



BOLLETTINO

ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage



Honoring Tradition: ICF Members Unite for St. Joseph's Table, St. Patrick's Celebrations, and Service

Grand President's Monthly Message

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.



Branch 395 hosts a Lenten soup supper... gentlemen you are to serve the soup, not sample it!



#144 Tony Gonsalves with his Horned Lark wood carving submission to California State Fair!



Br. 432 President, Michael Valenti, approves the desserts!



Br. 214, Volunteers Check In Desk



Eddie Leonard, a past "Family of the Year Award" Recipient celebrates his 90th Birthday. Celebrating with him are Central Coast District President Elaine Valentine, CC Grand Trustee Dr. Vince Malfitano, CC PGP Andy Pappani, Past CC Member Jim Friebe and CC Life Member Dante Galeazzi.



May is the month we celebrate the life and devotion of our Blessed Mother, Mary. It is also the month that we honor our own mothers. Their love and devotion to their children and families make them very special to all of us, and that is why we celebrate them on Mother's Day, which will be May 10th.

In Italy, Mother's Day (La Festa della Mamma) is also celebrated on the same day as in the US. In Ireland, it is celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent; it isn't a public holiday, but a day for families to honor their mothers, with gifts, cards, flowers, and meals.

I am truly honored to have known both of my grandmothers, Anna Lopes and Lena Mungai. They were two strong women who cared deeply for their families. Anna was the Portuguese one, from whom I got my green thumb. She loved her garden so much, and we would share many trips to the nurseries to get flowers, and especially to Kmart when they had a special on steer manure. She was a good cook and baker, taught me how to make peanut brittle when it was a full moon, and on Fat Tuesday, always made Portuguese felausa donuts. Nonna Lena was a whiz at cooking, from her deep-fried apples, zucchini, artichokes, cauliflower, etc., to her homemade sauces, gnocchi, and spaghetti. For as long as I can remember, my folks, aunt, and I would always go over to my grandparents' house every Thursday night for dinner, and Nonno and Nonna would have a feast for us: duck, pasta, chicken, etc., homemade brownies, rice crispy treats for dessert.

Until the time I was 8 years old, I knew my great-grandmother, Lucia Maria Cruci, my grandmother Lena's mother. She was your typical old-world Italian lady. She lived with my grandparents for a period, until she had to go into a rest home. Mom always says I was the apple of her eye, since I was her only great-grandchild. Mom would say, every time I entered a room, her face would beam with a big smile.

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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 June issue is May 10, 2026

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

Thank you!

Message from our Grand Chaplain

Dear Members and Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation,

As we celebrate these radiant days of Easter, my heart turns to you with deep affection and gratitude. The ICF has always held a special place in the life of our parish communities not only because of your long history, your traditions, or your service, but because of the spirit you bring: a spirit of family, faith, and joyful generosity. Each Branch, with its own personality and gifts, contributes something essential to the heartbeat of our community. Easter is a season that speaks to the deepest parts of who we are. It reminds us that God meets us not only in moments of triumph, but in the ordinary, complicated and beautiful places where we live our lives. When I think of the Federation, I see so many ways the Resurrection is already alive among you.

The spirit of family

Your gatherings—whether large dinners, small meetings, or simple moments of fellowship—carry a warmth that reflects the heart of the Risen Christ. There is a sense of belonging, of being welcomed as you are, that mirrors the way Jesus greeted His disciples after the Resurrection: with peace, with joy, and with a love that restores.

The strength of tradition

Your heritage is not something you preserve for nostalgia's sake; it is something you share generously. The food, the language, the

customs, the stories; they become bridges that connect generations, strengthen identity, and remind us that faith is something that is lived, celebrated, and passed on. This, too, is Easter: the handing on of life.

The quiet acts of service

So much of what you do is unseen: the hours spent preparing events, supporting parish initiatives, raising funds for charity, caring for members who are ill or grieving, and offering help before anyone asks. These hidden acts are the very places where the Resurrection becomes real. They are the modern-day equivalents of the disciples tending to one another in the early Church.

The gift of joy

There is a joy in the ICF that is an unmistakable joy that comes from community, from shared purpose and from faith lived together. Joy is one of the clearest signs of Easter. It is not loud or showy; it is steady, warm, and contagious. It lifts the parish in ways you may not even realize.

The courage to hope.

Every Branch faces its own challenges, aging membership, busy schedules and changing times. Yet, you continue to show up, to adapt, to welcome fresh faces, and to trust that God is still doing something beautiful in your midst. That courage is profoundly Easter. It is the courage of people who believe that God is not finished with them, or with their mission.

My prayer for each of you, and for



Father Christopher Bennett
ICF Grand Chaplain

every Branch of the Federation, is that this Easter season will be a time of renewal—renewal of spirit, of friendship, of purpose, and of joy. May the Risen Christ meet you in the places where you most need His peace. May He bless your families, strengthen your bonds, and guide your work. And, may He continue to use the ICF as a source of unity, generosity, and hope for our Parish Branches and beyond.

Thank you for all you bring to our ICF community. Thank you for your faith, your heritage, your service, and your heart. You are a blessing to me, and to the Italian Catholic Federation, in more ways than you know.

With gratitude and Easter joy,

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

Scholarship Donations

(Received as of April 10, 2026)

1st Year Donations

Charlene Drobeck
In Memory of Adele Schilling
Shirley Catania
In Memory of Frieda Flocchini



Congratulations To Branch 10 One Hundred Years

Convention Article:

“Our Legacy: Faith, Family, Heritage” Update Convention Director's Committee

I hope all branches are electing their Convention delegates in May and June. If you've never been a delegate, please consider representing your branch this year.



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 in elsewhere in the *Bollettino*. The restaurant is located at 301 East 4th St., Reno just 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*.” More information about this group may be found on its website: <https://spreadthewordnevada.org/>. Please be generous in donating to this worthwhile cause. “*Spread The Word Nevada*” has an Amazon wish list here that shows some of their most popular titles that can be purchased.

Denise Antonowicz, Chairperson of the Convention Raffle, is still 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: musalnina61@gmail.com. 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 Mother's Day!
Lauren Kilcullen
Convention Director

We're working on an engaging program for the Convention. **Any ICF member and all guests are welcome to attend the Convention.** The Convention is **September 4 – 6, 2026.**

Please make your Silver Legacy room reservations using this link: <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, 2026. Please DO NOT wait until this date to make your reservations, as I anticipate the room block selling out prior to this date.

The deadline to send delegate registration to the office is July 1. Delegate registration remains at \$385.00 per delegate.

All districts 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.

On September 3, our Thursday night pre-convention event will be dinner at *Lou's Basque Corner* in Reno. We will

Why Make the Time to Go to Convention?

Donald Simon, ICF Member of Branch 19

Members,

I am not on the Central Council, nor am I a Branch President, but I want to share why I believe you *should make the time to attend the Annual Convention*.

For many years, I have attended the convention—not as a delegate, but simply as a regular member. At first, my involvement was encouraged by my wife's godfather, but over time, my reasons for attending became my own. I wanted to see the Italian Catholic Federation in action. What I discovered was something far more meaningful than I expected.

As a member, I have witnessed firsthand the tremendous effort that goes into organizing the convention. From setting the agenda to planning social events, there are countless hours of volunteer work—much of it unseen and unrecognized—that make this gathering possible.

Thursday: A Time to Reconnect

The convention begins on Thursday evening with a dinner hosted by the District or Branch. This event is open not only to delegates and their families, but to all members. It is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends from other branches, meet new people, and spend time with clergy and Central Council members in a relaxed setting before the formal sessions begin.

Friday: Service, Culture, and Opening Ceremonies

Friday offers a variety of meaningful and engaging activities. The day often begins with a blood drive—an opportunity to give back and potentially save lives. The marketplace also opens during registration, featuring a wide array of Italian goods and specialties.

In the afternoon, there are entertaining and cultural activities designed to celebrate our Italian heritage and foster fellowship. The evening marks the official opening of the convention, where delegates gather to review and approve the rules. Later, the host district presents a welcoming program with light entertainment, open to all attendees.

Saturday: Reflection, Learning, and Celebration

Saturday begins early with the Memorial Mass, a beautiful and solemn moment where we honor those remembered by fellow members of the ICF.

Following Mass, workshops are offered by the Federation's Central Council

and Spiritual Director. These sessions cover a variety of topics related to the ICF's mission, operations, and spiritual growth. While delegates choose which workshops to attend, they are also open to all members who wish to learn more and deepen their involvement.

After lunch, the General Session takes place. This is where committee reports are presented, important matters may be discussed or voted on, and Central Council candidates address the delegates. Observers are welcome, making it an excellent opportunity to better understand how the Federation operates.

The day concludes with the Grand Ball—an evening of dinner, dancing, and celebration. Each year features a unique theme, creating a festive atmosphere where members and delegates come together to enjoy friendship and community.

Sunday: Leadership and Closing Moments

Sunday begins with the Delegates General Session, highlighted by the election of Central Council Members. This important process helps shape the future leadership and direction of the Federation.

After lunch, the Sunday Liturgy is celebrated, followed by the installation of the Central Board positions. These moments bring a spiritual and ceremonial close to the convention, recognizing both service and new leadership.

At the closing of Mass, the drawing for the ICF Raffle Prizes takes place—an exciting and anticipated tradition that adds a final moment of community fun and participation.

The convention concludes with final remarks and farewells, as members depart with a renewed sense of purpose, connection, and pride in the Federation.

Why Attend?

The Annual Convention is more than meetings and formalities—it is a gathering of faith, culture, service, and friendship. Whether you attend as a delegate or simply as a member, there is something valuable to gain: a deeper appreciation for the Federation, meaningful connections, and a renewed sense of belonging.

I encourage you to make the time. Come and experience it for yourself.

In Loving Memory

(Report as of April 10, 2026)

Pompeo P Baccari	Branch 115	Mayme Abbott	Branch 391
Joseph Caruso	Branch 115	Joseph De Maria	Branch 391
Maria Mason-Lester	Branch 130	Thomas O'Brien	Branch 391
Frieda Flocchini	Branch 191	Anne Tralongo	Branch 391
Aldine C Grisenti	Branch 191	Don Abate	Branch 432
Rose Brandi	Branch 285	Brenda Gorbali	Branch 432
Aurora Roselli	Branch 285	Nathaline R Malone	Branch 438
Barbara S Cerruti	Branch 332	Michael Ward	Branch 442

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Santa Rosalia Branch #36

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“When we gather in one place, ideas are sparked, friendships are deepened, and our mission becomes stronger than ever.”

