

*Happy Easter to you all!
~Helen*

Concord Br. 214, Todos Santos

Welcome Spring!! Beautiful warm days to spend in the outdoors. Our clocks were

set one hour ahead giving us more daylight.

In February we had a warm coat drive. Roberta, our president gave them to the homeless shelter on Arnold Industrial Way in Concord. We hope this will keep many people warm.

We had an installation of two officers by Roberta Healy. They were, Pam Piscatelli as Financial Secretary, and Jo Lee as Orator. She also installed two new members, Terry Enns and Ann Disch. We welcome our new members.

We celebrated Lunar New Year with a Chinese food buffet. We really enjoyed the delicious food.

In March we will enjoy celebrating St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's table. We will be having Irish Beef Stew.

We are looking forward to and preparing for our pasta/bingo on March 21st. We will have 100 people. Great food and wonderful prizes. These are donated by our generous branch members. Thank you to them.

We will be attending the celebration of life for Ron Artale on March 25th who was a great member of our branch for many years. Our hearts and prayers and sympathy go out to his wife Christine and family.

April will be here soon and Easter celebrations. A very busy holy time. We hope you will enjoy this time with your loved ones.

*Bless you all,
Norene DeLuca*

Danville Br. 352, San Isidore

Hello to all our members and friends. We hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the beginning of the spring season.

Our crab feed was a success in many ways. The food was delicious, especially the crab. Russ used his special sauce—so good! Most of us didn't even need butter. Everyone had a wonderful evening.

We were also able to make a donation from the 50-50 drawing to the Monument Crisis Center in Concord.

It's looking like spring is just around the corner. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a dinner on Monday, March 23, and we are looking forward to another fun evening together. We even have a few Irish members in the club!

The menu will include appetizer salad, corned beef and cabbage, green pasta with spinach linguine and pesto, and dessert.

We have also selected the date for our annual Bocce Tournament. This year it will be held on June 7 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We hope many of our members will come out to participate or cheer on the teams for a fun day together.

Our ICF Conference will be held Labor Day weekend in Reno. We are looking for a few new volunteers who would like to attend, meet new people, and learn more about the inner workings of ICF and other branches.

Thank you to all of our members and volunteers who help make our events successful. Your participation and support keep our branch active and strong.

*I hope everyone had a Buona Pasqua.
Warm regards,
Sally*

Brentwood Br. 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary

Christus surrexit! – Surrexit vere, alleluja. (Christ is risen! – He is risen indeed, Alleluiah!

Buona Pasqua a te e famiglia.

Notes are from our February meeting. (Due to our branch meeting taking place on the last Monday of the month, this puts us behind in our reporting). With our new members present and our new officers in place this year, much time was devoted to our budget items to bring clarity. Scholarships and how they are distributed were also addressed.

Michael Valenti, President, thanked all members who stepped up to volunteer for our upcoming Hawaiian Luau, May 16 in the Parish Hall, and our September Car Show and Pasta feed. Our annual Christmas dinner and party was confirmed at Smith's Landing for Sunday, December 6, 4 to 8 p.m.

Thank you to Tom and Sandy Gamble and Hildegard Valenti for the Ravioli Extravaganza! Deliziosa! Thanks to Rob Rebollar, Nita and Lilly for bartending. And of course, thanks to Pat Rebollar for decorating.

Our free dinner raffle was won by John Lullo. Sally Ortega won the gift basket and 50/50 raffle.

We look forward to celebrating St. Joseph at our March 30th meeting. St. Joseph pray for us.

Ciao for now, Mary M.

Pleasant Hill Br. 442, Christ the King

Our first quarter is off to a great start! Our February meeting, themed around Mardi Gras, was festive and fun. Members enjoyed jambalaya, Cajun-style dishes, and a traditional King Cake. The room was filled with decorations and colorful beads—some brought directly from New Orleans by Carol and John Padlo. After the meeting, Anne McEntorffer led a Mardi Gras trivia game, where we learned the first Mardi Gras celebration in the United States took place in Mobile, Alabama. Thanks to Ann Consul and Pam DeBernardi for decorating the room.

Our quarterly Mass on Sunday, March 1, was followed by brunch at a local restaurant. It was a wonderful opportunity to worship together and spend time getting to know one another, especially our newer members. We hope many of you will join us at our next quarterly Mass and brunch.

Our parish will host Winter Nights from April 6 through April 25. Our branch will provide one or two meals for guests, and the Winter Nights team will also need volunteers to assist with setup, cleanup, tutoring, and other tasks.

Our Lady's Tea fundraiser will take place Saturday, May 2. Tickets will go on sale soon and sell quickly, so watch for details.

Now that Daylight Saving Time has begun, our meetings move to Thursday evenings. Our April meeting is April 16 at the St. Stephen campus with a Baseball Opening Season theme, so wear your favorite sports attire and watch for the Evite.

We are planning more activities, so please check your emails and join us at upcoming meetings. Wishing everyone a blessed and joyful Easter.

*Ciao for now!
Ann Consul and Eileen McGauran*

BLESSED SACRAMENT District

Auburn Br. 342, St. Joseph

Please join us for Bubbles, Beer and Bingo on Saturday, April 18th at the Canyon View Community Center in Auburn. The fun will begin at 11 a.m. and last until 3 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 a person. This ticket includes lunch (pulled pork sandwiches) and dessert, one bingo card, a free drawing ticket and a glass for your bubbles or brew. Additional bingo cards and raffle tickets will also be for sale. We only have 100 tickets to sell, so get one before they are gone. Tickets can be purchased from Adriana at (530) 906-6996 or Bridget at (530) 906-0634. Hope to see you there.

Ciao! -Pam Andersen

SANTA ROSA District

Healdsburg Br. 52, San Francisco Di Sales

Thank you to everyone who helped and who attended our Fish Fry on March 27. It was a great success!

Upcoming Events:

April 14: ICF Monthly Meeting. 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

April 12: ICF Monthly Mass. 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Tuesday, May 12: Mother's and Father's Dinner. Richard Passalacqua and crew will be cooking a delicious dinner for everyone. For reservations, please call Camren and Lauren: 707-595-3111. Price: \$20.00 for adults. Children: \$5.00. We will honor our scholarship winners, this evening, also.

Happy Easter!
Lauren

Arcata Br. 144, St. Mary

We celebrated Valentine's Day on Friday, February 13, with a scrumptious dinner. Chef Alfred Eanni cooked a fork-tender prime rib and sautéed shrimp along with mashed potatoes. Members provided sides and desserts.

We had another successful Chicken & Polenta Dinner on Sunday, March 8. We continue to have both take-out and sit-down, but more folks are choosing to dine in. Along with having the best-tasting chicken and polenta around, attendees also enjoyed the community spirit. We had a generous donation from Humboldt Creamery. Their vanilla ice cream is the best. It is sold exclusively by Kirkland.

