



BOLLETTINO

ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage



Foundations for Tomorrow: Celebrating Our Graduates and Scholars as their Journey Continues



Br. 332, Gianna is awarded ICF Scholarship by her aunt and ICF Vice President Lorena Garbarino and ICF President Larry Mazzotta.



Our branch was pleased to welcome Ean Isidro, Branch 449's 2026 High School Scholarship recipient, to our June meeting. Ean is a longtime parishioner of Guardian Angels Parish and will be attending San Diego State University this fall, where he plans to study Nursing. We congratulate Ean on his achievements and wish him every success as he begins this exciting new chapter in his academic journey.



Br. 214, Essay winners Autumn Azucen, Robert Billeci II, and Benji Cano.



Br. 343, Branch President Margaret Speranza with the family of our scholarship winner.

Grand President's Monthly Message

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.



America's 250th anniversary, or the Semiquincentennial, takes place on **July 4, 2026**, celebrating the Declaration of Independence.

Fifty-six delegates to the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776; it was not signed that day. The official signing took place primarily on August 2, 1776, in Philadelphia. John Hancock, as President of Congress, was the first to sign, with a large, bold signature, followed by delegates from the 13 colonies, including prominent figures Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and John Adams. Benjamin Franklin was the oldest at age 70, and Edward Rutledge was the youngest at 26. Most were lawyers, with many others working as merchants or plantation owners. George Washington, John Jay, and Alexander Hamilton did not sign the Declaration. Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Maryland, was the only Catholic signer.

As we approach July 4th, we need to reflect on this great nation of ours. Our family members immigrated from other countries. It is their stories that we need to remember. Stories that need to be recorded and cherished from generation to generation.

Just like Sir Luigi Providenza and Father Albert Bandini did when they started the Italian Catholic Federation. They created a pathway for Italian immigrants to unite in their faith, community, and heritage. And we are proud today that our Federation has immigrant families from all over the world. We are "One Nation Under God," a melting pot of nationalities and lifelong friends we will have forever.

May God bless the United States of America on her 250th Anniversary, and may you all have a safe Fourth of July. And God Bless the Italian Catholic Federation.

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Grand President

TIME SENSITIVE: PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY!

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and informative.

**Deadline for the
August/September issue is
August 1, 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 celebrate Independence Day and our nation's 250th anniversary, we give thanks to Almighty God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon our country. We remember with gratitude the generations of men and women whose faith, sacrifice, and dedication helped establish and preserve the freedoms we enjoy today. We pray that God will continue to guide our nation in the ways of justice, peace, and respect for the dignity of every human person.

For many of our Italian ancestors, the American dream began at Ellis Island, a place that became a gateway of hope and opportunity. Seeking a better life for themselves and their families, millions left behind familiar homes and traditions, carrying with them a deep faith in God, a love for family, and the values that would sustain them through hardship and uncertainty. Their courage and perseverance helped shape both our nation and our Church.

As members of the Italian Catholic Federation, we honor the memory of those who came before us. We are grateful for the legacy they entrusted to us—a legacy of faith, devotion, hard work, and service. Through their sacrifices, they built strong families, vibrant parishes, and caring communities. Their

example reminds us that faith is not simply a gift we receive but a treasure we are called to share with future generations.

As we reflect upon the meaning of freedom, my thoughts turn to the words inscribed on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty; words that have inspired countless immigrants who arrived on our shores seeking hope and a new beginning:

"Give me your tired, your poor,

Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

These words echo the Gospel message of welcome and compassion. Throughout Scripture, God calls us to care for the stranger, the poor, and those in need. Jesus, Himself, teaches us - "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt. 25:35). As followers of Christ, we are challenged to see His face in every person and to extend His love through acts of kindness, mercy, and hospitality.

The freedoms we celebrate on the Fourth of July are precious gifts, but they also carry responsibilities. We are called to use our freedom wisely, to promote the common good, to protect the vulnerable, and to work for a society rooted in truth, justice, and charity. Our Catholic faith reminds us that true freedom is found not merely in our rights, but in our willingness to serve God and our neighbor.



Father Christopher Bennett
ICF Grand Chaplain

May this Independence Day be a time of gratitude, reflection, and renewed faith. Let us pray for our nation, for our leaders, for our families, and for all who seek freedom, peace, and opportunity. May we remain faithful to the values that have guided our ancestors and continue to be witnesses of Christ's love in our homes, our parishes, and our communities.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patroness of the United States, may God bless our nation, strengthen our faith, and fill our hearts with hope.

Sincerely in Christ,
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 June 10, 2026)

2nd - 4th Year Donations

Giulia Gallego
In Memory of Phil Robba
Giulia Gallego
In Honor of the 90th Birthday of
John Zaucha
Mary Perata
In Memory of Nick Neuburger



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

I hope all branches have sent in their delegate registration to the ICF office. If you have not done so, the registration fees increase to **\$400.00 on July 1**. The Convention is September 4 – 6, 2026.



Please make your Silver Legacy room reservations using this link: <https://book.passkey.com/go/SRICF6>

Our rate is \$150.00 per night for either single or double occupancy. The tax is currently 13.5% plus \$3.00 City Fee per night. *The resort fee is waived.* Self-parking is complimentary. The hotel will charge a one-night deposit when you make your reservation. Currently, the room block is 60% full. There are still rooms available on all nights.

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! Please see the flyer in the Bollettino and in the quarterly mailing from the ICF Office.

The Blood Drive will take place on Friday morning from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Sign-ups will be available soon.

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 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, has 11 baskets ready to be won** at the Convention. Please contact Denise: d56@comcast.net if you would still like to donate a raffle basket or \$100.00. Raffle tickets will be sold 10 tickets for \$20.00 throughout the Convention and the winners will be drawn after the Installation of Grand Officers on Sunday.

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.

As was noted in the Apostolate Column in June, we will have a discussion regarding the ICF National Charity at the Saturday General Session. Delegates, please discuss this at your branches, so you know your branch's thoughts and ideas.

Happy Fourth of July!
Lauren Kilcullen
Convention Director



Gifts of Love Donations

Received as of June 10, 2026

Branch 21

Branch 209

Opera Italia

Officers/Members of Br. 332

In Memory of Joseph Panfiglio

Apostolate
Apostolate-Charity Reports due July 15
By Michael Rossi, Apostolate-Charity Chairperson

All branches please remember to send in the Apostolate-Charity report for the year 2026, due soon by July 15.

Every branch should compile their statistics and report on the Apostolate-Charity form which is available on-line at the members area of ICF.org. The form is simple, asking ten yes/no questions, numbers of members involved in church



and charitable service, and a list of branch charitable donations.

Last year, we received 60 reports from 87 active branches, or about 69% participation. This year, I would love to see 100% of branches sending in reports. All branches do apostolate and charitable activities, so please submit a report and let us know what you do. The work of all ICF branches is impressive.

As always, thanks to all districts, branches and members for supporting religious and charitable activities.



JUNE CALENDAR WINNERS				
DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
6/1	Dale & Carrie Anthenien		Stevensville, MT	\$30
6/2	Francesca Brown		Angels Camp, CA	\$30
6/3	Greg Krouse		San Ramon, CA	\$30
6/4	John Coffman		Bloomington, CA	\$30
6/5	Tim & Shirley Linscott		Kerrville, TX	\$30
6/6	Marilyn & Hank Isaacs		Boise, ID	\$30
6/7	Kathleen Noah	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
6/8	Magdalena Niescier		Tempe, AZ	\$30
6/9	Adrianna Dianda		San Leandro, CA	\$30
6/10	Dianne Riley	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
6/11	Joyce Harnett	343	San Lorenzo, CA	\$30
6/12	Elaine Young		Santa Clara, CA	\$30
6/13	Bill & Sue James		Gilroy, CA	\$30
6/14	Mario McGhee		Modesto, CA	\$50
6/15	Denise Bachur	368	Santa Clara, CA	\$100
6/16	Helene Trester	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
6/17	Sid Jensen		Crockett, CA	\$30
6/18	Alfred Pavot	21	Capitola, CA	\$30
6/19	Gina & Joe Sheridan		Daly City, CA	\$30
6/20	Luceen Dunn		Norman, OK	\$30
6/21	Darice Soohoo		Danville, CA	\$30
6/22	Lauren Kilcullen	52	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
6/23	Branch 48		Modesto, CA	\$30
6/24	Norene De Luca	214	Lafayette, CA	\$30
6/25	Robert Rovere		Lake Havasu, AZ	\$30
6/26	Catherine Biggio	332	Mill Valley, CA	\$30
6/27	Sandy Del Real	39	Le Grand, CA	\$30
6/28	Becky & Craig Collins	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
6/29	Gina Carneiro	332	Mill Valley, CA	\$30
6/30	Barbara Gabriel	213	San Mateo, CA	\$30

SEE THESE FIRST ON OUR WEB SITE: ICF.ORG

Welcome New Members

(Report as of June 10, 2026)

Branch 028	Hannah Avila Julian Avila Lynette Findley	Jakob Avila Olivia Avila Sean Findley
Branch 036	Cristina Medina Dirksen Mariessa Dirksen Viviana Dirksen	Douglas Dirksen Ruby Dirksen Frank Pinto
Branch 048	James Ramirez	Rachael L Ramirez
Branch 052	Debra Colombana Kara M New Lucas Teldeschi	Gianni Colombana Mary Beth Smiderle
Branch 115	Rosemarie A Galante	
Branch 144	David L Dahler	
Branch 209	Ron Mollo	
Branch 218	Charlene Sanborn	
Branch 281	Carrie C Natalizia	
Branch 332	Cindy Fulchiron	Pam Pansini
Branch 352	Diane C Indelicato	Edward F Indelicato
Branch 368	Jose Diaz	Kimberly Diaz
Branch 374	Fatima Binns Terrie Casas Laura Godio Susan L Riccardi	Peter J Casas Karen S Delucrazia John O'Brien Rick Rohoman
Branch 390	Adaire Whetstone	Randy Whetstone
Branch 432	Nick Aguilar Margaret H Perez	Santos Aguilar

Scholarship Report

Carmen Kilcullen, Scholarship Chairperson

The Scholarship Committee was very pleased to award 112 – 1st year scholarships to deserving students. I know that many branches feted their awardees with dinners or some other festivity. We are truly grateful for all that you have done.



The Committee spent all the money allotted for first year awards. We are now back to having money for the other three years. Some of you are or have made your donation and for that, we thank you. We again ask branches and individuals to support our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year applicants. The deadline for receiving your donations is August 1, 2026. The Committee will be judging on Saturday, August 22, 2026. Please help make a dream for a college education come true for deserving students.

As always, the work of the Scholarship Committee makes me very proud. As I former teacher, I understand what a good education means for these students in their future.

As always, many thanks to all.
Carmen Kilcullen
Scholarship Chair

2026 2nd - 4th Year Scholarship Program

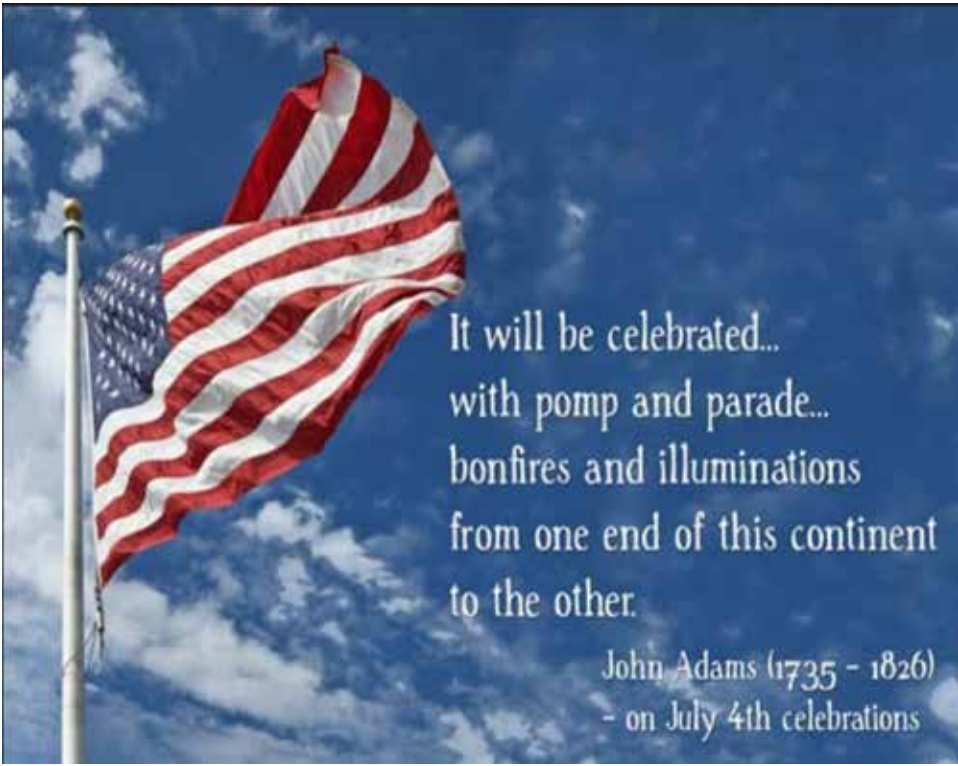
The 2nd - 4th Year Scholarship Applications have been sent out to the eligible students who previously won a 1st Year Scholarship and the letter requesting donations has been sent out to the Branches and Districts.

The donation for a 2nd Year Scholarship is \$600.00, a 3rd Year Scholarship is \$700.00 and a 4th Year Scholarship is \$1,000.00.

The Deadline for Donations and Applications is August 1, 2026.

Please discuss participating in the program at your meetings by making a donation of a full scholarship, if possible, or a partial donation of any amount. The 2nd - 4th Year Program would greatly benefit from your donations and your generosity would enable us to help more students. *Partial Donations are important as they help to make other scholarships possible* when that money is grouped together. *Individual Donations are welcomed* as well.