Welcome New Members

(Report as of April 10, 2026)

Branch 010	Donna I Helling Sharon Young	Mara Johnson
Branch 021	Judy W Hutchison	Tim W Hutchison
Branch 028	John Adams Bud Riewerts	Michelle Adams
Branch 036	Sal Abramonte Karin Amader Anna Marie Bruno Marsha Casas Providence M Crivello Richard Elves Ann Ferrante Josephine Flores Joyce Froom Maria Graziano Gary Martin Jim Menendez Joanne Noto Henry Pallotta Vicki Ramirez Scott Richards Cathy Sampognaro Adam Serrano Heather Serrano Eric Tarallo Fran Torrise Jodie Williamson	Sheri Abramonte Teresa Bindel David Casas Patrick Casey Stephen Culcasi Carlos Estrada Salvatore Ferrante Tony Flores Mike Froom Vito Graziano Ranane Martin Louis Menendez Caramia Pallotta Ron Ramirez Maria Richards Mark Russo Mary Ann Sampognaro Christran Serrano Preston Serrano Rosine Torrente Rob Torrise
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Branch 052	Georgia Klaudt	
Branch 067	PJ Asta Don Lee Gaudino Vanessa Peterson	Gabriel Fernandez Kristopher Manghera
Branch 073	Brad S Green Tom W Kocal James White	Jennifer L Green Arabella Martin
Branch 111	Juan Carlos Bautista Timothy P Lambert Dina Osorio Charles Trevino	Kathryn Hyssong Andrea J Lopez Carmen Trevino
Branch 115	Antonio G Amalfitano Anthony Pirozzi	Vianie A Amalfitano
Branch 130	Oreste Grelli William Neve	Trynie Hermary
Branch 139	Giovanni C Galeazzi Irma A De Michelis	Elizabeth A De Michelis
Branch 179	Eileen Hanrahan Shane A May Michael L Moncayo Jason Zon Niccoli	Sean Hanrahan Jacqueline R Moncayo Susan Ressa Lisa Zon Niccoli

Welcome New Members

Branch 209	Kathleen C Conway Esmeralda Martinez-Diaz Maira Martinez-Diaz	Daniel Martinez-Diaz Ester Martinez-Diaz
Branch 213	Rev Ray Reyes	
Branch 217	Sandra Hermann	
Branch 218	Virginia Meek	
Branch 250	Areilia M Christiansen Rosendo Perez Linda G Scambray Carolyn J Tucker	Donna M Christiansen Conrad Rios Frances L Sias
Branch 291	Emmy E Baker Victor Bellotti Cole Hinek Romina Martin Brody Mc Ginty Andrew Merlo Kathie A Merlo Nancy Miodus Elizabeth L O'Donnell Marguerite Rivetti Lisa Walker	Lonne L Baker Sharon Ellis Holly Hinek Bentley Mc Ginty Elijah Mc Ginty Chloe Merlo Kendall Merlo Luisella Montemurro Kim Phillips Michael A Rivetti
Branch 332	Pete Azevedo	
Branch 352	Adele E Calkin Linda Caruso Anita Fanelli Kim M Holmes John Mino Shawn Morte Patricia L Pinnella Richard M Schiffer Sandra M Siino	Joyce Cardoza William (Bill) Caruso Jeanne Favro Yvonne Lee Terri Mino Tina Morte Sheila Ricioli Victoria S Schiffer Linda J Tofanelli
Branch 354	Ellen Tanabe	
Branch 374	Liam Van Slyke	Zana Zefi
Branch 380	Josephine Perini	Bobbie J Tunzi
Branch 390	Judy K Campilongo	
Branch 392	Chayce Bertolli Vincenzo Bertolli	Lorenzo Bertolli
Branch 395	Carol Quijada	
Branch 432	Carol Abate Lisa A Fick Judy Porep-Lullo	Don Abate John Lullo Elizabeth Ramirez
Branch 445	Maria Loiacono Jose A Palma Joani C Yvanovich	Christina M Nickle Pam K Rohrkemper
Branch 446	Scott B Schwartz	
Branch 450	Sally De Nardo Gay Flores	Alfred Flores

“Our strength grows with every new voice, every new heart, and every new commitment to serve.”

Live to Give Donations

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Lou Mages In Honor of a Successful Golden Afternoon

Cooley's Anemia Donations

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Branch 173 Branch 332 Santa Clara Valley District

GP Message--Continued:Frankyn Lopes Jr. *continued from Page 1*

I remember going out to my grandparents' orange tree, picking a few oranges for her and me to eat, and listening to her speak Italian to those around the table who understood it. She was from Piedmont, Italy.

My Aunt, Marie Mungai, was like a second mother to me. She was my mom's sister, and I know many of you remember her from the annual ICF conventions. I was her only nephew, and she treated me like I was her son. We lost her last year, March 21, to cancer, and she is so missed by her family, especially her sister.

I saved the best for last, my mother Carol Lopes, she has been such a strong lady for our family, especially with living with rheumatoid arthritis for 56 years, she is the type of mother, that would take me to school, help with homework, make sure dinner was on the table by the time dad came home from work, and the house was clean every day. Her handwritten cards to family and friends always left everyone in awe. She enjoyed trips we would take in our motorhome

to visit Oakwood Lake in Manteca, her sister Marie in Modesto, and dad's relatives in the Central Valley. Now she is struggling with cancer, and as she has told dad and me, I will fight this; I am not going anywhere. She is a true Italian woman, and I thank her for being my mom.

As we look around our organization this month, we should take the time to thank all the moms for their love, service, and devotion, not only their families, but also for what they have done to help ICF.

To our blessed mother Mary. We love you and our moms.

Buona Festa della Mamma

Franklyn Lopes, Jr

Grand President

PS: May is also the month for the branches to elect their delegates for Convention. It will be a great convention in Reno this year. Lauren Kilcullen and her committee are planning another fun-filled and educational weekend.

Heritage — Mother*Bob Basuino, Committee Member*

Mother is the name given to a female parent. For example, your grandmother or your mother may have referred to the land of their birth as the motherland and their language as the mother tongue. The title "Mother of Mankind" is given to Eve, the ancestor of all people. Roman Catholics and many other Christians use the title "Mother of God" for the Virgin Mary. A woman in charge of a Catholic convent or school is referred to as Mother Superior. In Roman times, mythological goddesses were worshipped as Mother Gods.

Mother is the source of all life; without a mother, there would be no life. Many churches and families honor mothers on Mother's Day. It has been a custom passed down from one generation to another that adult children should wear a carnation in honor of their mother. If they wore a colored carnation, it meant that their mother was living, and if they wore a white carnation, it meant that their mother had passed away.

President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day a national holiday in the United States on May 9, 1914, and it was to be observed annually. Mother's Day is now celebrated on the second Sunday in May. This year we will celebrate our mothers on Sunday, May 10th.

Happy Mother's Day!

**Gifts of Love Program***Next Application Review Occurs June 2026*

Teresa Helfand, Chairperson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are wishing everyone the continued Peace and Joy of Easter and we are keeping everyone in our thoughts and prayers during this time of challenge and uncertainty. As Members of the Italian Catholic Federation, we are staying together in heart and spirit and reaching out to each other and our neighbors to keep in touch. We also want to remember our Mothers and Fathers in a special way as we recognize the love and care they have given to our families. May our Heavenly Father keep you in His care and watch over everyone and our world. This also brings to mind our Gifts of Love Awards. The Gifts of Love Committee will hold their next meeting in June. We know these are difficult financial times, but we encourage our Branches, Districts and Individual Members to continue to contribute to the fund in any amount. With your help, we can continue the important work of this very vital program.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Gifts of Love program, we have a fund from which we make awards to individuals with disabilities or agencies that assist individuals with disabilities. We do this throughout the year, in order to provide funds to individuals with disabilities to help lead fuller, more independent lives, and to find greater inclusion within their



communities. We also work with providing assistance to agencies whose goal is to do the same for their clients.

At this time, we would like to again request applications from disabled individuals (or agencies on their behalf) that may require special or specific aids or "tools" in order to complete their education, training or assist them in their daily lives.

In order to generate applications, the Gifts of Love Committee is asking each Branch President to mention the program at their next meeting and also to publish a request for applications in their respective Church and/or School Bulletins if possible. The application form is available on the ICF Web site (www.icf.org). Applications should either be mailed to the ICF Office at 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621 or e-mailed to the ICF Office at info@icf.org.

Applications are evaluated on a regular basis by the ICF Gifts of Love Committee which decides who receives the awards and the amounts. We have a great Committee this year and we look forward to helping those in need!

If you would like more information about the Gifts of Love program, please contact Committee Chairwoman Teresa Helfand at davia902005@live.com.

God Bless You,

Teresa Helfand

Gifts of Love Donations

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Santa Clara Valley District

Officers/Members of Br. 218

In Memory of Marylyn Henderson

Officers/Members of Br. 218

In Memory of Gene and Elizabeth Roybal

Shirley Catania

In Memory of Aldine Grisenti

Eva Stern

In Memory of Ann Fitzgerald

Eva Stern

In Memory of Aldine Grisenti

Officers/Members of Br. 362

In Memory of Adele Schilling

John and Natalie Canata

In Memory of Aldine Grisenti

Phil and Joyce Robba

In Memory of Aldine Grisenti



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.

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.



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
2x3 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!
you can also include Branch and District events.

PRICE SCHEDULE

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

(ADDITIONAL NUMBERS WILL BE A COMBINATION OF THE PRICES LISTED ABOVE)

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Book Review -- *Pope Leo XIV: The Biography*

Vince Piro

Pope Leo XIV: The Biography
Elise Ann Allen
PRH Christian Publishing
April, 2026



On May 8, 2025, the College of Cardinals elected Cardinal Robert Prevost as Pope of the Catholic Church. Many say he was a “dark horse candidate” and that his election came as a surprise to many. Born in Chicago and raised in the neighboring town of Dolton, Illinois, he is the first pope to have been born in the United States, the first to hold either U.S. or Peruvian citizenship, the first from the Order of Saint Augustine, and the second (after his immediate predecessor Pope Francis) from the Americas.

In honor of Pope Leo XIII, who developed modern Catholic social

teaching, Prevost chose the papal name Leo XIV.

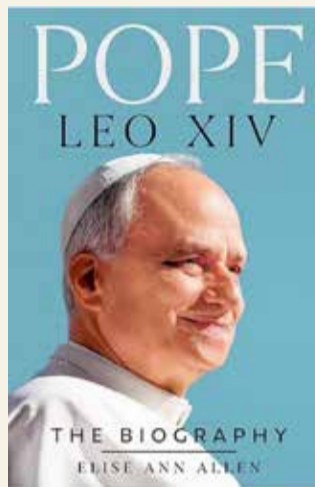
Elise Ann Allen has written a biography of Pope Leo XIV based on interviews and research that give us insight into the the newest leader of the Catholic Church. Below is the publisher’s description of this newly released biography.

“Elise Ann Allen offers here the only biography of Pope Leo XIV, featuring the Holy Father’s very first interview after his election. She gives readers an intimate and detailed account of the life of Robert Prevost, from his birth in Chicago and his first years as a priest in the Augustinian order to his years as a missionary in Peru and the vital role he came to play in the Vatican as head of bishops. The result is an inspiring picture of a man of profound character, spiritual leadership, integrity, warmth, and citizenship in the world.

This biography is replete with revealing stories and reflections from those

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Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library

OPEN HOUSE ON JUNE 14

Carmelo Sabatella

On April 10, 2026, 32 members of the Saint Kateri Home School Ministry in Santa Clarita visited the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library. Lou Mages (ICF Cabrini Committee) and Debbie (Cabrini Companions) hosted tours of the Chapel, Library and Patio presenting Mother Cabrini in her journey from student, to leading member of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and through her rise to first American Saint.

Thank you to the Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee members Lou Mages, Kris Kaiser, and Andrea Linn for making this a successful event.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Chapel continues regularly scheduled Open Houses through 2026. Bring members, family, friends and Parishioners to visit Her 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 on the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library, Open House calendar or schedule a group visit or to make a donation to help the Chapel maintain the Chapel facility and continue with 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

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

**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



**93rd Festa Italia
coming to the
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**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

- May 7, 6 p.m.** — The ICF Charities and Scholarships
- May 14, 6 p.m.** — The ICF Hospitalization Plan
- May 21, 6 p.m.** — Conflict Resolution
- May 28, 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** - During the summer of 2026, we will hold workshops on a variety of other topics.



Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco

Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:

Happy May Birthday Wishes to our Members President Vic and Paul Biagi.

Happy Mother's Day to all Branch 1 Mothers.

Cordiali Saluti
Diana Cresci

SAN MATEO District

Colma

Br. 19, San Vincenzo De Paoli

Over the past few months, Italian Catholic Federation Branch 19 has enjoyed wonderful fellowship at our branch dinners, including a cozy Soup Night in April. Many thanks to all who volunteered in any way for our (first fundraiser in a few years) Pedro Tournament held on April 11 along with Branch 173 Our Lady of Angels. A huge thanks to Donna Barnes who chaired the event.

Our May meeting will be hosted by Jacki and Donna Barnes. During our gatherings, we discussed important topics such as first and second-year scholarships and the selection of convention delegates.

Please note that Branch 19 will take a summer break in June and July, with our next meeting scheduled for August 10th.

The ICF Convention will be held September 4 to September 6th at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno Nevada. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Burlingame

Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

Hope all enjoyed the Easter holiday!

For May we will be celebrating our Mexican dinner and meeting and are in the planning stages for the following events:

Ravioli Dinner on June 28, 2026. Anyone wishing to donate a raffle prize, please let Roz, Mary Ann or myself know. As usual we have great raffle prizes along with our delicious ravioli's.

We will be holding our 1st Annual OLA Car Show & Chili Cook-off along with the OLA Men's Club which is scheduled for the first of August (OLA

school yard (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm. Anyone wishing to participate in the Chili Cook-off please contact Josh Taft 415-504-3192 Men's Club President or Italian Catholic Federation Presidents, Dorene 650-504-3192 or Mary Ann at 415-285-1219.