We also have a basket raffle/silent auction, which adds to this enjoyable event. This year, we received donations of wooden yard sculptures from Walking Duck Ranch, Fire & Light items from Deacon Ken and Rose Bond, coffee from Humboldt Bay Coffee, wine, and pasta. There was even a doggie items basket. Thank you to Charla Davis, who volunteers to decorate the baskets. They looked beautiful and very appealing!

Our cooks this year, Alfred Eanni ('15), Jim Monge ('08), Roger MacDonald ('13), and Manny Sousa, stepped up to help Pete Stagnoli ('89), who had to take this dinner off due to health issues. Please keep him in your prayers. He still managed to stop by on Sunday to give a few pointers. We once again had a crew from AFS, students from the Cal Poly Humboldt Newman Center, and the Arcata High School Running Club to help us out.

Thank you to all our branch and community members who spent many hours helping to put on this dinner.

We are planning to have our St. Joseph's table on the weekend of March 21 & 22.

April is the month of our 67th anniversary. Our branch hosts the co-celebration with Branch #145.

A very fond farewell to Shannon Rohrbach-Grier, who is moving to Iowa. She will be greatly missed! Check district page for photos.

Buona Pasqua! È Risorto!
Anne Carlisle Eanni
Secretary

Eureka Br. 145, St. Ambrose

The Betty Chinn Super Bowl of peanut butter and jelly competition in memory of Fr. Freed results are in (drum roll please):

- St. Mary's Arcata: 965 lbs.
- Eureka (St Bernard & Sacred Heart): 426 lbs.
- Eel River Valley (St. Joseph Fortuna & Assumption in Ferndale): 329 lbs.
- Christ the King (McKinleyville): 152lbs

Total: 1,872 lbs.!!!

Thank you to all who participated. Betty and her ministry are very grateful.

Following the success of our peanut butter and jelly collection drive what we need now is for all of our current members to help recruit new members and build our base of membership.

Membership applications are available for you to print out on your computer at the Italian Catholic Federation website: ICF.org

It is Colivas ICF scholarship time again. Scholarship applications can be printed out from the ICF website at: ICF.org

Or contact Joe Bonino or Jerry Colivas at jerry.colivas@yahoo.com to have an application for the Jerry J. Colivas Memorial Scholarship mailed to the student.

Santa Rosa Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our branch was saddened to hear that one of the three remaining charter members of our branch passed away on February 4, 2026. Rose Anderson joined St Eugene's ICF on January 9, 1966 and continued her membership for 60 years. May our two patron Saints lead her to her heavenly reward.

April is a month where those of us who have a garden begin to work the ground. We look for plants at the nursery or check plants we started from seeds and get ready for Spring.

April is also the time for a major Feast

Day in the Church. Lent draws to a close and we look forward to Easter with joy in our hearts.

May every ICF family be blessed with a happy and holy Easter Sunday.

Plan now to attend our annual scholarship BBQ which will be held on Monday, May 4th in the Parish Life Center at 6:00 p.m. This is a highlight of our year and you will enjoy it. Bring diapers and infant wear for the Life Pregnancy Services.

Buon Pasqua a Tutti Robert Acquistapace

Sebastopol Br. 209, St. Michael

Hello from Branch #209!

We had a delicious potluck dinner at our February General Meeting. Our Branch is blessed with many wonderful members who always participate!

On February 21st, we had our Chicken and Polenta Dinner. It was a full house! Everyone absolutely enjoyed our chicken and polenta. Our cooks Roy and Leona Spadoni, Donovan Dorr, and newest member Joe Sheerin, started the sugo/gravy at 9 a.m. and didn't leave the kitchen all day. Pete Barbieri and Mark Spadoni rounded out the cooking crew. Mark is our expert polenta stirrer. Besides the delicious meal, we had a raffle table with great items mostly donated by Joe and Jody Hug (thank you!), a 50-50 raffle-which we split three ways, delicious homemade Italian Dressing for sale (made by Pam McAlvain) and a great bar that everyone always enjoys. It was such a fun night! After all was said and done, our profit goes straight to scholarships and many local charities.

Our March General Meeting is coming up and our member Pat Petersen is providing the corned beef and cabbage! After that, we have our most popular event, our Fish Fry, which will be on March 27th.

Lots coming up! Hope everyone is doing well during this Lent period, and adapting to Daylight Savings! Spring is here!!!

Ciao,
Yvonne Dorr Recording Secretary

FRESNO District

Merced Br. 39, St. Cecilia

Buona Pasquale! The Lenten season was a busy one for Branch No. 39. We kicked it off with our March meeting with having our annual St. Joseph's Table Mass and Vegetarian Potluck. We also had a memorial table dedicated to our loved ones who have passed on.

Our branch also participated in Soup Night at St. Patrick's on Friday, March 13th; we provided different "meatless" soups before the Stations of the Cross. We also participated in helping Catholic Charities collect non-perishable items for their St. Joseph's Table. Members also enjoyed participating in a mass at St. Patrick's Church on March 15th.

Our next meeting will be held at the Italo Lodge on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 5 p.m. social hour/Bingo, 6 p.m. dinner (Corn Beef and Cabbage), with meeting to follow. Also, mark your calendars for the May dinner and meeting which will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026. We look forward to seeing you all then!

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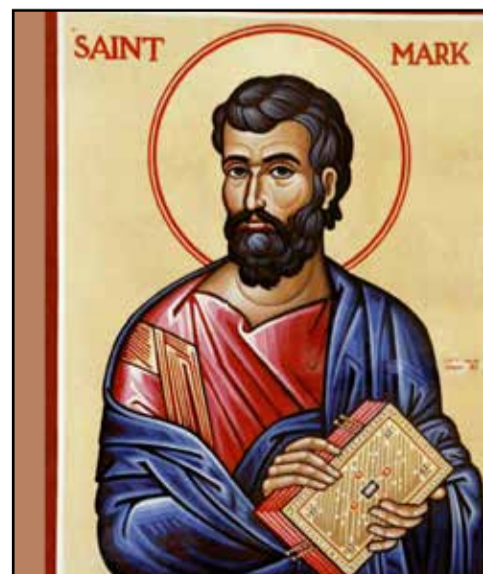
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"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."

Mark 16:15

Clovis
Br. 250, Our Lady of
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Happy New Year greetings
to all our multi-national members!

Italian: *Felice Anno Nuovo*

Spanish: *Feliz Ano Nuevo*

Portuguese: *Feliz Ano Novo*

Irish: *Ithbhliain Faoi Mhaise Daoibh*

German: *Frohes Neuss Jahr*

Danish: *Godt Nyttar*

Little known Popes' department: St. Damasus was the 37th Pope and one of the most controversial early Popes. He did much to establish the shape of the papacy and of Christianity as they emerged in medieval times and sought to rigidly (and sometimes ruthlessly) enforce the superiority of the Bishop of Rome over the other bishops.