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



In Loving Memory

(Report as of June 10, 2026)

Pete S Stagnoli	Branch 144	Dixie L Marino	Branch 342
Mark A Sorich	Branch 184	Joe B French	Branch 390
Joe Panfiglio	Branch 332	Frances Agnello	Branch 442
Maria R Fregosi	Branch 342		

Cooley's Anemia Donations

Received as of June 10, 2026

Branch 21	Branch 368
Branch 209	Branch 435

Heritage —
Celebrating Independence Day
Louise Vento, Committee Member

On July 4, 1776, the United States celebrated its independence from Great Britain. This year, on July 4, it will celebrate 250 years as the United States of America. As a great nation, we will celebrate all across the land. The Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The founders considered it an important day to rejoice and celebrate.



In 1941, Congress declared July 4 as a federal holiday. Many communities celebrate the day with programs and pageants, games and plays, sporting events, and picnics.

No matter how you celebrate the Fourth, think of what the Declaration of Independence means:

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men
are created equal, that they are endowed by their
Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among
these are
Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.*

The original Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights are displayed in an upright case in the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C. The priceless documents are sealed under glass so that all visitors can view them.

Happy Fourth of July!



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.



CONVENTION
BINGO

Silver Legacy - Reno
Friday, September 4
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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

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

Jackpots are based on the number of participants.

Reservations: Please mail check to the ICF Office.

Name: _____	Br. # _____
Name: _____	Br. # _____
Name: _____	Br. # _____

**Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza
Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations***

(Received as of June 10, 2026)

IN MEMORY OF:

Phil Robba
Natalie Malone
Lorraine Nunziata
Donna Myers
Robert Ross
Aldine Grisenti
Maria Fregosi
Nathaline Malone
Teresa Petri
Joe Roulin
Natalie Malone
Arlene Roe

DONATED BY:

Louise Vento
Pat Botta
Mike and Marcie Rossi
Officers/Members of Br. 435
Officers/Members of Br. 435
Robert Delpippo
Officers/Members of Br. 342
Susan Mancarini and Jay Newsome
Al and Deanna De Nurra
Officers/Members of Br. 191
Roselynn and Aaron McNeal
Robert Delpippo

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Fr. Sam Ward Officers/Members of Br. 362

HAPPY 95TH BRANCH ANNIVERSARY:

ICF Br. #36 Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

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

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:

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

Membership Tools at Your Fingertips

By: Rose McNeal, Membership Committee Member

Did you know?

On the ICF website, there are over 100 membership tools available.

This particular page of the website would be beneficial to review at a branch, district, and/or officer's meeting. Ensure that your local membership committee is aware of the paraphernalia on hand. Please look over the resources to determine what might be useful for your branch/district. As always, you are welcome to reach out the Central Council Membership Committee for further support.

How to access:

>> Visit our website: icf.org.

>> On the top tool bar, select "membership." If you do not see the toolbar, click on "home" then "membership."

>> Click on "**Members' Area**" to view the many links.

Tools Include:

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| -ICF General Information | -Bollettino Access |
| -Recruitment Support | -Marketing Materials |
| -Retention Support | -Officer Training |
| -Heritage Materials | -Hospitalization Plan Information |
| -Visitor and New Member Resources | -Reporting Documents |
| -Customizable Templates | -And more! |



"There is nothing more exciting than the moment a community expands. Every single new member represents a brand-new story, a unique set of talents, and unlimited potential for what we can accomplish together. Welcome aboard!"

— Unknown

Bone Marrow, Stem Cells and Organ Donation

By Laurice Levine and The Live to Give Committee

BONE MARROW

A Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) can cure or treat 75-plus diseases, including blood cancers such as leukemia and blood disorders such as thalassemia and sickle cell disease. An exact bone marrow match is from a sibling. People with thalassemia require an exact match. To treat leukemia a close match is possible. To register to become a bone marrow donor please visit:

National Marrow Donor Program (Bone Marrow Registry)

www.marrows.org

STEM CELLS

"Stem cells are cells with the potential to develop into many different types of cells in the body. They serve as a repair system for the body. There are two main types of stem cells: embryonic stem cells and adult stem cells.

According to the National Institutes of Health, Stem cells because are vital to many different areas medical research and care. Studying stem cells may help explain how serious conditions such as cancer develop. Stem cells may one day be used to make cells and tissues to treat diseases such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, spinal cord injury, heart disease, diabetes and arthritis. <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/stem-cells.html>

Stem cell information for the public from the **International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR)**.

<https://www.aboutstemcells.org/>

The difference between embryonic stem cells and adult stem cells:

Embryonic stem cells are derived from embryos. Most embryonic stem cells are derived from embryos that develop from eggs that have been fertilized in vitro—in an in vitro fertilization clinic—and then donated for research purposes with informed consent of the donors. They are not derived from eggs fertilized in a woman's body.

Adult stem cells are rare and exist in small numbers in all tissues and organs to repair and renew them. Adult stem cells differentiate to yield specialized cell types of the tissue or organ. For example, blood stem cells only create blood cells.

Cord Blood – the blood/stem cells in the umbilical cord – this is how stem cells are collected when a baby is born and can be banked or saved to use for that child in the future or the cells can be used for a sibling transplant. ViaCord is responsible for cord blood banking and research.

<https://www.viacord.com/>

ORGAN DONATION

United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) is a non-profit organization that manages the nation's organ transplant system under contract with the federal government. UNOS is involved in many aspects of organ transplant and donation such as:

- Manage the national transplant waiting list; matching donors and recipients.
- Maintain the database that contains data for every organ transplant that occurs in the U.S.
- Develop policies that assure best practices in use of the limited supply of organs and give all patients a fair chance at receiving the organ they need, regardless of age, sex, ethnicity, religion, lifestyle or financial/social status.
- Provide assistance and support to patients, family members and friends.
- Educate transplant professionals about their important role in the donation and transplant processes and the public about the importance of organ donation.

<http://www.unos.org/>

DONATE LIFE AMERICA – register to be an organ, eye and/or tissue donor.

www.DonateLife.net

The following are recommendations for after you register to be an organ donor so that your loved ones can fulfill your wishes to donate your organs:

- Designate on your driver's license that you wish to be a donor.
- Tell your family, close friends, and faith leader about your decision to become an organ donor. Through open communication you will be able emphasize the importance of donation, answer any questions they may have, and allay and fears/objections if they have concerns.
- Inform your physician and/or faith leader. Stem cell and organ donation are acceptable in the Catholic Church.
- Add your decision to be an organ donor to your advance directives and will.

If you have any questions about organ donation and/or information in this article please feel free to contact

Laurice Levine
at LLevine430@aol.com



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.



www.ICF.org

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.

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



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

July 9, 6 p.m. - Open Forum featuring Grand President Franklyn Lopes. This workshop will be an open discussion with the Grand President and other members of the Central Council.

July 23, 6 p.m. - Running for Central Council - The What, Why, and How: For those who have ever considered running for Central Council or who have ever been interested in the process.



Book Review -- Summer Cookbooks

Vince Piro

The Italian Summer Kitchen: Timeless Recipes for La Dolce Vita
Cathy Whims & Kate Lewis
Countryman Press

For a culinary tour of Italy or a master class in creating the nation's many regional gems in your home kitchen, you couldn't ask for a better guide than Cathy Whims. And to showcase the ingredients that make Italian cooking one of the best-known and most-appreciated gastronomies worldwide, there's no better season than summer.

In her debut cookbook, Whims brings together dishes from Italy's many and varied regions, united by her masterful interpretation of cucina povera—literally "food of the poor," meaning fresh produce, local meats, handmade pasta and pizza, and simple cooking methods. Inventive recipes for drinks, appetizers,



pasta, pizza, risottos, meat and fish, and desserts are united not by region but by feeling. Everything is authentically Italian yet easy for the home cook to create no matter where they live. Step-by-step instructions demystify essential skills, such as how to make fresh pasta, cook a perfect risotto, and craft heavenly, light-as-a-cloud gnocchi. Adorned with dreamy, original watercolor illustrations, *The Italian Summer Kitchen* is a one-way ticket to la dolce vita.

Chef Cathy Whims is a chef, restaurateur, and food-lover extraordinaire who studied with Marcella Hazan in Venice, Italy. At all three of her acclaimed restaurants, Whims' elemental regional Italian cooking has earned her six consecutive nominations for James Beard Best Chef Northwest. She lives in Portland, Oregon.

Recipes from an Italian Summer
Andy Sewell (Photographer), Mary Consonni (Translator)
Phaidon Press

Following the phenomenal success of *The Silver Spoon*, this book pres-

ents a collection of over 350 summer recipes for all lovers of Italian food, collected by the team behind the original book. *The Silver Spoon Summer* presents a range of easy-to-follow, authentic Italian recipes using the most delicious seasonal ingredients. From informal picnics to family barbecues and entertaining outdoors, *The Silver Spoon Summer* has the perfect dish for every day of summer.

Taste of Italy: Summer Edition with 30+ Italian Recipes
Jeremy Sciarappa
Independently Published

Enjoy 30+ Italian recipes with each recipe beautifully photographed to see the final dish!

Antipasti, Primi Piat, Secondi Piat, Contorni, Dolci, and Cocktails, with each section containing 5 recipe ideas perfect for the summer!

Dive into the heart of Italian culinary tradition with 'Taste of Italy: Recipes, Insights, and Culture.' Embark on a gastronomic journey through 30 tantalizing recipes that

capture the essence of Italy's rich and diverse flavors, from classic pasta dishes to indulgent desserts. Elevate your cooking skills as you master authentic Italian techniques, all expertly crafted for home kitchens.

But this cookbook is more than just recipes; it's a celebration of Italian culture. Delve into the world of San Marzano tomatoes, unravelling the secrets behind their unparalleled flavor and culinary versatility. Explore the vibrant traditions of Ferragosto, Italy's beloved summer holiday, through engaging articles that offer insights into its history, customs, and, of course, delicious food.

Whether you're a seasoned chef or a novice cook, 'Taste of Italy' invites you to savor the tastes and aromas of Italy while unlocking the secrets of its culinary heritage. Get ready to bring the warmth and passion of Italian cooking into your home.

Buon appetito!

Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library

OPEN HOUSE ON JUNE 14

Carmelo Sabatella

The St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Chapel continues its 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, who was canonized on July 7, 1946.

Currently, Mother Cabrini artifacts remain on display at 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, the open house calendar, scheduling a group visit, or making a donation to help maintain the facility and continue the annual pilgrimage event in Burbank, please call 626-372-7812 or visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine online at www.icf.org.

Group tours are also available upon request. Please call 626-372-7812 or email cas1810@aol.com.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE
September 13, 2026

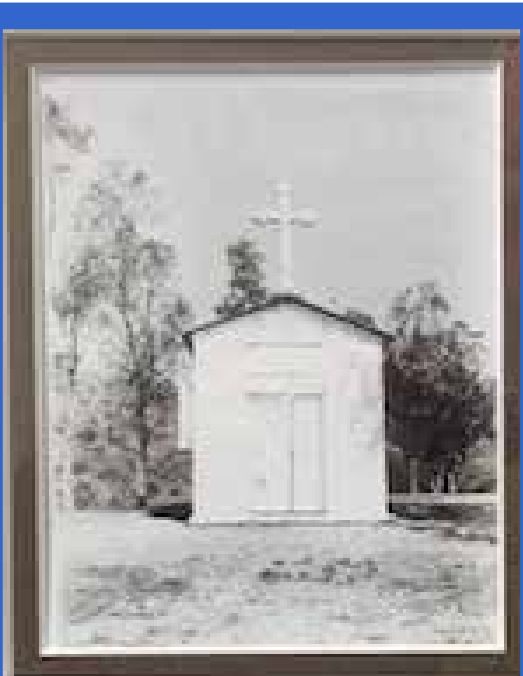
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Host: Santa Barbara / Ventura Region.

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

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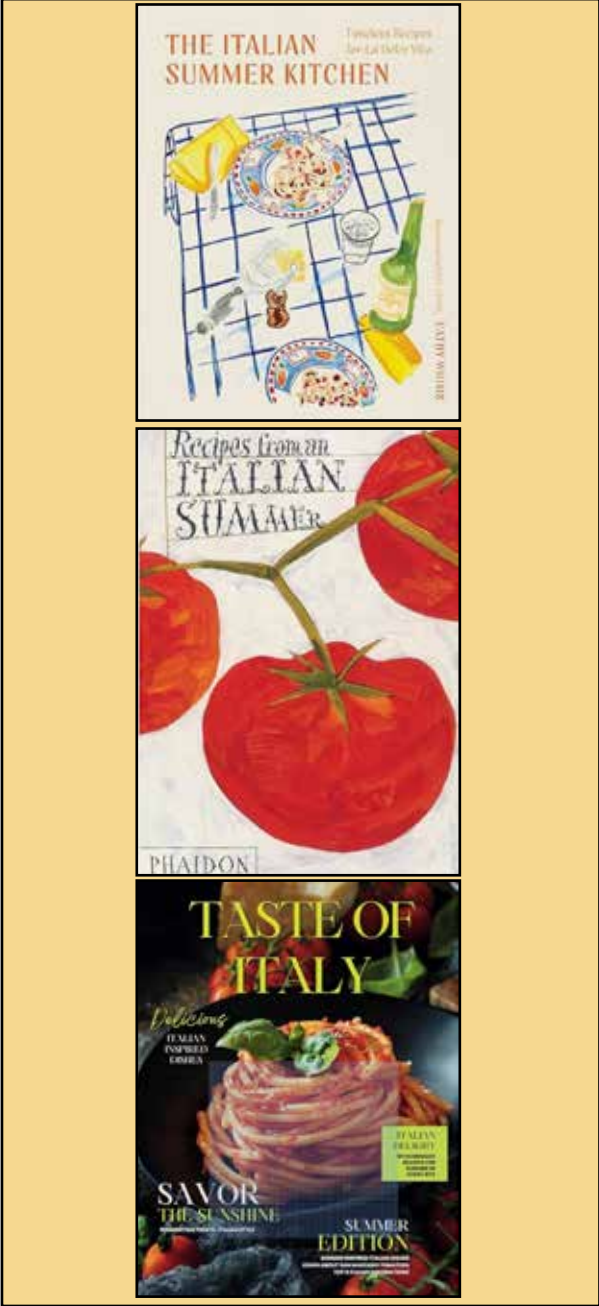
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The Mother Cabrini Chapel was originally built in the San Rafael Hills above the Regina Coeli Orphanage in 1917 and was later developed into the Villa Cabrini Academy. On December 30, 1973, the ICF coordinated the relocation of the chapel to the adjacent property of the Saint Francis Xavier Church in Burbank, California. The ICF continues to oversee the chapel and library operations to this day, introducing ICF members, parishioners, and visitors from all over the world to the last structure Mother Cabrini built to honor "Mary, Help of Christians." In 1946, Mother Cabrini became America's first saint, and the ICF has been honored to continue as the caretaker of this important legacy.