Also needed are helpers to sell baked goods and help out for that day. A schedule for people to work 2-hour shifts is being worked out. Please let Dorene or Mary Ann know so we can make this event very successful.

MISC ITEMS:

Our Convention raffle tickets have arrived. We are in need for someone to take over the task of distributing and collecting them. The job is relatively simple and shouldn't take too much of your time. We would really appreciate the help!

If you have not yet paid your Branch membership dues, please do so ASAP.

Also, we would like to have a Branch Mass soon as it is long overdue. Suggestions welcome as we could do a 5:30 Mass and something gathering in St. Francis Garden or Hall of Saints depending on weather.

Please bring your ideas with you to the May meeting.

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, Isabel Laxague and Cheryl Simon from Branch 19.

Happy Mother's Day to all with us or watching from above.
God Bless,
Roz Emery

South San Francisco

Br. 213, St Augustine

Spring is here again and the flowers are starting to bloom. I remember being in Golden Gate Park on May first many years ago. May Poles were set up and decorated with flowers and music was playing and girls dressed up in their spring dresses were dancing around the Maypoles. I remember it well because this was taking place at Big Rec baseball field, unbeknownst to me our game was cancelled.

Great Memories.

Our St. Joseph Table was a big success thanks to all the members who cooked, set up, brought flowers and decorated around our St Joseph statue. Our guests had an enjoyable time and even Father Ed took time out of his busy schedule to join us.

It pays to buy our ICF Calendars because we had 3 winners last month. They were Judy and Joe Crosetti and a two-time winner Barbara Gabriel.

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 Kathy Amiot, Lorraine D'Elia and Joseph Tommei.

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

Joe Crosetti

Millbrae

Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Ciao! I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. Our St. Joseph's Table dinner in March was very successful, thanks to the many people who helped with the arrangements and clean-up. There were a variety of dishes and desserts as well as a big turn-out: over 50 people attended! Our Lasagna Dinner meeting in April was also well attended, and we had a wonderful time. We also elected Rose Flahavan as our delegate to the convention, which will be held in Reno.

Our next meeting is our Mexican-themed dinner on May 5th. This year we plan on preparing the food ourselves instead of having it catered. It will feature pork carnitas, roasted chicken, rice & beans, chips & salsa, wine & beer, and dessert. The cost is \$15, and the deadline to Eunice is May 1st. Check your Branch 403 Newsletter for additional details.

Our June meeting is on Tuesday, the 2nd and features a 3-piece KFC dinner. The cost is \$15 and includes wine, coffee & dessert. RSVP to Eunice by May 29th.

Adonna Amoroso, Secretary

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

Ciao a Tutti. Hello everyone. The LAA District 2nd Quarterly Meeting will be on Saturday, June 6 at St. Benedict's St Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, Montebello. We will gather around 9am for coffee and pastries, and we will start the meeting at 9:30 a.m. All branch Presidents are invited to attend the LAA District meeting. We also suggest that each branch also appoint an additional officer as a delegate to attend the LAA District meetings, this way if the President has a conflict, the other branch officer can attend the meeting, this way all the branches are represented at the LAA District meetings.

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

1. The 2026 ICF National Convention is being held on September 4-6 at Reno, Nevada. The LAA District will hold its 3rd Quarterly Meeting at the ICF Convention on Saturday, September 5th, following the morning general session around lunchtime. We will keep you posted.

2. The 2026 Bishop's Day & Seminar-ian Recognition Mass and Banquet will

be held on Sunday, October 11 at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo.

3. The St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Pilgrimage, Mass & Luncheon will be on Sunday, November 15 at St. Francis Xavier Church, in Burbank. Mass 11:30 a.m.; Pilgrimage 12:30 PM; Benediction 1 p.m.; Lunch 2 p.m.

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

Thank you for all you do for the ICF and may and God Bless you all abundantly. 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
LAA District

Br. 67, National Branch St. Peter

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.

We wish all members a very Happy Birthday and Happy Wedding Anniversary for those celebrating in the month of May.

Visit ICF.org and select ICF National Branch 67 for more information. You are welcome to visit 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 and friends of ICF who recently have gone to their eternal reward, may they rest in peace.

Questions? Please call or text me at the number below.

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

- May 16, 2026 - ICF National Branch 67 General Meeting from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (PST) via Zoom.

- June 20, 2026 - ICF National Branch 67 General Meeting from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (PST) via Zoom.



South Pasadena Br. 108, Holy Family

On April 12, 2026 Branch 108 Members held their monthly general meeting in the HFC Connolly Hall. President Michele S. thanked those Branch 108 members for assisting the HFC School Staff to make the HFC Hot School Luncheons in February and March successful events.

Happy Birthday to all May members and congratulations to those celebrating their May Wedding Anniversaries including David T, Gina E and Goshia G along with several others unable to attend meeting.

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
Past President ICF Branch 108
C 626 372-7812
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THE DATES

- May 3, 2026 - ICF Branch 108 General Meeting in HFC Connolly Hall from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and will be celebrating Cinco De Mayo.

- July 12, 2025 - LAADC Cooley's Anemia BBQ.

Montebello Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our May General Meeting will be on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello.

After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Fr. Dionisio Cachera, Carmelita Aguilera, Filomena Divincenzo, Julie Marquez, Nicolina Vieni, Mario Orofino, Leo Orofino, Vince Veneziano, Jess Noriega, Alfred Viera, Salvatore Sorce, Frank Meli, Ed Vasquez, Louis Grimaldi and Dina Osorio. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!

We would like welcome the following new members who recently joined our Branch: Charles & Carmen Trevino, JC Bautista, Dina Osorio, Kathryn Hysong, Andrea Lopez and Tim Lambert. Welcome. Benvenuti!!

This year the ICF Branch 111 will again join the Knights of Columbus, Montebello Council 3429 in running the Soda Booth and the Cash Raffle Booth at the St. Benedict Parish & School Festival, being held on Friday, May 15th from 6:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, May 16th, from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, May 17th from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be lots of rides for the kids,

live entertainment, raffles, bingo, food vendors and SBS Market Place. Come and join us and enjoy the fun.

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

With your participation and support of our annual crab dinner we are able to make the following donations \$4,000.00 to Mary Star of the Sea Church and \$500.00 each to Mary Star Elementary and High School. We sincerely appreciate everyone who helped make this event a success.

Please join us at our general meeting on April 16th in parish center 7:30 p.m.

Up for discussion will be May 9th 5:15 p.m. mass in honor of Madonna Del Arco. Members are encouraged to walk behind the banner as part of the celebration. Please bring flowers to present to Blessed Mother.

We encourage everyone to attend our upcoming potluck meeting on May 21st at 6 p.m. in auditorium. This is wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food and spend time together. Please call Anna to let her know what tasty dish you will be bringing. 310 833-9444. Following the potluck, please stay for an informative presentation on thalassemia by Laurice Levine. Please invite family and friends to come learn about this blood disease and ICF involvement.

Save the dates: Branch mass in honor of St. Anthony will be celebrated on June 13th at 8 a.m.

Parish Fiesta July 17,18 and 19th. Plenty of volunteer opportunities. Please attend general meeting for more information.

We want to wish Antuono Pesce a very Happy 100th birthday! We wish you a day filled with joy and appreciation. Here's to celebrating you and the amazing legacy you've built over the years!

*Lastly Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and women who nurture and love us.
Anita Trujillo*

Glendora Br. 179, St. Dorothy

Glendora Branch 179 hosted their 5th Annual St. Joseph Table; this year it was dedicated to the parishioners of St. Dorothy Church, with all proceeds going to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. The total contribution was \$4,128, which was collected not only from the Table goodies, but also a 50/50 raffle (won by our very own ICF member Kathy La Piana), a variety of religious goods,



and a delicious pasta dinner hosted by our Life Teens after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We were very pleased to have collected more this year than last year. It was a lot of hard work and long hours donated by members that made it such a success. Also, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, pastor Fr. Ron gave a special blessing to members Susan and Ron Hamilton for 65 years of marriage. Congratulations and God's blessings Hamiltons.

*Patricia
Trustee, Branch 179*

Arcadia Br. 218, Holy Angels

Upcoming:

Board meeting – May 27th,

Corpus Cristi Procession – June 6.

General Meeting – June 14, Sandwich Sale – June 20th and 21st.

The board is diligently working on incorporating business with fun and we would like to hear from the members on what would be of interest at our meetings. During the summer months of July and August Jenni Hauge and several others will be out on the church patio after every Mass to recruit new members. We hope to increase the membership substantially by doing this. To everyone, a very Happy Mother's Day to all the moms and hope to see ALL of our members at our meetings.

Lolly M.

Downey Br. 362, St. Raymond

Hello everyone. I hope your Easter was as wonderful as mine was. With the Easter season coming to a close very soon, we look forward to some summertime activities. First and foremost, I'd like to wish all of our moms a very blessed Mother's Day, and to all of those who gave their life defending our country we pray for your souls and thank you for your service.

Our St. Joseph Table was very successful this year and it shows as we get ready for our annual Awards Night. Thank you to everyone for your hard work.

Our April Bingo was a rousing success. We partnered with the Upper Room Ministry this time. Thank you for a great event.

Our next Bingo luncheon will be on June 14th - Flag Day!!

If you're traveling this Memorial Day weekend, please be safe out there.

We will see you next month!

Thousand Oaks Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon

A Feast of Faith and Fellowship: ICF Branch 380's May 2026 Gathering

The aroma of Italy and cheerful conversation filled the air on April 10 as ICF Branch 380 gathered for a special evening at St. Paschal Baylon Parish Hall in Thousand Oaks. It was a night that beautifully wove together our vibrant Italian heritage and warm Catholic fellowship.

We were delighted to welcome twenty enthusiastic attendees with four of them participating in our annual Pasta Sauce Contest where each member's family legacy came to life in a bowl. From subtle herbs to bold spices, each sauce carried a unique story. The judges had a delightful challenge, and when the winners were revealed, the whole room erupted in cheers—celebrating not just a contest, but the ties that bind us.

Winners:

First Place: Don Modaro

Second Place: Marie Chadkowski

Third Place: Joe Pusateri

Honorable Mention: Vinnie Pantess

After the contest, everyone gathered for a wonderful pasta dinner, featuring the very sauces that had delighted the judges.

The featured speaker of the night was Laurice Levine who spoke about Thalassemia, a blood disease that afflicts people living in malaria prone countries in the Mediterranean, Middle East, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. Major affected countries include Greece, Italy, and a host of others in the effected regions.

Levine is a victim of the disease who has outlived her projected life span through an intense regimen of blood transfusions and a sequence of new and improved medicines. ICF, she exclaimed, is the organization that changed the direction of the disease by naming it as their major disease research project.

Today, she is a patient advocate, speaker, and contributor to research and education efforts—helping others better understand what it means to live with thalassemia and how advancements in treatment have transformed outcomes.

On Sunday, May 17th, we honored the feast day of St. Paschal Baylon by hosting a special event in the parish hall. The mid-morning event featured breakfast burritos prepared and served by the Men's Club, and a children's video about the life of St. Paschal Baylon. This event followed the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Paschal's Church, and was a hit with the Parish Community.

We anticipate many more enriching gatherings throughout the year.

*Respectfully submitted,
Don Modaro*

Rancho Palos Verdes Br. 444, St. John Fisher

Marianne Canetti passed on this Easter Sunday. She was a founding member of our branch & leader. May her soul rest in peace, in Heaven.

Plans are underway for our Parish Bingo night, April 24th, in Barrett Hall. We are hoping to have a full house to raise money for our charities. Money was donated to the local ICF Scholarship Fund & SJF.

We wish to congratulate all the members who celebrated their birthdays in the last few months.

Please remember to pray for those members who have passed on and those in need of our prayers.

*Ciao amici,
Patty Longo Hansen*

EAST BAY District Council

Buona Pascua! We continue our Easter journey towards the promise of Pentecost, cherishing our faith, family, friends and our rich heritage. Spring brings many opportunities and ideas for membership enrichment, fund-raising, sharing our treasure and celebrating. Branches are planning their own activities as well as those supporting their parishes. Please consult their reports for details.

At our last meeting, our President JoAnn Maggiora-Donivan reported that at their new member installation, Branch 10 gifted an ICF pin to each new member. These pins can be purchased through the ICF website. A great way to make a new member feel welcomed! Our Treasurer Dave Madej presented the financial report of EBD's successful Crab Feed that provides funds for our ministries. With that, we were able to vote to support the full 4 years of ICF scholarships again this year.