As this issue combines January and February, here are birthday greetings for both months: January; Sharon Arnold, Claudette Rozal and Carolyn Tucker. February: Carol Rice.

Our January meeting featured a delicious lasagna lunch, a white elephant gift exchange, and cupcakes, one of which contained a tiny figure of the infant, Jesus. Traditionally, whomever gets the Baby Jesus in their cupcake must save Him for the following year and hide Him in one of the cupcakes he/she brings for the January, 2027 meeting.

What a blessing! Several days of much needed rain!

Philosopher Angelino says: "*E Se Piove E Se Gragniola, Dell 'Inverno Ne Siam Fuora*" – "If it rains and if it drizzles, winter will soon fizzle".

Please note: several pictures of Br. 250 are shown elsewhere in this issue.

Thought for the month: "In His birth is all hope, In His way is all light, In His Word is all truth, In His love is all life".

Ciao,
Matteo Macaroni

Fresno
Br. 308, St. Anthony of Padua

The year is getting off to a great start. Our new president, Russell Renna, is doing a great job keeping everyone in line. March 7/8 is/was our first sausage sandwich sale of the year. Jeff Jorgensen has volunteered to make corned beef and cabbage for our March meeting. And March 14 is/was the Knights of Columbus corned beef and cabbage dinner. 2 tables have been reserved for the ICF. Jay will even wear his kilt. It's the time of year when Italians get to pretend to be Irish.

We are looking into a summer fundraiser at Habit Grill. Thank you, Debbi

Jorgensen for organizing this.

It's time to think about upcoming Convention awards. Deadline for applications is April 1st. Scholarship applications are due April 10. Information has been sent to local high schools and is available on the ICF website. Spread the word to any qualified high school seniors you may know.

Bernie Squeo is on the mend (slowly) but needs to be encouraged to eat! Also, prayers for Susan Squeo whose mother passed away, Ed Girado who recently broke his hip, and Janet Gilchrist's granddaughter and family who were in a car accident.

Happy February birthdays to Jay New-some and Archie Rader (91!).

As one of our past ICF chaplains, Monsignor James Petersen, said (after a particularly hard winter for me) "Spring is a sign that God hasn't forgotten about you."

Susan Mencarini

CENTRAL COAST
District Council

The Central Coast District welcomed our new Bishop the most reverend Ramon Bejarano of the Diocese of Monterey. Elaine Valentine, Central Coast President was honored to represent the Italian Catholic Federation as a greeter during the Bishop's installation Mass on 2-19-26.

Central Coast is having a Spring fundraiser 50/50 raffle. One winner will win a \$100 gift card to Costco. Each Branch has raffle tickets on sale at \$5.00 each until 4-30-26. Thank you all for supporting Br 36 - Monterey Lenten dinners.

Buona Pasqua,
Elaine Valentine, President
Central Coast District

Aptos
Br. 227, St. Joseph

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day at our March meeting with a corned beef and cabbage dinner prepared by Jane Kotila. We are grateful to Jane who always steps up to the plate when we need cooks. Those of us who gave up desserts for Lent looked on longingly as members enjoyed the apple cobbler Magdalena Martinez made. President Franklyn Lopes conducted the raffle assisted by Vicky Howell and Valerie Vote. Thanks to all of you who brought raffle prizes, especially Dorothy Delucchi who donated a crate of strawberries from her place. Proceeds from the raffle help pay the rent on the Senior Citizens Center.

At the meeting we welcomed new members Gary and Petra Castiglione who came to us from Branch 21. Gary and Petra are long-time Santa Cruz County residents, so they connected

right away with many of our members.

Thanks to Dottie Smith who volunteered to conduct the sale of Convention raffle tickets. You will be hearing from her soon (and often).

Members are invited to purchase tickets for the raffle sponsored by the Central Coast District. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the prize is a \$100 Costco gift card. See Jane Kotila before April 25 to get your ticket.

Our next meeting is Sunday, April 12, at 1:30 p.m. at the Mid-County Senior Center. It will be a potluck and since we have lots of good cooks in our branch, it should be fun.

May the blessings of the Lord fill your homes this Easter.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande
Br. 291, St. Patrick

Our 2026 Lenten Fish Fry season has come to an end and it was a very successful fundraiser! There were lines out the door every week as customers patiently waited to enjoy our delicious fish & chips dinners. This event would not be possible if it wasn't for our dedicated members who work so hard to make our Fish Fry run smoothly. THANK YOU! We also had help from student volunteers each evening from St. Patrick School and other local schools. Their help was greatly appreciated.

On March 1st we hosted Officer Installation with the Paso Robles Branch. It was a nice afternoon and officers from both Branches enjoyed visiting beforehand and during lunch following the installation. We look forward to other joint branch activities.

Branch 291 continues to grow as we recently welcomed four St. Patrick School families as new members. They are excited to participate in our Registration Assistance Program, and they jumped right in and helped at our Fish Frys! We have been very blessed this year with new members who are eager to get involved with our Branch activities!

At our April 26th General Meeting, we will be celebrating our St. Joseph's Table. Members are asked to bring non-perishable food, household products and toiletries for our Table that will be donated to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program.

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

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

Paso Robles
Br. 354, Saint Rose of Lima

Hopefully, you will take the time to look at the photos accompanying this article. They were taken by ICF member, Roseanna, who is very good at capturing smiles. The photos were taken at our Installation Ceremony hosted by Arroyo Grande Branch 291, on March 1st at St. Patrick's Parish in Arroyo Grande. It's no wonder everyone was all smiles after enjoying a delicious lunch of fried chicken with all the fixings. Move over Col. Sanders!

Welcome to our new officers, and thank you for your service to Branch 354.

Yvonne Maddalena
Recording Secretary

CHICAGO

Chicago
Br. 392, St. Francis Borgia

On behalf of President Teresa Helfand and all the Officers and Members of ICF Branch 392 Chicago, we wish everyone a Happy New Year full of happiness, joy and good health.

On December 14, 2025, we had a Live Nativity and Mass with refreshments after. It was very well attended with young participants.

We also participated in celebrating the 90th Birthday of long time ICF member Rosetta DeFrancesco on January 4, 2026. God Bless Rosetta and we wish her many more years.

Frank Di Piero



SANTA CLARA VALLEY District Council

The Santa Clara Valley District March meeting was held at Santa Teresa parish hall and hosted by Branch 435 St. Catherine of Morgan Hill.

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

The district members look forward to a productive 2026 year including: the annual summer BBQ picnic, IAHF Festa booth July 25th and 26th at History Park in San Jose, ICF Convention September 4th to 6th in Reno, Bishop's Day October 11th at Resurrection church in Sunnyvale, Oktoberfest at Teske's Germania, the District Christmas party, and Installation 2027. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details of these district events.

All branches, please remember to donate to the ICF first year scholarship program by the deadline April 10th. It would be good for our district to show 100% participation of branches. And be sure to alert potential student candidates to the filing deadline, also April 10th.

