



BOLLETTINO

ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage



Celebrating Italian Traditions Through Faith, Family and Food



Branch 446 making cannoli

Food brings us together, but faith and family are what keep our community strong across generations.



Branch 354 Paso Robles - making @ 1,400 meatballs!!



Vocation Director Cesar Martinez with devoted Seminarian Jacob Harker studying at Mount Angel. Two Monks, Brothers Isaiah and Jesse also from Stockton Diocese

Grand President's Monthly Message

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.



June is the month when we remember the founding of the Italian Catholic Federation. Whether it be only the mention of its anniversary, or a special remembrance in prayer of Luigi Providenza and Father Albert Bandini, it is important to recall the beginnings of this remarkable organization.

And I say remarkable because, although our membership numbers are down, we have expanded our apostolic/charity work to assist and support seminarians, and to include adults and youth who need us in our communities.

This is the month in which we honor our Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles, and Godfathers. We also honor Joseph of Nazareth, the husband of Mary and the earthly father of Jesus, a righteous carpenter from the line of David who played a crucial role in protecting and raising Jesus. As a devout, obedient figure, he accepted Mary's miraculous pregnancy by the Holy Spirit and provided Jesus with a home, safety, and trade skills.

Father's Day this year in the US and Italy will be Sunday, June 21st; in Ireland and Portugal, it is celebrated on March 19th, the feast of St. Joseph.

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ICF Branch 191 Pasta Sauce fundraiser

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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:

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Include photo captions with your article submission.

Please keep your submission positive and informative.

Deadline for the July issue is June 10, 2026

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

Thank you!

Message from our Grand Chaplain

Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation:

As we enter June—the cherished month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus—I find myself reflecting deeply on the immense significance of this devotion, both personally and within our ICF community. The Sacred Heart, to me, is far more than a traditional image; it is a living invitation to encounter Jesus in the most intimate way, to find rest, renewal, and unfailing love in His embrace. In our busy lives and the unique work, we undertake together as the Italian Catholic Federation, the heart of Christ calls us back to what matters most: love, compassion, and unity.

For many of us in the ICF Branches, our days are filled with service, leadership, and moments of self-giving that reflect the very qualities found in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. During this special month, I encourage each of us to intentionally deepen our personal relationship with Jesus, allowing His heart to shape our attitudes, our interactions, and our mission. In my own prayer, I ask that the Sacred Heart pour out its grace upon our organization, blessing our efforts and inspiring us to act with ever greater kindness, patience, and hope.

This devotion also reminds us that we are not alone on our journey of faith. As members of the Italian Catholic Federation, we are joined together by a shared purpose and supported by a community that strives to live out Christ's compassion in practical ways. Let us continue to pray for one another, to lift those who may be struggling, and to celebrate the small and large ways we witness love in action. May the Sacred Heart be not only our model but our strength, especially when challenges arise.

I invite you to let this sacred month be a time of personal renewal and communal growth. Perhaps we can find new ways, as the Italian Catholic Federation, to serve our neighbors, offer forgiveness where it is needed, and make space for genuine encounters with one another and with God. The heart of Jesus beats with mercy for every person; may we echo that rhythm in all we do, bringing warmth and light to our families, workplaces, and communities.

With gratitude for the gift of our faith and our fellowship in the Italian Catholic Federation, know of my ongoing prayers for you. May this June be filled with abundant blessings, healing, and the gentle presence of Jesus, whose Sacred Heart welcomes us always.



Father Christopher Bennett
ICF Grand Chaplain

Dearest Jesus, Your Sacred Heart overflows with blessings and love. Today, I come before You with all that I am—my hopes, my fears, my faults, and my gratitude. I adore You and, feeling true sorrow for when I have fallen short, I offer my heart to You. Please help me to grow in humility, patience, and purity, and to accept Your will in all things. Stay close to me always; give me strength when life is difficult, comfort when I am troubled, health in body, and guidance in every decision. Bless all that I do, and walk with me each day, so that I may live for You and find peace in Your presence. Grant me Your grace now and at the hour of my death. Amen.

*With heartfelt blessings,
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 May 8, 2026)

1st Year Donations

Lisa Simpson
In Memory of Jean Greyshock
Denise Antonowicz
In Memory of Natalie Malone

2nd - 4th Year Donations

Gerald H. Delfino
In Memory of Ann Fitzgerald
Gerald H. Delfino
In Memory of Aldine Grisenti
Deborah Rodondi
In Memory of Natalie Malone

ICF General Fund Donations

(Received as of May 8, 2026)

Dr. Michael and Mrs. Linda Antonini
In Memory of Peter Antonini

Convention Article:

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

I hope all branches will continue to elect their Convention delegates in June. The **deadline for delegate registration is July 1**. Delegate registration remains at \$385.00 per delegate. Any ICF member and all guests are welcome to attend the Convention. The Convention is September 4 – 6, 2026.



restaurant is located at 301 East 4th St., Reno a few blocks from the Silver Legacy. There is a limit of 70 people for this event.

Continue to collect books for our donation project at the 2026 Convention which will support “*Spread the Word Nevada*.” We have three ways to donate to this worthwhile group:

- a) Bring new or gently used books to the Convention.
- b) If you or your branch would prefer to make a cash donation the link is: <https://app.dvforms.net/api/dv/e3xzj6>
- c) OR you can order books from the group’s Amazon Wish List: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/17F88JX74XUVA?ref_=abls_nv-fly_yl

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. She has some great prizes, so far, including a pizza oven, portable sauna (all my tickets may be going in this basket!), a coffee basket and a case of wine.

Nina Malone continues to look for **vendors to participate in our Marketplace**. Please contact Nina: musicalnina61@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 Father’s Day!
Lauren Kilcullen
Convention Director

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 hotel will charge a one-night deposit when you make your reservation.

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 Ways and Means Committee will have Bingo on Friday afternoon! Bingo will be held 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tina Tallman will once again be leading the bingo sessions. We’ll have “Good Neighbors” so if you’re not lucky, make sure you sit next to someone who is! More details will be forthcoming.

Please make your reservation for our pre-convention dinner on Thursday, September 3, at Lou’s Basque Corner in Reno. We will enjoy a *delicious Basque dinner buffet* of sliced Prime Rib, chicken and rice, salad, Basque beans, French fries and ice cream. Price: \$75.00 per person. A No-host bar will be available. The reservation form is in elsewhere in the *Bollettino*. The



Gifts of Love Donations

Received as of May 8, 2026

Branch 250	Elaine Osorio
Officers/Members of Br. 218	In Memory of Lorraine Nunziata
In Memory of Thomas Reifer	Eva Stern
The Ramonda and Fisher Families	In Memory of Phil Robba
In Memory of Aldine Grisenti	Eva Stern
Tina Tallman	In Memory of Lorraine Nunziata
In Memory of Natalie Malone	
Elaine Osorio	
In Memory of Phil Robba	

Apostolate

ICF National Charity selection

By Michael Rossi, Apostolate-Charity Chairperson

One of the major responsibilities of the ICF Apostolate-Charity committee of the Central Council is to select, support and promote the ICF National Charity. For over forty years, the committee has consistently chosen the Cooley’s Anemia program as the National Charity. It has been a success story for the ICF as many of our members have embraced the National Charity.



Convention in Reno this year, there will be a discussion about the process for selecting the National Charity.

The main question – should the ICF continue the current process to have the Apostolate Charity committee choose the National Charity or should this responsibility be delegated to the Convention delegates, that is, should the Convention delegates choose the National Charity? And would the delegates keep or replace Cooley’s Anemia as the National Charity?

Each branch should discuss this topic and inform their Convention delegates how to voice their wishes at Convention.

As always, thanks to all districts, branches and members for supporting ICF charities.



MAY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
5/1	Helen Yee	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
5/2	Elizabeth Brewer		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/3	Miria Garfagnoli	52	Healdsburg, CA	\$30
5/4	Robert Delpippo	73	Orangevale, CA	\$30
5/5	Kathleen Thomas	14	Port Costa, CA	\$30
5/6	Rena Bacho		Novato, CA	\$30
5/7	Colleen Lopes	31	Los Banos, CA	\$30
5/8	Sid Jensen		Crockett, CA	\$30
5/9	Darlene Liesch	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/10	Jamie Cuthill		Rocklin, CA	\$50
5/11	Adrianna Edwards		Freedom, CA	\$30
5/12	Michael Provencio		Half Moon Bay, CA	\$30
5/13	Tom Kingshill		Belmont, CA	\$30
5/14	Marlene Farber	332	Greenbrae, CA	\$50
5/15	Faith Hill	213	Oakdale, CA	\$30
5/16	Delia Navaro		Torrance, CA	\$30
5/17	Perry Shurko	362	Norwalk, CA	\$30
5/18	Zosima Aquino	111	Montebello, CA	\$30
5/19	Nadine Mattier	215	Fremont, CA	\$30
5/20	Branch 10		Alameda, CA	\$30
5/21	Angie & Kris Kobliska		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/22	Sr. Paula Strohfus	362	Bellflower, CA	\$30
5/23	Mickey Eagleton		Citrus Heights, CA	\$30
5/24	Stephanie Lucich	39	Carpinteria, CA	\$30
5/25	Elaine Meier	285	Pleasanton, CA	\$100
5/26	Cynthia Lopez		Macon, GA	\$30
5/27	Fr. Andrew Salapata		Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
5/28	John G. Filice	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
5/29	Lynda Vallorz	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
5/30	Helene Trester	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
5/31	Marisa Canoles		Lafayette, CA	\$30

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Welcome New Members

(Report as of May 8, 2026)

Branch 010	Loretta Ferro-Gravelle	Kathleen Kugler
Branch 014	Jesse Peralta	Runette Peralta
Branch 036	Jay Whiteside	
Branch 052	Dan Hirschnitz	Mary I Hirschnitz
	Catherine Valera	Della Valera
	Joe Valera	Sandra Valera
Branch 082	Angela Boggiano	
Branch 115	Patricia Bristol	Martha Nappi
Branch 173	Patricia J Fraser	
Branch 209	Jeannette M Barbieri	Peter J Barbieri
	Janeen S Sanchietti	Melvin J Sanchietti
	Art Vigil	Josie Vigil
Branch 229	Mark D Snyder	Michele Snyder
Branch 308	Julie Areias	
Branch 342	John Broumas	Nancy Broumas
Branch 374	Katherine Bercovitz	Toni Ann Carafotes
Branch 403	Barbara M Rainaldi	
Branch 435	Jason A. Lucero	Jason T. Lucero
	Nadine Lucero	Trinity Lucero
Branch 438	Patricia Mills	Rose Smith
Branch 446	Carissa Scarpelli	Christian Scarpelli

Membership Committee

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

June 11, 6 p.m. - Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia) 101: For those who want to learn more about Cooley's Anemia and how the ICF provides essential support to those who suffer from this disease.

June 25, 6 p.m. - The Mission of the ICF - an Open Discussion: In this workshop, we will discuss the ICF Mission Statement and ways that we can realize it through our branches.

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

In Loving Memory

(Report as of May 8, 2026)

Clementina Lunardi	Branch 007	Rose Anderson	Branch 198
Rose Catalano	Branch 014	Marilyn A Sylvestri	Branch 198
Barney J Belleci	Branch 036	Karen D Raccanello	Branch 332
Sebastian Compagno	Branch 036	Ken Valente	Branch 332
Thomas J Martinez	Branch 051	Nathaline R Malone	Branch 450



Meet Maria Domenica Cappellini – an Italian Doctor Who is the Global Leader in Care and Research for Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia)

By Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS

While Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia) affects patients worldwide, this blood disorder is more prominent in the Mediterranean Region, the Middle East and Asia. Cooley's Anemia was first discovered by Dr. Thomas Cooley among Italian immigrant children who were dying of Anemia in their first 5 years of life. Soon after, Thalassemia was discovered in Italy.

Dr. Maria Domenica Cappellini, from Milan Italy, has been working in thalassemia research and care for over 4 decades. She has dedicated her life and career to caring for patients and conducting the research that has led to every scientific breakthrough including blood safety, chelation therapy (removing iron from the body); novel medications; and now gene therapy which is a curative treatment for some patients. Dr. Cappellini is a global leader for other physicians; has countless scientific publications; and has made endless global appearances at medical and patient conferences. She is an inspiration to the entire thalassemia community.

For International Thalassemia Day, which was on May 8th 2026, I had the honor of interviewing Dr. Cappellini for my podcast, "Thalassemia: It's In Our Blood." It was humbling that a doctor so famous would be willing to take so much time with my us (me and my podcast partner and fellow patient, Kathy Raufi). We had two meetings prior to the recording and we interviewed her for over an hour focusing on the topic of aging and thalassemia. Through the interview you will learn about her personal history, the history of thalassemia in Italy, and more about research and scientific breakthroughs. We discussed what is needed now for continued care for and well-being of the aging population of thalassemia patients.

We dedicated this special episode to honoring her more than four decades of brilliant, life-changing work that has transformed the lives of patients worldwide. You will hear patient voices from around the world who spoke about the impact Dr. Cappellini has made on them and on the global thalassemia community. Parts of the podcast are in Italian.