Lisa Crudo reminded us that the 2027 Calendar is in development and business card sized sponsorships can be made through a form on the ICF website.

The first ICF District to be formed, the East Bay District celebrates its 90th Anniversary on May 2nd. We come together at the 5:30 Mass at Our Lady of Grace in Castro Valley. Following Mass is a cocktail reception. Though you will probably be reading this after this event, we thank you for your heartfelt wishes and prayers as we continue forward in our mission. *Sempre Avanti!!*

And- Happy Mother's Day to all the women in our lives who have loved us, nurtured us and supported us.

*Sincerely
Roberta Madej*

Alameda Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

There is still time in which to reserve for our 100th Year Anniversary Dinner on Saturday evening, May 16, at Monsignor O'Brien Hall in Alameda. Social hour starts at 6:00 p.m. Dinner, which features your choice of prime rib or salmon, will be served at 7:00. Prices are \$60.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children 12 and under. For reservations, please call Terry Greig, 510-502-0478. Due date is Monday, May 11 at noon.

The anniversary festivities will cap off a period of very successful events for the branch. Our Lenten Fish Fry Dinners, the Irish Social, and the Saint Joseph's Day Table were all very well-attended.

At our May meeting we will be electing our delegates to the Reno convention. It will also be time to select the four recipients of Dave Rose Memorial Scholarships. The scholarships are awarded to two eighth-grade graduates of each of Alameda's two Catholic grammar schools, Saint Joseph Elementary and Saint Philip Neri, who will be entering a Catholic high school in the 2026-27 school year.

*John Zugnoni
Branch 10 publicity*

Livermore Br. 285, St. Filomena

Ciao Amici,

At our March meeting, we were treated to a fascinating and inspirational talk from Father Mark about his Camino de Santiago pilgrimage. We found out that he completed it not once, but twice, back-to-back with two different groups of pilgrims. The meeting was followed by Chris Carrano's delicious and generous Italian dinner. A big thank you to Chris and his helpers. Thank you also to all of those who provided foods for our St. Joseph's table that was donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

March's Italian conversation group's meeting focused on an Irish born Saint who became an influential bishop in Lucca, Italy, St. Freddiano. This little-known Saint's feast day is on March 18th, the day between St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day.

We are currently in high preparation for our annual Polenta and Chicken Cacciatore Dinner at St. Augustine's that will be taking place later in April. We expect that this will be another wonderful evening and another successful fundraising event.

We are looking forward to our May meeting when Donna Kamp McMillion, the author of Cruising Down Memory Lane, will be speaking to us about history of Pleasanton in the 1950's. One of our members, Carolyn Cardinalli, is featured in the book with information about her Italian Family's Pleasanton heritage.

Please keep those members who are ill, grieving, or have any other needs, in your prayers.

Buon Compleanno to all our members whose birthdays are in May!

*Ciao,
Paula Flessatti*

Castro Valley Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

We continue to have a number of events on our calendar!

We had a successful fundraiser at our local Habit restaurant. We received 20% back to our branch for the members and friends who ate and socialized at the Habit on the selected day in March. We are hoping to expand this fundraising to other restaurants here in Castro Valley in the coming months. What better way is there to make money for the branch than for our members to eat at a local establishment and get a percentage of the cost of the meals given back to the branch?

We had our 47th Anniversary Dinner at one of our favorite local restaurants, Buon Appetito. Also, a number of our members joined together with other branches celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the East Bay District at a dinner in honor of the milestone!

The winner of our 8th Grade Heritage Essay Scholarship will be honored at our monthly meeting in May. The scholarship is open to all 8th graders at Our Lady of Grace School, the only Catholic elementary school here in Castro Valley.

At our May meeting, our members will be served a delicious meal highlighting Mexican cuisine in honor of Cinco de Mayo.

As for a little trivia concerning events that occur in May in Italy: Primo Maggio - May 1st (Labor Day/Festa del Lavoro), honoring workers' rights; Scampagnati: when many Italians take advantage of spring weather to go on "spampagnati" trips to the countryside for picnics and BBQ's with typical seasonal snacks including fava beans and pecorino cheese.

And, of course, Pinocchio's Birthday, May 25: Collodi, east of Lucca, is the birthplace of Pinocchio's author, Carlo Collodi, and home to a vintage theme park created in honor of Italy's favorite wooden puppet. On his special day, the town hosts a festival of family-oriented activities!

Pray for Peace! Edoardo McGuirk

CONTRA COSTA District Council

Hello members,

Our branches are busy planning fundraisers and dinner themed meetings. Keep up the good work.

At our last Meeting, we voted to give a scholarship. We also voted to submit a District ad for the Convention yearbook.

We finalized events for this year. We are waiting on a date from the Bishop. So, that we can plan our annual Bishop's Day. We take turns hosting with the East Bay District. Richmond Branch 154 will plan the festivities.

We are planning an outing to the Italian Heritage night in San Francisco at the Giants Baseball game on July 28. Game start is 6:45 p.m. Each ticket is \$35. Seating will be in the View Box Station 324. Ticket holders receive a Giants Italian Heritage shirt. Pay your branch. Then each branch sends one check to our Treasurer by deadline of June 15. Checks made payable to ICF Contra Costa District. Mail to: Walter Costa 1211 Rolling Hill Way, Martinez, CA 94553. Remember to nominate delegates to represent your branch at the Convention in Reno, and sell your Convention raffle tickets. Our next meeting will take place July 9. A reminder will be sent with meeting room number at CTK parish in Pleasant Hill.

*Happy Mother's Day!
Fraternally, Patty Jarrett
— Past President/Trustee/Mentor*

Martinez Br. 13, San Martino

We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song!

There are four dates approaching focusing on the gift of life: May Day, May 1st, World Thalassaemia Day, May 8th, Mothers' Day, May 10th, and Memorial Day, May 25th. We notably honor Jesus' mother--our Mother Mary, as "the Queen of May" who gave us her son's life so we may have eternal life by crowning her. We thank people for making life-saving blood donations for those with this debilitating disease. We honor those who are mothers, those with mothers, and those who mother others, happy and fulfilling memories of those who bestowed the title upon us; and we remember those who gave the gift of their lives in service to our country. Join us doing something nice for someone by celebrating with a blood donation, a special prayer for mothers, and wave the flags high remembering our service people.

Wishing branch members Rosemary Shaw and Paul Cook happy birthdays on May 11th and 21st, respectively, as well as wishing the church a happy birthday on May 24th. Pentecost marks the beginning of the Catholic church's mission to the world. There's also the Marian feast of the Visitation celebrated May 31st when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, called on her cousin Elizabeth, pregnant with John the Baptist. In utero, John leapt aware of the divine presence of Jesus in Mary's womb.

In May, we also celebrate graduates and welcome into the church children receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion who are now responsible for their atonement directly with God. Quite the busy month.

*Blessed May to all and to all a happy Spring!
Mary Cook*

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT



Branch 36 Lenten Kitchen



Branch 36 Lenten Volunteers



Paula O'Connor & Renae Whiteside Branch 36



Sebastian Bargarino Branch 36

BLESSED SACRAMENT DISTRICT



(L) Nina Malone and (R) Janet Vicencio. Branch 450 St. Joseph's Table March 19, 2026



Father Freddie blesses the St. Joseph Table - Branch 450, St. Joseph Lincoln.



We mourn the passing of Natalie Malone
Longtime Member of the ICF.
January 10, 1931-April 1, 2026



SAN DIEGO DISTRICT



Branch 246 - St. Joseph's Day 2026



Branch 246 - St Joseph's Day auction, Large Cross Bread donated by Frank's Bakery.



Branch 246 - St. Joseph's Day, Auctioneer, and our President, Anthony Torregiani



Branch 246 - Diana Torregiani and Phil's BBQ Manager Sergio



Br. 229. St. Joseph's servers

SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT



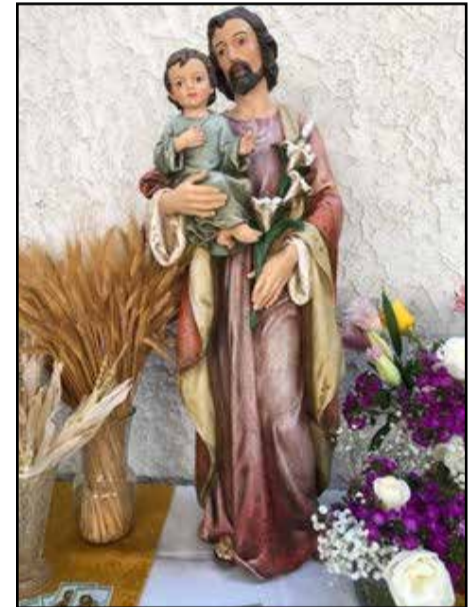
Br. 446 members packaging cookies.



Br. 446 Blessing of Table



Br. 446 packages hundreds of cookie.s



Br. 446 St. Joseph Statue

FRESNO DISTRICT



Branch 308 guys in the kitchen



Members of Branch 308 enjoying our April dinner meet-

STOCKTON DISTRICT



Branch 395 hosts a Lenten soup supper.



Branch 395 members enjoy soup with Fr. Madhu.



Br. 82, Lodi St Anne's Thrive Grant



Mary Ann and Branch 395 Chaplain, Fr. Mark. Grazie for supporting our branch!



Br. 48, St. Joseph's Table held on March 15, 2026.



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Marilyn Amoral with Sid Pappani



Br. 48, St. Joseph's Table held on March 15, 2026.



Br. 82, St Anne's group after decorating Hope Harbor for Easter week

STOCKTON DISTRICT (continued)



Master Chef Tony Quierolo prepares food for District meeting.



Robert Sequeria, CC Life Member Dante Galeazzi & President Ron Augustini at the Fish Fry feast at St. Anthony's church



Long time Stockton Member Dan Amoral with Family celebrating his 90th Birthday



Br. 139, St. Anthony's members Ida Quierolo, Marilyn Amoral, Tony Quierolo and Dante Galeazzi celebrate at the 90th Birthday Party.



Long time members active members at Friday's fish fry during Lent. Marilyn and Dan Amoral, Robert Sequeria plus Dante Galeazzi and worker Marco Galeazzi



Stockton, Br. 395 Presentation Church - V.P. Jenn Peterson and Jo Weber Recording Secretary officiating meeting.

ORANGE DISTRICT



St. Norbert, Branch 406, Orange District



Branch 406, Cannoli Assembly Line

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT



Branch #209 members, Mark Spadoni and Pete Barbieri frying fish for our Fish Fry.



L to R: Roy Spadoni, Chuck Fomasi, Donovan Dorr, and Joe Sheerin, Branch #209's Fish Fry cooks!



Encouraging people to join our Branch #209 at our Fish Fry.



#144 David Dahler, new member with Anne Eanni (sponsor) and Ruth Monge (President)



#144 Fr. Prakash (Branch Chaplain) and Deacon John Gai bless the St Joseph's Table.



Debbie Wallin, Sue Piazza, and Tami Marion running the raffle table at Branch #209's Fish Fry.



Br. 52, Over 300 people enjoy Br. 52's Fish Fry!



Some of the kitchen crew prepping the fish for Br. 52's Fish Fry.



Br. 52's newest member, Sophia Teldeschi baked 41 wine cakes for our Fish Fry. Yummy!

EAST BAY DISTRICT



Chef Ben Ratto & Crew - Br. 10 2026.



East Bay District - Br. 10 - St. Joseph's Day



East Bay District - Br.10 St, Joseph's Day



St. Philip Neri's Br. 10 with Father Joseph Pathiyl & Terry Greig



Br. 343's 47th Anniversary Dinner



Kathy Elm and Elaine Meier at the St. Joseph's Table with generous food donations for St. Vincent de Paul from Branch 285's members.



Congratulations and Happy Anniversary on Your 100 Years !!!

ICF Branch 10, N.S. Delle Grazie, Alameda

Founded May 23, 1926



Sponsored by Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great Parish



Br. 343's 47th Anniversary Dinner

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT



Members from Crockett #14 taking a break after decorating the hall for our Corned Beef Dinner. Thank you.



Crockett #14 St. Joseph's Table blessed and ready for food to be served. Beautiful job everyone.



Dennis H., Derek P., and Bill T. From Crockett #14. Getting the carrots ready for our Corned Beef Dinner. Wow a lot of carrots!