The ICF is collecting gently used chapter books for children, especially fourth and fifth graders, to be donated to charity at the Convention in Reno. Donations can be given at your branch which your Convention delegates can bring to Convention when they travel.

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

Gilroy Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

Happy Spring Everyone!

Our February dinner meeting was terrific. We enjoyed some of the cast from the St. Mary School theater group who performed a medley of songs from their recent "Wizard of Oz" musical. Well-rehearsed, voices projected; they were fantastic! They all had strong "stage presence."

After, the students and their parents joined us for pizza and salad along with the unexpected addition of homemade pasta with sauce. Ice Cream and homemade cookies were served for dessert. What a treat! While waiting for dinner, we played a few highly spirited rounds of Bingo, where the winners chose their prize from a nice selection of items.

Following dinner, President Kim Filice recognized the Dinner Crew – Vince Saso, John Matteucci, Alex Larson, and Kim Filice. The Cookie Crew included Diana Berry, Marianne Peoples, Kim Filice and Chris Filice.

We ended February with another successful Shrimp & Ravioli Dinner, one of our annual fundraisers. Diana Berry and Ed Saucedo chaired the event. Many thanks to our cooks Andy Pappani, John Matteucci, Vince Saso, Alex Larson, and Joe Fortino; Peggy Fortino for the delicious homemade Key Lime Pie dessert cups; and Frank Angelino for a well-maintained beverage station. Many of our members helped with setup, food prep, the raffle, and cleanup. St. Mary School eighth grade students delivered the food and dessert to each table. We thank our members who donated items to the raffle and to all who attended the dinner. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for everyone.

Monday, April 20, 2026, is our next meeting with dinner prepared by Louie's Lasagna.

*Wishing you all a Happy Easter,
Christine Filice*

Mountain View Br. 47, San Giorgio

Buona Pasqua! Happy Easter!

After fasting and reflecting for Easter, we are ready to shift our focus to celebration. As we live our faith actively and meaningfully in our communities, we will be raising money for Cooley's Anemia and our 90th Anniversary celebration this year.

Our Pasta Grab n Go sales begin April 11th after Mass at St Joseph Parish in Mtn View. We will have a limited number of dinners for sale, so don't miss out. We will also have a 50/50 raffle; the winning raffle ticket wins half of the pot. The winning ticket will be pulled on Saturday, April 25. We will also be selling raffle tickets for two beautiful baskets, one with a beautiful homemade afghan.

Wishing you all success and a joyful time with all your endeavors during this beautiful spring season.

*Peace and God Bless,
Ciao, Julie Wester*

St. Mary Br. 184, Los Gatos

The February meeting was held while we enjoyed, what Marie Yurosko termed, "a Holy Spirit Potluck"! Members brought frittatas, pasta, pizza, salad and desserts. Pretty good for our first attempt! Denise gave a history of the King's Cake, the traditional Mardi Gras cake and she shared the cake as well! Virginia gave us a history of St. Valentine, so it was a fast and fun meeting.

March is rushing by. The month "April" got its name from the Latin, meaning "to open", signified by the blooming of flowers and trees. This year Easter takes place in April - the most glorious time for Christians.

We meet again March 12. Until then, wishing you all good tidings,

Lucy Amico.

San Jose Br. 191, Saint Frances Cabrini

Dear Members,

As we continue through the Lenten Season, Branch 191 remains active within our Parish Community.

We are pleased to participate in the Wednesday Soup Night, where we will be serving homemade Minestrone and Chicken Vegetable soup. This is a wonderful opportunity for the ICF to engage with other parishioners and share more about our organization. This year, we will also feature a St. Joseph's table accompanied by a brief explanation of its significance.

Looking ahead, we will host a Palm Sunday Breakfast following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. This is always a great way for our members to gather and spend time together.

In April, we will begin our Pasta Sauce fundraiser. If you are interested in purchasing our delicious homemade sauce, please contact Debbie Piro for further details.

Finally, we would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member, Barbara Avery. We hope you enjoy the camaraderie of our ICF Branch. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Barbara and make her feel welcome.

Best regards, Sharon Logan

San Jose Br 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

Please pray for our members with health problems. Janet Glaubke, Phil Robba, Lorraine Nunziata, Ron Sanchez, Steve Resz, Bill Rice, John Gillio. We are looking for a Dining for Dollars chair person. If you are interested, talk to Robin Hayr. The Crab Dinner was March 7th. This was a fund raiser for the parish and was a success. Thank you to all that helped. The ICF Polenta Dinner, March 21st and the ICF Rib Dinner scheduled for Sept.12, 2026. We always need more volunteers to help.

We have three new members that were installed at our February meeting. Renee Schlice, and Jerry and Jo Anne Chimenti. Please introduce yourself and welcome them. Tina Sousa-Durta and Mary Ridi are asking if you need to have funds for a project, fill out a form to get approval from the board. Projects will not be approved at our monthly meetings, but will be studied and approved at the board meeting. Sharon Kroeber, our heritage person, has requested stories about our Italian family's history for a scrap book. Sharon needs, dates, names and family stories. I have received a lot of pictures over the month, but only 3 or 4 are allowed to be printed in the Bollettino. Group pictures are the best way to get pictures in the *Bollettino*.

*Have a wonderful month.
May God bless you and your families.
Tom Myers*

San Jose Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

Members were treated to a delicious Italian dinner of pasta and meatballs provided by our dear friends, Al and Diana Vallorz and team, in March.

In her monthly heritage report, Louise Vento presented the story of Nicholas Faberge, designer of the Faberge eggs, and how the discovery of his true birth certificate name was significant in making a difference in his life.

Steve Lencioni introduced Debbie Piro, our District President, who continues to visit branches throughout the year. She always enjoys her experiences in seeing the branches' differences, and yet, she tells us that each of the branches has the same mission in supporting parishes and one another.

Steve reminded us that first-year scholarship applications are available on-line at ICF.org, and that the deadline for applications is April 10, 2026.

Thank you to those members who attended and represented ICF at St. Martin's Stations of the Cross and the Parish Faith Night in March.

Our April 25 Multicultural Celebration Fundraiser is coming up soon. Remember to sign up for the varied committees and donations needed to make this a successful event. Consider serving a sample size of a dish from your country of origin.

Laurice Levine will be our guest speaker during our April meeting, and she will talk about Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia). Her inspirational presentations have always been informative.

Reminder:

Branch 391 Dinner Meeting—Tuesday, 7, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.; Multicultural Celebration Fundraiser—April 25, 2026, 6-8 p.m.; Quarterly Communion—June 7, September 6, and December 6, 2026—all at 10:00 mass.