This interview was an honor and a privilege and I hope you can take a listen:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/6mMGBvBbgasiO7aY1dWuWj>

Also available on Apple.



Cooley's Anemia Donations

Received as of May 8, 2026

Branch 115

Branch 250

GP Message--Continued:

Frankyn Lopes Jr. *continued from Page 1*

Speaking of trade skills, I had two very skilled and a jack-of-all-trades grandfathers, Frank Lopes and Angelo Mungai. Papa Frank was born in 1898 in Tres Pinos, CA, raised on the family ranch in Patterson, and later moved to Salinas, where he raised my dad and aunt. He was a mechanic by trade, could build a fence, fix any problems that may have happened in your house, and would help my grandmother in her garden in Capitola. Nonno Angelo, born in Bakersfield in 1913, moved with his family to Santa Cruz, to Wilder Ranch State Park, and farmed Brussels sprouts there. He later worked for the City of Santa Cruz and the Soquel Creek Water District. After his retirement, he enjoyed traveling with his wife and kids, and working in his garden, especially planting Basilico for my grandmother's sauces. Both grandfathers were very strong men and would do anything for their families.

My dad, Franklyn, Sr., was born August 11, 1942, in Salinas, CA. He went to school at Sacred Heart and graduated from Palma High School, where he went every day in his 29 Model A, which he and my grandfather built from a kit. From this time, when I was in 4th grade, my dad was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. He has overcome many issues over the years but kept working. George Wilson Plumbing in Santa Cruz, as a

purchasing agent for 17 years, and driving over Highway 17 for 32 years, working for Ray L Hellwig Plumbing and Heating, also as a purchasing agent. The company was very good to him; they provided him with a truck to commute and a chairlift to get to his office upstairs. Dad and I had our routine every Sunday morning: grocery shopping before attending church. After his retirement, Dad's MS started taking over his body, and he is now confined to a wheelchair. He enjoys talking on the phone with his friends, and every morning at 5:00am, he watches EWTN Catholic Mass. And, if you are wondering, he still has the 29 Model A sitting in the garage.

At this time, I would like to wish all the fathers within the ICF a very Happy Father's Day.

Quote from St. John Paul II:

In revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God, a man is called upon to ensure the harmonious and united development of all the members of the family.

Happy 102nd Anniversary to the Italian Catholic Federation. May it be a year of growth for our branches.

Buona Festa del Papa.

**Franklyn Lopes, Jr
Grand President**

Heritage — Remembering Your Father

Louise Vento, Committee Member

Father's Day this year is June 21st and it is also the first day of summer. Let's set aside that day to honor our father's either living or dead.

My father, Joseph George, was born in 1908 near Morro Bay, California. His family moved to San Jose to be near his grandparents who lived there. His father, Manuel George, worked for the quick silver mines in New Almaden and also milked cows for his wife's cousin. His father, Manuel George, stepped on a nail and got an infection called cellulitis and they cut off his left foot and he died. My father, Joseph George, was only 13 years old and the oldest boy of 9 children. He had to quit school and go to work to help support the family. He went to work for Athenour & Son's who owned six ranches and a winery in the Almaden Area of San Jose. He worked for them for 47 years, pruning the trees, tractoring the land and running the dehydrator for prunes. He died in 1995 at the age of 87. My father, Joseph George, taught me good work habits and the importance of an education. He loved his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

This Father's Day think of what your father means to you. Prepare a heritage report on him and share it with your members.



Happy Father's Day.



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.

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

(Received as of May 8, 2026)

IN MEMORY OF:

- Natalie Malone
- Amanda Danner
- Madeline Crews
- John Gabri
- Natalie Malone
- Natalie Malone
- Natalie Malone
- Natalie Malone
- Clementina "Tina" Lunardi
- Natalie Malone
- Natalie Malone
- Aldine Grisenti
- Steve Cornaglia
- Nathaline "Natalie" Malone
- Ann Ftizgerald
- Aldine Grisenti
- Michael Baldrige
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- Phil Robba

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- Elaine Osorio
- Elaine Osorio
- Jim and Patty Jarrett
- Officers/Members of Br. 342
- Mike and Marcie Rossi

THANK YOU:

- Cathleen Lencioni
- Donna Rossi

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

Italian Catholic Federation Annual Central Council

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



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

Campaign Process:

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

Responsibilities of Central Council Members:

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



CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE NOMINATION APPLICATION

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

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

Signature of Candidate Date

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

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

Central Council Nominee Profile

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

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

Note:

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



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 -- *Brother Andre: The Wonder Man of Mount Royal*

Vince Piro

Brother Andre: The Wonder Man of Mount Royal

By **Henri-Paul Bergeron**

**St. Joseph's Oratory Press
1989**



Written by Henri-Paul Bergeron, this classic biography has been reprinted multiple times, including this popular 1988 edition by the St. Joseph's Oratory Press. It details Brother Andre's life from his humble beginnings to his massive funeral attended by over a million people.

Recounting Brother Andre's life from a sickly, uneducated orphan to the world-renowned "Miracle Man of Montreal," Bergeron highlights Andre's 40-year tenure as a simple porter at Notre Dame College in Montreal, where he greeted visitors and began his lifelong mission of spreading devotion to Saint Joseph.

The book contains several reoccurring themes. First, André's insistence that he was merely "Saint Joseph's little dog" and that all healings attributed to him were the work of God illustrates the devotion he had for the "the holy patriarch" as well as the humility he showed through his life. For over 40 years, this holy man served as the porter at Notre Dame College—never rising to a higher position, nor seeking one. He served by completing a series of daily tasks—from answering the doorbell and greeting visitors at the college to scrubbing the parlor and three hallways along with many more daily and weekly tasks. He never complained.

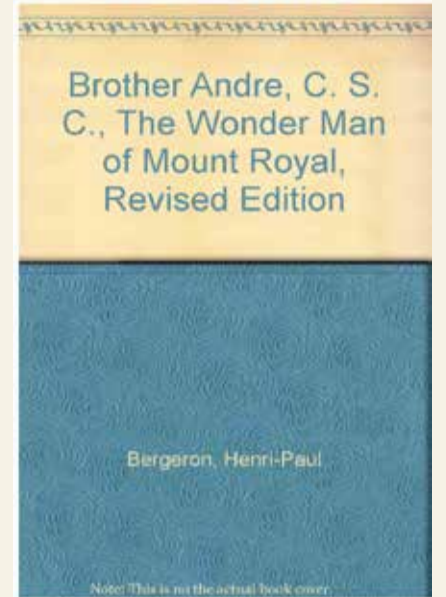
It was the dream of this humble brother to build an oratory on Mount Royal in honor of St. Joseph. Brother Andre faced resistance from higher authorities and others, but what began as a few carefully arranged stones and small statue of St. Joseph grew into a small wooden chapel and eventually a massive basilica. Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal noted, "This Oratory may justly be compared to the mustard seed which is the least of all

and yet grows into a great tree. In the beginning a faithful and trusting hand placed a statue here; then daily prayers were offered before it; and soon a little chapel was built to house it. Then as the clients of St. Joseph became more and more numerous, his shrine had to be enlarged, again and yet again."

The book also documents numerous accounts of the sick being cured through the use of oil from the sanctuary lamp and André's prayers. He faced opposition from many—including parents at the college—as he healed those in distress. However, throughout the years, people from all over the world sought out the brother to heal their physical ailments; the good man saw the healing of the body as a way of bringing people closer to Christ. He insisted on confession and prayer as the foundation of any life. In fact, he often spent hours in prayer, often having to be reminded by other brothers that what started as 15 minutes of prayer had turned into hours.

Brother Andre passed away in 1937 at 91 years of age on the Feast of the Epiphany. His final resting place is appropriately the Oratory of St. Joseph.

The inscription on his tomb reads "Pauper, servus et humilis" (poor, obedient, and humble)." Decades after his death, he was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1982 and later canonized as a saint by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010.



Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library

OPEN HOUSE ON JUNE 14

Carmelo Sabatella

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.

September 13, 2026

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

Host: Santa Barbara / Ventura 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
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The Importance of Donating Blood

by Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
and The Live to Give Committee

People with beta-thalassemia major require approximately 34-40 units of blood per year to survive, as they are unable to produce working red blood cells.

As a person with thalassemia, I firmly believe that we patients, as blood recipients, have a responsibility to replenish the blood supply. There are so many ways to help -- plan a blood drive, volunteer at one, donate goodies or a raffle prize to thank blood donors, or recruit friends and family to donate blood every 56 days. We can also encourage individuals and organizations to plan blood drives.

Many people have asked if blood can be donated specifically for thalassemia patients. Due to high costs and administrative issues at the blood banks, this is not feasible. In spite of this, the importance of donating blood cannot be emphasized enough. Blood is not only vital to the survival of people with thalassemia, but to countless others, as well.

Consider the following blood facts:

- Every two seconds in the United States, a person (or 6 million people each year) will have an accident, a heart or kidney transplant, a major surgery, or cancer treatments or suffer from an injury and will need blood.
- Over 20 percent of all blood used in Northern California has to be imported from outside the state because of insufficient community collections.
- On any given day, more than 40,000 units of red blood cells are needed.
- Ninety-five percent of the community will use a blood product in their lifetime; however, only 5 percent of the population actually donates blood.
- A single trauma victim can use 100 units of blood in a few hours; in a single day, a patient needing a liver transplant can require 200 units of blood products.
- Adult males have 12 pints of blood and females have 10 pints of blood.
- A person can donate one unit of blood every 56 days.
- After donating blood, the body's liquid volume is restored within 24 hours, and red cells are replaced within three to four weeks.

You can help by donating blood or planning a blood drive in honor of thalassemia. If you are interested, please contact:

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LLevine430@aol.com

Family Recipes--Sherry Wine Cake

Deborah Rodondi

Welcome to summer! Time for picnics, BBQ's and family events. You have been asked to bring a dessert. This is a must add to your list. Easy to make, transports well, good for any time of the day, and delicious!



I was informed by the Kilcullen family that this was a popular cake at their Healdsburg Branch 52 events and asked the cake baker if she would share the recipe.

This is the message from Sophia Teldeschi (the cake baker) that came with the recipe: "This cake comes from a dear family friend who used to live across the street from my Nonna growing up. She was Swiss Italian and always had the most incredible recipes. This cake is easy and is always a hit. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do."

SHERRY WINE CAKE

- 1 boxed yellow cake mix
 - 3 large eggs
 - ¾ cup of dry sherry wine (NOTE: must be dry sherry)
 - ¾ cup of oil
 - 2 tsp. of freshly grated nutmeg (NOTE: I usually measure the nutmeg with my heart, freshly ground is the only way to go. I have used the pre-ground nutmeg before, and it doesn't taste the same.)
- Directions:
- 1) Pre-heat your oven to 350 degrees and grease a bundt pan.
 - 2) Combine your boxed yellow cake mix with the eggs, wine, and oil and mix.
 - 3) Incorporate the freshly ground nutmeg into the mixed batter.
 - 4) Once your oven is pre-heated, pour your batter into the greased bundt pan. --Bake for 45 minutes to an hour.

NOTE: Depending on your oven, this baking time will vary. The original recipe calls for baking the cake for an hour. I sometimes prefer to bake for 45 minutes to keep the cake super moist and the edges perfectly golden.

5) Once your cake is baked, keep in the bundt pan and let it cool completely.

6) Once cooled, transfer your cake out of the pan onto your serving dish. Dust with

powdered sugar and enjoy!

NOTE: I like to dust with powdered sugar right before cutting and serving to keep it from absorbing into the cake.

7) Enjoy this cake for dessert or even for breakfast with a cup of coffee!

I, Deborah, am always anxious to get the cake out of the bundt pan when it is hot. Thinking that I need to get it out of the HOT pan... Now I am thinking that this is why the cakes never come out whole for me. Letting it cool in the pan, makes me rethink how I have done it in the past. Sophia adds excellent tips throughout the recipe. I strongly support her note on the nutmeg; I discovered the nutmeg nut my first visit to my family in Italy and I have used nothing else since. The smell is divine when you are grating it. This is a must add if you do not have it in your pantry already!

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

Buon Appetito!



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

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"

- L. M. MONTGOMERY

Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO Area

San Francisco

Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:

On Sunday, April 26th Branch 1 Members and Friends enjoyed a meeting and delicious Italian lunch. Thank you, President Vic. We were thrilled to have Central Council Member Dante Galeazzi join us.

We wish all Branch 1 fathers a very Happy Father's Day!

Cordiali Saluti
Diana Cresci

SAN MATEO District

Colma

Br. 19, San Vincenzo De Paoli

June brings many wonderful opportunities to celebrate Italian heritage throughout the Bay Area. Members of the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 19 in Colma may enjoy attending the annual Festa Italiana in North Beach on June 6 – 7, 2026, featuring Italian food, music, cultural activities, and the traditional Statuto Race.