Members from Crockett #14 coming together and enjoying our St Joseph's Table Celebration.



Br. 214, Volunteers for Pasta Bingo



Br. 352, Marisa, Judy, Joann, and Lori



Br. 214, Our bartenders Phil Sturiale and Ed Lee at the Ravioli Dinner.



Br. 352, Art, Sally, Bob, MaryAnn, Suzi, Joan, Sis, Margie, Sandy, and Dave

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 432, Treasurer Richard Alward, President Michael Valenti and Recording Secretary Laura Pierce call our meeting to order.



Fr. Paulson Mundanmani, Chaplain of Branch 442, blessing the St Joseph's table.



Br. 432, Members enjoy our St. Joseph's Tables goodies.



Br. 432, Deacon John blesses St. Joseph's Table.



Branch 442 members honor their fathers.

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with the Apostles**

WE HOPE YOU WILL ENJOY WHAT WE HAVE IN STORE
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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

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calendar special!
List special family
occasions such as
birthdays, anniversaries,
graduations,
any special event!
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Branch 442 celebrates St Joseph's Day.

Crockett Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici!

This month we celebrate our mothers and our veterans. They have both cared for us and protected us, albeit in different ways. Why not honor them by attending Mass prior to our May 12th meeting. Mass will be held at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall.

After Mass, help us celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a fabulous taco bar, nachos, dessert, and margaritas for only \$15.00. The festivities start at 6 p.m. "¡Aye, caramba!"

Please keep in your prayers Tony Scardina, Alice Romao, Cookie Maricich, Clo Haisley, and all our members who need some special lift in their lives.

We'd like to recognize the ladies who come and help get the hall ready for our meetings and dinners. You know who you are. Please know that your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we admire your dedication.

We'd also like to acknowledge our President and "First Gentleman," Donna and Dennis Hoffmann. Donna has worked tirelessly over the years to lead our branch through good times and bad. She has been selfless with her time and talent, often putting aside her own needs for the good of the branch. Dennis does so much more behind the scenes than many of us know, and has always been there for whatever we need. We send heartfelt thanks from a grateful branch.

We send our thoughts, prayers, and gratitude to our mothers and our veterans, as they all have sacrificed so much for the love of others.

*Blessings,
~Helen*

Concord Br. 214, Todos Santos

Buon Giorno

Spring is here and many fun activities are planned for our branch.

I hope you all had a blessed Easter celebrating with your family and friends. It was a beautiful day. Good food and surrounded by family.

The pasta/bingo was a huge success because of the wonderful members who helped plan this event. We had 100 people who enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by Zandanellas. Father Luke gave a blessing for lunch. There were 5 games of bingo hosted by Ed and Allison McGuirk. A great door prize, donation plus winner, and wonderful raffle prizes. It was a great day. Looking forward for another bingo in October.

We donated \$300 to the house for Down syndrome children for the charity we chose.

We had a board meeting and discussed the 8th grade essay contest. We will

give \$200 to each of three deserving students from St. Agnes, and Queen of all Saints. We will honor them and hear their winning essays and also invite their parents to our dinner provided by our branch members.

We have fun events planned for this year which includes a bus trip to Cache Creek, a bowling event, and a members' appreciating cocktail party in August.

At our April meeting, we will have a delicious ham prepared from Diane Hasty and side dishes from our members. We are looking forward to this meeting.

In other news, Sandra Cordoni fell and fractured her hip. She is in a post-acute facility in Walnut Creek. Please pray and wish warm wishes for a speedy recovery.

*Ciao tutti.
Norene Deluca*

Danville Br. 352, San Isidore

Happy Spring ICF!

Our St. Patrick's Day dinner was delicious and a success for both Irish and Italians. Our 50-50 raffle charity recipient was Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center. The center is a nonprofit organization in Orinda that provides equine assisted activities and therapies for children and adults with disabilities. They had a representative come and explain the work they do.

We are grateful for the continued dedication of our members who generously give their time and talents to support ICF charitable efforts. Whether through volunteering, organizing events or participating in our fundraiser, Branch 352 remains committed to living out the values of the Italian Catholic Federation.

Today we will acknowledge our set up and cleanup group for the dining room. Our organizer who purchases our decorations is Suzi Reynolds. The rest of us help set up and clean up, Dick Reynolds, Dave and Lorraine Stimmel, Bob and Mary Ann Carini, Sandy and Steve Stamates, Sis Baatz, Art and Sally Panella, Fred Sanchez and Margie Favro, Joan and Bob Marx. Thank you!

Our upcoming events are a Mexican fiesta dinner on April 20 and Bocce Tournament on June 7 at Sycamore Park.

*That's all for now, may God bless you always.
Ciao, Sally Panella.*

Brentwood Br. 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary

We continue to bask in the joy of our Lord and Savior's Resurrection and turn our eyes and hearts to His Blessed Mother Mary this month of May.

Many thanks to all the members who contributed to our wonderful St. Joseph

table. The selections were outstanding and very delicious! Our Deacon blessed the table, the food and all those present before we all dived in.

Deacon John requested volunteers to serve on the Scholarship Committee. Pat Rebollar, Sam and Peggy Scalise and Shelia Nilo stepped up. Our Secretary, Laura Pierce, reminded members of the Lenten matching donation drive, which will last until the end of May.

Nita Ohlhauser gave an update on the Classic Car Show asking for volunteers for the committee. Sheila offered to volunteer in the kitchen again. "Save the Date" flyers are done and Nita will have a large "Save the Date" poster ready for our next meeting. Jay reminded us to talk to people at businesses we frequent about being sponsors for the show.

In lieu of a Heritage report, Marilyn Simonetti, provided some history and the traditions of the St. Joseph Table.

Patty Jarret, our Branch Mentor who is of Italian descent, is willing to give a Heritage report for the history of ICF and her Italian family. Thank you, Patty. We will be reaching out to you to schedule soon. Patty also reminded us that the ICF has a hospital plan for \$25 per year. Laura will be sending members more information.

*Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.
Ciao for now, Mary M.*

Pleasant Hill Br. 442, Christ the King

Our March meeting was very special. We celebrated Saint Joseph with a traditional Saint Joseph's Table including pasta, fava beans, bread in form of a cross, lemons and of course, a hammer. The final touches came from our members who brought an assortment of tasty dishes for our potluck. Our guest of honor was our Pastor Fr. Paulson Mundanmani, Chaplain of our Branch, who blessed us and our table. Thank you to Pam Debernardi for organizing our beautiful table. St. Joseph's Day is Father's Day in Italy so we also celebrated our fathers. Several members brought pictures of their fathers who are no longer with us. It was a lovely way to honor their memories and for everyone to learn their stories. Also, as our heritage presentation this month we watched a very interesting video about the struggles and successes of Italian immigrants to America.

Please note that our Ladies Tea event scheduled for May the 2nd has been cancelled. We will provide new dates and additional information when they become available.

Be on the look-out for details of coming events and the Evite for our May meeting.

Spring has sprung. We look forward to May flowers from April showers. Buona Primavera a tutti!

Ann Consul and Eileen McGauran

BLESSED SACRAMENT District

Auburn Br. 342, St. Joseph

Thank you to everyone who attended our April Bingo Fundraiser. Also, a huge thank you to Adriana Jensen and Bridget Piziali who worked so hard to plan, cook, and prepare for this event. We couldn't have done it without the help of those who helped set up, sell bingo cards and raffle tickets, serve lunch and clean up. We are also grateful to Tina Tallman, our bingo caller extraordinaire, for making the games so fun.

We will soon start selling convention raffle tickets. Be on the lookout for an email and a call from our calling committee. This is a great fundraiser for our branch. We get to keep \$10 from every book sold.

*Ciao!
Pam Andersen*

Lincoln Br. 450, St. Joseph

Branch 450 regrets to announce the passing of Natalie Malone on April 1st. Natalie was a long-time, dedicated member of the Italian Catholic Federation and had recently marked her 95th birthday. Her kindness and warmth left a lasting impact on many individuals, and she will be greatly missed. We extend our condolences to Branch 450 President Nina Malone, Natalie's daughter. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers during this challenging time.

Branch 450, Saint Joseph Lincoln introduced a new tradition at our parish this spring: The St. Joseph's Table (la Tavala di San Giuseppe), held on March 19th in observance of the Feast of our patron. This event, which has its origins in Italy—especially Sicily—serves as a renewal of our devotion to St. Joseph and celebrates his Feast Day. Donations received in exchange for bread, fruit, and vegetables were distributed as alms to those in need. We are thankful to all of our members who set up and organized the St Joseph Table and especially to all that donated bread, baked goods, fruit, vegetables, and religious articles. The event was a big success, and we look forward to establishing this meaningful Lenten tradition as part of our Italian heritage each year.

Our branch is growing and we would like to welcome our two newest members, Gay and Alfred Flores. Benvenuti!

*Easter Blessings to all
Janet Vicencio*

SANTA ROSA District



Healdsburg Br. 52, San Francisco Di Sales

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Fish Fry on March 27! Almost 300 people enjoyed the evening. A big thank you to President Monika Basencon for her leadership at the event. Without her leadership, none of this would be possible. Thank you to Kathie King and Scott Cavallo for preparing the delicious dinner. Comments I heard were that it was the best dinner, yet! Thank you to everyone who sold raffle tickets, manned the bar and wine bar, helped set-up and helped clean-up. We couldn't put this event on without everyone's cooperation. Initial returns show we earned around \$18,000. This money will help with our scholarships, donations to the church and school and our community.

Upcoming Events:

Mother's and Father's Day Dinner: Tuesday, May 12 in the Parish Hall. Enjoy a night out and let Richard Passalcqua cook you a delicious dinner to honor our Mothers and Fathers. Price: \$20.00 for adults, Children 6 -12: \$5.00. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. We ask members to share their favorite dessert at the dessert potluck after dinner. For reservations call Carmen and Lauren: 707-595-3111. Deadline: Friday, May 7. We will also honor our scholarship winners at dinner.

Happy Mother's Day! -Lauren

Arcata Br. 144, St. Mary

In the blink of an eye, we are in May!!! I still am trying to find all the hidden Easter eggs!!!

We welcome David Dahler as a new member of our branch. He is very active in our St. Mary's Parish here in Arcata. He has been helping with many of our fundraisers as well, so it seemed fitting to have him officially be a member!

Tony Gonsalves ('22) is a very talented wood carver. His bird sculpture of a Horned Lark, has been accepted to the California State fair, which is held at the Sacramento fairgrounds and runs July 17- Aug 2. So, if you attend be sure to admire his submission!

Our St. Joseph table may be small but we have such a generous parish and donated \$832 to St. Vincent dePaul dining facility. Check out the photos on the District page.

We will be celebrating the 63rd anniversary of Branches 144 & 145 on Sunday, May 3 after the 11 a.m. Mass. Cassaro Catering will do the luncheon for us

*Buona Festa della Mamma!!!
Anne Carlisle Eanni, Secretary*

Eureka Br. 145, St. Ambrose

Eureka Branch's St Joseph Table brought in \$129 in donations. Half of the proceeds were donated to the St Vincent DePaul soup kitchen in Old Town.

Thank you to everyone who baked and contributed to the event.

The next meeting will be on May 12th at 1:30 p.m.

If you have not done so yet, please mail your 2026 ICF dues (\$40) to our Treasurer Mary Wheeler at PO Box 6901 Eureka, CA 95502. If we do not receive your dues by June 30th, your membership will be cancelled.

Our longtime member Nancy Paoli celebrated her 85th birthday in April. Happy birthday, Nancy and thank you for all of your hard work on our branch's behalf.

Two of our oldest and most dedicated members, Gene and Betty Senestraro, were honored as Community Volunteers of the Year at the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County's State of the County luncheon on April 10th at the Adorni Recreation Center in Eureka.

They have both been active in the civic, religious, educational, and business development activities of Humboldt since the immediate post-World War II period.

Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful mothers!

Santa Rosa Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Branch members are offering seven memorial scholarships this year to the class of 2026. We will invite the winners and their families to our hamburger BBQ in the Parish Life Center on May 4th. There is no charge for the dinner but we need to know how many will attend.

May is the month where we give extra adoration to Mary. Say a special Rosary and remember your family members who have died.

The *Bollettino* has been giving us some early information about this year's convention in Reno. We will select our delegate in June. You do not have to be a delegate to attend.