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:

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
360-860-2023 LLevine430@aol.com



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

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!



Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco

Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:

Thank you for purchasing the ICF Convention Raffle tickets.

Happy Birthday Wishes to Anna Doyle, Laurie Sullivan and Rosalinda Brady

Happy 4th of July and enjoy the summer!

Cordiali Saluti
Diana Cresci

SAN MATEO District

Redwood City

Br. 130, Our Lady Star of the Sea

ICF Branch 130 Pasta Booth a Festival Success!

ICF Branch 130 participated in the May 30th St. Pius Festival where our popular pasta booth once again proved to be a favorite destination for festival attendees.

With the help of a dedicated team of chefs and hardworking, enthusiastic volunteers, we prepared an impressive 55 gallons of sauce and 60 pounds of pasta. Thanks to the tremendous support of festival guests, we completely sold out in just over 3 ½ hours!

The success of the booth was made possible by the many volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and throughout the day. Our talented chefs carefully prepared the sauce and pasta, while our friendly team of ladies kept the lines moving by serving meals and selling tickets with warm smiles and outstanding hospitality.

One of the highlights of the day was our sample cart, where volunteers offered bread and sauce to festival-goers to attract visitors and encouraged them to stop by our booth to enjoy a full pasta meal.

Adding to the success of our booth, the festival provided a wonderful opportunity for us to reconnect with friends, meet new people, and enjoy countless meaningful conversations throughout the day. Most importantly, all the proceeds from the pasta booth will help support our parish and its ongoing ministries.

Together, through faith, friendship, and service, we continue to strengthen our parish and celebrate the rich traditions of our Italian Catholic heritage.

Burlingame

Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

Since we are not having a meeting in July, we will recap some of the scheduled activities for the next couple of months.

Our June 11th meeting was free dessert, coffee and tea hosted by the officers of Branch 173.

On June 28, 2026 is our Ravioli dinner which is our biggest fundraiser. The price is \$45.00 for adults, \$15.00 for children up to 17 years old and under 5 is free.

Save the date: August 1, 2026, our Branch 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 enter in the show. The cost is \$35.00 a car and we will have a concession stand selling hot dogs, cookies, popcorn and beverages. More details to follow!

God Bless all of our ill members in our Branch and throughout the Federation.

ALSO, WE SEND BLESSINGS TO SHOW HOW GRATEFULL WE ARE TO LIVE IN THIS COUNTRY AND APPRECIATE ALL OF THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR US TO LIVE FREE. HAPPY 250TH USA BIRTHDAY!!

Our August 13th, 2026 meeting and dinner will be hot dogs and essentials hosted by Bob and Bea Tomasello

Roz

South San Francisco Br. 213 St Augustine

Even though our SF Giants went through their usual June swoon we have to keep our energy up while everyone is away on vacation.

A Big THANK YOU to Judy Crosetti, Donna De Voe and Roberta Franchini for hosting our June scholarship dinner for Madison Ketchum Branch 213 Scholarship recipient

It pays to buy our ICF Calendars because we had another winner last month Faith Hill. Nice going Faith.

Remember the time change for our monthly meetings. Doors open 4:30pm Dinner 5:00pm Meeting to follow. No meeting in July.

Another Big Thank You to Linda Benedetti and Linda Marcelli for hosting our May Meeting.

Congratulations to Linda Marcelli who has a new addition to her family. A little pooch.

A Happy Birthday to Chuck Baumann, Judy Crosetti and Jeff Filippi.

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 that you all had a wonderful Father's Day. We had a great time at our KFC Dinner Meeting with 50% of our members participating. Much thanks to Maria at Millbrae KFC for catering the dinner at the "promotional" price and even providing a "Bacon Cheeseburger Meal" to a member who doesn't eat chicken but wanted to attend! Thanks also to the set-up & clean-up crew, and our servers too!

There is NO meeting in JULY!

Tuesday, August 4th is our popular "Hot Dog & Chili" dinner meeting. It features a foot-long all-beef hot dog & bun, chili, Danli's homemade slaw, wine & beer, soda, coffee/tea, & dessert for \$15pp. The social begins at 5pm & dinner starts at 5:30pm. Send your check (payable to "ICF BR 403") to Eunice Danli, 4 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030. The DEADLINE is Friday, July 31st! For a "late" RSVP or questions, Eunice's # is 650-692-3740.

Adonna Amoroso, Secretary

MARIN

Novato

Br. 332, Our Lady of Loretto

Gianna Garbarino, graduating senior at San Marin High School in Novato, was awarded the first installment of ICF's 4-year college scholarship at Marin ICF's monthly dinner on May 12. Gianna is the daughter of David and Danielle Garbarino, and granddaughter of ICF member Dave Garberino, Sr. Her high school accomplishments are numerous and include her completion of a rigorous four year program in STEM biotechnology at San Marin where she played varsity basketball and volleyball, was MVP and captained her basketball team senior year. Gianna volunteered each summer as coach and camp counselor at the San Marin Girls' Basketball Camp, and volunteered as well as the Archie Williams Pirate Basketball Camp. Gianna has been accepted into the nursing program at the University of Utah which she will be attending this fall. Congratulations Gianna and the Garbarino family!!

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

Ciao a Tutti. Hello everyone. The LAA District recently collaborated with all its Branches to share the cost and placed an ICF Ad in the Angelus Magazine congratulating Archbishop Jose H. Gomez 15 Years as Archbishop of Los Angeles and 25 Years of as a Bishop.

The LAA District 3rd Quarterly Meeting will be on Saturday, September 5, 2026, after lunch, while we are at the ICF Convention, in Reno. We will update you on the location and time once we are at the Convention. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Convention.

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

1. The 2026 Bishop's Day & Seminarian Recognition Mass and Banquet will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2026 at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo.
2. 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.
3. 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.
Frank Salomone, President
Los Angeles Archdiocese District



Br. 67, National Branch, St. Peter

National Branch 67 members continue to meet with all members interested in developing NBR 67 and welcome all members to join our meetings and events via Zoom. Recent changes from the Scalabrini Order to the LA Archdiocese will bring new leaders to St. Peter's Church and we hope to meet them in the near future.

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, 2026 in Casa Italiana in Los Angeles and May 3, 2026 at the Dalmatian-American Club in San Pedro.

Congratulations to members celebrating their July Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries.

ICF National Branch 67 is a virtual branch that reaches out to members and non members 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

- July 18, 2026 - ICF National Branch 67 General Meeting from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm (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 June 7, 2026 Branch 108 Members held their annual general meeting and picnic at the Sabatella home in South Pasadena. President Michele S. thanked Branch 108 members for their continued support of Branch activities and welcomed Patricia Alegretti for taking the Correspondence Secretary position after the recent loss of ICF Member Joan Brascia. Please keep Joanie in your prayers.

Happy Birthday was celebrated for all June members including Linda S., Patricia A., Dante S., and Mike S. along with congratulations also to those celebrating their June Wedding Anniversaries.

We continue to pray for the speedy Resolution of the present crisis and to

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

*Keep safe and stay healthy,
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA
Past President
ICF Branch 108
C 626 372-7812 E cas1810@aol.com*

SAVE THE DATES

- July 26, 2026 - LAADC Cooley's Anemia BBQ. (Tentative)

- Nov 15, 2026 - Mother Cabrini Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon. (Tentative)

Montebello Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. As you may know, we will not have a general meeting during the month of July. We will have a Picnic on Saturday, July 18, 2026 at Sanchez Adobe Park in Montebello. Look for a flyer in early July for more information

We are happy to report that based on our review of the ICF Phillip & Phyllis Pace Scholarship applications and essays we received from graduating St. Benedict School students, the two winners of the \$500.00 Phillip & Phyllis Pace Scholarships are Ariana Limon and Samuel Ramos. Ariana plans to attend St. Joseph High School and Samuel plans to attend St. John Bosco High School. Congratulations to Ariana and Samuel.

Additionally, we are happy to report that based on our review of the ICF Phillip Pace Jr. and Salvator "Sam" Pace Scholarship applications and essays we received from graduating Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School students, the winner of the \$500 Phillip Pace, Jr. Scholarship is Luke Felix. The winner of the \$500 Salvator "Sam" Pace Scholarship is Selenne Ruiz. Congratulations to Luke and Selenne.

Our August General Meeting, will be on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of all the members who have birthdays in the months of July and August: Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

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

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

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

It's parish fiesta time! Our branch will be hosting the meatball/sausage sandwich and pizza booth.

Volunteers are needed to help make meatballs on Thursday July 16th at 6:30 p.m. in auditorium. We also need volunteers to staff the booth during all 3 days of the fiesta.

Please call Pauline Iacono 310 832-0563 for information on volunteer opportunities.

Service hours will be provided for family members of Mary Star students. All help is appreciated!

July general meeting will be moved to July 9th at 7:30 p.m. in parish center due to branch making meatballs on Thursday July 16.

Up for discussion will be upcoming Yaamava Casino trip July 25. \$40.00/person. Call Pauline for reservations 310 832-0563

Please join us for mass in honor of St John Joseph of the Cross on Saturday August 22 at 10 a.m. Procession to the Blessed Mother Grotto will follow with refreshments to be served in auditorium.

Dinner dance to follow at 6pm. Prime rib dinner with all the fixings will be served.

Music provided by Tony Ciaramitaro \$55.00 per person. For more info call Neal Dileva--310 433-1044

ICF annual convention will be held on Sept 4 to 6th in Reno Nevada. Please return sold convention raffle tickets that were mailed with agenda. This is a fundraiser for our branch.

You may have noticed a mix up in last month's article. I am not quite sure what happened and I apologize for the confusion. I would like to congratulate our branch scholarship recipients Natalie Carter, granddaughter of member Francis Carter and Jack Spray. Both graduates of San Pedro high School, they have worked hard to achieve this accomplishment. We wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

Happy 4th of July and best wished for an enjoyable and safe summer!

Anita Gioiello Truillo

Arcadia Br. 218, Holy Angels

Congratulations to our scholarship recipients this year: 8th grade Holy Angels graduates, Eric Andrews and Blake Parsons, high school graduate, Gianni Carrano and 4th year college scholarship to Katie LaPorte, all well deserved.

Our donut sales this summer will be handled by Jenni Hauge and Barbara Ionescu. There will also be an all out recruiting table at every donut sale and sandwich sale this summer.

The convention this year is in Reno, Nevada and our branch will be represented by Mary Rovarino. There will be no meetings in July and August.

Everyone have a good summer and see you in September.

Lolly M.

Downey Br. 362, St. Raymond

Happy Birthday America! We are celebrating our Semiquincentennial birthday or to make it easier, our 250th birthday.

Last month we held another Bingo luncheon which was a big success. It was held on Flag Day and was a Red White and Blue celebration. We will have another one this month on the 12th with a summer theme.

By now we should all be gearing up for the upcoming convention which will be in Reno taking place over Labor Day weekend. On August 1st our branch will celebrate our 44th year in the ICF. It's a time for us to reflect on those who helped start the branch and all of our members from then till now who gave and give their all to this great organization. Thank you!!

Don't forget to support the parish by getting your fireworks from the fireworks booth beginning July 1st through July 4th. America 250! If you're traveling this summer, please be safe and have a great time.

See you next month.

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

Italian classes have concluded for the season, and we extend our sincere gratitude to Raul Acevedo for coordinating the program and welcoming back many returning students from previous years.

The revenue generated from the Italian classes, combined with the net proceeds from our St. Joseph's Bake Sale, Silent Auction, and Italian Luncheon, has enabled our branch to increase donations to several charitable organizations selected by our members. Beneficiaries include Elizabeth House, International Life Services, St. John's Seminary, Ronald McDonald House, Tunnels to Towers Foundation, Mary's Mercy Center, and Respect Life Pregnancy Center.

On June 24, our branch partnered with Dish Restaurant in La Cañada Flintridge to host a successful "Dine-In/Dine-Out" fundraiser. A portion of the restaurant's proceeds was shared between Branch 374 and St. Bede the Venerable Parish, benefiting both organizations and strengthening our community partnerships.

Our annual Summer Mass and Luncheon will be held on Sunday, July 26, at the beautiful Lakeside Golf Club. Fr. Jim Bevacqua will celebrate Mass at noon, followed by lunch. The cost will be approximately \$55 per person and includes bottomless mimosas. We look forward to gathering for this special day of faith, fellowship, and fun.

As our nation celebrates its 250th Anniversary, we join in honoring this historic milestone and give thanks for the freedoms and opportunities we enjoy. God Bless America!

Wishing everyone a safe, enjoyable, and memorable summer.

Rancho Palos Verdes Br. 444, St. John Fisher

May's Bingo Theme Party in Barrett Hall was a Big Success for our Branch. We opened the game to the whole parish and almost the whole room was filled. Hany Francis & Carol Piccarillo were successful in providing the food for the evening. We had Pizza, salad, cookies, wine and soda & Monique and Daniel helped in passing out the food. Bingo Caller, Cristina Baldemor continues to call the winning games as she has done many times before. She put together 75-4-page games for the group contributing many prizes for 2nd and 3rd place winners. Gift Cards went to the 1st place winners of the 5 games we played. Mary Alley managed the RSVP's, welcomed the guests to the game and counted the money Tonia, Dolly, Bruno, Betty and Gina participated in making the evening a big success.