Another popular event is the North Beach Festival on June 20 – 21, 2026, where visitors can enjoy live entertainment, arts, food booths, and the rich Italian atmosphere of San Francisco's historic Italian neighborhood.

Members are reminded that Branch 19 will not hold regular meetings during June and July as we take our summer recess. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at Deborah Rodoni's home.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer filled with family, faith, and fellowship.

Buona Estate a Tutti!

Burlingame

Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

Our next few months will be filled with fun events for all to enjoy. We are happy to welcome our new member, Patricia (Tish).

At our April meeting, we voted on the delegates and alternate for this year's

Convention in Reno. Mary Ann Camacho and Dorene Campanile will represent Branch 173. Brenda Wemiz was voted as our alternate should one of us not be able to attend. Also, we need a volunteer to take on the responsibility of distributing and collecting this year's Convention raffle tickets. Please contact Mary Ann or Dorene to help us out. Last year, member, Mara Barsotti, won 2nd prize.

Branch 19 and our Branch 173 were very successful in their joint Pedro Tournament held recently. Donna Barnes and Lana Appenrodt did a fantastic job adding to the success. Also, special thank you to all who helped.

Brenda Wemiz is chairing our May dinner celebrating Cinco De Mayo.

On June 28, is our biggest fundraiser the Ravioli dinner. The price is \$45.00 for adults, \$15 for children up to 17 years old, and children under 5 are free. 4-5:00 p.m. no host cocktails, 5:00 dinner - Please NOTE: tickets will be \$55 after June 22, 2026. Mail check/reservations to

Bea Tomasello (650-344-5276)
1348 Paloma Avenue,
Burlingame, CA 94010

Save the date: August 1, Branch 173, along with the OLA Men's Club, will be putting on a car show and Chili Cook Off. If you have a classic or muscle car, please consider entering the show. The cost is \$35 a car. We will have a concession stand selling hot dogs, cookies, popcorn and beverages. Contact: Mary Ann or Dorene. Men's Club contact: Josh.taft@gmail.com. We need volunteers to help on the day of the event. More details to follow.

Please pray for all the ill in our Branch and throughout the Federation. Capuchins: Fr. Brian and Fr. Gerald. Mary Bodisco, Rina Cassanego, Victor & Maria Camacia, Virginia Fuentes. Branch 19: Steve Barnes and Cheryl Simom.

God Bless,
Roz Emery

Best wishes to all our fathers as we celebrate on 6-21-26

South San Francisco Br. 213, St. Augustine

Time flies, the school year is coming to an end soon and all will be heading to their summer locations Russian River, Lake Tahoe, Napa, etc. And some will be getting ready for college, like our new scholarship winner, Madison Ketchum, the granddaughter of Jackie Smith.

Saint Augustine had a Mass in Thanksgiving for Father Reyes who received a kidney from Father Francis Garbo. It was attended by more than 1000 parishioners.

It pays to buy our ICF Calendars because we had a winner last month, Roberta Franchini.

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

A Happy Birthday to Sandy Barrera, Barbara Gabriel and Maria Galletti.

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 you all had a wonderful Mother's Day, and much thanks to Bob Basuino for his article on the subject in last month's *Bollettino*. We had a very good time at our Cinco de Mayo Dinner last month (see our photos)! It was a great turn-out for Pork Carnitas & Roasted Chicken soft tacos. Much thanks to Trustee Sherron Sandrini for the salad, and to Branch Deputy Bea Tomasello for dessert. Thanks as well to Mike Gianni for making the guacamole, help organizing the event, and for his work on the evening; and to Eunice Danli & Tina Pessagno for the kitchen help, set-up, cleanup, etc. It just doesn't happen without you all.

Our June meeting is our 3-piece KFC Dinner on 6/02. Contact Eunice by May 29th to RSVP at 650-692-3740. See your June Branch 403 Newsletter for details. There is NO MEETING IN JULY!

Save the Date: August 4th is our "Hot Dog & Chili" dinner, featuring foot-long all-beef hot dogs, chili, coleslaw, wine & beer, soda, coffee & dessert. The cost is \$15. RSVP Eunice by July 31st!

You should have received your Convention Raffle Tickets by now. If not, or you want an additional ticket book, call me at 408-313-6325.

Adonna Amoroso, Secretary

MARIN Area

Novato

Br. 332, Our Lady of Loretto

Marin Area Italian Catholic Federation Branch 332 in celebrated our support for ICF's charitable program Cooley's Anemia/Thalassemia with a Blood Donation Sunday on April 26 at Our Lady of Loretto Church in Novato. 22 brave individuals bared their arms and provided Vitalant technicians fertile ground for collecting 18 units of whole blood and 4 power red donations. This activity resulted from the efforts of mother and daughter Joan and Julia Rinaldi who promoted the drive after attending ICF's Annual Convention, assisted by many other volunteers who donated time, refreshments, good cheer, as well as their life-giving blood. Thanks to all who were involved

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

Ciao a Tutti. Hello everyone. The LAA District 2nd Quarterly Meeting will be on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at St. Benedict's St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, Montebello. We will gather around 9 a.m. 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, 2026 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 – during 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, 2026 at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo.

3. The St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Pilgrimage, Mass & Luncheon will be on Sunday, November 15, 2026 at St. Francis Xavier Church, in Burbank. Mass 11:30 p.m.; Pilgrimage 12:30 p.m.; Benediction 1 p.m.; Lunch 2 p.m.

4. The LAA District 4th Quarterly Meeting will be on Saturday, November 21, 2026, 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
Los Angeles Archdiocese District



Br. 67, National Branch, St. Peter

NBranch 67 celebrated Mother's Day on Sunday, May 10 and wishes that all ICF Members were able to also celebrate with their families again this year for this very important event.

Congratulations to NBr 67 Member Francesca Taylor for her successful live Opera Italia Productions of DIE FLEDERMAUS (The Bat) by Johann Strauss II, on April 25 & 26, in Casa Italiana in Los Angeles and May 3 at the Dalmatian-American Club in San Pedro.

Congratulations also to members celebrating their June birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

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 who know someone that would like to be a part of the ICF Family. We also would like to have your input as we continue to develop this branch online.

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

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

*Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President
ICF National Branch 67
C 626-372-7812 E Cas1810@aol.com*

SAVE THE DATES

- June 20: ICF National Branch 67 General Meeting from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (PST) at St Peters Catholic Church in Downtown Los Angeles and/or via Zoom. Please call 626-372-7812 for more information

South Pasadena Br. 108, Holy Family

On May 3, 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 previous HFC Hot School Luncheons in February and March a success.

Happy Birthday to all June members and congratulations to those celebrating their June Wedding Anniversaries 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 E cas1810@aol.com*

SAVE THE DATES

- June 7: ICF Branch 108 General Meeting in HFC Connolly Hall from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

- July 12: LAADC Cooley's Anemia BBQ.

Montebello Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our June General Meeting will be on Thursday, June 18 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: Elsa Wadzinski, Kathryn Hyssong, Gary Brougher, Anasofia Veneziano, Phyllis Vieni, and Franco Sergi. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

Congratulations to Massimo Sorce from Don Bosco Technical Institute, Rosemead, who won the Branch's \$500 College Scholarship. Massimo is the grandson of ICF Members, Salvatore & Giuseppina Sorce.

We received applications and essays from St. Benedict School students and we presented two \$500 Phillip & Phyllis Pace Scholarships to Ariana Limon and Samuel Ramos at the Graduation Ceremony on Friday, June 12.

We also received applications and essays from Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School students and we presented a \$500 Phillip Pace Jr. College Scholarship to Selenne Ruiz and a \$500 Salvator "Sam" Pace College Scholarship to Luke Felix at the Senior Awards Night on Tuesday, May 26.

Recently our Branch also donated \$2,500 to St. Benedict Church; \$400 to St. Benedict School fundraisers, and \$500 to the St. Benedict Spring Festival which was held on May 15, 16, and 17.

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

*Ciao! A presto.
Frank Salomone
Branch 111 President*

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

We are happy to announce that our scholarship winners this year are Marcus Baccari grandson of branch members Paul and Maria Baccari. Marcus attends Mary Star High School. Second branch scholarship was awarded to Alexander Sciarra. He attends St. John Bosco High School. We wish them

both much success in their college endeavors.

Mass for St. Anthony requested by our branch will be held on Friday June 13th at 8 a.m. at Mary Star.

Our next general meeting will be held on June 19th at 7:30 p.m. in Parish Center. Up for discussion will be the changes for this year's fiesta. Annual fiesta will not take place this summer due to the construction at the elementary school. In lieu of this, there will be 4 Fiesta dinners. First dinner will be the swordfish dinner held on June 20th. Fiesta Italian dinner will take place on Friday July 18th. Our branch will be helping out at this dinner.

Volunteers will be needed to help make meatballs on July 17th. If available to help please sign up at meeting.

Fiesta Latino dinner will be held on August 22. Croation dinner will be held on Sept 26th. Dinner tickets will be sold after masses or by calling the rectory. In addition, Neal can be called for the Fiesta Italian dinner tickets at 310 433-1044. Crowning of the fiesta queen will take place at the Fiesta Italiano dinner. Consult bulletin for further dinner information.

Please join us for Viejas Casino turn-around on June 26th. \$40 per person. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. from Boys and Girls Club. Call Pauline Iacono for reservations. 310 832-0563

*Happy Father's Day to all the dads and father figures in our lives
Anita Trujillo*

Arcadia Br. 218, Holy Angels

A huge thank you to Mary Rovarino for putting together our Mother's and Father's Day luncheon at Domenico's Restaurant. It was a nice turnout, the food was great and everyone had a wonderful time.

Our June meeting is on the 14th. Watch for Jeanne's newsletter for the details. The branch will be closed down for July and August and will resume the meetings in September.

We wish to acknowledge the passing of Joe Paulicano, the husband of former longtime member, Vivian Paulicano. Our sincere condolences to Vivian and her family.

*To all the dads, a very happy Father's Day. See everyone at our June meeting.
Lolly M.*

Downey Br. 362, St. Raymond

It's now June! Hard to believe that we've made it to the halfway point of the year. Last month our branch teamed up with the Upper Room ministry with a Bingo luncheon. It was a huge success!

On the 27th we held our annual Awards Night where we gave out a record

amount of money, thanks in part to everyone's hard work and dedication.

This month we will have another Bingo luncheon to kick off the new fiscal year. Come out and join us on June 14th.

I'd like to wish all of our dads a wonderful Father's Day and congratulations to all of our graduates.

I hope you all have a safe and relaxing summer. See you next month.

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

The "almost final" numbers are in from the St. Joseph's Table and Silent Auction—we netted approximately \$20,000. A successful year! Special thanks to President, Phyllis Harb, for her outstanding leadership and efforts. We extend appreciation to Diana, Marissa, and Daniella Dykes for their assistance and for organizing the Pasta Luncheon.

We look forward to awarding scholarships to St. Bede's graduating 8th graders, including a \$500 essay award and a \$500 music award. Honors recognize outstanding student achievement, including valedictorians, class presidents, and salutatorians.

Our popular Italian classes will continue through June 13. We've welcomed several returning students who are building on both basic and advanced lessons taught by native Italian college professors over the past two years.

In April, our courtyard Ministry Fair was a great success. Our branch hosted a booth, welcomed three new members, and connected with many parishioners. As part of ongoing outreach, we promote our monthly potluck dinners in the St. Bede bulletin, inviting parishioners to join us and learn more about our group.

We are preparing for our Summer Mass and brunch at one of our local country clubs—details to follow.

Happy Father's Day!



Thousand Oaks

Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon

On Sunday, May 17, 2026, we celebrated the Feast of St. Paschal Baylon, the Patron Saint of our Parish.

The celebration took place from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This was a wonderful opportunity to come together with our parish family in faith, fellowship, and celebration.

As St. Paschal Baylon is also the patron saint of cooks, we accepted food donations for our Parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need within our community.

We also enjoyed pizza, cake and soft drinks as well as a brief movie about the life of St. Paschal Baylon. Both children and adults enjoyed and were inspired by this informative film.

On June 3rd we invited our fellow Ministry leaders at St. Paschal Baylon parish to join us at our monthly general meeting. This gave us an opportunity to discuss projects of mutual interest with them while enjoying fellowship and a good meal together.

Respectfully Submitted by Don Modaro

Manhattan Beach

Br. 447, American Martyrs

June is busting out all over! Hurray! It's summer time!!

Our branch proud of the fact that we were able to donate a first-year scholarship again this year as well as \$1,000 to Cooley's Anemia, and \$1,000 to the Guatemala food packing ministry thanks to the success of our St. Joseph's table. Last month our branch Celeste anniversary. Congratulations!!

June will see the beginning of a quiet time at American Martyrs. We are hoping to have our annual bocce day in August and will be planning our annual Limoncello festival which will be in October.

Happy Father's Day to all our branch dads and good luck to all of our graduates.

Have a great summer!!

East Bay District Council

The 5:00 p.m. Mass at our Lady of Grace was con-celebrated by Father Angel Garcia and Father Chris Bennett. Leonard and Karen Rossi joined the OLG cantor providing beautiful harmony!