*Happy Easter!
Janis Patellaro*



LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT



Br. 444 St. Valentine's Meeting members and guests



Br. 444 ICF Branch Installation: LR Hany Francis, Cristina Baldemor, Carol Piccirillo & Patty Hansen



In Memory of Sheryl Payne--Br. 444



Br. 115, St. John Joseph of the Cross held Mass at Mary Star of the Sea Church San Pedro, CA.



Br. 115 celebrated the feast of St John Joseph of the Cross on March 5, 2026.

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 179, Bruce Brancato, Debbie Felt, Michelle Trichter, Josie Bresee, Patricia Auriemmo



Br. 179, Three Tenors



Br. 179, Truck Load 2-22



LAA District-Religious Congress-Visitors



LAA District-Religious Congress-With Fr. Chris



LAA District-Religious Congress-Visitor



LAA District-Religious Congress

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



NBr. 67, St. Peter's Italian Catholic Church, Los Angeles CA



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ICF 111, February Dinner & Meeting



ICF 111, Happy Birthday to Adela & Terri!



ICF 111, February Meeting & Dinner



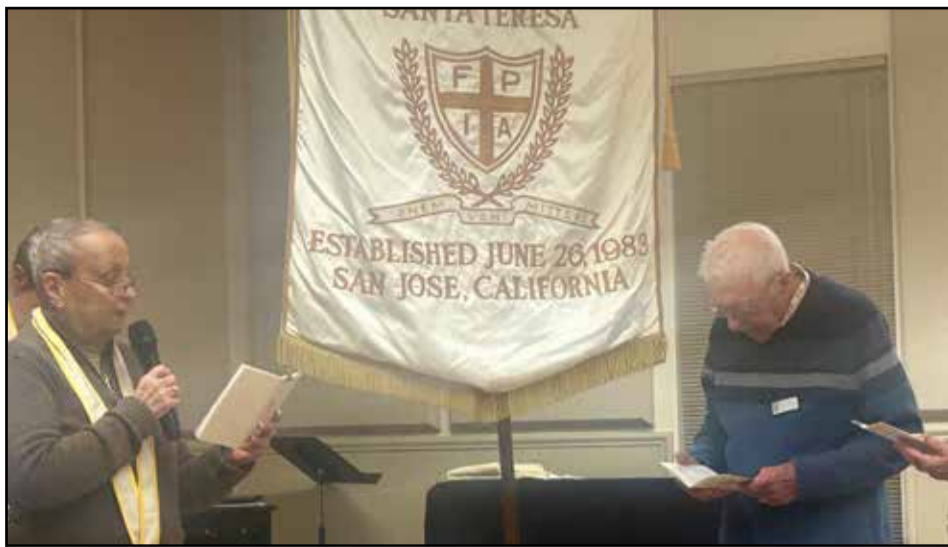
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ICF 111, February Valentine Dinner



SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT



Br. 368, New members pledge being read by Janet Glaubke and Jerry Delfino.



Shirley Catania, Barbara Avery, Debbie Piro and Jaime Portillo - Branch 191



Br. 368, Installs New Members, Jo Anne Chimienti, Jerry Chimienti and Renee Schlice.



Members of Branch 391 St. Martin in San Jose lead Stations of the Cross.



John Matteucci and Alex Larson prepared a delicious pasta dinner for Branch 28.



Br. 28, A big "thank you" to Jeanette Hudson for writing for the *Bolletino* for 2 years!



Br. 28, Chris Filice checking people in for our annual ravioli and shrimp feed.



Br. 445, Member Bill Perry and his Heritage Poster on Italian Sports



Br. 445, Olympic Decorating Crew

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 445, Happy Birthday to Member Marti Rao!



Br. 445, Members Enjoying the International Buffet

**Sunnyvale
Br. 408, Resurrection**

Buona Pasqua!

Easter Blessings to All!

We thank our Generous Blood Donors who provided the Gift of Life to our Community!

Please Note:

The Bishop's Office has rescheduled the Santa Clara Valley District (SCVD) Bishop's Day Mass hosted at Church of the Resurrection now to occur at the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday 11 Oct 2026. We will be hosting Auxiliary Bishop Andy followed by a Luncheon at 3 Flames Restaurant located on Meriden off of Highway 280 in San Jose.

Br. 408 will host a Bake Sale after all the Sunday Masses on April 19th. We will raise money to support our Diocesan Seminarians.

Please Pray for our ICF Members and Friends: Donna Richey, Fr Chris Bennett, Patricia Look and Laurice Levine.

**San Jose
Br. 445, Transfiguration**

Branch 445's Fifth Annual Mother's Day Cookie Fundraiser Sale is underway! Many thanks to those who have already placed their orders. Price has not been raised - a delicious Baker's dozen remains \$25. Orders are still being accepted! Any questions please contact Br. 445 President Jim Falcone (jim@jfalcone.com or cell 408 806-6787).

Thanks also to those who supported Br.445's Annual See's Easter Candy Sale Fundraiser.

Br. 445 will soon choose a member to Crown Mother Mary for our annual May celebration.

Our February General Meeting was a celebration of the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy. Many thanks to our decorating crew for bringing the spirit of the Olympics to Tabor Hall. Thanks also to those who contributed foods for our International Buffet!

Appropriately, member Bill Perry presented an interesting Heritage overview of Italy's hosting winter/summer Olympics in past years and Italian sports through the years starting with Chariot races!

Members also assembled 400 Lenten Rice Bowls in support of Catholic Relief Services for Transfiguration and two other parishes.

Br 445 hosted the first of a series of Lenten Friday Soup Suppers at Transfiguration. Several members also supported the St. Christopher's Parish Crab feed. Members continue to help assemble 105 Sack Lunches weekly for those in need.

Many members also have served on parish committees to support re-instating Transfiguration's prior St. Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner!

Happy April Birthday Wishes to Gina and Larry Farro!

*Happy Easter to all ... Buona Pasqua a tutti!
Until next month stay safe and well,
Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer*

**STOCKTON
District**

**Modesto
Br. 48, St. Stanislaus**

If you have anyone applying for a scholarship it, should be in by April 1, 2026. The applications are now available online.

Invite your family and friends and bring your favorite dish to our Mother's Day Potluck.

Things seem to be a little slow right now but that won't last for long. We will have our Bake Sale on May 16 & 17. We need to be getting ready for the Bishop's Burse, the District Picnic and the Convention. We will be busy.

Masses for our deceased members will be Saturday, April 18, 2026 and Sunday,

May 10, 2026 all masses are at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Upcoming Events:

- Wed April 8 – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – J Street Church Hall
- Wed May 13- 6:00 p.m. Mother's Day potluck & meeting
- Sat May 16 – Sun - May 17 --Bake Sale after the masses

Cecelia McGhee

**Lodi
Br. 82, St. Anne's**

It is daylight savings time, my favorite time of year, and our ICF branch is getting busier with spring activities. Our March meeting focused on planning for upcoming events! We decorated the local Salvation Army's Hope Harbor shelter for Easter on March 27th. It has become an annual gift from our Branch 82 to the Lodi Salvation Army, and it gives the parents and children staying at the shelter a little light and knowledge that people do care especially at Easter!