The Msgr. Eugene Gilb Welcome Center is completed and will be Blest by Archbishop Jose Gomez on June 22nd on the feast of St. John Fisher.

Let us pray for peace in the World and pray for those we love who have moved to Heaven.

*Ciao,
Patty Longo Hansen*

Manhattan Beach Br. 447, American Martyrs

Happy Birthday America! It's a huge celebration this year as we honor America with her 250th Anniversary. God Bless America!

Last month we held our last meeting before the summer break and were joined by several interested new members. Pizza and salad and wine was enjoyed as we honored Monsignor Berry's 65th ordination anniversary.

During the summer we will take a break, but will comeback in the Autumn refreshed and ready for more fundraising. Our branch president Laurie will represent us at the ICF annual convention in Reno. Good luck Laurie. Our annual Limoncello festival is planned for October 3rd. We will begin the process starting in September.

Have a safe and restful summer.

East Bay District Council

Happy July 4th! We celebrate 250 years of freedom to cherish faith, family, friends, and the diverse cultures that enrich our country. Interestingly, the ICF, born in the California Bay Area has existed for 102 of those 250 years! Within the East Bay, Branch 10 and the EBD celebrated 100 and 90 years respectively. Quite a history!

On the heels of those successful

anniversary events, the EBD was back at work, holding their regular monthly meeting - as scheduled - on Memorial Day!

Reminders to the Branches from the meeting:

- The Annual Convention is September 4-6. Please sell Convention Raffle tickets.
- Branches, please complete and submit your quarterly reports, and pay your due per capita.
- Don't forget the opportunity to sponsor a square in the 2027 ICF Calendar Save the date! Bishop's Day - a joint celebration with the East Bay District and the Contra Costa District has been scheduled for September 20th in Point Richmond. More to follow.

All EBD branches are actively planning summer and fall events. Please check the branch reports for opportunities to join the fun.

Please continue to pray for several ICF members and their families experiencing health challenges. Our collective prayers are very welcomed and much appreciated.

In June we celebrated Fathers' Day in thanksgiving for the men in our lives who have loved, guided and supported us. We remember and pray for those men who are no longer with us, including the founding fathers of the ICF, Sir Luigi Providenza and Reverend Alfred Bandini.

*Sincerely
Roberta Madej*

Alameda Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

Over 140 members and friends enjoyed our 100th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, May 16. Thanks to all who attended or assisted, especially Alameda Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Spiritual Advisor Father Chris Bennett and four other priests; Grand President Franklin Lopes, Jr. and seven other Central Council members; Master of Ceremonies James McGee; chef Leo Munoz, and the young people who helped with set-up, serving and take-down after the event.

Congratulations to our winners of the 2026 Dave Rose Memorial Scholarships, Elsy Bautista and Kyle Nguyen of Saint Joseph Elementary School and Katelynn Condez and Constantine D'Mello of Saint Philip Neri School. The scholarships are in the amount \$750.00 each and are awarded to four graduates of Alameda's two Catholic grammar schools who will be entering a Catholic high school in August. This year's recipients will all be attending Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School in Alameda.

Thanks to Ken and Peggie Dorrance for volunteering for serve as our delegates to the convention in Reno. This will be the first convention for both. Ken is

our first vice president, while Peggie is a trustee. They will not be shy about asking questions and expressing their opinions.

Our next dinner will be our annual barbecue on Saturday, July 18. The function will start at 6:00 p.m. in Monsignor O'Brien Hall, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda. Details (menu, price etc.) were to be decided at our June 11 meeting. For information, contact John Zugnoni, john@zugnoni.net or 510-326-3474.

Other future events in 2026 are our Ravioli Dinner on October 17 and our Christmas Party on December 5. The Ravioli Dinner will include donations of funds and baby items for Birthright of San Lorenzo, a crisis pregnancy center.

John Zugnoni, Branch 10 Publicity

Fremont Br. 215, St. Francis of Assisi

Ciao a tutti!

Blessed by fund raising led by President Fran and her board, our branch has the pleasure and honor to fund two First Year Scholarships. Although we are a small branch, we always welcome and appreciate the support of our branch's parish sponsor, Corpus Christ-Fremont, most recently with the Taco Truck fundraiser.

Corpus Christi held its annual festival on June 7 (also the parish feast day-The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ) both as a day of worship and procession, fun, and fundraising. The event was rounded out with choices of cultural food, games and a talent show. Our branch participated by having a snow cone booth, an American take on the Italian "grattachecca."

Continuing our gastronomic journey through Italy's twenty regions, the branch will gather for its annual "Pranzo Estivale" on Sunday July 19. Moving north from the Lazio region (2025), the branch will feast and celebrate the cuisine of the Lombardy region, more specifically the area around Milan. The menu planning is still in progress. We hope to meet and honor our scholarship recipients and their parents at this annual event. Members, guests and prospective members are invited.

The ICF Central Council has chosen Spread the Word Nevada, a children's literacy non-profit, to benefit from the generosity of our Convention Delegates in 2026. Book donations for 4th and 5th graders must be turned in no later than the 8/11/2026 branch meeting. (Amazon has a book wish list that you can locate at <https://a.co/0f9hTxD9>.)

Bishop's Day 2026 will be on September 20. The Contra Costa ICF District will host the Mass and dinner. Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy in Point Richmond at 4:30 p.m. The location for the dinner following Mass is still to be determined. President Fran will email members with the final information as soon as details are available.

*Alla prossima!
Submitted by: Shirley DeLucchi*

Livermore Br. 285, St. Filomena

Ciao Amici,

After our very busy April, May gave us a chance to slow down a bit. At our meeting, we heard a wonderful presentation by author Donna Kamp McMillion about Pleasanton in the 1950s. It brought back many memories of another time. Later in May, some of our members enjoyed a delightful afternoon of wine tasting with beautifully presented Italian foods at Livermore's Terra Mia.

June will find us "Dining Out with Friends". We will be gathering for an Italian lunch at Melo's in Livermore, and we hope you will all be there to enjoy an afternoon of delicious food and good fellowship.

Carolyn Cardinalli was pleased to present ICF scholarships to seniors Lucia Sangiorgio from Livermore High School, and Cashel Hagerty from Granada High School. We extend our hearty congratulations to these commendable students! We will be celebrating them at our July 19th Barbecue.

By now, you are sure to have received your ICF raffle tickets. Please return them with your check to Shirley Koenig by July 25th. Will you be one of the lucky winners?

This year's ICF Convention project is for "Spread the Word Nevada", an organization that promotes childhood literacy in low-income communities. We are collecting new/gently used books to donate to this very important cause. They are happy to receive any children's books, but particularly request chapter books for 4th and 5th graders.

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

*Ciao,
Paula Flessatti*

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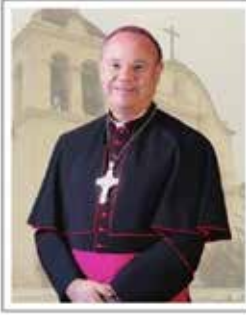
CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT



Branch 36 - Elaine Valentine, Roseann Costabile, Mentor, and CC Life Member Dante Galeazzi.



Italian Catholic Federation
Central Coast District Bishop's Day



Most Reverend Bishop Ramon Bejarano
Saturday, August 22, 2026



Branch 36 New Members



Branch 36 Scholarship Awards



Branch 36, The crew is ready to set the meals for the largest Branch in the Federation.



Sr. Noella McLeod celebrates her retirement at Holy Cross Santa Cruz.



Central Coast: Br. 51 scholarship recipient Liam Rawson of Monterey High School.



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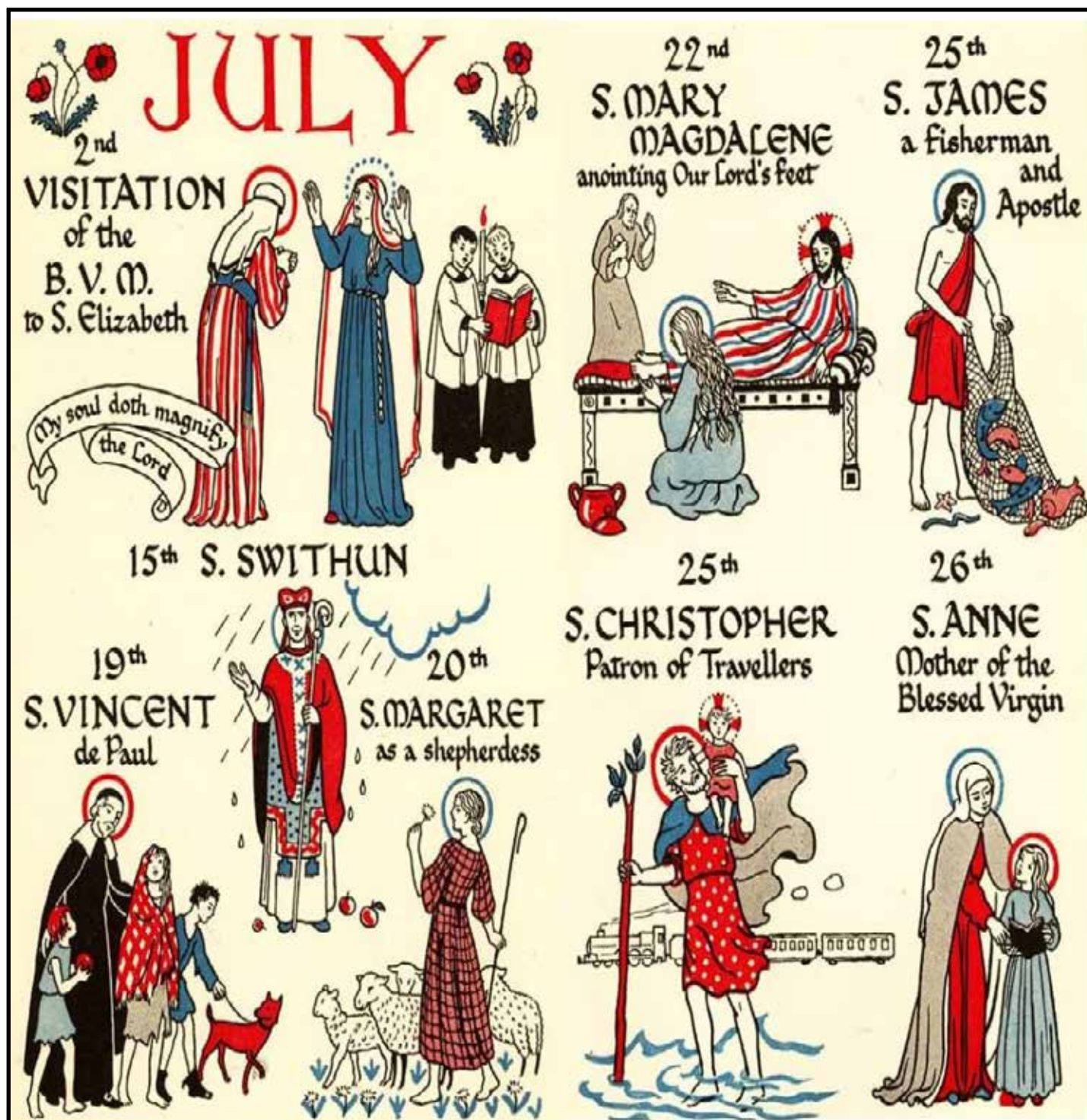
CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 354, President David Zanini and Irma Zanini of Branch 354, Paso Robles presented scholarships to Mary Andros, Anna Ferrara, Leo Torres and Nathan Flores.



Scholarships awarded from Branch 354, Paso Robles.



SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT



Br. 446 with raffle baskets



Br. 446 playing bocce



Br. 210, Ralph Segarra, Bishop Rutilio, Annie McCarthy, and Msgr. Lopez



Br. 446 new members Scarpelli family with Carrey Rossie and John Guerin



Br. 446, Kids and teen members



Br. 210, Fr. John Gunningham (seated) Msgr. Gerald Lopez, Bishop Rutilio del Riego and Fr. Jonas Deebar, SVD celebrating the Mass

STOCKTON DISTRICT



Br. 139, Back Row: Ron Agostini, Dante Galeazzi, Deacon Fidel, Father Banka, Tim Cabral. Front Row: Michelle Harmon, Patti Fichtner, Ed Fichtner, Elizabeth Demichelis, Irma Demichelis



Br. 82, Luann Casey at age 3 with her Italian grandfather.



Br. 82 Luann Casey with her Family Heritage Book.



Br. 82 Deacon Karl with Patti Litts visiting from Alabama.



Deacon Karl Welsbacher from Br. 82, Saint Anne, leading with prayer and Blessing for a successful meeting.



2026 Baccalaureate Mass Graduates Br. 413



ICF Br. 413 St. Patrick's Marian Procession for Baccalaureate Mass 2026



Stockton Br. 395 Presentation Church, officers Virginia Asborno, Mary Ann Piana Chapman, Jo Weber and Dante Galeazzi join in the potluck.



President Robert Pachinger Br. 413 Angel Camp at St Patrick's Church, ready to start the meeting.



Long time members of Branch 139 St. Anthony Manteca Tony and Ida Quierolo join CC Life Member Dante Galeazzi at Festa Italiana



Members at St Anne Br. 82, Lodi Grace Puccinelli with son Lorenzo and CC Life Member Dante Galeazzi enjoying time at Italia Festa.

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT



Br. 144, Pete Stagnoli



Branch #209's member, Jesus Martinez-Diaz, speaking about his first year in the Seminary.



Branch 144 President Ruth Monge presents Nolan Sefcik with First Year Scholarship. Deacon Jon Pedicino looks on.