Reception followed. Event Masters, Lisa Crudo (CC, 343) Melody Klever (343), and Karen Rossi (343) outdid even themselves – beautifully decorating the Stack Center and making a sumptuous and delicious hors d'oeuvres spread to challenge even the Iron Chefs! Each guest received a bottle of home

made and labelled Limoncello produced in the Klever kitchen.

Eight Central Council members and officers from all the EBD as well as several other branches were present. Clergy included Father Chris Bennett, Grand Chaplain and Father Angel Garcia and Father Luke Vu, Vicars of OLG.

Franklyn Lopes Jr., Grand President presented a certificate and a CC donation in honor of EBD to Melody Klever, EBD 1st Vice-President.

Father Bennett's warm remarks incorporated the day's Gospel message with the characteristics of the ICF and the Faith, Family, Friendship (and Food) of the EBD. He reminded us to "Keep doing what you do—because it endures."

Leonard Rossi (CC, 343), emceed the event and remembered some of past members on whose shoulders we stand—many represented by their children who are current members. He bid us to meet again in 10 years to celebrate EBD's 100th Anniversary!

Tanti grazie to all those who helped prepare and clean, donated prizes and participated!

*Sincerely
Roberta Madej*

Alameda

Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

At press time we were finishing preparations for our 100th Anniversary Dinner scheduled for May 16. We had received reservations from 140 persons, including five priests, 11 Central Council officers and members and the Mayor of Alameda, The Honorable Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft. The meal of prime rib and salmon was to be prepared by local chef Leo Munoz.

Our next event will our annual barbecue set for Saturday, July 18 in Monsignor O'Brien Hall, High Street at Van Buren Avenue, Alameda. For information, please contact John Zugnoni, 510-326-3474.

On a sad note, we learned on April 29 that the Diocese of Oakland has decided to close Saint Albert the Great Church, one of the two churches which comprised our sponsoring parish, Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great. Saint Albert the Great is located on Bay Farm Island and has served parishioners for 50 years. A total of 13 churches in the Diocese of Oakland are being closed.

John Zugnoni, Branch 10 publicity

Livermore

Br. 285, St. Filomena

Ciao Amici,

April's Polenta and Chicken Cacciatore Fundraising Dinner was a great success! We had quite a turnout, and we were honored by the presence of members of the Central Council and

the East Bay District. Thank you to Toni Manzetti for taking on the Herculean task of organizing this special evening! Also, we are grateful to all who helped in so many ways before and during the event. Thanks to the generosity of members and attendees, we are able to fund scholarships, make donations to the ICF's national charity, Cooley's Anemia research, and also donate to our parishes and other charities.

The theme for April's Italian conversation group meeting was Easter in the Trentino-Alto Adige. We learned about this beautiful mountainous Italian region that blends Italian and German cultures.

May started off with some of our members attending the East Bay District's 90th anniversary Mass and reception. Attendees reported that they greatly enjoyed this milestone event.

Donna Kamp McMillion, the author of *Cruising Down Memory Lane*, will be speaking at our May meeting about the history of Pleasanton in the 1950s and '60s. We will be dining out at our June meeting, so watch your emails for details

The annual ICF convention is coming up in September. If you couldn't attend the May meeting, watch your mail for your book of convention raffle tickets.

Buon Compleanno to all those with June birthdays! Also, please keep members who are ill in your prayers.

Ciao, Paula Flessatti

Castro Valley

Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

Hard to believe that the year is almost half-way over! But there is so much more in store for us all during the rest of the year!

In May we awarded a scholarship to one of the 8th graders at Our Lady of Grace here in Castro Valley. Eighth-grade students were asked to compose an essay explaining how their individual heritages have shaped them into who they are today. The winner, David Edgerson, wrote a wonderful essay. He, his family, and the school principal joined us at our May meeting where David read his essay to the assembled group. All in attendance at the meeting enjoyed a tasty (and very filling) dinner of Mexican food in honor of Cinco de Mayo.

What are some events in Italy in the month of June? There is the "Festa della Repubblica" on June 2nd which is the celebration of the birth of the Italian Republic in 1946. Saints that are honored in June: the feast of St. John in Florence, Genoa, and Turin, and the feast of St. Peter and Paul, which is held in Rome. And, of course, the month of June was named after the Roman goddess of marriage, Juno. Perhaps why so many wedding happen during this month?

Be sure to take advantage of all the activities happening throughout all of our branches!

Edoardo McGuirk

CONTRA COSTA District Council

Hello members,

Can you believe we are halfway through the year? Our branches continue to keep busy with various festivities.

We want to wish the East Bay District a happy 90th anniversary. And we extend best wishes for many more years to come.

As reported last month, our District has a block of tickets for the San Francisco Giants Italian Heritage night taking place July 28. Game start time is 6:45 p.m. Each ticket is \$35.00, which includes, your seat in the view box station and a Giants Italian Heritage shirt. Pay your branch. Then, each branch please send one check by deadline of June 15 to Treasurer, Walter Costa. 1211 Rolling Hill Way Martinez, CA. 94553.

The annual convention will take place in Reno, Nevada over Labor Day weekend. By now, each branch should have elected their delegates and alternates. Don't forget to send your convention yearbook greeting by June 30. Convention raffle ticket stubs with payments are due August 15.

Our next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on July 9. A reminder will be sent along with the meeting room location at Christ the King parish in Pleasant Hill.

That's all for now. Have a great month. Happy Father's Day!

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



CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT



85 and Over Celebration Branch 36



Joann Riso & Paul Aliotti Branch 36



Anna Apostrofe 1992 - 2026 Branch 36



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Sebastian (Buster) Compagno 1941-2026 Branch 36



Sierra Colleen Pope, First Year Scholarship



Branch 354 Robert and Karen



Branch 354 Getting bread and salad ready for Pasta Dinner!



Branch 354, Paso Robles--Lotsa Meatballs!



Branch 354 Pasta Dinner Crew


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SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT



Br. 446 at the Shroud of Turin replica of the body of Christ.



Br. 446 with the three flavors of cannoli



Joyce Tesoro leading Br. 446 in singing Happy Birthday in Italian



Br. 446 taking cannoli orders



ICF, Br. 217--May 2, 2026

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STOCKTON DISTRICT



Br. 390, Branch 390's youngest members celebrate Heritage Night at our April Dinner Meeting



Branch 390 - Three Generations of family and friends join in celebrating Heritage Night



Branch 390 President Denis, Deacon Pete, and Orator Lucy lead the Blessing of our meal at our April Dinner Meeting



Branch 390's servers enjoy serving up food and LOTS of smiles at our April Dinner Meeting!



Officers of St. Anthony's Branch 139



Father Banka discusses with President Ron Augustini and Life Member Dante Galeazzi to help the Catholic School



Br. 413. George (RIP) and Edna Bennett



Marilyn and Jo from Branch 395 staff our bake sale after all masses .



A district meeting with President Robert Pachinger along with Denis and Liz Della Nina Br 390 plus CC Life Member Dante Galeazzi

SAN FRANCISCO AREA



Branch 1, President Vic Arnaudo, Diana and David Cresci hosted the meeting.



Meeting of Branch 1, held in Daly City in the home of President Vic Arnaudo



April Branch 1 luncheon

**"JUNE IS A REMINDER THAT
LIFE IS A BEAUTIFUL
JOURNEY AND WE MUST
CHERISH EVERY STEP ALONG
THE WAY!"**

MARIN AREA



Marin Area Italian Catholic Federation Branch 332 in Novato celebrated our support for ICF's charitable program Cooley's Anemia/Thalassemia with a Blood Donation Sunday on April 26 at Our Lady of Loretto Church in Novato.



SANTA ROSA DISTRICT



Group photo at 67th Anniversary Luncheon with Branches 144 and 145



#144 Rosemary Melendy, Kathy Acquistapace, Ruth Mitchell-Monge, and Bob Acquistapace share a laugh



Branch #209's April General Meeting attendees at potluck feast.



St. Eugene, Br. 198 BBQ Scholarship Dinner (Left to Right: Bob Acquistapace, Steve Azevedo, Doreen O'Rourke)



Scholarship Winners Lena Kavanaugh & Morgan Cameron. Along with our scholarship donors a total of 7 scholarships given out by St. Eugene, Br. 198 thanks to our donors.



#144 Nolan Sefcik First Year Scholarship Winner at Anniversary Luncheon

EAST BAY DISTRICT



Father Angel leads grace at EBD 90th Anniversary Celebration, May 2nd



Franklyn Lopes, Jr. presents certificate for EBD to Melody Klever at the EBD 90th Anniversary Celebration, May 2nd



ICF members at OLG 500pm Mass Celebrating EBD 90th Anniversary May 2nd



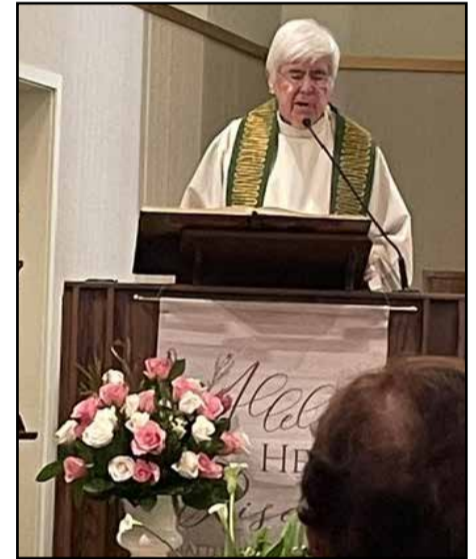
Branch 285 President Toni Manzetti and East Bay District Mentor Karen Rossi at Branch 285's fundraising dinner event.



Br. 285, Elaine Meier announcing the silent auction winners at Branch 285's fundraising dinner event.



Lisa Crudo and Margaret Speranza at the EBD 90th Anniversary Celebration May 2nd.



Father Chris Bennet preaches the Gospel at Mass celebrating the EBD 90th Anniversary.



Janet-Marie Petric and Carolyn Cardinalli entertain guests at Branch 285's fundraising dinner event.



Br. 285, Suzanne and John Gutierrez with a friend from St. Michael's.

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT



Father Leo had Mass in the hall for our club. Crockett #14 thanks you for all your support and caring though out your years at St. Rose of Lima.



Crockett #14 Welcomes Jesse and Runette Peralta to our branch.



Br. 352, Our president Fred Sanchez presented a check to Melo's restaurant for their cancer fundraiser.



Crockett #14 our new members decorated the hall for our meeting as a thank you to us for joining our branch. It was a Special Evening.



Br. 352, These board members welcomed us to the Lacey's house for dinner.. Fun greeting!



Congratulations to the Rabbach twins, Paolina and Roman, proud members of Crockett #14, on your 8th grade graduation! Wishing you both continued success and an exciting journey ahead.



Br. 352, Serving our delicious dinner!



CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT (continued)



Nita Ohlhauser and members, Branch 432, Taco dinner



Branch 432, April Taco dinner



Deacon John and Linda Kortuem, Branch 432, April Taco Bar

BLESSED SACRAMENT DISTRICT



Br. 438, Joe Aguilar, Bishop Janie Soto, Madeline Scudder



Martinez Br. 13, San Martino

June 9th, Branch 13 reaches its 99th anniversary! Having been a member for nearly a third of that time, I know firsthand how much work, but mostly faith, goes into keeping a branch afloat. Being committed and following-through have been the driving forces with our active members—eight of our sixteen total—or 50%. How many other branches can say that 50% of their membership is active?

As Br. 13 approaches its centennial, we'll begin planning a celebration for June 2027. We look back on the contributions of our early members and realize the changes made along the journey to accommodate the times; just as our meetings moved to Zoom format to retain members. It is a milestone that we'll regale over the next year until we mark the date of our incorporation.

We daily follow the commandments handed down through Moses. In this month that we honor our fathers, our Father in heaven, all fathers, godfathers, and father figures, we begin our summers taking rests from work, meetings, and relax our bones. People, even more than things, need to be restored, renewed, and revived. Take these months to do just that. Pray for us and with us as we navigate the coming year.

Like God, every father should remember one day his children will follow his example, not his advice. He's the first and most influential man in their lives. Let's remember, then, to walk in a manner worthy of God! Happy Father's Day.

Wishing members, Tom Cook, Karen Glen, and Louetta Shipley happy birthdays in June.

*For the greater glory of God,
Mary Cook*

Crockett Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici!

The possible closures of Saint Rose of Lima Church and Saint Patrick's Mission mark a poignant chapter for our local community. Despite the sorrow surrounding this news, the enduring legacy of the Italian Catholic Federation and Branch 14 shines brightly. Founded to support Italian immigrants, our branch has spent generations reinforcing the fabric of Italian and Catholic life across our region.

Our organization's impact extends far beyond church walls through:

- Charitable Programs: Direct aid to local communities and those in need.
- Educational Support: Robust annual scholarship funding.
- Cultural Preservation: Keeping rich traditions alive.