Mother's Day is on May 10 this year and we should all give a prayer to remember all the good things our mothers have done for us.

*Happy Mother's Day!
Robert Acquistapace*

Sebastopol Br. 209, St. Michael

Happy Spring from Branch #209!

The month of March was a busy one for our Branch! A few things to share:

Our March General Meeting included a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner provided by member Pat Petersen, and prepared by Roy and Leona Spadoni.

After Mass on Friday, March 20, members of our Branch served to our Parish soup and bread in honor of the Stations of the Cross.

The highlight of March was our annual Fish Fry on March 27! Over 260 people enjoyed the most tasty, deliciously breaded fried fish, with homemade tartar sauce, potato salad, and coleslaw. It was a fun time had by all, and a huge success! A special thank you goes to the hard-working members of our Branch who make it happen. Also, a thank you to our wonderful community who show up to enjoy and contribute to these events. All proceeds go towards designated local charities, our awesome local scholarship program, our Parish, and other ICF organization obligations.

Coming up now will be our General Meeting in April (which will be a delicious potluck), and in May we will host our scholarship winners and their families with a delicious meal in celebration of their achievements.

We also have our Bocce Ball Tournament coming up on May 17th. All eight teams have signed up, so we are ready for some fun competition!!

Hope everyone is well, and we will check in next month.

Ciao, Yvonne Dorr

Recording Secretary

FRESNO District

Merced Br. 39, St. Cecilia

Our branch kicked off April with our general meeting. We had a wonderful meal of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots. Thank you to our cooking crew that always keeps us full and happy! Our meeting also welcomed a very special guest Laurice Levine, who came and spoke to us about Thalassemia; her presentation was very information filled and I think everyone learned at least one new thing.

On Sunday, May 17th, our branch will be selling Italian Sausage sandwiches after morning masses at St. Patrick's. All money raised will be donated to Catholic Charities.

As the weather is getting warmer, our annual ICF picnic at Lake Yosemite is just around the corner. Mark your cal

endars for July 8th at 5 p.m. We look forward to seeing all members and their families for a joyous time.

Our next meeting will be held at the Italo Lodge on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 5 p.m. social hour/Bingo, 6 p.m. dinner (Enchiladas) 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!

Clovis Br. 250, Our Lady of Perpetual Help (St. Paul Newman Center)

Our apologies for the goof-up for the March *Bollettino*. Somehow the article for the January-February issue was repeated. Your editorial staff were required to say ten "Our Fathers: and ten "Hail Marys" and to abstain from any vino rosso for two weeks.

Belated March birthday wishes to Argilia Christiansen, Kathy Christensen, Kitty Culleton, and Alice Reyes. And to April celebrants, Jennifer Compopiano and Mary Zanarini.

Little-known Popes' Department: St. Gelasius I (the 49th Pope) 492-496; although unpopular among the people of Rome, Gelasius was highly regarded by the clergy. In contemporary writings his personal virtues were praised more highly than any other Pope of the time.

Our branch continues to grow as we were joined by new members Rosendo Perez, Conrad Rios, and Frances Sias. A big WELCOME to you all! The new members bring new energy and enthusiasm.

Our April meeting featured ham and beans and was very delicious. Several members were overheard commenting that they were going on diets, again, starting the next day.

Philosopher Angelino says; "L'occhio Del Padrone Ingrassa Il Cavallo", "The Eye of The Owner Fattens The Horse".

Let's keep Pope Leo XIV in our prayers as he faces tremendous challenges, internally and externally.

Thought for the month:

*"The Father longs for us to pray
For one another every day; His heart
Rejoices when we care enough to
Voice our love in prayer."* (Hoff)

*Ciao,
Pasqualina Portafino*



Bakersfield Br. 281, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Helen "Maxine" Scatena entered the world April 13th 1926. Maxine an original member of ICF Branch 281 celebrated her 100th birthday this past month with family and friends. Maxine, also known as "Hot Lips" because she played the trombone was a 1944 graduate of Kern County Union High School. It was on a bus ride to school in the Fall of 1946 where she met her future husband, Dick. Maxine & Dick married in 1946 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. They went on to have 5 children, David, Jerry, Mike, Kathy and Dominic.

Through the years Maxine and her husband Dick were active in their Church community at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and were among the founding members of ICF's Branch 281. Maxine is beloved by her family and friends alike. Her ICF family honors and thanks her for her many years of service and wish her "All good things" on this amazing milestone!

Our St Joseph's Day pasta dinner on March 22 was a success! Friends and families from Our Lady of Perpetual Help enjoyed salad, rolls, pasta, and meatballs topped with a delicious sauce. (The recipe is over 100 years old!)

In June we look forward to the horse races on June 6th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. All branches are welcome to join us on this fun tradition. For more information you can contact Allen Watts at allamerican@pacbell.net

We wish all the moms a very Happy Mother's day!
Theresa Amarante

Fresno Br. 308, St. Anthony of Padua

Happy May. The month of mothers and our spiritual mother The Blessed Virgin Mary. And Star Wars Day.

The March 7/8 sausage sandwich sale was a roaring success. Thank you, Russell Renna and Jeff Jorgensen for donating all the food and leading the kitchen crew. There were many donations and "keep the change" donations. The total profit was \$894.00. I think that's a record.

Congratulations to the St. Anthony Knights of Columbus for a successful corned beef and cabbage dinner. Also, congratulations to St. Therese parish for a successful spring tea party fundraiser. Debi Jorgensen and Susan Mencarini represented the ICF there. I was so inspired that I have some ideas brewing (pun intended) for further tea parties.

We have successfully cleaned out our long-neglected overflowing storage closets, and I'm happy to report that many items have been donated to Catholic Charities. It was decided that our

restaurant fundraiser will be at Habit Burger Grill on September 9. This is our regular meeting night, and we will have our meeting there.

We were so happy to have Bernie Squeo back at our April meeting where he prepared a wonderful ravioli dinner! We thank him so much for all his years as our executive chef. We are also happy to hear that Ed Girado is on the mend following his recent hip fracture.

Happy April birthdays to Carolyn Cave and Tim Solipasso.

Susan Mencarini

CENTRAL COAST District Council

Happy Mother's Day to all our moms. May you have a wonderful and blessed day.

May 6, 2026 ZOOM meeting at 7:00 p.m. Each branch is entitled up to three votes. During this meeting we will be pulling our lucky 50/50 ticket. Winner will receive a \$100.00 Costco gift card. August 22, 2026 (Saturday) Central Coast District's Bishop's Day. Br. 36 Monterey will host this event at San Carlos Cathedral/Hall. Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by a seat down dinner in the Hall. More details will follow. Please save this date.

Respectfully Submitted
Elaine Valentine, President of
Central Coast President

Santa Cruz Br. 21, N.S. Del Soccorso

In March, Branch 21 Santa Cruz hosted its monthly meeting with a special St. Patrick's Day celebration. The event featured a corned beef dinner, which was enjoyed by 35 attendees, creating a warm and festive atmosphere for all participants.

During the same period, the branch held its annual "No Bale Sale" under the leadership of Rosa Radicchi. Many members generously contributed to the fundraiser, and the collected donations will be distributed to several local groups that support both our parish and the broader community. To recognize and connect with these organizations, leaders from the recipient groups were invited to attend our meeting on May 5.

Additionally, in April, Branch 21 organized a successful cannoli sale after Masses at Holy Cross. Thanks to the hard work of our volunteer team and the enthusiastic support from parishioners, the fundraiser was both popular and financially rewarding.

Two scholarships, each valued at \$500, were awarded—one directly from the Branch and another given in honor of John Orlando.

In memory of Madeline Crews and Amanda Danner a donation was sent to the Providenza Seminary Fund. The



donation honors the legacies of these individuals and continues the tradition of generosity and remembrance within the Branch.

Pray for peace in the world,
Roseann Costabile

Monterey Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Happy Mother's Day! "A mother who loves her God and lives her faith is a blessing to her children" (Isaiah 54:13).

We thank our members, volunteers, and local community for supporting our six weeks of Lenten dinners. We served approximately 3,500 meals. Thank you to members for the delicious, donated desserts and to the many dedicated members and students who helped make these events successful. Special thanks to Co-President George Leonard for leading the kitchen crew, along with his 90-year-old dad, Eddie, who prepared pasta sauces and garlic butter each week.

We were honored to host the newly installed Bishop of the Diocese of Monterey, Most Reverend Ramon Bejarano, at a Lenten dinner. He graciously met attendees, took photos, and shared his vision for our diocese.

Proceeds from these dinners support local charitable causes, including San Carlos Cathedral, San Carlos School, student scholarships, seminarians, national ICF charities, the Carmelite Monastery, youth sports, and other Catholic parishes. In 2025, we netted \$58,077 and donated \$59,760, and we will share 2026 results next month.

Congratulations to Sebastian Barbarino, winner of our 50/50 Scholarship Raffle. A special thank-you to membership chair Liz La Luz Spadaro - we now have 704 members.

We also celebrated our 85 & Over members on April 23. Photos next month!

Upcoming events:

May 21 – Scholarship/Achievement Dinner

June 25 – 95th Anniversary & Initiation

Our condolences to the families of Frank Goulart and Gail Enea. May they rest in peace.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Valentine
Co-President

Aptos Br. 227, St. Joseph

Our next meeting will be May 3 at Stewart's Floral. We will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a tostada dinner prepared by Jane Kotila, and Magdalena and Manny Martinez. There will be a very special raffle of a \$100 bill donated by a member who wishes to remain anonymous. Tickets for that raffle will be \$5.00 each or five for \$20. We will also select our Convention delegates at the meeting.

Good news. President Franklyn Lopes learned from the Resurrection Church staff that the hall remodel will likely be finished by late summer. We look forward to having our meetings there again.

Please offer your prayers for our South Carolina member, Trudy Locatelli, who is recuperating from upper neck surgery.

Here is a quote for Mother's Day from my favorite saint, St. John XXIII. He has a special place in my heart as he was born in Bergamo, which is where my father's family came from.
The mother is the heart of the family and, by her love, draws all into a unity that reflects God's own communion.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there.
Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande Br. 291, St. Patrick

At our April 26th General Meeting, we celebrated our St. Joseph's Table. Members were asked to bring non-perishable food, household products, toiletries and pet food to fill our St. Joseph's Table. Our members were very generous, and everything collected we donated to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program, that serves families in need in our local community.

Several members from Branch 291 recently attended Branch 354's Pasta Feed. We always enjoy their delicious spaghetti and meatballs dinner, as well as the lovely raffle prizes and great service by the students from local Catholic schools.

REMINDER: Our May Board and General Dinner Meetings will be held one week early on May 17th (due to Memorial Day weekend). We hope to see you there to enjoy fellowship with other ICF Members, plus a FREE delicious dinner!

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

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms we hold dear to our hearts!

Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary

SANTA CLARA VALLEY District

Gilroy

Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

March was quite busy. Our branch dined out for St. Patrick's Day, having a delicious Corned Beef dinner at the Old City Hall Restaurant in downtown Gilroy. Everyone enjoyed the meal and visiting with each other.

We held a Bake Sale on Sunday, March 22, offering a nice selection of baked goods made by our branch members. Coffee and ICF information were available to all who visited the bake sale. This event was chaired by Marina Hemmergren and assisted by Mike Hughes, Marianne and Dave Peoples, Diana Berry, Kim Filice, and Chris Filice. We thank our branch members and fellow St. Mary parishioners for their support.

We also helped our pastor, Fr. Michael Henrickson, prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Easter Sunday. The bake sale crew filled 576 plastic eggs with Tootsie Rolls (of the 5,000 filled by other Church and school groups), 150 plastic eggs with stickers for prizes, and 167 Easter Egg Prizes. After the hunt, we'll clean the 5,000 plastic eggs and store them for next year.

Several Branch 28 members and friends enjoyed our ICF Casino Bus Trip to Table Mountain. Some were successful at the casino, and others not so much. But they ALL had a great time. Coordinated by Trustee Frank Angelino, everyone enjoyed snacks, beverages and fun games while on the road. Many of those folks are ready for another trip!

Monday, May 18, 2026, is our next meeting with dinner prepared by Alex Larson.

Ciao!
Christine Filice

Mountain View

Br. 47, San Giorgio

Happy Springtime from Branch 47 Mountain View.