Br. 52 Heritage Essay Winners



Branch #209's 2026 Scholarship Award Winners (in no particular order): Adolfo Sanchez Contreras, Carlee Maddocks, Jareth Basaldua, Jodi Marney, Luciano Tantarelli, Jesus Martinez-Diaz and Sophia Pellini (not pictured)



Br. 52 1st Year Scholarship Winners



CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT



Branch 432 family members having fun.



Br. 352, The Bocce Winners: Rose and Marcisco Biage, Kathy and Pete Pomilla



Br. 442 President Diana MacKinson and Augie Della Maggiore



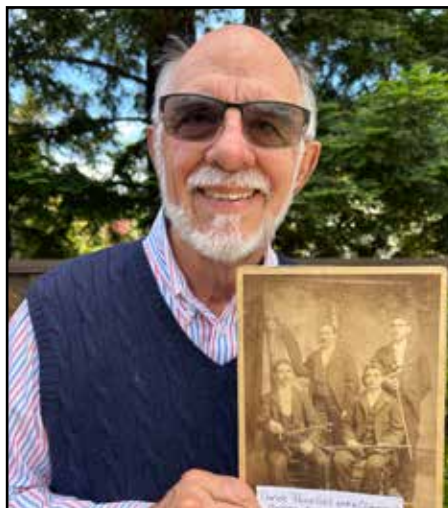
Congratulations to Hannah Petersen and Joshua Igueldo, who joined us at our meeting to personally thank Crockett #14 for their scholarships. We wish them both continued success and are confident they have bright futures ahead!



Branch 432 hula dancer



Branch 432 members doing the hula



Br. 352, Art Panella holding the picture of his Grandfather and two uncles.



Pat Botta, Carl Heller and Donna Hoffmann from Crockett #14 enjoying the 100 years Anniversary of Branch 10. Congratulations!



Br. 442 Scholarship winners Augie Della Maggiore and Olivo Nuti.



Br. 442 President Diana Mackinson and Olivo Nuti



Branch 432

Castro Valley Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

Welcome to the second half of 2026! We've enjoyed many events so far this year, and many more to look forward to in the coming months!

Our branch celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a veritable banquet of Mexican foods that all enjoyed. At our May meeting, the winner of our 8th grade scholarship, David Edgerson, read his heritage essay to those attending. At the meeting, the recipient of our high school scholarship was announced: Nathaniel G. Resong of Granada High School.

At the May meeting, our member Melinda Klever was voted to be our delegate at this year's convention in Reno.

Besides the upcoming convention, we are looking forward to joining members from other branches in the East Bay and Contra Costa districts at Italian-American Heritage Night at Oracle Park to watch the Giants play the Milwaukee Brewers. Go Giants!

For those of you who enjoy a little trivia: July is one of the busiest months for festivals in Italy. One of the highlights: Siena holds its historic Palio horse race in the town square. It is sometimes called the world's most dangerous horse race, having virtually no rules. The race takes anywhere from 60-90 seconds, and is free to spectators (but you'll have to stand for hours in the middle of the square in the heat with 20,000 of your closest friends!). The race is then followed by three days of celebrations. Of course, throughout Italy and Sicily in July, you'll find food festivals, music festivals, medieval festivals, and lots of fireworks!

Edoardo McGuirk

CONTRA COSTA District Council

We hope everyone is well and enjoying the summer. We will soon go the Italian Heritage night and baseball game in San Francisco. The Giants will host the Milwaukee Brewers on July 28. Our District selected a group package. Each ticket holder will receive an Italian heritage shirt.

Good News! We have a date for Bishop's Day. It will be held September, 20. Our host branch 154 in Richmond is working on the details. Mass will take place at Our Lady of Mercy church in Point Richmond. A luncheon will follow at the Galileo club. More information soon.

Keep selling your Convention raffle tickets. Payments/ stubs are due to the ICF office August, 15. Branches keep some of the proceeds. An easy way to make some money.

We hope our branches are working on bringing in new members. Hold a membership drive. Post information in parish bulletins. Invite friends to events.

The convention will be held over Labor Day weekend in Reno. If you are going, book your hotel and dinner reservations by the deadlines.

Our next meeting will be held July 9 at CTK at 7: p.m. Watch for the reminder with the room location.

That's all for this report. Have a happy and safe 4th of July.

*Fraternally,
Patty Jarrett, Past President/Trustee*

Martinez Br. 13, San Martino

We remember July 4, 1776 on its 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with fireworks, parades, and sunshine. Martinez members also participated in consecrating the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with the Bishops. Declaration Preamble states: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Our human rights are, as FDR enumerated, Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Want, and Freedom from Fear. Nowadays, we're fighting to maintain these freedoms as they're being challenged and controlled by others.

Let's pray for our leaders remembering we're a democratic society that seeks truth and follows a constitution by and for all people not just one; and pray for unity and peace among Americans through these next months.

July named to honor Julius Caesar made a significant contribution to history. Caesar developed the Julian calendar, the precursor to the Gregorian calendar we use today. On the calendar every

year on July 11, National 7-Eleven Day, customers are honored with a free Slurpee. "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near." Matthew 24:32

Slurpees and figs, parades and fireworks—a sure sign of summer vacation. We congratulate Anthony Klapperich from Alhambra High on receiving the branch's first-year scholarship; and, we wish members, Josie Franck and Teresa Poirier happy birthdays in July.

*For the greater glory of God,
Mary Cook*

Concord Br. 214, Todos Santos

Buon Giorno tutti. Welcome to warm weather and activities planned for a fun summer.

We had our branch meeting on May 21st with great Mexican themed dinner in honor of Hispanic heritage month.

Along with their parents and siblings, we enjoyed hearing their essays read from the three 8th grade students from St. Agnes school. They each won \$200 for their outstanding essays. They were Autumn Azucena, Robert Billeci 11, and Benji Cano. The Heritage Committee read 17 essays. They were Terryann Sturiale, Marianne Lowe, Pam Piscitelli, and Jo Lee. They did a great job deciding on the winners. Ed McGuirk handed out their checks.

At our June meeting we will have a barbecue. Hamburgers and hotdogs!!

We want to remind our members to pay \$5 to have their loved ones remembered for the memorial page. Also, we are collecting books for the convention.

June 21st we have a fun day planned by bus from St. Agnes Church to Cache Creek for a fun day of games, gambling, and food. Hopefully, we come home winners!!

In July we have a branch Giants game planned. We have 20 members so far to enjoy a Giants game.

On August 2nd we have our annual "get together" which will be held at Diablo Vista Country Club thanks to Sue Giorgetti. Appetizers and drinks.

A bowling night is planned by Chris Androtti. Hopefully, we get a lot of members to participate.

Our next pasta/bingo is being planned October 24th at Zio Fraedo's by Terri Di Loreto.

Ed DeMartini fell and broke his femur. We pray for a quick recovery. Sandy Cordoni is back to teaching and playing the piano. She is doing well. Roberta Healy, our President, has been suffering with a painful pinched nerve. Hopefully she gets some relief. Please pray for her for a speedy recovery. Her niece, Dana, had been so helpful in her care.

Have a great summer and stay safe.

Ciao, Norene Deluca

Danville Br. 352, San Isidore

*Buongiorno
Buongiorno Tutti
Branch 352*

We had an exciting month in Branch 352.

During our monthly dinner meeting, Art Panella gave a fascinating heritage presentation about the three Panella brothers and their journey to America. In the 1890s, his grandfather and two uncles traveled from Masicovetere in the province of Basilicata to Oakland, California. Art's presentation was both informative and entertaining, and everyone enjoyed learning about this piece of Italian-American history. We hope to have more heritage presentations in the coming months.

We also completed our third annual Bocce Tournament at Sycamore Park in Danville. Fifty-two people came out to join the fun. We served bagels, donuts, coffee, tea, and water before play began at 9:00 a.m. The tournament continued until 2:15 p.m., and it seemed that everyone had a wonderful time.

Congratulations to our winners: Rose and Narcisco Biagi, and Kathy and Pete Pomillia. Each winner received a bottle of fine red wine. We all agreed that holding the tournament in June was a great decision. The weather was perfect and much more comfortable than August.

A special thank-you goes to everyone who helped organize and run the tournament. Events like this are only successful because of the many volunteers who contribute their time and effort. We would especially like to recognize Patsy Harrington for her hard work and dedication in helping make this year's tournament such a success.

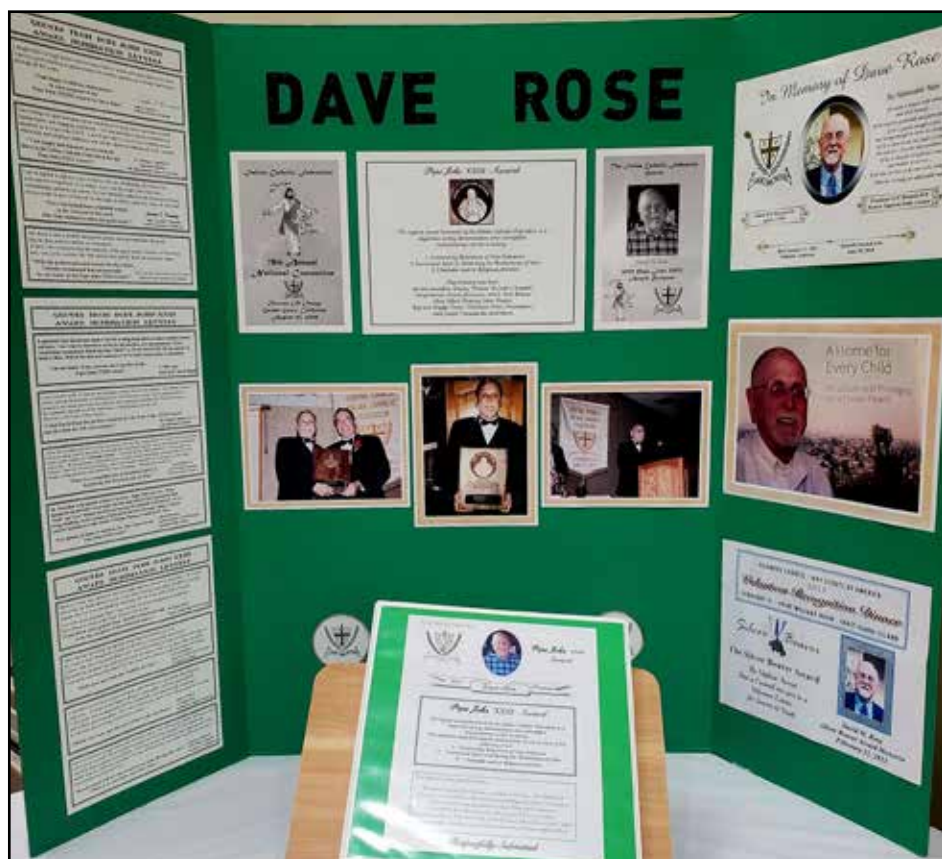
Anne-Marie Baatz (Sis), along with Art and Sally Panella, will be attending the ICF Convention in Reno, Nevada, over Labor Day weekend. We are looking forward to the convention, seeing old friends, and enjoying the festivities. Some of us may even play a little Pai Gow! At our June dinner meeting, we will also be awarding scholarships to two deserving students.

That's all for now. We hope you are all having a blessed and fun summer.

*Ciao,
Sally Panella*



EAST BAY DISTRICT



Tribute to Dave Rose at Br. 10 100th Anniversary



Grand President Franklyn Lopes, Jr. reaches out to the future leaders.



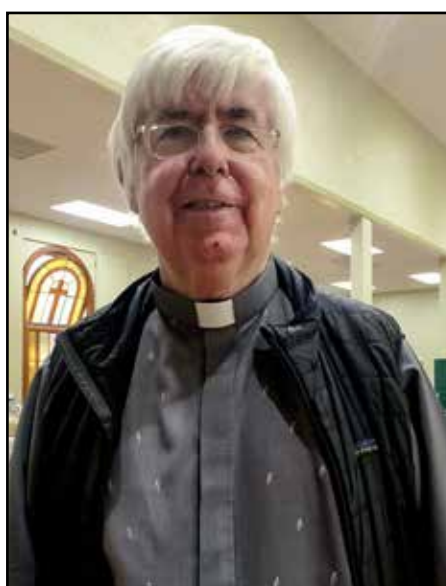
Father Joseph Pathiyil Chaplain at Branch 10 St. Phillip Neri, Alameda appreciates the ICF support to the Parish.



President Jim Lee along with CC members as Grand President Franklyn Lopes, Jr. welcomes all at the 100th Anniversary Celebration.



Branch 10's 100th Anniversary



East Bay District, Father Chris Bennett at Branch 10's 100th Anniversary



CC member Leonard Rossi reports the history of Branch 10.

The Painted Turtle Camp A Special Place for Children with Rare Diseases Including Thalassemia

By Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS



The Painted Turtle Camp (TPT), located in Lake Hughes, California (north of Los Angeles), and founded by the late actor and philanthropist Paul Newman, provides an authentic camp experience for children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses, ages 6 to 17, including thalassemia. The Painted Turtle supports children's medical needs, inspires them to reach beyond their illnesses, and provides care, education, and respite for their families. All campers and families attend completely free of charge.

At The Painted Turtle, campers can enjoy childhood through a fun, safe, and empowering experience. It instills in them the skills, confidence, and knowledge about their own medical care that are needed to increase their chances for more positive medical and daily outcomes. Because time spent receiving medical treatment can lead to frequent absences from school and missed opportunities to interact with peers, developing strong social support can be especially challenging for children with serious illness. At camp, children are surrounded by others with similar diagnoses who understand the challenges they face. This results in a strong sense of belonging that transcends their time spent at camp. All activities are universally accessible to campers with disabilities and include archery, arts and crafts, boating, fishing, woodshop, an equestrian program, music, stage night, a ropes course, swimming, and more.