As our branch approaches its major milestone anniversary, the vibrant spirit

of the ICF ensures that the core values of faith, charity, and community remain completely unbroken. The bricks and mortar may fade, but the living heritage built by generations of dedicated members continues to move forward into the future.

Please pray for our parish, all of our sick members, and those who need a little support.

Join us on June 9th for our Scholarship Dinner and meeting, where we'll meet our deserving recipients and share a delicious ravioli dinner for \$15.00.

Note: There will be no July meeting. Instead, please mark you calendars for our Annual Branch Picnic and bocce games on August 9th at the Crockett Park. More information to follow.

We take this opportunity to also celebrate our fathers, dads, papas, and all the wonderful men in our lives on this Father's Day!

Blessings,

~Helen

Concord Br. 214, Todos Santos

I hope you all enjoyed a happy Mother's Day with your loved ones.

We had a delicious ham dinner prepared by Diane Hasty and many great sides from our members at our April 16th meeting. We discussed many exciting events to take place at our branch.

Many 8th grade students entered the heritage essay contest. They are from St. Agnes School, and three lucky winners will be awarded \$200 to be used for their scholarships. They will read their essays at our meeting in May and we will also invite their parents to attend the dinner. It will be a Mexican theme.

We have a fun event to Cache Creek for the day. This is on June 24th. The bus will pick us up at St. Agnes and we will have many hours to gamble, eat and be brought back to St. Agnes in the afternoon. We hope we have a big turnout for this event.

We have a bowling day planned in August and a cocktail party for members to thank them for all the donations and help in organizing our events.

At our June meeting, we will have a barbecue of hamburgers and hot dogs and sides. This will be a fun meeting.

We still send healing prayers to Sandra Cordoni who is slowly recuperating from her fall. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Ed and Allison McGuirk enjoyed a great trip to Hong Kong and brought back many memories of Allison's childhood. We are glad they are back.

Enjoy the great weather we are having and stay safe and healthy.

*Ciao for now
Norene DeLuca*



Danville Br. 352, San Isidore

Bongiorno *Bollettino* Readers,

Last year at our fundraiser, Chris and Steve Lacey donated a dinner for 10 at their beautiful home. The Panella's won the bid and invited eight friends to join them for a wonderful evening.

We began with appetizers outside by the pool, then moved into the dining room for a delicious four course dinner. The highlight of the evening was Chris's famous lasagna – absolutely delicious. The meal also included Caesar salad and tri-tip. To top it off, we enjoyed cannoli and birthday cake from the Danville bakery, which were equally wonderful.

Later, everyone gathered in the family room to play "Name that tune" featuring songs from the 1950s In 1960s. There were so much laughter and fun throughout the evening.

Our host's along with some of our board members who helped serve the dinner, shared stories about their connections to San Francisco. Most were born and raised there, although they now live in Danville Alamo in Concord.

The Laceys mentioned they would be happy to host the event again next year.

For our April dinner, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo early. We ordered from El Molino restaurant in Concord so we could give Russ the night off. Fr. Wayne, our Chaplin, always shares a little history about an Italian saint before saying Grace. After dinner, we held our 50-50 raffle, and this month's proceeds were donated to Melo's Restaurant in Walnut Creek for their cancer fundraiser. Melo's always supports ICF and generously helps with many of our endeavors.

We have many activities coming up in the next few months. Our main dinner meeting, Art Panella will give a heritage presentation on southern Italy. Our June dinner will feature the presentation of scholarships to local students.

Our next event will be a Bocce tournament at Sycamore Park on Sunday, June 7. We are also planning a trip to cash Creek in August and are still working out the details.

*Ciao until next month, Many blessings,
Sally Panella*

Brentwood Br. 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary

As I write for our June edition it's May 10, Mother's Day and I am remembering all our mothers – those who have gone before us, those still with us and those on the way. And Happy Father's Day to all our ICF fathers and those who are anticipating fatherhood.

Welcome to our newest member, Marge Perez. I will share information and photos of our May 16 Hawaiian Luau fundraiser and our Scholarship dinner



with you next month.

Thanks to Martha, Liz and Lilly for making our taco dinner Mucho Gusto! Thanks to Tom and Sandy Gamble for bartending and Pat and Crew for setting up and decorations. We all had a tiempo maravilloso! Thanks to all who contributed to our Scholarship Matching Challenge in May. Your contributions are much appreciated.

The next District quarterly meeting takes place on Thursday, July 9 at 7 p.m. at Christ the King church in Pleasant Hill. All are welcome to attend and carpools are available.

Keep promoting our September Car Show so it will be successful. Next branch meeting is June 29.

*Ciao for now!
Mary M.*

Pleasant Hill Br. 442, Christ the King

Our April meeting had a baseball theme with hotdogs, delicious potato salad and even bags of peanuts. The tables were nice decorated. Many members wore jerseys of the various teams which added to a fun and festive meeting. Thank you to all who help set up. We know it was a "team" effort. We were honored to have Laurice Levine, ICF Liaison for Children's Hospital come to our meeting and give us a very informative and educational presentation about Cooley's Anemia/Thalassemia and ICF's contributions through our ICF National Charity. A great reminder of why this is an important cause for our Federation.

Our branch provided one of the dinners for the families staying in our Christ the King campus as part of the Winter Nights program. The program provides temporary shelter and assists families that are in the process of securing permanent housing. Thank you to Nancy Santos and Judie VanMaren for organizing and all the volunteers who prepared and served our guest families. In this Jubilee Year of Saint Francis, we are reminded "For it is in giving that we receive."

Please mark your calendars. Our quarterly Mass is scheduled for Sunday, June 7, followed by brunch. Hope you can join us. Also, we will host a parish Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, July 19. We will need volunteers to help with the cooking and serving. We are also happy to say our Ladies Tea has now been rescheduled for August 22. More detail to follow. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16. We will not meet in June. Be on the look-out for details about the meeting.

Enjoy the rest of Spring. Summer will soon be upon us.

*Ciao a tutti
Eileen McGauran and Ann Consul*



BLESSED SACRAMENT District

Auburn
Br. 342, St. Joseph

Please don't forget to purchase your convention raffle tickets. Each book of twelve is \$30 and the branch gets to keep \$10 from each sale. Please contact Adriana at (530) 906 - 6996 or Pam at (530) 913 - 2041 if you would like some tickets.

We are currently working on updating our member email list. We do not have a current email for each of our members. Email has become one of the main ways we reach our members and we do not want you to miss out on branch events and other important ICF news. Please email me (Pam) at teacherpam53@sb-cglocal.net if we do not have a current email address for you. Thank you for helping us with this project.

Ciao!
Pam

Roseville
Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi

My name is Yvonne Anthony, and I am the new *Bollettino* reporter for Branch 438, St. Clare of Assisi in Roseville.

Our April meeting was attended by approximately 50 members. We enjoyed a potato bar with various toppings, and the meeting was the first presided over by our new president, Tina Flanders, who received high praise from the members in attendance.

Regrettably, this month has been a somber time for our branch. We mourn the passing of Natalie Malone, mother of Central Council member Nina Malone. We were moved to see a large turnout of ICF Branch 438 Members and several other Branches including Central Council Members at the funeral and reception. May she rest in peace.

Please take note of upcoming events:

June 15th: Branch 438 will celebrate 15 of service to our parish and community. We will be serving hamburgers and hotdogs followed by an evening of Bingo.

July 15th: We will host the Gather Inn dinner and sleepover for the homeless.

Lastly, please keep our ill Orator, Renato Nicolai, in your prayers.

Your Reporter
Yvonne Anthony

Lincoln
Br. 450, St. Joseph

Ciao amici!

Happy Birthday to us! This June, Branch 450, Saint Joseph Lincoln celebrates our first anniversary, marking a truly wonderful year! Since coming together under the ICF, we have enjoyed many memorable events, shared meals, successful fundraisers, and the start of meaningful new parish traditions.

Highlights of the year included a Leatherby's Ice Cream fundraiser, a bake sale at the Ministry Fair, and a beautiful Communion Mass followed by breakfast, featuring Laurice Levine's heartfelt and inspiring presentation on Thalassemia. We were also delighted to introduce several new traditions, including the Saint Joseph Table, which was a tremendous success and raised funds to support needs within our community, and the Vocations Chalice, through which ICF members take home the chalice and pray for vocations and seminarians. In addition, we celebrated our first ICF Christmas party in December, and during Lent, Branch 450 members prepared Lenten soup for the parish following the Stations of the Cross.

On June 28, we look forward to celebrating the Branch's first anniversary with a delicious Italian dinner with all our members—an occasion we hope will become an annual tradition.

Each gathering this past year has brought our community closer together! As we begin our second year, we plan to continue to strengthen the Italian Catholic Federation's presence and mission within the parish with many more memorable events!

Ciao! Janet Vicencio

SANTA ROSA District

Arcata
Br. 144, St. Mary

Together, Branches 144 Arcata and 145 Eureka celebrated our 67th anniversary on May 3. There were over 30 members in attendance—including Kathy and Bob Acquistapace from the Santa Rosa District. We truly appreciate them making the long drive to join us as we're behind the redwood curtain. Everyone seemed to have a great time celebrating good friends, fellowship, and great food. Casaro catering put on a wonderful spread, including Italian Almond squares with fresh berries and whipped cream - yum!

Tony Gonsalves, long-time member, took some excellent pictures at the anniversary luncheon—take a look at the District Page.

We want to congratulate our first-year

scholarship winner, Nolan Sefcik. He will be studying Finance at the University of San Francisco.

Happy Father's Day!

Eureka
Br. 145, St. Ambrose

The next meeting of Branch 145 Eureka will be on Tuesday June 9th at 5:30 p.m. It will be our annual pizza potluck to honor our Colivas Scholarship recipients and their families.

Our recipients this year are: Catarina Freitas of Eureka, Aiden Alvarez of Arcata, and Madeleine Hardin of Eureka.

Many thanks to Arcata Branch 144 for the delicious 67th anniversary luncheon on May 3rd. Cassaro's Catering (707-845-2255) did a really good job.

Thank you to Bob and Kathy Acquistapace our Santa Rosa district officers who made the trip to Humboldt County to celebrate with us. We love seeing them and hearing Bob's anecdotes about the Federation history in Humboldt, Mendocino, and Sonoma Counties.

Please bring a take-n-bake, store bought, frozen, or homemade pizza to share on Tuesday June 9th.

Reminder: This is an evening meeting + dinner that begins at 5:30 p.m.

So, arrive at 5:00 p.m. with your pizzas.

Santa Rosa
Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our May dinner for Mother's Day and scholarship dinner was a huge success.

Led by Janice Shaffer and Doreen O'Rourke, over 60 people enjoyed the barbecue and the program. The many helpers for the evening were Linda Sherman, Laura Jaques, Steve Azevedo, Butch Bondi, Terri Jenkins and Ora Romani. We thank them for their service.

Looking ahead we will have our monthly Mass at 8:00 a.m. on June 8th, our July 5th Mass at 9:00 a.m. and our July meeting on July 6th. This meeting features hotdogs, apple pie, ice cream and Bingo.

President Doreen O'Rourke is planning to attend the annual convention in Reno. She is a very good delegate and always gives a good report.

Life Pregnancy Services was thrilled with the large donation of diapers and baby clothes from our members.

While I don't have any names for people who need our prayers, each of you must know someone in need. Pray for them and let them know we care.

Happy Father's Day
Robert Acquistapace

Sebastopol
Br. 209, St. Michael

Hello from Branch #209!

Hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful spring weather!! Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful mothers!

Our April General Meeting was a delicious potluck! We have many good cooks in our group and we had new members join us for dinner. Art and Josie Vigil, and Peter and Jeanette Barbieri have officially become members of Branch #209! We are blessed to have you join us!! Welcome!!

We have chosen our six scholarship winners for 2026, and we have invited them and their families to our upcoming May General Meeting. We will be serving lasagna, salad, and dessert in their honor. I will publish their names next month.

Summer is just around the corner, and gardens are being planted, school sessions are ending, and barbecues are being fired up!

Wishing you all health and happiness!!
Ciao for now,
Yvonne Dorr

FRESNO District

Merced
Br. 39, St. Cecilia

The Summer is Here! Congratulations to all the 2026 Graduates!

Our May meeting was a special one, it fell on Lilian Dal Porto's 102nd birthday; it was a wonderful time getting to celebrate her birthday with her. We also had a wonderful meal of enchiladas and freshly made cannoli for dessert.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Sausage Sandwich fundraiser; we look forward to rescheduling it in the near future.

We don't have a general meeting in June, but we look forward to seeing everyone at our annual picnic at Lake Yosemite on July 8th at 5 p.m. Dinner is free of charge. We ask members to bring a cake for the cake walk. Carpooling is encouraged; entry to the lake is now an \$8 fee.



Fresno

Br. 308, St. Anthony

Happy June and Happy Father's Day. It is time to celebrate summer (my favorite season-no matter what anyone says): graduations, and all our fathers, grandfathers, spiritual fathers, and priests. This is a good time to pay tribute to my own father Louis Mencarini. He was a charter member of Branch 236 at St. Lawrence parish in North Highlands. He served as secretary of the Blessed Sacrament District from 1976-1998. In 1993 he received the District's President's Award for distinguished service. He wrote the *Bollettino* column for his branch for about a million years. I don't know why it has taken me so long, but I am happy to finally (try) to continue this legacy.