Come join us for our Ravioli Fund Raiser dinner on May 2nd at St Anne's Hall. Raffle baskets are being prepared now by several of our members, and it is always exciting to see what is on the raffle table. We would love to have as many of our Stockton District members as possible attend and get to know you better. Angelina's Italian Ristorante, a local favorite is catering our event. We will be hosting a booth for membership drive at the Ministry Day event in May. We also have our annual Blood Drive for Thalassemia scheduled for May 12th.

*Buona Pasqua -- Happy Easter,
Elizabeth Calloni Holladay
Corresponding Secretary*

**Manteca
Br. 139, Nostra Signora del
Buon Viaggio**

Branch #139 met on Tuesday, February 24, in St. Anthony's Cafeteria. First Vice President Patti Fichtner presided.

Routine business included reading and approving the January 2026 meeting minutes and reviewing checking account balances as of February 1. Members are encouraged to read the *Bollettino*.

A new membership application was received: Giovanni Galeazzi, grandson of member Dante Galeazzi. Welcome, Giovanni!

Treasurer Michelle Hrmon reported that five households had not yet paid their 2026 membership dues; a second reminder will be mailed during the first week of March. She also reported that Branch #139's federal and state income taxes for 2025 have been filed.

Birdie Nieri shared that she recently attended a planning meeting for the Parish's Priest Appreciation Dinner on May 30. Gift baskets are needed for this event, which recognizes the priests for their service to the parish. The cost to attend is \$40. Birdie also noted that plans are underway for upcoming branch fundraisers. The Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser is scheduled for August 21, and the branch will again partner with St. Anthony's School.

Dante Galeazzi reminded members about the popular Lenten Fish Fries in Monterey. He also noted that the Apostolic Report should always be kept up to date, recording Mass attendance, rosaries, donations, and volunteer service to the parish.

Our branch will host the next Stockton District Meeting on May 17 at Tony's Kitchen, and all officers are encouraged to attend.

Our next meeting will be March 24 in St. Anthony's Cafeteria, with dessert provided by Dante Galeazzi.

*Bye for now,
Michela*



Tracy Br. 390, St. Bernard

March dinner of Italian Roasted Chicken and pasta served another fabulous turnout - over 200 made reservations and we want to extend our appreciation to those of you who showed up at 4:00 to prepare the hall for the 6:30 dinner. Also, our overwhelming raffle prizes and desserts continue to impress. Keep it up—we need you!

April menu stays in place for Heritage Month with Italian Spaghetti and Meatballs.

Applications for scholarships are due by March 15. We are pleased to be processing new membership applications received since January.

Our Board of Directors are doing a fabulous job running the ship here in Tracy, so we want to give each and every one of them a pat on the back for their help. They don't just show up for the monthly board meetings and monthly dinners, they help with everything else in between, like the district meetings, Bishop's Burse and St. Bernard's festivals. So, when you see them, tell them 'how great thou art'...or something to that effect!

You can share family memories in our Heritage section. We would love to hear where all your ancestors came from. My own memories are in there: Toscana Mom born in Pisa, Dad born in San Francisco of Sicilian immigrants.

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*Pray we all stay healthy, happy & safe,
Betty Hollars*

Stockton Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

Buona Pasqua everyone!

Branch 395 has been busy since it was a very successful Polenta fundraiser.

We hosted one of the Lenten Soup Suppers after Stations of the Cross. I think the word gets out that the ICF is making the soups because we have a full house every time. Any donations received will be donated to Saint Mary's Dining Hall here in Stockton.

We sent Easter gifts again to our 7 seminarians to help them with their journey. We are so grateful for them and anything we can do to help is greatly appreciated.

Our annual Bake Sale will be held on April 19 after all masses or until we sell out! By popular demand, we will feature everything Italian, biscotti, cannoli, panettone, crostate and so much more.



We have the honor of hosting our districts Bishops Burse this year on July 25 and the preparations have already begun.

Our annual Italian mass will be in September, and this year will honor the Saint of Padre Pio. We will share more specifics as we get closer.

*alla prossima,
Mary Ann*

Angels Camp Br. 413, St. Patrick

The Italian Catholic Federation hosted its Valentine's Dinner on February 14th. Those who came had a fun time. Some even danced to old tunes. Thank you to everyone who helped organize the event and to those who attended.

Our next event was held on March 15th, when the Branch served St. Patrick's Day sandwiches after Mass. As St. Patrick is our patron, Father John Peter, our pastor, led a procession of the parish ministries, each carrying their banner. This procession recognized the many groups that serve within our parish. Parishioners were invited to stop by and enjoy a sandwich following Mass and the procession.

It is scholarship season again and we are reviewing applications from our local high school for awards. We typically give three, \$500 scholarships each year. I am looking forward to evaluating this year's applications.

We appreciate all who support and participate in these parish activities.

*Ciao,
Robert Pachinger, Branch President*

SAN BERNARDINO District Council

On February 21st members of Branches 210 in Fontana, Branch 217 from Redlands and Branch 446 in Upland gathered for our San Bernardino District Installation. We were blessed to have Grand President Franklyn Lopes, Jr. preside over the ceremony. Also helping with the installation of officers were members from the Central Council: Maria DiPaolo, Pat Mages, Teresa Shaw and Perry Shurko. District Chaplain, Fr. Jerry Ochetti presided over Mass along with Fr. Kenneth Vu, Parochial Vicar. The event was hosted by Branch 446 at Saint Anthony's Church in Upland. Following Mass and the installation of officers, we came together for a delicious luncheon provided by 5 Star Catering. We enjoyed roasted vegetables, salad, pasta tortellini, lemon chicken, garlic rolls, cheesecake and chocolate mousse. During our meal we listened to traditional Italian music expertly played on the grand piano by Nico Impastato.

Another highlight of the event was the opportunity drawing for beautiful gift baskets that were donated by the

branches. We especially enjoyed coming together to visit with our Central Council officers as well as reconnect with friends from our local branches. We all came away with a rededication to each other and the work of the ICF.

Fontana Br. 210, St. Joseph

We always enjoy coming together for our meetings. Everyone brings something yummy for lunch then when we are done enjoying our meal, the real work starts. Ralph, our Orator as well as someone who is always ready to help our Branch continue to thrive, presented his ideas for a fundraiser that we will start on right after Easter. We were also excited to welcome a new member, Eric Tafoya and a potential member, Andrew Vasquez, to our table. We also invited a member of St. Nicholas of Myra, Chris, to join us for lunch. He said he would consider joining next month.

We're working on growing our Branch and are especially excited about bringing in some younger members. Seven members of our Branch attended the District Installation, and all agreed it was handled beautifully by Br 446. After the installation, we all enjoyed a wonderful lunch provided by 5 Star Catering, which is owned by our very own Chef Bernard Frehner.