Weeklong summer sessions are designed to meet the specific medical needs of a particular set of diagnoses. Campers stay in cabins and participate in traditional camp activities under personalized medical and psychosocial supervision. Family weekends provide campers and their families with diversion, connection to a like-minded community, and respite from daily medical challenges. The first family weekend for thalassemia was held in April 2025 and was life-changing for the 13 families who are affected by thalassemia. Laughter and fun were abundant as bonds were created that will last a lifetime. The second Thalassemia Family Camp will be held October 9-11, 2026. If you would like to assist with getting children to and from camp transportation sponsorships are needed. Once a camper is on site everything is free and paid for by TPT.

Please visit www.thepaintedturtle.org to learn more about camp or to sign up to volunteer.

2026 - 2027 Season

Sept 27, October 3 & 4, 2026

The Barber of Seville

Rossini

Nov 29, Dec 5 & 6, 2026

Amahl & the Night Visitors

Menotti

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Mozart

Nov 21, 2026

The Consul

Menotti

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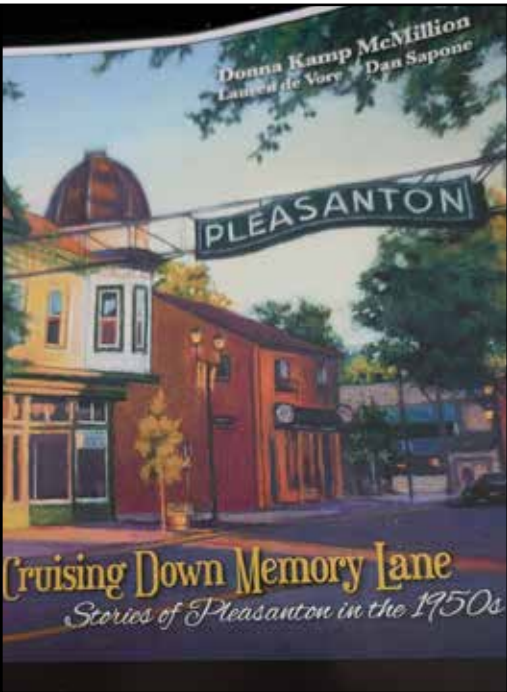
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"When I sing, I don't just want the audience to hear the music. I want them to feel the sweat, the blood, and the passion that goes into every note."
- Plácido Domingo

EAST BAY DISTRICT (continued)



East Bay District Monthly Meeting- Memorial Day 2026



Branch #285 heard a great presentation by the author of this book which includes stories about various Italian families in Pleasanton, including the family of our very own Carolyn Cardinalli!



Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace 8th Grade Scholarship Winner, David Edgerson

2026 First Year Scholarship Winners

Name	In Memory of	In Honor of	Branch/District/Individual
Sierra Colleen Pope	Deceased Members of Br. 26	Living Members of Br. 26	Central Coast District
Ariana Sanfelice			Br. 21
Joseph Viarengo			Br. 26
Lorenzo Lorca			Br. 36
Liam Rawson			Br. 51
Makenzie Gollihar	Alice Ponza		Br. 227
Samuel Lopez			Br. 227
Liliana Luera			Br. 354
John Cardinalli			Contra Costa District
Anthony Klapperich			Br. 13
Danielle Payant David Botta	Sheila A. Grilli	David Botta	Br. 14
Hannah Petersen			Br. 14
Wyatt D’Amato			Br. 214
Samantha Ferguson			Br. 352
Charles Hill			Br. 352
Emily Celli			Br. 432
Olivo Paul Nuti			Br. 442
Jonathan Cannon			East Bay District
Kevin Tippit			Br. 10
Ashley Henderson			Br. 215
Jenna Moreno			Br. 215
Cashel Hagerty			Br. 285
Lucia Sangiorgio			Br. 285
Nathanael G. Resong			Br. 343
Phoenix Ryan			Fresno District
Isabella Arlene DeVincentis			Br. 39
Vianney Martinez Luna			Br. 39
Michael Pires			Br. 54
Jacob Taylor			Br. 250
Addison Roberts			Br. 281
Madeleine Menz			Br. 308
Jordyn Dutto			Scholarship Fund
Elisabeth Santoro Hoffman	Angelina Publico		Los Angeles Archdiocese District
Massimo Sorce			Br. 108
Natalie Carter			Br. 111
Jack Spray			Br. 115
John Roa			Br. 115
Siena Kellerman			Br. 237
Lorenzo Bulgarini			Br. 362
Maria Nadsady			Br. 374
Isabella Fyfe			Br. 444
Noah James Bouchard			Br. 447
			Br. 380
Gianna Garbarino			Marin Area
			Br. 332
Dominic Bruno			Orange District
Emma Dierking			Br. 379
			Br. 406
Matthew Michael Telliano	Msgr. Virgil Gabrielli		Reno Area
Madeline Lucas			Br. 135
Matthew Ielati			Blessed Sacrament District
Olivia Cataldo			Br. 45
Quinn Butler			Br. 73
Kiera McManus			Br. 342
Madeline Southworth			Br. 342
Grace Thomsen			Br. 342
Jackson Kulevich			San Bernardino District
Benjamin Vincent Jordan			Br. 210
Ethan Julian Tedesco		Officers and Members of Br. 446	Br. 217
Dominic Yerkes			Br. 446
			Scholarship Fund
Chris Shull			San Diego District
Luke Norin			Br. 229
			Br. 449
Sean Passalacqua	Nerina DiBella		San Mateo District
Madison Ketcham			Br. 173
Sophia J. Flores			Br. 213
Veronica Panina			Br. 351
Anna Gordon			Br. 403
James Alexander Friebe, V	Papa Joe Marsalli Shirley Silva Rosie Mammini		Santa Clara Valley District
Jason Tobias Lucero			Br. 28
Lawrence O’Brien			Br. 28
Andrew Richard Buonomo			Br. 184
Ethan Jonah Steele-Gordon			Br. 191
Sara Maitland Zazueta-Charles			Br. 368
			Br. 391

2026 First Year Scholarship Winners

Name	In Memory of	In Honor of	Branch/District/Individual
Dylan Chauvin			Br. 408
Allison Giulia Gallego			Br. 435
Juan Pablo Palma			Br. 445
			Santa Rosa District
Paolo Maraviglia			Br. 52
Travis Ward			Br. 52
Leo Antonio Spampanato			Br. 103 (Closing Donation)
Nolan Sefcik			Br. 144
Aiden Alvarez	Jerry Colivas		Br. 145
Catarina Freitas	Jerry Colivas		Br. 145
Nolan Barichievich	Joseph, Irene and Jerre Paolini		Br. 198
Morgan Cameron	Richard Carrera		Br. 198
Genevieve Caruso	Norman and Roseanne Sikes		Br. 198
Benjamin Johnston	Gail Bongi Azevedo		Br. 198
Lena Kavanaugh	Wilma and Bert Royeton		Br. 198
Makenzie Matoza	Peter and Juliette Barbieri		Br. 198
Isabella Scardina	Michael Milano		Br. 198
Sophia Pellini			Br. 209
Lauren Alegre			Stockton District
Armando Martin			Br. 390
Zachary Sanguinetti			Br. 395
			Out of Area
Hudson Gasperson			Scholarship Fund
Kevin Jariett			Scholarship Fund
			Individuals
Angelo Carbone	Patricia Arnaudo		Victor Arnaudo - Br. 1/Br. 173
Matthew Baldino	Estelle Carney		Diana Quaresma-Bacigalupi - Br. 50
Cassandra Salvucci	David Botta		The Botta Family - Br. 14
Joshua Igualdo	Donald DeTomasi		Louise DeTomasi - Br. 14
Sasha Carmichael	James Dooley		The Dooley Family - Br. 14
Samantha Finch	Marie Grassilli		Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Nicholas Giovanni Guarino	Robert Grassilli		Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Michael Rego Cutri Moura	Anna Oliva		Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Ella Mahlke	Leo and Ila Kilcullen		Larry and Carmen Kilcullen - Br. 52
Anthony (AJ) Schuberg	John Orlando		Virginia Coe Orlando - Br. 21
Marinna Gagnon			Leonard and Karen Rossi - Br. 343
Giovanni Fontana	Nello and Cookie Rossi		Leonard and Karen Rossi - Br. 343
Carys Shannon	Robert and Theresa Dianda		Michael and Donna Santich - Br. 343
Abrianna Borelli	Frank and Helen Scesa		The Scesa Family - Br. 54
Giulia Tarantino	Lola and Sam J. Parrinello		Jean and Bob Segale
Emma Quaroni	William and Mary Segale		Jean and Bob Segale
Lucas DiPippa	Bill and Lou Segale		Jean and Bob Segale
Francesco Nudo		Colin Cabral	The Standen Family - Br. 14
Kaila Wood	Bill Valli		The Valli Family - Br. 14

*We also gratefully acknowledge the following partial donations that made additional scholarships from the ICF Scholarship Fund possible:

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"A scholarship is not just financial support; it is a profound vote of confidence in your potential. It says to a young person: 'We believe in your future, we believe in your intellect, and we are willing to invest in your dreams.'"

— Michelle Obama

Brentwood

Br. 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary

As I write my article for submission on June 10th I am grateful to our USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) for choosing to consecrate the USA to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart on June 11 and I pray, especially with our country's 250th Anniversary this July 4, Our Lord help us to be more united than divided, more grateful for our freedom and liberty we enjoy because of all the brave men and women who made the choice and sacrifice to keep us the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave." May God bless us for another 250 years!

Our Hawaiian Luau fundraiser on May 16 was wonderful. We had a full house, great food provided by Ralph's Catering, fantastic Hawaiian music provided by Mele Ohana Brentwood Senior Citizens Club and some special dancers too. The lovely decorations lent a tropical vibe to the room and the cocktails were flowing - so much so that by end of the night everyone was up and dancing. All in all a very special night. Thank you to everyone who gave their time and talent in any way.

There was no meeting in May due to Memorial Day holiday, and our June 29 meeting was too late to report on any business in this July issue. Our Scholarship dinner will take place on July 27 so info and photos will appear in the September issue.

Get your tickets and keep promoting our September Car Show and Pasta Feed.

Ciao for now! AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!
Mary M.

Pleasant Hill

Br. 442, Christ the King

Our May meeting had a graduation theme with pizza, and cake! And our guests of honor were two of our three scholarship recipients. Olivo Nuti who received the ICF College scholarship and Augie Della Maggiore who received our Branch High School scholarship. It was such a pleasure meeting them and their families and hearing their stories. Our third recipient, Silvia Julien, was unable to join us. Thank you to our Branch Scholarship Chair, Desiree Ramos, and the committee members for overseeing the application and selection process. We know it was difficult to select only two from the ten applications received. Thank you so much to all the young people who applied for the different ICF scholarships. We wish them all the best in their continued education. Sempre Avanti!

Summer is upon us!

Looking forward to July starting with our meeting on Thursday the 16th, Pancake Breakfast on the 19th, and the Italian Heritage Day with the Giants on

July 28th. Also, be on the look-out for details about our upcoming Ladies Tea.

Happy 250th Birthday to us, United States of America! Celebrating with our best red, white and blue. Everyone have a happy and safe 4th of July.

Until next time,
Ann Consul and Eileen McGauran

BLESSED SACRAMENT District

Sacramento

Br. 45, St. Mary

Our May Chicken & Polenta dinner and Bingo was a fun night for all. Congrats to Table 1 Pasquinelli party who were the big winners with three+ raffle prizes and two bingo games! We will take a break from the heat during June-August, returning in September with our Chicken & Polenta dinner. Look for more info in the August/September *Bollettino*.

Welcome new member, Florinda Fantasia to the Branch. Florinda has been a constant supporter of our Branch activities and we are glad to have her as a member. Thanks for joining!

CONGRATULATIONS to our Scholarship recipients for 2026:

ALEXIS ROMO and SOPHIA KHAN for the Branch 8th Grade Scholarships at St Mary's School. Both students will be attending Christian Brothers High School and were outstanding students at St. Mary's School.

MATTHEW IELATI for the 1st Year College Scholarship who attended Jesuit High School. Matthew will be attending the University of Utah in the field of Geography.

MADELINE LUCAS for the 1st Year College Scholarship from the Blessed Sacrament District. Maddie attended St. Francis High School and will be attending Chapman College in the field of Sports Broadcasting.

Our prayers and condolences to branch member Laura Degano and family for the passing of her mother Eileen Degano, age 87 and to the family of our Branch Past-President Richard John Paul Roberts who passed away on May 28th at age 79. May they Rest In Peace.

Ciao, Janine

Auburn

Br. 342, St. Joseph

Branch 342 will be hosting Hospitality Sunday at St. Teresa's Church during the month of August. We will begin the month by providing drinks and breakfast items after the 8:30 and 10:30 masses on August 2nd. We are asking

members to donate breakfast pastries, donuts, baked goods and fruit that will be served after the masses. The calling committee will be contacting you to see if you can donate and/or serve on that day. We will also be serving donuts and coffee after the masses on the remaining Sundays of the month. We will need volunteers to pick up donuts and help serve on those Sundays. We hope you can help out.

Save the date! Since we had so much fun in April, we will once again be having bingo on October 10th at the Canyon View Community Center. Details are being worked out and we will send out more information as soon as things are finalized. We hope you can join us.

Ciao!
Pam Andersen

Roseville

Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi

At our May meeting we celebrated Cinco De Mayo day by presenting several delicious international dishes from different cultures. A big thank you to the many members who contributed to the International Dinner. Sr. Adriana and Sr. Julieta from Holy Family Church in Citrus Heights were our guest speakers of the evening. They both gave a very inspirational talk, which was enjoyed by many members.

July Upcoming Events; The Sacramento District is planning to have a fun day with a Fundraiser for the Seminarians by presenting a day of Bingo on Saturday July 18th from 11:30 AM until 3:00 PM at the Saint Clare Church, Morris Center. The District Branches will be serving lunch. The price is \$30.00 per person, which includes one Bingo Card - includes 10 games, two free raffle tickets and one delicious lunch.

July 15th is the Gathering Inn Dinner. We will need a small committee to organize the dinner.