Congratulations to our scholarship winner Madeleine Menz. The Feast of St. Anthony will be celebrated June 13. Our next sausage sandwich sale will be the weekend of June 20/21. The Lodi Festa Italiana will take place June 7 at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. This is a great/fun event. We have attended a number of times, and I would encourage anyone interested to attend. We will be taking a break in July, and meet in August before the convention. Start thinking about attending the convention in Reno Labor Day weekend.

Happy June birthdays to Paul Gilchrist, Linda Gomez, and Jeff Jorgensen.

Susan Mencarini

CENTRAL COAST District Council

Congratulations to Sierra Colleen Pope for being awarded 1st Year (\$500) Scholarship. Sierra will be attending Colorado State University. Our District is very honored to donate to our ICF Scholarship Program.

On May 6th we had Central Coast District Zoom Meeting. I very proud to report all Branches have been very busy doing charitable works for our Federation. Thank you for all your fundraising projects, selling raviolis, cannolis, poinsettias, polenta dinners, fish, dinners, and others.

Please save the date of August 22, 2026 Bishop's Day, hosted by Branch 36- Monterey.

*Most Sincerely,
Elaine Valentine, President
Central Coast District*

Santa Cruz

Br. 21, N.S. Del Soccorso

During May, Santa Cruz Br. 21 hosted a Cinco de Mayo potluck supper at our monthly meeting. We extend our gratitude to all members who contributed delicious Hispanic dishes for everyone

to enjoy.

The recent cannoli sale after Sunday Mass was met with great enthusiasm from parishioners. The event was a resounding success, with all 240 Italian treats sold out before noon.

The members of Santa Cruz Br. 21 approved the allocation of donations collected through the "No Bake Sale." These funds were distributed to more than ten local community non-profit organizations. Among the recipients were St Francis' Kitchen, the Food Pantry, Community Bridges, the Boys & Girls Club, and several programs supported by the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF). A donation was made to honor Madeline Crews, an admired member and teacher to be used for tuition assistance at Holy Cross Elementary School.

In total, the donations amounted to \$3,050, setting a record for this campaign. This reflects the generosity and commitment of the branch members to making an impact within the community.

June and July are filled with special occasions. These month's mark significant milestones, including graduations, Father's Day, summer vacations, and the historic 250th anniversary of our nation's Independence Day. We have an opportunity to celebrate enthusiastically and to make lasting memories with family and friends. Embrace these moments and cherish the time spent with loved ones during this festive season.

*Respectfully submitted,
Roseann Costabile
ICF Branch 21
Holy Cross Catholic Church
Santa Cruz, California*

Monterey

Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Happy Father's Day!

"A father's LOVE is forever imprinted on his child's heart" - Jennifer Williamson.

Our annual 85 & Over celebration was held on April 23. We honored 48 members aged 85+ that evening but also want to recognize our eldest member Helen Miller (106), who could not be there. Frank Nuovo (96) was the eldest member attending that evening, along with his daughter. A festive evening with 200 guests included music, delicious antipasti buffet, dinner, dessert, and a rose presentation to each. Our DJ played all our favorite songs. Thank you to Father Ommar, Charles Sullivan and Eddie Leonard who serenaded our guests with lovely songs and great voices!

Save the Dates:

May 21, 2026—Scholarship Awards dinner (recipients will be reported next month).

June 25, 2026—Branch 36's 95th Anniversary Celebration plus initiation of many recent new members! Menu will feature Chicken Cacciatore with pasta, green salad, garlic bread, and dessert.



We'll support a fundraiser for Branches, the San Carlos School retail outlet, by asking attendees to donate items for the store. More to come.

July 23, 2026—Bar-B-Q Dinner Meeting (Western Theme)

August 22, 2026—Central Coast Bishop's Day (Mass at 4 p.m., followed by dinner and presentation of Seminary Burse).

We are sad to report recent passing of longtime members Anna Apostrofe, Barney Belleci, and Sebastain Compagno. Our condolences to their families. May they Rest in Peace.

Summertime: "Smell the sea and feel the sky. Let your soul and spirit fly" - Van Morrison

*Most Sincerely,
Elaine Valentine Br 36 Co-President*

Aptos

Br. 227, St. Joseph

At our May meeting Nancy Harrold was chosen to serve as our delegate to the Annual Convention in Reno. We still need an alternate delegate. Anyone interested should contact President Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

The winner of the \$100 bill raffle at the May meeting was none other than Jane Kotila. Seems appropriate in view of all the cooking she does for us.

The \$500 First Year Scholarship was awarded to Makenzie Gollihar who attends Pacific Grove High School. The Alice Ponza Memorial Scholarship went to Samuel Lopez, a student at Arroyo Grande High School.

The next meeting will be June 7 at the Mid-County Senior Center.

Since DeLaveaga Park has raised their rental fee, the Annual Picnic planned for July 19 will take place at the Mid-County Senior Center Gazebo area.

Happy Birthday to Carol Lopes who celebrates her 80th birthday on June 26.

We were sad to learn of the passing of Gerald Shevenell in May. He and his wife Janice were members for 12 years; however, he was unable to attend meetings for quite some time due to ill health.

Offer your get well prayers for Nancy Prevedelli who continues to have problems with her hip and leg. Also, pray for Heidi Ambeil's son, Greg, who is being treated for damage to his foot.

The author of this is unknown but it c

certainly fits the occasion:

*The greatest gift I ever had
Came from God, I call him Dad.
Happy Father's Day to all dads.
Deanna Musler, Secretary*

Paso Robles

Br. 354, Saint Rose of Lima

President Zanini thanks all of the volunteers who helped make our recent pasta dinner fundraiser a success. Jogina Cashmore receives a "gold star" for selling 80 tickets and delivering over 25 take-out meals. Another shiny "gold star" goes to Rosanna and Michael Pepo who put in 3 days of long hours and hard work. GRAZIE, GRAZIE. Frozen quarts of delicious sauce with yummy meatballs are still available for \$20. What a treat it is to have these prepared meals in the freezer for special occasions or nights you don't feel like cooking.

Those interested in attending the upcoming 2026 ICF Convention at the Silver Legacy Resort in Reno, Nevada, as a delegate, please mark your calendar for: Friday, September 4th through Sunday, September, 6th, and contact David Zanini for further information.

Paso Robles' "Biggest Little Fair Anywhere"—The California Mid State Fair—is coming up July 15th through July 26th. Via e-mail our club has been offered the McDonald's parking lot again to park cars to benefit our Registration Assistance Program which provides educational scholarships to families of local St. Rose and Mission College Prep students. Many volunteers are needed to make this worthwhile fundraiser a profitable success. Your assistance is much appreciated.

In concluding this article may we be reminded of Pope Leo's call for peace rooted in justice, reconciliation, and respect for human dignity. As ICF members united by Catholic principles we can make a difference through prayer.

*Yvonne Maddalena
Recording Secretary*



SANTA CLARA VALLEY District Council

The Santa Clara Valley District May meeting was held at Santa Teresa parish hall and hosted by Branch 28, St. Mary of Gilroy.

This year the district BBQ picnic will again be held at Almaden Lake Regional Park, located on Winfield Blvd. in San Jose, on Sunday, August 9th, outdoor mass with Father George Aranha at 10:30 a.m., BBQ lunch at about noon. Menu includes: BBQ chicken, green salad, macaroni salad, beans, garlic bread, BYOB, water available, ticket price yet to be determined. There will be a raffle and dessert auction. All branches and members, please plan to attend this fun event.

The district members look forward to a productive 2026 year including: the annual summer BBQ picnic August 9th, IAHF Festa July 25th and 26th at History Park in San Jose, ICF Convention September 4th to 6th in Reno, Bishop's Day October 11th at Resurrection church in Sunnyvale, and Oktoberfest at Teske's Germania. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details of these district events.

Congratulations to Anna Gordon of St. Frances High School in Mountain View who was awarded the first-year scholarship from the Santa Clara Valley District.

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

The Santa Clara Valley District wishes all ICF members and their families a happy Father's Day!

Michael Rossi

Gilroy Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

I trust that all of the moms had a wonderful Mother's Day and that all our hearts are refreshed with fond memories of our dear moms who are no longer with us.

St. Mary Parish Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. ICF members David and Marianne Peoples and John and Kim Filice enjoyed manning the prize table and seeing the excitement on the faces of the children who found the special prize filled eggs. There was two "Egg Hunts" with 2,500 eggs each, and each hunt taking about 20 minutes for the kids to scour the ball field for eggs. They were a thorough bunch of kids, leaving only a few behind after the last hunt.

Our April dinner meeting was absolutely delicious! Catered by Louies

Lasagna and owner Dave Bozzo, our members enjoyed lasagna with a choice of red sauce or pesto, meatballs, Italian sausage, grilled vegetables, green salad, and garlic bread, and assorted ice cream bars for dessert. A great meal and fellowship definitely enjoyed by all.

We also welcomed two new members, John and Michelle Adams, in April. We now have 151 members.

Our next dinner meeting is Monday, June 15, 2026.

Ciao for now! -Christine Filice

Mountain View Br. 47, San Giorgio

Happy Belated Mother's Day and Happy Father's Day from Branch 47. We have elected our delegate to convention and look forward to attending the upcoming annual convention in Reno. Our quarterly Mass and light breakfast afterwards went well. We continue to plan for our 90th anniversary celebration which will be held on Saturday August 1.

I'm including some pics from our last grab and go fundraiser can be found on district page.

The proceeds from our raffle will be donated to Cooley's Anemia. Thanks to members Phyllis Lynch and Eva Stern for donating raffle prizes.

Please remember all our sick members and continue to pray for them.

Ciao, John Canata

St. Mary Br. 184, Los Gatos

We enjoyed breakfast at St. Mary's on April 26, thanks to the Knights of Columbus. They do the cooking, then donate the proceeds to our Branch, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. Mary's Dad's Club. Our branch donated two beautiful baskets for raffle. Then, our Branch hosted Donut Sunday, hopefully to make ourselves better known to our community. We had a good time and hope to welcome new members.

Father's Day this year falls on the first day of summer. Special blessings to all fathers, godfathers and 'nonnos'. June is also the month for graduations, and our prayers go out to all grads for their future endeavors.

Please come to our meetings, 2nd Monday at 4 p.m. in the Conference Room. The next meeting will be June 9.

Flag Day, June 14, honors the American Flag. It was first displayed by George Washington on Jan. 1, 1776, 250 years ago! It was adopted by Congress on June 14, 1777 as the official flag of the United States. Fly it with honor and pride.

*Praying for Peace in our homes, in our communities, and in the World,
Lucy Amico*

San Jose Br. 191, Saint Frances Cabrini

Happy Spring!

ICF Branch 191, St. Frances Cabrini has just finished our Annual Pasta Fundraiser. It was a very successful event and everyone enjoyed the sauce. A huge thank-you to Bob Basuino for his delicious homemade recipe along with his chefs Tony Spagnola, George Midwin and Debbie Piro for their assistance. To everyone who helped take the orders, get the Pasta Sauce ready for distribution, and distribute the sauce, "THANK YOU"! Without everyone's help, our fundraiser would not have been as successful as it was.

Our May meeting will be a "Cinco de Mayo" luncheon. Jaime Portillo and his helpers will prepare homemade enchiladas. This is always a fun event.

St. Frances Cabrini will hold a Pentecost International Mass on Sunday, May 24th, with an International Luncheon following the 10:00 a.m. mass. All are welcome.

As we begin to get into the summer months and the warm weather, please remember to stay hydrated, enjoy time with family and friends, and thank the Lord for giving us this beautiful life.

*Enjoy everyone!
Sharon Logan*

San Jose Br. 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

Take a moment to remember Lorraine Nunziata and Phil Robba and their families in your prayers. These wonderful people will be missed by all. Also, pray for our sick members, Ron Sanchez, John Gillio and Jackie Morton's husband Ron who is recovering from brain surgery.

The ICF Rib Dinner is scheduled for Sept. 12, 2026. Please call the chairperson to help.

Bob Basuino, of ICF District, gave a presentation on the bylaws of ICF. Bob stressed how important our finance records need to be per the bylaws at ICF.com. Funds for projects are available, but you must fill out a form so the board can study your proposal and vote on it at the Board's September meeting. Also, get the project talked about first, to test the waters, then take it to the board.

Tom Bouska, presented a proposal at our last meeting. Tom may offer help for your presentation.

Jerry Delfino reported that our branch has cash available for scholarships at \$2000 each. If you have a family member who needs cash for school, let Jerry know and fill out the request.

ICF Convention is scheduled for September 4th to the 6th. Talk to Sharon Kroeber, our heritage person, about

stories of your Italian families' history, for a scrapbook she will be putting together. Happy May. So, enjoy your garden, Happy Mother's Day, and May God bless you and your families.