Hoping all the members and their families had a Happy and Holy Easter. The branch is moving forward and just completed another successful Grab and Go Fundraiser and raffle with the proceeds from our raffle going to Cooley's Anemia. At our April meeting we talked about moving forward with plans for our 90th Anniversary Celebration, which will take place on Saturday August 1 as well as the upcoming convention in Reno over Labor Day weekend. We also celebrated St. Patrick's Day and had a St. Joseph's Table event on Tuesday, March 17. Our next quarterly

mass will be on Sunday, May 17 and we will provide refreshments afterwards. 20 members and guests attended the Branch 246 Lenten Fish Fry on March 20. We always enjoy the evening there.

Sempre avanti,
John Canata (pinch hitting for our wonderful secretary Julie Wester)

St. Mary

Br. 184, Los Gatos

Members Arlene Bertellotti and Janice LaMotte have been working together as Co-First Vice-Presidents of our Branch. Although both are newer members, they have the enthusiasm to create interest at our meetings. After some discussion, it was agreed to try meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month at 4 p.m. We have been trying to find a day and time that works for most members.

On May 3, Donut Sunday will be hosted by our ICF Branch after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. Different groups take turns hosting and this will be ours.

Arlene Bertellotti shared her Heritage Report about the St. Joseph Table tradition, traced to the Middle Ages. The table usually features three plates: Fava Beans, shaped breads, and meatless dishes, due to the feast falling during Lent. The tradition was brought to the United States in the late 19th century by Sicilian Immigrants.

By the time you read this, the Knights of Columbus breakfast will have taken place on April 26. Tickets were sold weeks before, then the Knights graciously prepare and serve breakfast. The proceeds they donate to our Branch and to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We provide two lovely baskets to be raffled off at the breakfast. It is a pleasant way to meet members of our Parish, and for them to get to meet members of our ICF Branch.

Fr. Greg Kimm is willing to lead a discussion on ancestry and genealogy. This should be of interest to our members. Fr. Greg told us that the 1800s have been digitized and we can go to: ICF Ancestors@Gmail.com to look up civil records. More to follow on when we will hear Fr. Greg speak on this subject.

The Annual Convention, titled "Our Legacy: Faith, Family, Heritage," will be held in Reno, Nevada, September 4 - 6. The Charity they are supporting this year is "Spread the Word Nevada." They are requesting our donations for Chapter Books, new or gently used, for grades K thru 5. Books for 4th and 5th grades are especially needed. Contact Arlene (408-799-1119) or Janice (408-497-2163) if you have books to donate to this cause.

Hope to see you at the next meeting, Tuesday, May 12 at 4 p.m.

Sending Blessings to all Mothers and Godmothers, and prayers for a safe Memorial Day,

Lucy Amico



San Jose

Br. 191, Saint Frances Cabrini

Dear Members,

This past month has seen our Branch celebrate Palm Sunday Mass and a delicious breakfast with our community. Our cooks, servers and decorators really out did themselves. Everyone enjoyed a morning of togetherness and family.

The branch had to sadly say good-bye to two of our very active members who we will always miss and will be forever in our prayers.

April brings us to our Pasta Sauce Fundraiser. We will be taking orders on April 19 and 26, 2026, after the masses. We will have the Pasta Sauce ready for pick up on Sunday, May 3, 2026, after the Masses. If you are interested in ordering the Pasta Sauce, please contact Debbie Piro.

As Springtime continues and the weather gets warmer, enjoy time together with family and friends. Go out to lunch, host a BBQ at your home, or just share some time together. These little moments bring lasting memories.

Take time to smell the Roses!
Sharon D. Logan

San Jose

Br. 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

The ICF Polenta Dinner was March 21st and was an ICF great event. The ICF Rib Dinner is scheduled for Sept. 12, 2026. If you are interested in helping, let the chairperson know. Funds for projects are available. You must fill out a form so the board can study it and vote for approval in September once a year. Jerry Delfino has 4 each at \$2000 for scholarships. If you have a family member who needs cash for school, get them to apply. ICF Convention is scheduled for September 4th thru the 6th. Santa Teresa Parish has a Green Team whose mission is to help the parish become more eco-friendly. Our ICF member, Carol Provanzano is the chair of this project. Some of the Green Team's finished projects were installing a bottle filling station and an ice machine in the community center. This saved the purchase of over 12,500 plastic water bottles. Waste bins were added to the community center, encouraging recyclables. Members use real plates and silverware at our ICF meetings, instead of paper.

Talk to Sharon Kroeber, our heritage person about stories of your Italian families' history for a scrapbook she will be putting together. Please pray for our sick members. Phil Robba, Lorraine Nunziata, Ron Sanchez, John Gillio.

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

APRIL CORRECTION. I missed adding Paula Radzinshi's name to last month's front page picture. She is the one on the left of the Kitchen Crew group.

-Tom Myers

San Jose

Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

Mike Rossi and Marina Tilbury presided over our April meeting, where members were treated to an "Irish" dinner of corn beef and cabbage. Marina gave us an update on scholarship information and thanked members for supporting St. Martin's Stations of the Cross and Faith Night events.

Our Branch welcomed back Laurice Levine, our guest speaker, who eloquently spoke of her personal experience with Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia)—she spoke of her clinical trials at a younger age and of her many financial challenges that continue to occur. The ICF has been supportive of Thalassemia since 1992 through its funding of research and education. Thank you, Laurice, for coming, and we continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Marina thanked Cathleen Lencioni for organizing our Multicultural Celebration Fundraiser held in April, which was a great success.

Please note that our branch voted on raising the monthly dinner price from \$12 to \$15 starting in May.

Reminder:

Branch 391 Dinner Meeting—Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.; Quarterly Communion—June 7, September 6, and December 6, 2026—all at 10:00 mass.

Janis Patellaro

DEADLINE

**May 10th for the
June issue of the
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SAN MATEO DISTRICT



Br. 213, St. Augustine's St. Joseph's Table waiting for our guests to arrive!



Br. 403's St. Joseph's Table celebration.



Br. 444, Rest in Peace Marianne Canetti



Br. 403's St. Joseph's Table celebration.



Br. 403's St. Joseph's Table celebration.



Br. 403's St. Joseph's Table celebration.



Br. 444, Msgr. Antonio Cacciapuoti, Patty Hansen & Mary Alley



Br. 444, A Visit to the Italian Museum—Cristina & Marianne

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT



Branch 218 members take a break from serving at the St. Joseph's Table



Branch President, Jerry Farrugia, introduces our Pastor, Fr. Kevin Rettig, who will bless Branch 218's 54th Annual St. Joseph's Table!



Branch 218's beautiful St. Joseph's Table ready to be blessed and welcome guests to this traditional Italian heritage event.



Br. 380, Pasta Sauce Winners: First Place: Don Modaro, Second Place: Marie Chodkowski, Third Place: Joe Pusateri, and Honorable Mention: Vinnie Pantess



Los Angeles Archdiocese District March Meeting



Br. 380, Laurice Levine's Thalassemia 101 presentation

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



Cracking Crabs (L-R) Robert Hohman, Isidoro Colonna, Br. 115 President Neal Di Ieva and Salvatore Mattera at J & D Seafoods fish market in San Pedro, CA.



Br. 115 Crab Dinner (left) Mary Star Fiesta Queen Camila Bugarin (right) LA Councilman 15th



Br. 115, Crab Dinner Dance Mary Star of the Sea Auditorium March 21, 2026



Br. 115, Crab Dinner (L-R) Isidoro Colonna, Chef Anthony Amalfitano, Salvatore Mattera, Frank Colonna and Frank Amalfitano



Raul and Leila Acevedo processing with St. Joseph - Branch #374



Branch #374 - St. Joseph's Day Bake Sale and Silent Auction



Br. 447's St. Joseph's Table celebration.



Br. 447's St. Joseph's Table



Br. 447's St. Joseph's Table celebration.

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 179, The Hamiltons receiving a blessing.



Br. 179, St. Joseph's Table



Br. 179, St. Joseph's Altar



President Michele S celebrating the May 2026 birthdays of David T., Gina E. and Goshia G. at Branch 108 General Meeting.



ICF 111 - March Meeting



ICF 111- St. Joseph's Table - Frank Salomone with Jim & Patty Jarrett



ICF 111 - St. Joseph's Table



ICF 111 - March Birthdays

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT



Br. 28, Co-chairs of our Shrimp Ravioli Feed. Kim Filice, Ed Saucedo, and Diana Berry



Br. 28 reciting the ICF pledge.



Br. 47, Mike Rossi, John Canata and Shirley Pruett



Br. 47, Lynn Noah, Norman Mohr and guest Janis.



Terri Giampaoli, Jo Del Carlo and Craig Noah



Br. 368, St. Pat's Day Kitchen Crew. Smile



Br. 368, Happy Birthdays for March: Joann Opp, Kathy Myers, Ed Wendler



Br. 368, St. Patrick's Day Dinner



Br. 368, St. Patrick's Day Kitchen crew.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)



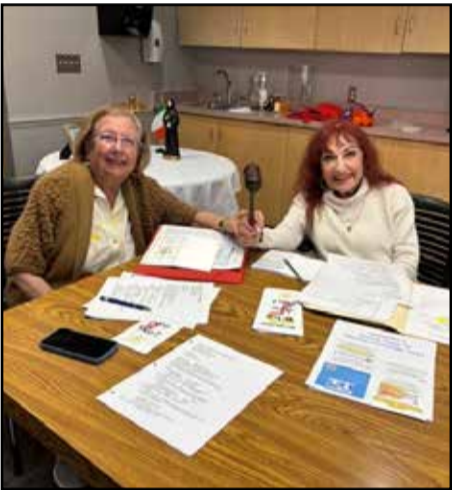
Br. 445 New Members and Neighbors: Mark & Joani Yvanovich with Maria Ioacono



Br. 445 Larry and Gina Farro at St. Joseph's Table



Br. 445 New Members and Neighbors Mark & Joani Yvanovich with Maria Ioacono



St. Mary Br. #184, Arlene Bertelloti (on left) and Janice LaMotte (on right) agreed to share the office of First-Vice President for our Branch. They really enjoy using the gavel to start the meeting!



Br. 445 Pres. Jim Falcone, Parishioners Mario and Muona leading all in song.



Br. 435, The meal and welcome were enjoyed by Pastor Fr. Menchaca. Check out his empty plate and the special plate he brought.



Br. 435, Sharing the meal of corned beef and cabbage with the members.



Br. 435, Sharing the meal of corned beef and cabbage with the members.



Br. 435, Pastor Fr. Menchaca opening the March 17th Dinner meeting with a Prayer of Thanksgiving and recollection.



Br. 191, President Bob Basuino and members at Palm Sunday Breakfast

Morgan Hill

Br. 435, Santa Caterina D'Alessandria

Our Branch 435 meeting for March was on the 17th, Saint Patrick's Day. As such, we decided to have a delicious corned beef dinner prepared by Nicolo Benevento and helpers Mitch Marani, and Marcus Carpena. Toni and Giovanni Foggiato also provided the desert enjoyed by all. Special thanks to the cooking staff.

Father Menchaca (Our Pastor), Father Nguyen, and Father Brocato attended the monthly meeting. Father Menchaca led the opening prayer. Several member guests and family also attended.

In preparation for Easter, our Branch hosted a soup supper after the parish Stations-of-the-Cross ceremony on March 20th. The basic meal, prepared by Gina Colton, Toni Foggiato and Guila Gallego was well received. Guila our President had hoped for a better response.

It was noted one very valued member, Catherine Ellis, our Recording and Financial Secretary, was hospitalized suffering pneumonia and could not attend the meeting.

Late news: By mid-April Catherine has recovered and has returned home! Thanks to all for the get-well prayers!

Thank you to Andy Pappani who was acting as mentor in place of Pat Cordich who was on vacation.

Susan Monahana gave the closing prayer, Irish blessings and a thank-you to all.

San Jose

Br. 445, Transfiguration

Br. 445's Fifth Annual Mother's Day Cookie Sale Fundraiser is well underway! Cookies will be delivered Mother's Day weekend May 9th and 10th. Photos to follow in the next *Bollettino*.

On Sunday May 3rd, Br. 445 will host and celebrate the Fifth Annual May Crowning of Mary in the church vestibule for parishioners. Branch 445 member Grace Brown has the honor of Crowning Mary this year.