We agreed to fund a 1st year scholarship for \$500, and we even had some members helping with donations so that we could fund the entire scholarship, not just a portion. Our members rock!

We reminded everyone to keep the date of our Bishop's Lunch open and let everyone know about The Bishop's Tea and the Bishop's Dinner in case anyone wanted to attend these very special events.

*Catch up with you next month! Ciao,
Annie McCarthy, President Br. 210*

Redlands Br. 217, Sacred Heart

Our March meeting was fun as well as informative. We shared our thoughts on our District Installation hosted by Branch 446 in February. All the members who attended enjoyed getting together with the other two branches and we all enjoyed the day. Our Heritage Chair, Diana Hill presented a great story by our own Father Elder, who is a professor emeritus of history and humanities as well as a Roman Catholic priest. We heard about the six most colorful popes in history. We heard about Clement the first, Benedict IX, Gregory VII, Innocent III, Paul III, and Leo XIII. We learned that even though these popes were "colorful" and somewhat outside of what we envision our Popes to be, they contributed much to our Catholic faith.

After our Heritage Report, we agreed to fund two scholarships. One first year scholarship for \$500 that will be mailed to Central Council by April 1 and the 2nd one will be going directly to our Parish grade school funded partially by our own treasury and the rest by contributions from our members. The school scholarship helps a deserving 8th grader who will be attending a Catholic High School.

We also reminded our members to keep the dates open for our upcoming Bishop's Lunch in September and the sausage sale that will be held in October.

*Till next month,
Annie McCarthy, VP Branch 217*

Upland Br. 446, Saint Anthony

Our branch is continually busy with many events that bring us together as friends and family. Recently, we hosted the installation of officers from the San Bernardino District. Grand President Franklyn Lopes, Jr. presided over the installation with help from other Central Council representatives. Members from all 3 district branches were in attendance including District President John Guerin. Our branch president, Carrey Rossie, organized the event with committee members Nan Judge, Virginia Impastato and Betty Cavanaugh. Additional help was given by Barbara Keogh, District Secretary. During Lent, our branch presented the Stations of the Cross at our parish. Many of our members take on various roles participating as readers as well as carrying cross and candles throughout the prayerful evening. We were pleased by the number of parishioners in attendance.

We are blessed to have an active parish that supports the work of our ICF branch. Our recent fundraiser at a local spaghetti restaurant netted us \$1,300!

Now we move on to our annual St. Joseph's Day weekend. We display our large statue of St. Joseph and offer baked items for sale. A holy card is included with each purchase.

Our Cannoli Committee, headed by Jim Impastato, is working on logistics for our cannoli sale over Mother's Day weekend. Although it is a lot of work, we look forward to this special day because of all the fun we have during cannoli construction. Jim keeps us moving and laughing. But none of this can be accomplished without our fantastic members!

We recently welcomed four new members: Andrea and Nicole Scarpelli, Paula DeStefano and Linda Choppi. We are so grateful to all our members for their contributions of time and friendship.

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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.



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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.

IRS AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

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

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

The IRS limit for the tax year ending 2025 is the following:

Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.

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

The State limit for the tax year ending 2025 is the following:

Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file State Form 199.

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

THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED

Both Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2026. The IRS and State strictly adhere to this date, so please take this process seriously.

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

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

Please make sure all District or Branch finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2025. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

If you have any questions, or need help filing, please call the ICF Office at 1-888-423-1924.

Thank You, Deborah Rodondi, Grand Treasurer

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Convention Raffle



RENO CONVENTION RAFFLE EXTRAVAGANZA

Help make this year's Reno Convention unforgettable
donate a show-stopping raffle basket or prize valued at \$100 or more!

Here are some ideas to spark your inspiration:

- Gourmet food & wine baskets
- Tech gadgets and smart devices
- Spa day or self-care kits
- Adventure or theme park passes
- Game night packages
- Sporting event tickets
- Artisanal gift collections
- Restaurant or shopping gift cards

Family fun packs—movie nights, craft kits, LEGO sets and more!
Every thoughtfully curated basket or prize—big, bold, quirky, or classic—
will make this raffle one for the history books.

**If you would rather have us make a basket in your name -
we will accept either cash or check in the amount of \$100.**

Why donate?

A percentage will go directly to support the Reno Branch!

Donation deadline: June 2026 (Central Council Meeting)
Questions or ready to donate your amazing prize or check?
Contact Denise at (408) 656-8954 or email D56@comcast.net

Show your flair. Spark some joy. Help us build the most
talked-about raffle in ICF history!

→ You don't have to be a Central Council Member to Donate!! ←

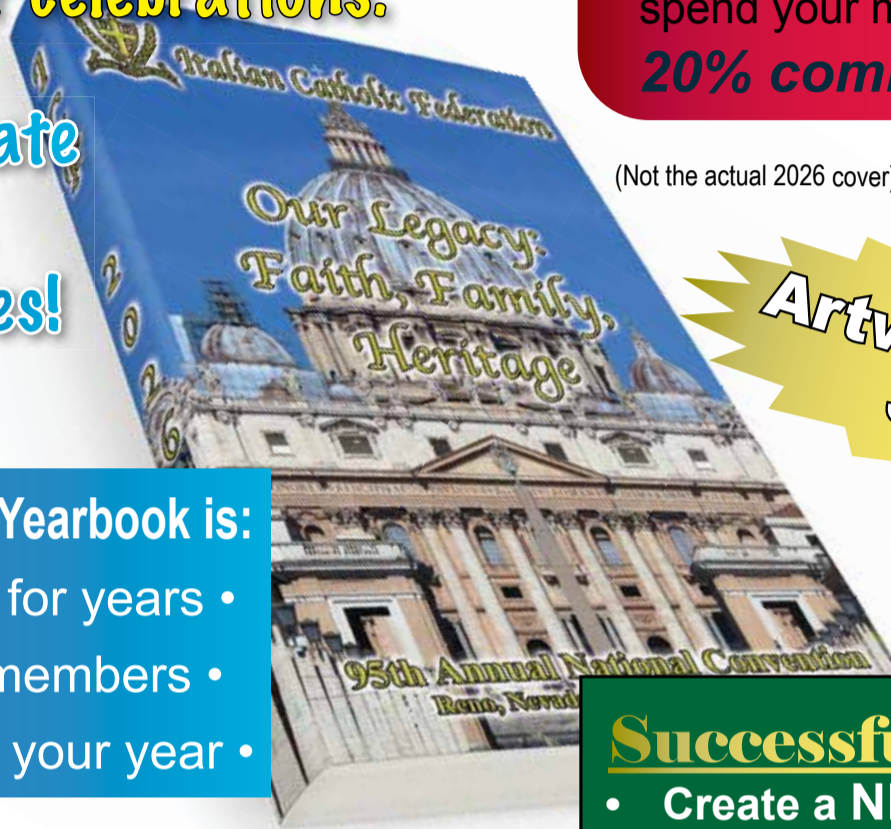
Thank You for supporting the Reno Convention Raffle!