Please Remember our ill Members in your prayers. Have a safe and enjoyable July 4th.

Your Reporter,
Yvonne Anthony

Lincoln

Br. 450, St. Joseph

Ciao amici!

L'estate è arrivata! "Summer is here" in the Sacramento Valley, and Branch 450 is ready for fun summertime fundraisers. Join us for our first-ever Bingo on Saturday, August 1, from 12:30-4:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Parish Family Center. Tickets are \$30 and include 10 bingo games, lunch, and 2 raffle tickets. Please make reservations no later than July 27 by calling Nina (916) 759-3607 or Janet (925) 548-6624.

At our May meeting, we celebrated a Corporate Communion Mass and en

joyed a delicious breakfast prepared by Chef Herb. In honor of Pentecost and the Month of Mary, we also reflected on our Blessed Mother and her relationship with the Holy Spirit. We hope everyone enjoyed this special gathering.

Scheduling Reminder: Our July 26 meeting will also begin at 11:30 a.m. following the 10:00 a.m. ICF Corporate Communion Mass. We look forward to gathering earlier and sharing another wonderful meal together.

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated our first anniversary—a wonderful milestone for our branch. Over the past year, we have shared meals, held successful fundraisers, and begun meaningful parish traditions. We hope the anniversary dinner becomes an annual event.

Stay tuned for more events, including another Leatherby's Ice Cream fundraiser and our 1st Annual Fall/Holiday Arts & Crafts Festival on October 24.

Arrivederci! Janet Vicencio

SANTA ROSA District

Healdsburg

Br. 52, San Francesco Di Sales

Our Mother's and Father's Day Dinner in May was a lot of fun! Richard Passalacqua cooked an excellent trip-tip and pasta dinner. The dessert potluck was wonderful with lots of homemade, yummy desserts! We also honored our 1st year college scholarship winners and our 6th grade Heritage Essay winners.

Upcoming Events:

ICF Meeting: Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

ICF Convention: September 4-6 at the Silver Legacy Resort in Reno.

Potluck Dinner: Tuesday, September 15. Bring your favorite dish to share with other members and guests. This is always a fun event with delicious food. We have wonderful cooks in our branch. At 6:00 p.m. we will have a short meeting with reports from our Convention delegates followed by the potluck.

November 7: Mark your calendars! We are switching things up and changing our Polenta Dinner to a Ravioli Dinner. Richard will still be cooking his almost famous sauce for the raviolis. More details in the next few months.

Congratulations to our Convention delegates: Monika Besancon, Ken Spadoni, Richard Passalacqua and Bob Besancon. We know they will represent our branch well!

Happy 250th Birthday to the USA!
Lauren

Arcata
Br. 144, St. Mary

Santa Rosa
Br. 198, St. Eugene

FRESNO
District

Los Banos
Br. 31, Santa Lucia

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of Pete Stagnoli, (photo), who joined our branch in March of 1989. He was a gifted carpenter, cook, and winemaker. His talents as a carpenter are quite evident in our beautiful St. Mary's Catholic Church in Arcata, California, which was dedicated on September 8, 1996. His talent as head cook for the Chicken and Polenta dinners was enjoyed far and wide.

I have been blessed to have a few bottles of his limoncello and orange grappa that he has gifted me over the years. I have been to Sorrento but his was even better!

For Father's Day we handed out prayer cards for all fathers.

Congratulations again to our two members, Nolan Sefcik ('25), who was awarded our first year scholarship at the Pentecost Mass, (photos), and Aiden Alvarez ('25), who was awarded branch #145's scholarship.

For our July meeting we will be having our summer garden party at Jim and Ruth Monge's ('08) out in sunny Fieldbrook area on Sunday, July 19 from 1-4 p.m.

Our branch will continue, through the summer, to host the second Sunday Social/Coffee hours after the weekend Masses at St. Mary's.

Happy 250th Birthday America!
Anne Carlisle Eanni
Secretary

Eureka
Br. 145, St. Ambrose

The Eureka branch of the Italian Catholic Federation had a lively and fun pizza potluck dinner meeting to honor our three Colivas Scholarship recipients on June 9th.

Aiden Alvarez of Arcata, Catarina Freitas of Eureka, and Madalynn Hardin of Eureka and their families were on hand to be introduced to the members and receive their commemorative certificates.

The pizza, refreshments, cake, and cookies added to the festivities.

Members of Jerry Colivas's family (his daughters Karen and Chris) were in attendance also.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our October

Colivas scholarship fundraiser a success. It is a lot of work but the scholarships that result from the fundraiser are what provides this crucial academic support. (The 2026 Colivas pasta dinner will be held on October 10th, 2026.)

Our next business meeting will be on July 14th at 1:30 p.m.

We will have some business matters to discuss and an interesting heritage program.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With our June potluck behind us we look forward to our July celebrations. With the nation having a major milestone of 250 years we have our own celebration on Monday, July 6. Along with our meeting we will enjoy Hot Dogs, Apple Pie and Ice Cream, followed by Bingo. Plan to attend this Red, White and Blue spectacular.

The Italian Catholic Federation was 102 years old in June and even today we follow its core values: We

I. Practice our Catholic Faith

II. Value our Heritage

III. Support our Community

And IV. Enjoy the fellowship of our meetings. I hope every branch continues these principles.

Our monthly Mass schedules are: July 5, 9:00 a.m.; August 30, 5:30 p.m. and September 8, 8:00 a.m. Try to attend at least one and remember our deceased members.

A Happy Fourth of July to all! Robert Acquistapace

Sebastopol
Br. 209, St. Michael

Greetings from Branch #209!

Our May General Meeting honored our 2026 scholarship award recipients and their families. We had six upcoming high school graduates accepting \$600 scholarships.

Their names are: Adolfo Sanchez Contreras, Carlee Maddocks, Jareth Basaldua, Jody Marley, Luciano Tantarelli and Sophia Pellini. We had a ceremony introducing the recipients and their families and learned a little about each one's high school accomplishments, along with their future plans. We had a wonderful lasagna dinner, finished off with a delicious cake.

We also honored one of our very own members, Jesus Martinez-Diaz, who was home visiting during his first year in the Seminary. He and his family also joined us for dinner. Jesus got up and spoke during our meeting and told us about his first year in the Seminary. He spoke of how he has found his true calling. It was very moving, and we are extremely proud of him.

Our June General Meeting was a "Build your own Burrito" Mexican Fiesta honoring Father's Day! It was delicious and the margaritas were too.

We will be taking the month of July off, but will check back in August. Our members Tami and John Marion will be representing Branch #209 at the upcoming Convention and we can't wait to hear all about that!

Happy Summer!!!

Yvonne Dorr, Recording Secretary
Branch #209

Hope this finds you all doing well. Like many other places, June was graduation here in Los Banos. Our club awarded 4 scholarships this year and I would like to recognize our recipients. Congratulations to the Los Banos High recipients: Dylan Brandi and Sophia Van Loben Sels; and the Pacheco High recipients: Brilyn Iudice and Aidan Pikas. We wish them and the class of 2026 the best of luck with their future goals!

Our next meeting is our annual summer gathering. It will be held on August 8th at Rick and Terri's home. If you're attending and haven't done so yet, please RSVP as soon as possible. Hope to see you all there.

Have a great summer and God bless!!
Ciao,
Giona Boffa

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

Hello, from the heart of the Central Valley of California and the food basket of the nation!

Belated June birthday greetings to Mary Fontes and Rosendo Perez! Happy Birthday to July celebrants, Madeline Conatser, Marge Innocenti, and LeAnne Lavagnino. Also, a big congrats to LeAnne and Angelo Lavagnino who celebrate their 67th anniversary on July 5th. Angelo still contends that LeAnne proposed to him.

Little known Pope's department: Pope Formosus (the 111th Pope) 891-896; intelligent, honest and personally beyond reproach, he nevertheless acquired many enemies who would eventually inflict on him the most degrading and macabre of indignities.

Our June picnic was very well attended with members and numerous guests enjoying burgers, hot dogs and a variety of side dishes. Entertainment included an Italian version of bingo, introduced and conducted by Melissa Squeo. Rich and Mary Zonarini did their usual fine job of organizing the event.

Philosopher Angelino says; "L'Amore Non E Bello Se Non E Stuzzicarello - "Love Is Not Beautiful, If It's Not Teasing".

Our annual fundraiser takes place August 30 at Cool Hand Luke's Restaurant. This is our main fundraiser with proceeds supporting many non-profit groups. See Rich Zonarini for tickets, and sell, sell, sell!

We close this column with saddened hearts with the news of the passing of Barbara Eaton, mother of member, Jennifer Campopiano. Barbara is now in the embrace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Graveside services were held June 9.

Thought for the month:

"Summer flowers will vanish from the garden;

Autumn leaves will fall, blown by the wind,

Winter's cold will come and may seem endless...

But the springtime of the soul will never end"

Ciao,
Angelo Lavagnino

CENTRAL COAST
District Council

Thank you , Central Coast District for selecting your delegates for our 2026 ICF Convention in Reno.

Thank you , Roseann Costabile from Br. 21/Mentor for Br. 36 and Dante Galeazzi, Grand Trustee for conducting initiation of new members of Br. 36.

Central Coast District will have our Bishop's Day on Saturday, August 22, 2026. Please save this date. We are very honored to have Most Reverend Bishop Ramon Bejarano of the Dioceses of Monterey attending our Bishop's Day. Mass: 4:00 p.m. San Carlos Cathedral followed by Italian sausage with onions/peppers, pasta with tomato sauce, garlic bread and dessert. Hosted by Br. 36 Monterey. Dinner will be served at San Carlos Parish Hall. Seminarian donation will be presented to the Dioceses of Monterey. More information will follow.

Save the date

Initiation Br. 36 Monterey

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Valentine, President
Central Coast District



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

Greetings, and Happy Independence Day to all. June was a month of meaningful celebrations and milestones as we began our 97th anniversary year. We welcomed new members, Tim Hutchinson, Judy Hutchinson and Jeanne Rodriguez.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Sr. Noella McLeod for 47 years of devoted service to the Santa Cruz community. She supported countless families at Dominican Hospital by helping deliver babies and comforting new mothers. Her love of music and singing also brought comfort and joy during many moments of grief and celebration at Holy Cross. We celebrated her retirement over several days with shared meals and an ice cream social before she departed for Michigan to be closer to family and the motherhouse of the Adrian Dominican Sisters. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered in our prayers.

President Vicky Howell will represent Branch 21 as a delegate at the ICF convention in Reno this September. If you would still like to attend, there is still time to join the fun, be sure to make your hotel reservations at the Silver Legacy soon.

There will be no meetings in July, so we hope you enjoy the summer and take time to celebrate our wonderful country and the beautiful place we call home. Please keep in your prayers those members we may not see often.

*God bless America and the land of our ancestors,
Roseann Costabile*

Monterey**Br. 36, Santa Rosalia**

Hope everyone is having a great relaxing summer with your family and friends.

May 23, 2026: Initiation/ Scholarship Awards night. We officially welcomed and initiated 24 of our new members. We also recognized Liz Spadaro for signing up over 100 new members in the past six months! Congratulations to the 6 outstanding students who each received \$1400 Branch 36 scholarship awards: Samuel Clarke, Hudson Gasperson, Makenzie Gollihar, Sierra Pope, Liam Rawson, and Davey Rodriguez. Also, congratulations to Lorenzo Lorca and Sierra Pope for receiving \$500 1st year scholarship awards from ICF Central Council. All enjoyed roasted pork dinner, with mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Mary-Anne Lorca was the \$75 attendance drawing winner.

June 25, 2026: Branch 36 celebrating our 95th Anniversary with a champagne toast and a special blessing from Bishop Ramon Bejarano. All enjoyed a chicken cacciatore dinner served with salad, pasta, garlic bread, and dessert.

July 23, 2023: Monthly Dinner Meeting with a Western Theme / BBQ dinner menu. Don't forget to wear your cowboy hat and boots!

Saturday August 22, 2026: Central Coast Bishop's Day, Hosted by our branch begins with 4pm Mass at San Carlos Cathedral. 5pm dinner follows (Italian sausage with onions/peppers, pasta with tomato sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert). We'll support and honor our Seminarians with the annual seminary bursary donation to Bishop Ramon.

"Faith lifts the soul. Hope supports it. Experience says it must. And Love says let it be." - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

*Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Valentine, Co-President
Br 36- Monterey*

Castroville**Br. 51, Santa Caterina de Siena**

The members of Italian Catholic Federation Branch #51 Castroville continue to support education, faith, fellowship, and service within our community. At our May meeting, we were honored to welcome scholarship recipient Liam Rawson of Monterey High School. Liam shared his educational goals and thanked the Branch for its support through the Italian Catholic Federation Scholarship Program. He plans to attend California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) this fall, where he will pursue a degree in Kinesiology. Our members enjoyed hearing about his future plans and were impressed by his dedication to both academics and personal growth. We extend our congratulations to Liam and wish him every success as he begins this exciting new chapter in his life.

As we look ahead to the summer, Branch #51 is busy preparing for our annual Sausage Sandwich Lunch Fundraiser, which will take place on Thursday, August 27, 2026. This popular event not only brings our community together but also helps support an important cause. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit Relay for Life Salinas, helping to fund cancer research, patient support programs, advocacy efforts, and life-saving services provided through the American Cancer Society.

We encourage our members, families, friends, and community supporters to join us by purchasing tickets and helping spread the word about this worthwhile event. Through your generosity and participation, we can continue making a positive impact in the lives of those affected by cancer.

*"L'unione fa la forza."
("Unity creates strength.")
Sincerely, Kevin Cortopassi*

**Aptos****Br. 227, St. Joseph**

The date and location of the Annual Barbecue have been changed since last month's *Bollettino* message. It is Sunday, July 19, at the Forty Thieves Park. The menu will be hamburgers, Italian sausage, beans, watermelon and cookies. The price is \$20 per person and \$5.00 for children under 12. In order to accommodate persons attending a late morning mass, the social hour will start at 12 noon instead of 11:00 a.m. and the meal will be served at 1:00 p.m. Reservations are due by July 16. We need raffle prizes. Lastly, remember to bring your tableware. This is always a fun event for members and their guests.