Tom Myers

San Jose Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

Vice President Marina Tilbury and Secretary Mike Rossi once again presided over our Branch meeting, where members celebrated a "Cinco de Mayo" dinner of enchiladas, rice, bean and flan, prepared by our Al and Diana Vallorz.

Marina thanked Steve and Cathleen Lencioni during our May meeting for organizing our Multicultural Celebration Fundraiser, which raised over \$6,800 for our charitable contributions.

Scholarship Chairperson Rosemarie Clarke reported that our Branch's first year scholarship was awarded to Sara Maitland Zazueta-Charles of Notre Dame High School in San Jose and that she will be attending college in Washington.

Fernando Zazueta in his heritage report spoke of the history of Cinco de Mayo and the "how and why" it is celebrated to this day by Mexico to commemorate Mexican forces defeating their French invaders.

Delegates, Steve Lencioni and Marina Tilbury, will represent our Branch at the Convention in Reno held on Labor Day weekend, and Denise Lemucchi will serve as our alternate delegate.

Reminder:

Branch 391 Dinner Meeting—Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Building; Fr. Tony's Farewell Mass and Reception—Sunday, June 21, 2026; Italian American Heritage Festa—July 25-26, 2026; District BBQ Picnic—Sunday, August 9, 2026; Quarterly Communions—June 7, September 6, and December 6, 2026—all at 10:00 mass.

*Happy Father's Day to all of our dads!
Janis Patellaro*

DEADLINE

**June 10th for the
July issue of the
Bollettino.**

**Send your
articles & photos:
editor@icf.org**

SAN MATEO DISTRICT



Br. 213, St Augustine Mass of Thanksgiving for Father Ray Reyes who received a kidney from Father Francis Garbo.



Cinco de Mayo dinner at St. Dunstan Parish Hall, Br. 403.



Cinco de Mayo dinner at St. Dunstan Parish Hall, Br. 403.



Br. 403 Sentinel, Dorothy Semke, running our raffle for our Cinco de Mayo Dinner.



Lou & Sherron Sandrini at Br. 403's Cinco de Mayo dinner.



SAINTS INCLUDED:

- **Saint Charles Lwanga**
 - **Feast Day: June 3**
- **Saint Anthony of Padua**
 - **Feast Day: June 13**
- **Saint Thomas More**
 - **Feast Day: June 22**
- **Saint John the Baptist**
 - **Feast Day: June 24**
- **Saints Peter & Paul**
 - **Feast Day: June 29**



LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT



Branch 218 celebrated Mother's and Father's Day at a marvelous local Italian Restaurant. Long stemmed red roses for the Mother's and See's candy for the Fathers.



Branch 218 - Celebrating Mother's and Father's Day!



Delicious decorated cakes completed the luncheon for Branch 218 in Arcadia.



ICF Branch 108 Lunch and General Meeting in Holy Family Church's Connolly Hall on 5/3/26



NBR. 67, Annual St. Joseph's Table celebration in Casa Italiana at St. Peter's Italian Catholic Church, Los Angeles CA



*It's beautiful the Summer month of June . . .
and sun shines brightly most part of the day.
Francis Duggan*

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 115, Crab Dinner servers



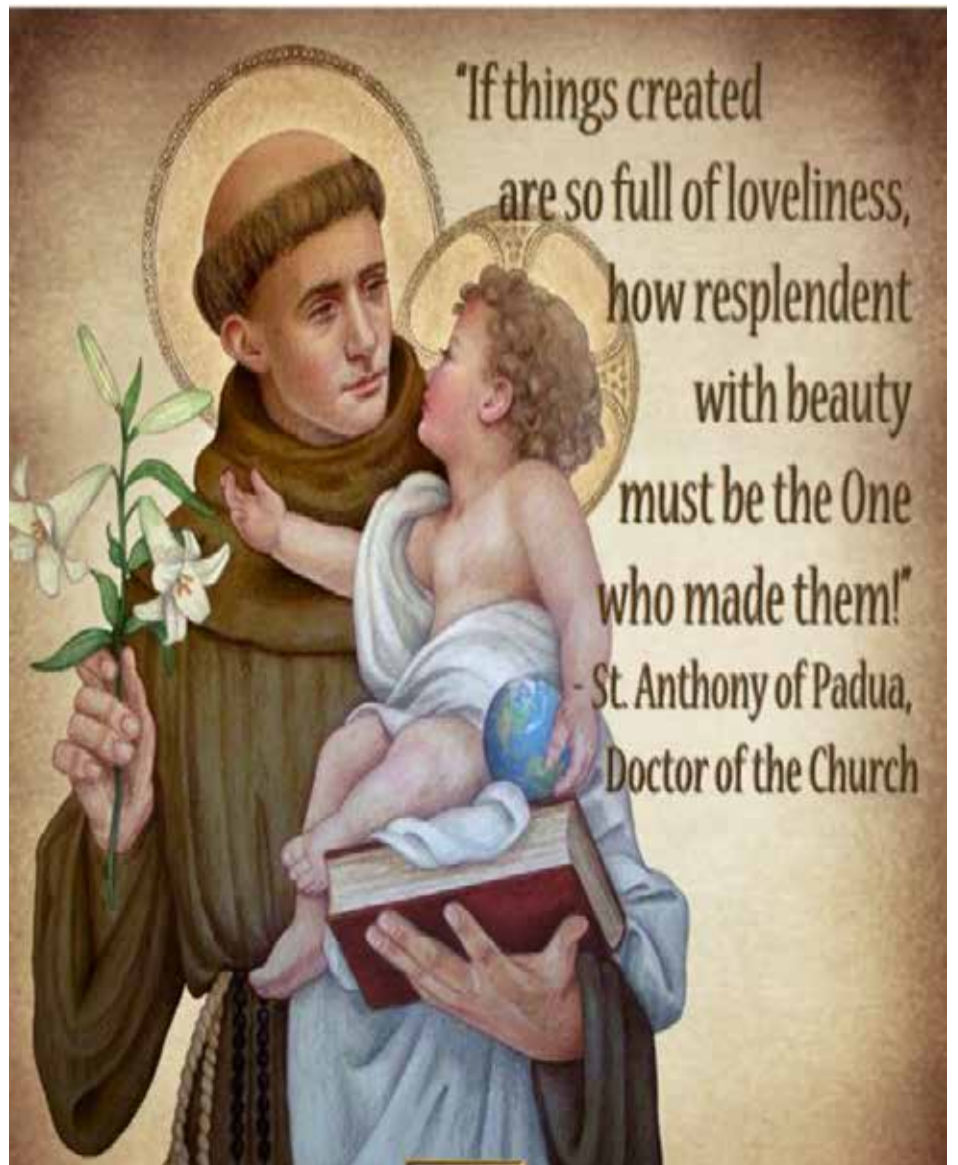
Br 115 Crab Dinner at Mary Star of the Sea auditorium. Over 300 served. (L-R) servers Patrick and Wendy Di Leva,



Br. 115, Crab dinner bar tenders (far left) Jimmy Iacono and Enrique Sanchez



Br. 115, main chef Anthony Amalfitano



SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT



Branch 28



Branch 28



Branch 28 added seven new members.



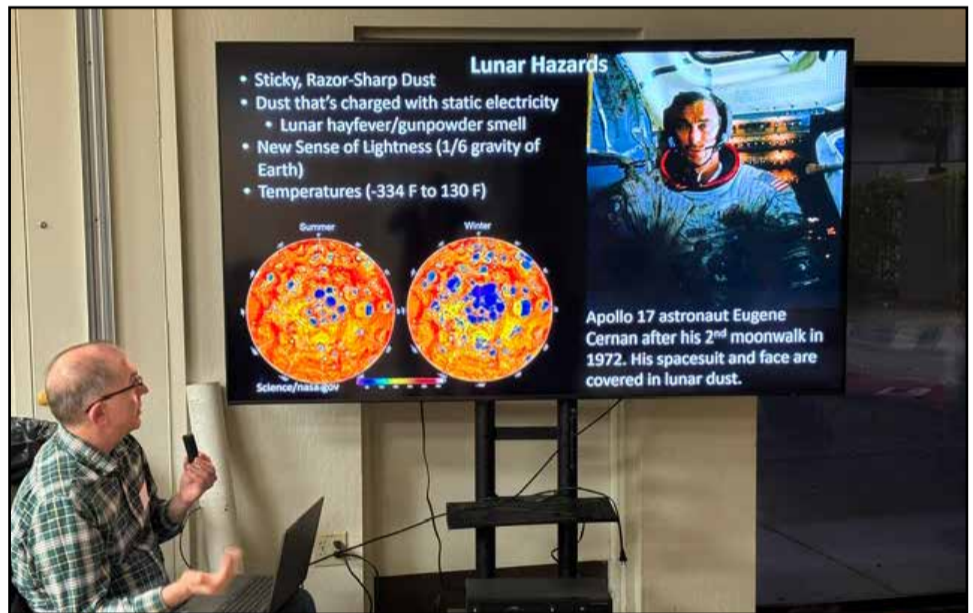
Br. 368. Phil Robba. A toast to you and life.



Br. 368 Fr. George, Lorraine and Mike Nunziata May 14, 2023



Br. 368, Fr. Edger Welcoming a sold out crowd for the Polenta Dinner



Br. 435, A special presentation on the recent space mission around the moon was given by Dr. Andy Mattioda, a Br. 435 member and NASA engineer.



Br. 47 Our last Grab-and-Go Fundraiser.



The Lucero Family is officially welcomed into ICF Br. 435.



Br. 435, Father Robert Brocato opens the April 21st dinner meeting with a prayer of thanksgiving and goodwill.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)



Br. #184, Pictured at recent breakfast with Knights of Columbus are (L) Marie Yurosko and (R) Lucy Amico.



Br. 184, We hosted Donut Sunday and shown here from left to right are Virginia Giacomini, a friend, Victoria Nguyen and Marie Yurosko.



ICF Branch 191 Pasta Sauce fundraiser



Br. 445, May Crowning



ICF Branch 191 Pasta Sauce fundraiser



Br. 445 Members gathering Cookie Sale Orders



Br. 445 Members decked out in Aprons for Heritage Report



Br. 445 April Birthday Celebrations

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)



Branch 391's Steve and Cathleen Lencioni, Multicultural Fundraiser



Branch 391's Bob and Cheri Gorini, Jo Ann Schiro, and Larry Snapp



Branch 391 St. Martin's Women's Alliance Representatives, Allison Daugherty and Julianne O'Brien



Branch 391's Jesse Romero and Louise Vento, Multicultural Fundraiser



Feast of the Nativity of
ST. JOHN
THE BAPTIST

THEME
"LET LOVE ESTABLISH HARMONY AMONG US...
THAT WE MAY BE BOUND TOGETHER IN PERFECT UNITY."
COLOSSIANS 2:13-14



JUNE
BIRDS JUST WAKING UP TO SING
AS NIGHTTIME SLIPS AWAY,
DEWDROPS SPARKLING IN THE SUN
TO GREET A BRAND-NEW DAY,
FIREFLIES LIGHTING DUSKY SKIES
AND STROLLS BENEATH THE MOON –
WHAT COULD BE MORE PERFECT
THAN THE LOVELY
MONTH OF JUNE.
Happy SUMMER

Sunnyvale Br. 408, Resurrection

Happy Father's Day!

Congratulations to our 2026 Scholarship Winner – Dylan Chauvin! Dylan has been an important help to Br. 408 over these past 5 years. He has worked with ICF set up and clean up for all our major events. Dylan also serves as a Proclaimer at work the weekend masses.

Our next ICF/Parish Blood Drive will be the first Sunday in June on the 7th in the Farana Center Hall from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Please pray for a good turnout of donors as this Gift of Life is currently in short supply

Please pray for our ICF members and friends: Donna Richey, Fr. Chris Bennett, and Laurice Levine.

Morgan Hill Br. 435, Santa Caterina D'Alessandria

The Br. 435 meeting on April 21st once again started with a delicious meal. President Guila Gallego's grandson, Joshua Siefert, prepared and cooked a special meatloaf dinner with the help of Alex and Kim Gallego. Alex and Kim Gallego also cooked the potatoes. Salads were donated and prepared by Shiela Walters, Larry and Carol Carr and, Toni and Giovanni Fogiato. Dessert was donated by Louie Cordich.

Father Robert Brocato joined us for dinner and led us in grace and an opening prayer. We welcomed a new family membership, the Lucero family: Jason, Nadine, son Tobie and daughter Trinity.

During the meeting a custom presentation of the recent space trip to circle the moon and examine capabilities for future exploration in space was presented by member Dr. Andy Mattioda, a NASA engineer.

Preparation for the upcoming convention was finalized with selection of Sheila Walters for our delegate and Guila Gallego for our alternate. We were all asked to support donating children's books for the convention charity.

Pat Cordich, our mentor, encouraged us to increase our branch scholarships budget to 2, 3 or 4 students. She also asked us to contact delinquent members.

Discussion also emphasized the need to fill empty officer positions caused by illness.