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2026 Yearbook

YOU Are Needed!

Show us your celebrations.

Let us celebrate your joys and successes!



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

(Not the actual 2026 cover)

**Artwork Deadline
JULY 1ST!**

The ICF Convention Yearbook is:

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

You Need COLOR!

The full-page entry for Branch 413 looks great in the 2025 book! (See page 88.)
So much more impactful than black and white would have been.

Please consider color for impact.

Successful Entry Tips

- Create a NEW entry this year
- Tell us what you've been up to
- Use COLOR in your entry
- Submit Celebration entries for your members and their achievements

Celebration Pages

Births • Weddings • Graduations

Full color 1/16th page celebration entry for only \$25. Includes a photo and details.

Let us all celebrate the joys from your year!

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



*Our Legacy: Faith,
Family, Heritage*

Delegate Registration



BRANCH NO. _____ CITY: _____ DISTRICT: _____
 Individual Members as of March 31st: _____ Number of Delegates Required: _____ (see below)

The Central Council looks forward to welcoming you to the
2026 Convention in Reno.

Delegate registration deadline is July 1.

Elections for delegates are to take place at a branch meeting before the registration deadline.

Hotel reservation website: <https://book.passkey.com/go/SRICF6>

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

ALTERNATE DELEGATES:

1. _____
2. _____

GUESTS: (not attending lunch or dinners)

1. _____
2. _____

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

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

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

Signature of one Branch Officer _____ Position _____ Date _____

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

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2026 CONVENTION

Our Legacy: Faith, Family, Heritage

September 4 – 6, 2026

Silver Legacy Resort Casino

407 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV



Hotel Reservation Link:

Our rate is \$150.00 per night for either single or double occupancy. The tax is currently 13.5% plus \$3.00 City Fee per night. Resort fee is waived.

Reservations may be made online:

1. Visit this link: <https://book.passkey.com/go/SRICF6>

The deadline for hotel reservations is August 19, 2026. Please DO NOT wait until this date to make your reservations, as the room block may be sold out prior to this date.

Self-Parking: Complimentary! ... Hotel Shuttle to and from the Reno-Tahoe International Airport. More information at the Hotel and on the Signs in the Baggage Claim Area at the Airport.

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

Everyone is welcome to attend the Convention! See you in Reno!

ICF 2026 Convention Lunch and Dinners

Friday Night Opening Dinner

Menu:
 Heirloom Tomato Salad
 Creamy Tuscan Chicken Breast – Seared breast of chicken topped with sun-dried tomato garlic cream sauce, sauteed spinach, garlic and herb red potatoes and seasonal vegetable.
 Mango mousse and raspberry mousse with fresh fruit compote

Price:
 Delegates: Included in registration.
 Non-Delegates: \$65.00
 Official Convention Opening and dancing will follow dinner.

Menu:
 Sonoma Greens Salad
 Braised Boneless Short Rib – slow braised boneless beef short rib with rich demi-glace, aged cheddar potato puree and seasonal vegetables.
 Chocolate euphoria cake

Price:
 Delegates: Included in registration.
 Non-Delegates: \$70.00

Pope Saint John XXIII Award will be presented.

Saturday Night Banquet

Black Tie Optional

Sunday Award Lunch

Menu:
 Italian Buffet: classic Caesar salad, antipasto pasta salad, fresh sliced seasonal fruits & berries, lemon chicken scallopini, homemade meatball pomodoro, white fish puttanesca, mushroom ravioli with porcini cream sauce, cheese tortellini primavera with pesto, Italian green beans with stewed tomatoes and red onion, chef's assortment of focaccia, vanilla bean panna cotta with fresh berries, pistachio-ricotta cannoli, Frangelico chocolate torte

Price:
 Delegates: Included in registration.
 Non-Delegates: \$65.00

Family of the Year, Mother Theresa, Grand President and Young Adult Awards will be presented.

Reservations: Delegates complete the Convention delegates form. Non-delegates: complete the form below. Make checks payable to: ICF Convention Fund. In the memo line, write "Convention Banquets."

Deadline: August 1. Reservations received after August 1st are \$10.00 more per reservation.

NAME:	Br. #	Friday Dinner	Saturday Banquet	Sunday Lunch

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please inform the ICF office of any dietary restrictions and we will try to accommodate them



Kick Off the ICF Convention in Style!



Pre-Convention Thursday Night Event – September 3, 2026

Arrive early and start the ICF Convention the right way—with great food, great company, and a night to remember! Join fellow members and friends for an authentic Basque Buffet Dinner at the legendary Louis Basque Corner in Reno.

📍 Louis Basque Corner
 301 East 4th Street • Reno, NV

🍴 Feast on a Classic Basque Buffet:

- Sliced Prime Rib
- Chicken and Rice
- Fresh Salad
- Basque Beans
- French Fries
- Ice Cream

🍷 No-host bar available

Price: \$75.00 per person

Cocktails: 6:00 PM. Dinner: 6:30 PM

Enjoy an evening of delicious food, lively conversation, and camaraderie before the convention officially begins. This is the perfect opportunity to reconnect with friends and meet new faces in a relaxed, festive atmosphere

Reservations: please complete this form and send into the ICF Office – 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite #110, Oakland, CA 94621

Make checks payable to ICF Convention Fund. On the memo line write: "Thursday Night"

Deadline: August 14.

NAME	Br. #	Thursday Night

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____






Die Fledermaus

Johann STRAUSS II

April 25, 2026 7:00pm
 April 26, 2026 2:00pm
 Casa Italiana, DTLA

May 3, 2026 2:00pm
 Dalmatian Club, San Pedro

Tickets \$48
 Senior/Student/Youth Pricing
 Add-on Lunch/Dinner Buffet

 Eric Cornwell Eisenstein	 Joanna Parisi Rosalinde	 Elle Moody Adele	 Anna Caplan Prince Orlovsky
 Zach Mascarinas Frank	 Josh Valdes Dr Folke	 Frank Watnick Alfred	 Jacob Stucki Dr Blind

Francesca Taylor ~ Producer
 Oliver Chan ~ Conductor, Carson Gilmore ~ Stage Director, Jared Jones ~ Chorus Master,
 and featuring the dancers of Arthur Murray Dance Studios

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**93rd Festa Italia
 coming to the
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 – Monterey State
 Historic Park in
 Downtown
 Monterey on
 Sept. 11 – 13**



SAN MATEO DISTRICT



Listed Below Br. 213 St Augustine South San Francisco Valentines meeting from left to right. Seated, Linda Benedetti, Gloria DeVincenzi. Standing, Diane Pangburn, Donna DeVoe, Marianne Cameron, Judy Crosetti, Dorene Campanile, Roberta Franchini, Kathy Amiot.