Throughout Lent, several Br. 445 members faithfully continued to take the lead in supporting Transfiguration Parish by providing soups for Friday Soup Suppers. For the third year, Br.445 donated 5 gallons of homemade cheese tortellini soup to St. Christopher's for their Holy Week Soup Supper.

March was busy as ICF members helped set up decorations for and attended the Saturday 3/14 St. Patrick's Day Parish Dinner.

Some decorations were used for Br. 445's general meeting on 3/18 as the heritage report featured St. Patrick. Pre-ordered boxed dinners were served.

On March 19th, Br. 445 hosted St. Joseph's Day for parishioners. Branch

members set up the altar, buffet tables and dinner table decorations. ICF Br. 445 President Jim Falcone and parishioners Mario and Muona Farris led all in singing "Come to the Table of Plenty." Fr. Chris Bransfield and Pres. Jim Falcone led all in prayer.

Members attended Quarterly Mass Saturday 3/28 followed by some going to dinner together.

Ongoing activities: First full weekend of month Br. 445 hosts after mass for parishioners Saturday snacks and Sunday donuts;

Bunco last Thursday evening of the month; Weekly 105 sack lunches assembled by members are distributed to those in need.

Happy May Birthday wishes to members: Jim Canger, Barbara Howell, Maria Loiacono and Robert Sevilla!

Wishing a Blessed and Happy Mother's Day to all!

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

STOCKTON District

Lodi

Br. 82, St. Anne's

May is the month of Mary, our spiritual mother, and the time we honor our own mothers, and those that have been like a mother to us. Happy Mother's Day and thank you to all of those who treated your mom, grandma, Nona, Nonie, Nonna, and aunties by joining us for our Ravioli dinner on May 2nd at St. Anne's Hall. The night was a success, and the raffle baskets were a hit. Remember to submit your applications soon for the St. Anne's ICF Thrive grant of \$500 for young adults with special needs, and also a \$500 college scholarship for graduating High school seniors. Get your applications in soon! We also have our annual Blood Drive for Thalassemia scheduled for May 12, at Eagles Lodge in Lodi.

*Buona Festa della Mamma!
Elizabeth Calloni Holladay
Corresponding Secretary*

Manteca

Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio

Branch #139 met on Tuesday, March 24th, in St. Anthony's Cafeteria. President Ron Agostini presided over the meeting and welcomed Mona and Marion Elliott and Eric and Vero Oliveri whom we had not seen for awhile.

The usual business was conducted including reading and approval of the Minutes from the February 2026 meeting and balances provided in our



Checking Accounts as of March 1. As always, members are encouraged to read the *Bollettino*.

Membership applications were received from Elizabeth and Irma DeMichelis who are returning to Branch #139. Welcome back Elizabeth and Irma.

Ron Agostini mentioned that the last Fish Fry in Monterey would be held that Friday. Ron also reminded us that Branch #139 is hosting the next District Meeting on May 17th at Tony's Kitchen, the date for St. Anthony's Priest Appreciation Dinner is May 30th., the date for this year's Bishop's Burse is July 26th, and our Spaghetti Fundraiser will be held on August 21st. Ron will also be setting a date for our Branch to attend a Mass together.

Meeting was adjourned with Vero Oliveri singing our Federation Anthem. Our next meeting will be on April 28th in St. Anthony's Cafeteria.

*Bye for now,
Michela*

Tracy

Br. 390, St. Bernard

Heritage Month with Italian Spaghetti and Meatballs served another fabulous turnout and the raffle prizes - Mamma Mia! Fabulous selection.

May 28th our monthly meeting dinner will be Tri-Tip with roasted potatoes and all the trimmings. Welcome one and all!

June menu will be our always delicious "homemade with ICF hands" Italian Meatloaf. Mike Bacchetti and his crew will be manning the kitchen as usual and we also want to thank the volunteers who come in and devote an extra day before the June dinner to mix and assemble the many, many meatloaves.

So that everyone knows how long we've been doing this (or how old some of our "Charter Members" are? - just kidding) our fabulous Branch 390 will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year - from 1,986 - 2,026. Lordy, Lordy - we're turning 40!

Add to that milestone, our long-time member Eileen Morri turns 100th this month. Our best wishes go out to her!

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

Happy May, everyone and Happy Mother's Day to all our ICF moms! Or, as they say in Italy, Buona Festa della Mamma.

Did you know that Mother's Day was first celebrated in Italy in 1957? It began in Assisi, where a parish priest organized a celebration to honor mothers for their vital role in family life. Over time, the tradition spread across the country, becoming a cherished holiday celebrated by families nationwide. Today, both the U.S. and Italy observe Mother's Day on the same day.

Last month, we hosted a soup supper and donated the proceeds to Harvest of the Heart, which provides fresh vegetables to families in need through Saint Vincent de Paul.

Our April 19 bake sale, held after Sunday Masses, was a huge success and a complete sellout! Biscotti, cannoli, cakes, pies...the list goes on. Grazie mille to all our incredible bakers. We're thrilled that we were able to raise additional funds to support our seminarians.

We're also excited to welcome Greg Traverso as our May speaker. He will present a discussion on the history of Italians in San Joaquin County; an event not to be missed.

May is a season of graduations. Congratulations to all ICF families celebrating kindergarten, junior high, high school, and college graduates! Our branch is proud to support the ICF scholarship program with a first-year donation to a student with the greatest need. We hope your branches are doing the same.

*Wishing you all a joyful and blessed month of May!
alla prossima,
Mary Ann*

DEADLINE

**May 10th for
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**Angels Camp
Br. 413, St. Patrick**



Happy Easter!

Our St. Patrick's Day celebration felt extra special this year since St. Patrick is the patron saint of our parish. All of our ministries took part in a procession around the church while we prayed the Rosary, which made for a really meaningful experience. After Mass, our Branch hosted a corned beef sandwich lunch. Sandwiches were \$15, and it was great to see such a strong turnout.

Now that April is here, our Branch has started reviewing this year's scholarship applications. We received many submissions from both local high school students and homeschoolers. This year, we asked applicants to write a short essay about how they have contributed to St. Patrick's Parish. I wish you all could read their responses. They are impressive. It is insightful to read the honesty and sincerity of the responses. It's going to be a tough decision! We typically award at least four \$500 scholarships. We are especially thankful for a couple of local parishioners who quietly and generously donate funds each year to help make this possible.

**SAN DIEGO
District**

**Chula Vista
Br. 229, St. Rose of Lima**

The Feast of St. Joseph was celebrated by Branch #229 on Sunday, March 22. This included a special blessing by our Priests to honor St. Joseph and at each mass a brief history and tradition of St. Joseph's Table Celebration was shared to all the Parishioners.

Our homemade cookies, pizelle, cannoli and bread...plus the fava beans were all sought after item(s).

Proceeds from the sale will go to the hungry and people in need.

Come see us in San Diego / Chula Vista when you are in the area.



**San Diego
Br. 246, St. Vincent De Paul**

Cari amici,

The Lenten season was an especially busy and rewarding time for our branch, highlighted by our weekly Friday fish fries. Throughout Lent, we proudly served over 1,000 fish dinners, fostering a strong sense of community and providing meaningful opportunities for fellowship and faith. We are deeply grateful to Phil's BBQ for their generosity—this event would not have been possible without them and the dedication of our hardworking ICF members who volunteered each week to prepare the hall and serve.

In addition to Phil's BBQ, we extend our sincere thanks to our other sponsors, Mocerri Produce and Frank's Bakery, for their continued support. It was truly inspiring to see so many members of our church and the wider community come together in support of this event week after week.

On Friday, March 20th, we also celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph with great success. Through our auction, we raised over \$9,500, all of which will be donated to charity. We would like to give special thanks to Frank Crivello of Sicilian-ish Catering for donating the sfincione, as well as to everyone who contributed items for the live auction and raffle baskets.

A special mention goes to our president, Anthony Torregiani, who did an outstanding job as auctioneer, energizing the crowd as guests eagerly bid on exciting items such as Padres baseball

tickets, a beach vacation home, a sports fishing day trip, stained glass art, dinner with Father John, and more.

Ciao, Margherita Cianflone

**ORANGE
District**

**Orange
Br. 406, St. Norbert**

Our St. Joseph Table was a great success again this year. We pre-sold over 500 Cannoli!! This was a record! We are a small branch, but we all pitch in and help. We also set up a large, beautiful, St. Joseph Table, filled with homemade goods. We are very blessed to be supported by our Pastor and Parishioners. With this support, we are able to donate and support many charities in our parish.

**SAN BERNARDINO
District**

**Upland
Br. 446, Saint Anthony**

Saint Joseph's Day is always a special time for our branch. We celebrate by displaying La Tavola di San Guiseppe in our parish courtyard during an entire weekend. Our generous members bake hundreds and hundreds of cookies, breads and goodies that we offer for sale.

A few years ago, one of our members anonymously donated our statue of St. Joseph. It is the treasured centerpiece among the flowers, fruit and baked items displayed on the table.

After Mass, the congregation is led out of church by one of our priests to witness the blessing of the statue and the decorated table. A new addition this year was a separate table with Italian themed items for sale. The Mercatino Italiano was managed by long-time member Joyce Tesoro who offered items such as Italian ceramics, greeting cards and aprons.

Our St. Joseph's weekend event takes a

lot of planning and members start baking weeks in advance. We have a special day in which we package all the cookies then decorate the bags with red, white and green ribbons. It's a lot of work, but we don't mind the effort because we are side by side with friends. We laugh because we are reminded of the "I Love Lucy" candy factory episode.

The officers are very pleased that so many members attend our monthly meetings. It's a time to catch up on upcoming events, learn about heritage, or play games. And we love our new magnetic name badges designed by our president Carrey Rossie.

Next on the horizon is a group trip to see the Shroud of Turin exhibit in Orange County. We will carpool to the event and afterwards have lunch at the Balboa Bay Club. One of our branch members has privileges at this exclusive club.

Our next "I Love Lucy" episode event will be our cannoli making day. Organized by our dear members Jim Impastato, we take pre-sale orders and then have too much fun making hundreds of cannoli for distribution the Saturday before Mother's Day. This is such a popular event at our church that many parishioners start asking about cannoli in September!

None of this is possible without the generosity and friendship from all our dear members. Branch 446 is truly blessed!

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!

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



Save the Date to Save a Life
15th Annual ICF Convention

Blood Drive

Friday, September 4th

8:00am – 12 noon

(time may be extended if we get more sign-ups)

Convention Hotel – Room TBA

Sponsored by:

The ICF Live to Give Committee

We need to reserve 35 spots in advance to hold this blood drive. To sign up please Contact:

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



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!



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 95TH ANNUAL

**CONVENTION
MARKETPLACE**

Interested in renting a table?
\$100 refundable no-show deposit

Hours of Operation

Friday, Sept. 4

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 5

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday, Sept. 6

9:00 am – 12:00 pm



For more information, contact:

CC Life Member Emeritus

Nina Malone @ 916-759-3607

nmalone.stjoseph@gmail.com



All information regarding the Convention Yearbook is located in the Documents for 12/31/25 in the Officers' Portal.

*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: \$ _____

Italian Catholic Federation Presents
A Fundraiser to Support ICF Charities



Saturday ~ May 30th, 2026
 11:00 - 3:00 pm
 DOORS OPEN AT 10:30 am

Enjoy a FUN afternoon!
 BINGO, Food, Cash & Raffle Prizes!

St. Rose Catholic Church ~ Parish Hall
 615 Vine Ave, Roseville, Ca. 95678

We Accept


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TICKET INCLUDES:
 Lunch and Dessert
 1 BINGO Card ~ 10 Games
 Additional cards available; 3 for \$5
 2 Free Raffle Tickets!




\$35 per person
 LUNCH: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Pasta Salad, & Dessert!
 A No-Host Beverage Bar will be available
Please Call for Reservations by Thursday, May 28th
 Marie Martin (916)871-5916 / bigredsimone@yahoo.com
Make checks payable to "ICF Branch #73"
 (Must be at least 18 years of age to participate)

OPERA MAGICA SUMMER CAMP!

THEME: THE MAGIC FLUTE BY MOZART







Session 1 July 6 to 10, 2026
 Session 2 July 13 to 17, 2026
 9:00am to 3:00pm

\$340 per camper per week (\$680 for both sessions together)
 Sibling discount code = Sibling5
 Ages 6 - 13

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