President Guila Galigo closed the meeting with a prayer.

Late news: Charter member Johanna Tacci is also congratulated for her continuing service to the parish as she retires from helping count Saturday and Sunday collections for 27 years. She continues to support Br. 435 activities. Please thank her for her service and commitment to St. Catherine's.

San Jose Br. 445, Transfiguration

It's hard to believe that Br. 445 will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary this June! So many friendships and traditions created through the years continue. Members who have passed away will always have a special place in our hearts. We look forward to this special milestone!

Many thanks to friends of ICF who supported our 5th Annual Mother's Day Cookie Sale Fundraiser. Also, thanks to our members who worked in many ways to make this a great success! Our next big fundraiser will be our Family Feud Game Show in November!

Br. 445 organized the 5th Annual May Crowning of Mary for Transfiguration Parish. Fr. Chris Bransfield led everyone in prayer while choir members led everyone in song. ICF member Grace Brown had the honor of crowning the statue of the Blessed Mother. Donuts following the ceremony were provided for everyone by ICF.

During the April Br. 445 General Meeting, it was announced that our weekly Sack Lunch Ministry (initiated April 2020) had now distributed over 26,000 sack lunches to those in need!

The evening Heritage report featured the 'History Behind the Apron' with a clothesline of aprons strung behind the buffet table and members all donning aprons!

Happy June Birthday wishes to members: Barbara Bahl, Joan Lang, Jennifer Nisich, Sylvia Ortiz, Bill Perry and Geri Tusol!

*Happy Father's Day to All!
Until next month stay safe and well,
Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer*

STOCKTON District

Modesto Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

I missed getting Br. 48's article in the April *Bollettino*, but I still want to thank those that supported our St. Joseph's Table Celebration. It was a very enjoyable day. We hope to see more of you there next year.

We just finished up our Bake Sale, Mother's Day Potluck and District meeting and there will not be a meeting in July or August, but things have not slowed down. The Bishop's Burse is in July and the District Picnic is in August. Then comes the Convention in September. We will be selecting our delegate for the convention, getting the reports ready to turn in for the convention, making gifts for the raffle and selling raffle tickets. It will be a very busy time,

I hope I will see you at the Convention this year.

Upcoming Events:

Jun 10— Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Hall at 7th and K Streets

July—No meeting.

Jul 25—Bishop's Burse in Stockton Branch at Branch #395, no mass.

Aug—No meeting.

*Happy Father's Day!
Cecelia McGhee*

Lodi Br. 82, St. Anne's

Branch 82 joyfully welcomes our newest member, Angela Boggiano, a cherished longtime parishioner of St. Anne's. While Italy celebrates Father's Day in March on St. Joseph's Day, here in the U.S. we honor dads in June—with plenty of grilling, good food, and family time.

This Father's Day season, we invite everyone to reach out to the Italian dads of St. Anne's and encourage them to join us at an ICF meeting. Membership growth is one of our top goals this year, and we'd love to hear from other branches about outreach strategies that have brought new members through the door.

Our scholarship applications are still open! Don't forget to apply for the \$500 St. Anne's ICF Thrive Grant for young adults with special needs, as well as our \$500 scholarship for graduating seniors heading to college.

And don't miss Festa Italiana on Sunday, June 7th at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds—a day of food, culture, and celebration.

Bishops Day will be July 2, 2026, at Presentation

*Elizabeth Calloni Holladay
Corresponding Secretary*

Manteca Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio

Branch #139 met on Tuesday, April 28th, in St. Anthony's Cafeteria. President Ron Agostini presided over the meeting. The usual business was conducted including reading and approval of the Minutes from the March 2026 meeting and balances provided in our checking accounts as of April 1. As always, Members are encouraged to read the *Bollettino*.

Our meeting this evening was a short one. As always, we continue to "brainstorm" for new fundraising ideas.

President Agostini is planning to choose a date when all ICF members can attend a Saturday evening mass at St. Anthony's to continue getting our name out there and possibly recruit new members.

Also, our parish is getting ready to hold our annual Priests Appreciation Dinner later this year. It is truly an honor for our parishioners to be able to recognize all the hard work our priests do for us all year. Our parish has been holding this dinner for over 20 years now.

Our Branch is looking forward to the annual Convention to be held this year in Reno over Labor Day weekend. Always a fun event with lots to learn and great ideas to bring back to our Branch.

Our next meeting will be on May 26th in St. Anthony's Cafeteria.

*Bye for now,
Michela*

Tracy Br. 390, St. Bernard

Our dinner reservations are mounting to the point—(who would have thought?)—that we would have had a problem seating people with their friends?! We are extremely grateful to our charter member, Chuck Tusol, who has taken on the task of a seating chart. So, when you call in your dinner reservation please be sure to let us know how many folks are in your group so he can try to seat you together. (If anyone wants to try to make 230+ dinner guests happily seated and would like to take over Chuck's job, let him know.)

Reminder: June's feast 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 the day before the June dinner to mix and assemble the many, many meatloaves, and those who shop for the many ingredients and supplies required each month.

Lordy, Lordy—we're turning 40! We are looking forward to celebrating our Branch 390 40th Anniversary and are still in the planning stages. We have some 40-year Charter members still with us who are doing an amazing job keeping our branch alive and active. Our thanks to those and to those in our branch bringing in some youngsters to our monthly meetings. The little darlings participated in our "April Heritage Month Parade" waving flags and marching to the Italian accordion music! Photos on our website.

You can share family memories in our Heritage section. We would love to hear where all your ancestors came from. www.icfbranch390.org

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



Stockton

Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

Happy Father's Day!

Best wishes to all our dads out there. In Italy, Father's Day is celebrated earlier, on March 19th, the feast of San Giuseppe (St. Joseph). The holiday, deeply rooted in Catholic tradition, honors humility, responsibility, and quiet strength, all traits we associate with loving fathers. Buona Festa del Papà!

In May, our guest speaker was Greg Traverso, a fifth-generation Stocktonian who shared his passion for the Italian community in San Joaquin County. It shared some great stories too. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all!

Our annual Bake Sale was another huge success, featuring delicious Italian specialties: biscotti, cannoli, panettone, and more. Grazie mille to all our talented bakers. Your efforts help us continue supporting our seminarians.

Mark your calendars: our annual Italian Mass will be held on September 23 at 6:00 p.m. This year, Padre Pio will be our featured Italian saint. More details will follow in a future article.

Branch 395 is honored to host the Stockton District's Bishop's Bourse on Saturday, July 25. It promises to be a wonderful day on the "Amalfi Coast"! To purchase tickets, please contact Mary Ann at (209) 938 8942.

Our Branch will be taking July off, so buone vacanze to all!

*Alla prossima,
Mary Ann*

Angels Camp

Br. 413, St. Patrick's

I am pleased to announce that our branch awarded five scholarships to local students. We were able to provide these awards with the help of two parishioners who generously donated funding for two scholarships. Each scholarship was valued at \$500. This year, applicants were asked to write an essay explaining how they have contributed to the Parish. The essays were thoughtful and well written. The evaluating committee carefully reviewed the submissions for any signs of AI assisted work. The students' creativity and individual voices were evident throughout their writing, and no AI assistance was detected.

It is with a heavy heart that I report the passing our member and friend, George Bennett, on April 22nd. George served in the Navy until his retirement and was our Sacristan. He and his wife, Edna were members of our branch. I was honored to recite our "Farewell to A Member" from our Ritual, which is beautifully written. Our Branch also contributed to the reception held after Mass. The family members were grateful to the ICF.

I have recited our "Farewell to A Member" too often in recent years. Yet, I remain proud that our small branch can continue to support our members, Parish, and Diocese.

SAN BERNARDINO District

Fontana

Br. 210, St. Joseph

Our Branch went dark for May due to Mother's Day, and our members desire to spend Sunday honoring or being honored for being Moms! Via our group chat, I found that our members did exactly that. Many of us enjoyed a day of love and family with our kids, grandkids and members of our extended families. We honor Faith, Family and Heritage, after all. I personally enjoyed being able to attend Mass with my family (Faith & Family), and enjoying a wonderful brunch prepared by my son (Heritage).

Just checking in to wish all the mothers and grandmothers a beautiful day, and a thank you to those who have gone before us for giving us so many warm memories. Thank you especially to the greatest mom of all, Our Momma Mary.

*Till next month,
Annie McCarthy, Pres, Branch 210.*

Redlands

Br. 217, Sacred Heart

Our May meeting was, as always, busy! We had a lot to cover, but we got it done!

We discussed the items that need to be sent into CC for the 2026 Convention and the important dates that these reports need to be received by. Raffle tickets were offered and bought by members. We also discussed our upcoming Bishop's Lunch coming up in September, it's always good to be prepared! Our Branch gives away a \$500 scholarship to an eighth grader going on to a Catholic High School. Our recording secretary, Barbara has come up with a wonderful application that interested eighth graders can fill out so that the scholarship can go to the most qualified student. Our Heritage Report was on Pope Leo, titled POPE OK'S COMMUNION AFTER CIVIL REMARRIAGE. It gave us a lot to think about.

Our President, Paul, was unable to attend this meeting because one of his children, Aelia, also a member, was receiving her first Holy Communion today. What a wonderful way to spend the day! We're all so proud of her!

We wish all mothers a very Happy Mother's Day next Sunday. God Bless you all always! Till next month,

Annie McCarthy, 1st VP Br 217

Upland

Br. 446, Saint Anthony

May was cannoli season for our branch. Our annual event was organized by Jim Impastato who uses a treasured family recipe to make the delicious ricotta cream filling. The cannoli are made and distributed the Saturday before Mother's Day and are sold in beautiful gift boxes decorated with a ribbon bow. This year we sold close to 1,000 cannoli in three flavors. The most popular was chocolate chip. Other flavors included nuts or cherries on the ends. We spend 2 weeks taking orders after all the Masses. Then the fun begins! We meet in the kitchen of our parish hall early in the morning and Jim organizes us into production areas. We have a production line of members who fill the shells, others add toppings, and some shake on the powdered sugar. From there the cannoli are placed in gift boxes according to the amount shown on the order form. Quality control members make sure the order is correct before the ribbons are tied and the boxes go into the refrigerator. We have a lot of fun working together in the kitchen while Italian music plays in the background. In the afternoon, the next crew of members arrive to distribute the boxes to customers who come by to pick up their orders. Our annual May cannoli sales are a popular event. Some

parishioners start asking about them in September!

Our branch works together and plays together. Recently, we went to Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove to view the extensive exhibit on the Shroud of Turin. The exhibit uses immersive videos that explain various aspects of the Shroud, its history and significance. The museum includes life size replicas of the Shroud, the nails used to crucify Christ and the crown of thorns. According to forensics on the Shroud, the crown of thorns was in the shape of a helmet. The most moving object was the life size statue of the body of Christ as it corresponds to its position on the Shroud. After viewing the exhibit, we spent time discussing our shared experience over lunch at the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach.

Because our branch does not meet during the months of June and July, we hold our final meeting of the year in May during a picnic in the park. We share food, have an ice cream social, and play bocce and other games. We always look forward to our time together as many of our members have become dear friends. We work side by side promoting our ICF events and lift each other up in prayer during times of need. Our branch truly exhibits the virtues of our organization: faith, charity and fellowship.



ICF is Going Green!

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Feast Day of Saint Thomas More

Saint Thomas More, patron of statesmen and lawyers, guide us in our pursuit of justice and righteousness. Help us to navigate the complexities of life, and make decisions that align with God's will. May your example of fidelity to conscience, inspire us to prioritise God above all else. Grant us the courage to stand firm in our beliefs, and to live lives of profound love and service. Amen.

To Love and Serve the Lord



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





2026 I.C.F. Convention Raffle

\$2,500 Grand Prize

Followed by Prizes of \$500 - \$1,500

Price: \$30 per book of 12 -or- \$3 single tickets.

- ♦ Raffle earnings support our local Branch and Federation wide programs.
- ♦ Winning tickets will be pulled on the Sunday of Convention.
- ♦ You do not need to be present to win.

Directions to Buyers:

- ♦ Fill out or place an address label on each ticket.
- ♦ Return tickets to your Branch by August 1st.
- ♦ Include a check made out to I.C.F.
- ♦ If you would like additional books, please contact your Branch chairperson.



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

Convention Raffle



RENO CONVENTION RAFFLE EXTRAVAGANZA

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

Here are some ideas to spark your inspiration:

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

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

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

Why donate?

A percentage will go directly to support the Reno Branch!

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

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

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

Thank You for supporting the Reno Convention Raffle!

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
2026 Yearbook

YOU Are Needed!
Show us your celebrations.

Let us celebrate your joys and successes!

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

(Not the actual 2026 cover)

Artwork Deadline
JULY 1st!

The ICF Convention Yearbook is:

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

You Need COLOR!

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

Successful Entry Tips

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

Celebration Pages
Births • Weddings • Graduations

Full color 1/16th page celebration entry for only \$25. Includes a photo and details.
Let us all celebrate the joys from your year!



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



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 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