It's not too late to buy your raffle tickets for the Annual Convention in Reno. Dottie Smith will be happy to take your money.

Please continue to pray for Heidi Ambeil's son, Greg, who is in an induced coma at Dominican Hospital.

Happy 250th Birthday to the USA. As our country crosses the historic threshold of its 250th birthday, it is worth pausing in gratitude to Almighty God.

For those of you traveling this summer, best wishes for a safe and enjoyable trip.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande**Br. 291, St. Patrick**

God Bless America! As we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our country, we pray everyone enjoys a fun and safe 4th of July weekend with family and friends!

Branch 291 has been planning for summer activities with the refurbishing of the bocce ball court on our church grounds. Our 1st V.P., Annie Orlando, is working with our youth group to get the court ready for some future bocce ball tournaments!

There's still time to purchase Convention Raffle tickets at our July meeting. We'll also be collecting new or gently used books for the Convention Donation Project "Spread the Word Nevada" at our July and August meetings, so please help support this important project.

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

*Happy 4th of July and God Bless America!
Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary*

Paso Robles**Br. 354, Saint Rose of Lima**

Branch 354 is proud to report that through their Registration Assistance Program the following Saint Rose Eighth Grade graduates were each awarded \$500 scholarships:

Mary Andros Will be continuing her education at Paso Robles High School.

Nathan Flores Will be continuing his education at Mission College Prep.

Anna Ferrara Will be continuing her education at Templeton High School.

Leonardo Torres Will be continuing his education at Mission College Prep.

CONGRATULATIONS to these deserving students as they enter high school!

The California Mid State Fair will be open July 15 through July 26. During this time Branch 354 members will be available to park cars for fairgoers in the parking lot next to McDonald's (exit to McDonald's—follow the signs to the back parking lot). For the convenience of those FFA, Independent, and 4H participants with animals, the lot will be open from 6:00 am – 8:00 pm. All proceeds are designated for Branch 354's Registration Assistance Program, which provides scholarships to deserving Saint Rose and Mission College Prep students. Last year, thanks to our hardworking volunteers, our "car parking program" yielded \$15,400 to support Catholic education.

Please mark your calendars: Our next meeting will be July 10th.

*Yvonne Maddalena
Recording Secretary*

**DEADLINE**

**August 1st for
the August/
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Send your
articles
& photos:
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SAN MATEO DISTRICT



Branch 130, The Pasta Sauce A-Team



Branch 130, Servers and Ticket Sellers



Branch 130, Sample Servers



Branch 130, Pasta Booth



Pictured in center: Scholarship recipient Madison Ketcham, mother Michelle Ketcham and Grandmother Jackie Smith along with members of Branch 213.

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT



ICF 111 - ICF May Mass



ICF 111 - Happy Birthday to Salvatore, Vincenzo, Filomena & Carmelita



Br. 237, This year's scholarship awardees: Violet Jacob's, Natalie Acosta, Raquel Arteaga , and the service awards for the altar servers.



ICF 111 - Happy Birthday to Henry & Emma



Br. 237, Pictured are ICF members Rose Moore and Connie Bohannon with altar server service awardee and class president, Keilah Grey.



ICF 111 - Mass and Lunch



On June 10, 2026 ICF Branch 108 Annual BBQ hosted at the home of the Sabatella Family. On June 5, 2026, ICF Trustee Jackie Ficht presented one \$400 ICF Frank Bratta Scholarship each to 8th Graders Allison Schlafer for Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy and Benjamin Gibson for Loyola High School.

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



Los Angeles Archdiocese District at Children's Hospital Los Angeles - Gene Therapy Discussion and Picnic Event



LAA District - ICF Ad in Angelus Magazine



LAA District June Meeting



Los Angeles Archdiocese District at Children's Hospital Los Angeles Event



Branch 444, Carol Piccarillo & Guest



Branch 444, Bruno & Betty Vieri



Branch 444, Dolly Cincotta & Guest



Branch 444, Cristina Baldemor & Hany Francis

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT



Br. 445 Buffet Line - Members in Buffet Line



Br. 445 Shared Mothers and May Flowers



Br. 445 May Birthdays: Robert Sevilla, Maria Loiacono, Barbara Howell and Jim Canger



Br. 445 Buffet Line - Convention Delegate Cindy Fuentes-Sevilla (Left)



Branch 47 members celebrate mass together, followed by donuts and coffee.



Br. 435, June 2026 Dinner



Br. 435, June 2026 Thank You Father.



Br. 435, June 2026 Gift Leftovers

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 28, Debbie Piro attended our meeting.



Br. 28, Our talented cooking crew!



Br. 28, James Friebel V. from Gilroy High School earned the ICF scholarship for his studies at Fresno State.



Br. 28, Janice DeCosta gives excellent heritage reports! Thank you!



Br. 368, Bishop Ligot blessed the Labyrinth and all involved building it.



Br. 445 Members gather Cookie Sale Orders.



Br. 368, Bishop Ligot's dinner. Lf to Rt Mary and Mike Clark, Carol and Jim Provenzano, Tom and Kathy Myers, Roger and Carol Bennett



Br. 368, Robin Hayr and Fr. George attend Bishop Andres Ligot's welcome luncheon.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 191, May Crowning - Jim Jones, Julie Midwin and Barbara Avery



Br. 191, Pasta Sauce cooks - Bob Basuino, Debbie Piro, Tony Spagnola and George Midwin



Br. 184, At our June meeting, Germaine Antonowicz gave her Heritage Report on the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. Shown here are Fr. Greg Kimm, Germaine, Denise Antonowicz, and the backs of Arlene Bertellotti and Janice LaMotte.

FRESNO DISTRICT



Branch 250



Branch 250

SAN DIEGO DISTRICT



Members of the Central Council traveled to San Diego to install the newly elected Officers for the San Diego District.



San Diego Installation Ceremony and Dinner provided a wonderful opportunity for local members to meet visiting members of the Central Council Board.



Grand President Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

"New members are the lifeblood of any vibrant community. They bring a rush of fresh energy, boundless curiosity, and a contagious enthusiasm that reminds the rest of us why we fell in love with what we do in the first place!"
— Unknown



Br. 449, Congratulations to Gracey and Alex Palomar, who will be welcoming the newest ICF member this December! They shared their exciting pregnancy news at our June meeting, much to the delight of our members. We are thrilled for their growing family and look forward to meeting their newest addition later this year.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY District Council

The Santa Clara Valley District May meeting was held at Santa Teresa parish hall and hosted by Branch 47 San Giorgio in Mountain View.

I will repeat the list of upcoming district activities so all members don't miss the chance to attend these wonderful events.

Make your reservation now for the district BBQ picnic which 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 am, BBQ lunch at about 12:00 noon. Menu includes: BBQ chicken, green salad, macaroni salad, beans, garlic bread, BYOB, water available, ticket price \$25 adult/\$10 child. There will be a raffle and dessert auction. Members pay their branch and each branch send one check with a list of attendees to Kim Filice in Gilroy. Flyer is available with more info.

Please mark your calendars, as the district prepares for other 2026 events including: the ICF booth at the IAHF Festa July 25th and 26th at History Park in San Jose, ICF Convention September 4th to 6th in Reno, Oktoberfest September 26th at Teske's Germania in San Jose, and Bishop's Day October 11th at Resurrection church in Sunnyvale.

The Santa Clara Valley District wishes all ICF members and their families a happy 250th anniversary of the United States!

Michael Rossi

Gilroy Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

As with our moms, I hope that our dads had a fantastic Father's Day and that all our hearts are restored with warm memories of our dear dads who are no longer with us.

Our May dinner meeting was phenomenal! We enjoyed Breaded Pollo Involentino with a Marsala Mushroom Cream Sauce, Ricotta Gnocchi with Bolognese Sauce, Green Salad, and bread with olive oil/balsamic dipping sauce, followed by Fiato Forte for dessert. The meal was freshly prepared by our branch members: Alex Larson, chef, and assisting him were Trustee Vince Saso, John Matteucci, Elia Salinas, and Charlie Larson. An absolutely delicious meal!

A special thank you to SCVD President Debbie Piro for visiting our branch this month. We're happy to have shared this delicious meal with you.

Branch 28 members enjoyed a Saturday afternoon at Solis Winery, just west of Gilroy. The Winery has a beautiful out

door area alongside the vineyard where you can sip award-winning wines, enjoy music and a Picnic Bundle basket which included a stick of Salami, Herbed Cheese, Crackers, Kalamata Olives, and Dark Chocolates. They also had a Food Truck on site. The weather was perfect and our group is ready to do this again.

There is no dinner meeting in July. We'll see you August 17 at Old City Hall.

*Ciao for now!
Christine Filice*

Mountain View Br. 47, San Giorgio

Dear Members:

Hope all the fathers had a wonderful Father's Day celebration. Happy Summer to all.

We are in the final stages of planning for our upcoming 90th Anniversary celebration and hope that all the members have marked August 1 on their calendars to attend this momentous occasion. The team has worked hard to make this the best celebration ever.

If you are planning to travel, please take extra time and extra care to arrive safely at your destination. May God watch over and keep you safe.

Happy Independence Day and Happy 250th Birthday America.

Please remember to pray for all our sick members and especially Phyllis Lynch and Kenny Floyd.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Canata*

St. Mary Br. 184, Los Gatos

At our May 11 meeting, President Denise Antonowicz gave her Heritage Report on Our Lady of Fatima, Feast Day being May 13. She passed out beautiful laminated prayer cards, as she explained how Our Lady first appeared on May 13, 1917, in Portugal, to Lucia and cousins Francisco and Jacinta. On Oct. 13, 1917, after regular meetings with the Blessed Mother, they saw the "Miracle of the Sun", witnessed by a crowd said to be between 30,000 to 100,000 people! These Heritage Reports are always so interesting and versatile!

We were saddened to learn that two of our members, Sheryl Pelzel and Mark Sorich, have passed. May their souls rest in peace.

Save the date of October 24 for our Polenta Chicken Cacciatore dinner. Details to follow.

On Saturday July 25 at 4 P.M. we are hosting a Branch Bocce Party/Potluck at St. Frances Cabrini Courts. We will provide the meat entree and members/guests are asked to bring side dishes or desserts. Please call Marie Yurosko

(669-351-3808) or Arlene Bertellotti (408-799-1119) to RSVP, so they will know how much to order.

Arlene Bertellotti and Germaine Antonowicz have been chosen to be delegates to the Convention in September. Please remember to send your check and ticket stubs, for the Convention Raffle, to Donna Pfaff, 1525 Casa De Ponselle, San Jose, Ca. 95118. The first prize is \$2500!

We were proud to hear that a scholarship was presented to Lawrence O'Brien, a student at Sacred Heart School, and he is the grandson of our member Virginia Giacomini. Good wishes to Lawrence!

Finally, our Country is celebrating its 250th Birthday. Let us celebrate with Pride and Prayer.

Ciao for now, Lucy Amico

San Jose Br. 191, Saint Frances Cabrini

As we begin our warm summer months, we have successfully finished our Pasta Fundraiser for this year. It was very successful for our branch. We look forward to next year's Pasta event being even better. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Branch #191 is looking forward to holding a Sausage and Peppers Sandwich Fundraiser with chips and watermelon in July or August. We are hoping this will bring many families out to enjoy a fun time together and learn a little about ICF. Watch for further information to be included in the next month or so.

Our delegates have been elected to attend the Annual ICF Convention at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino in Reno, Nevada. We are looking forward to hearing from our delegates as to the activities being planned as well as the workshops and fun activities they participated in.

If you are looking for a great way to celebrate your Italian Heritage, please join us on July 25 & 26, 2026, at the Italian-American Heritage Foundation. This is always a fun day with a lot of good food, music, booths with items to be sold and wonderful comradery.

*Enjoy these warm sunny days ahead.
Sharon D. Logan*

San Jose Br 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

Take a moment to pray for our sick members, John Gallio, Ron Sanchez, and Ron Morton. Remember, if you need funds for a project, you must complete a form and have it approved by the board. Our treasurer Tina Souza-Dutra is trying her best to keep up with Br.368's financial issues. Please tell Tina thank you. To help Tina and Br.368, Zack Schroeder proposed

that \$400 should be used to provide our treasurer with a laptop computer to make the job easier, accurate and timely. Those present voted positive for the proposal. Zack will follow up and purchase an IBM laptop. The convention will be September 4th, 5th and 6th in Reno Nevada. Our Delegates are Mary Ridi and Kathy Schroeder. The Church Ministry Weekend will be announced soon and we will need volunteers to help at our branch table. Other reminders AND help needed include, IAHF Fiesta at History Park July 25-26, District Picnic August 9th. HEY! Br 368 has a lot of stuff to get involved with. Jump in and stay active! We are a really good group of people to be around. And we still are looking for a person to chair our Dining for \$\$\$\$ Fundraiser. Easy project to make money for our Branch 368.

*Happy Father's Day.
May God Bless you and your families,
Tom Myers*

San Jose Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

Treasurer Doug Schenk led our June meeting and thanked everyone for participating in the delicious Rib dinner.

Fernando Zazueta accepted the scholarship award for his granddaughter, Sara Maitland Zazueta-Charles, spoke of her academic achievements at San Jose's Notre Dame High School, and thanked our branch for her award. Members will meet Sara during our July BBQ.

Louise Vento spoke of the history of Father's Day and how there are different titles for many Fathers—e.g., "Our Father," the Father of our Country. In 1936, Father's Day became a National Holiday to celebrate in appreciation of our Fathers.

Tina Rossi has sent out the Convention Raffle Tickets to all members. Please send your check for \$30 to Tina by August 1, 2026. Remember that our branch receives \$10 from each purchase.

In her monthly prayer, Orator Laura Hole presented a lovely prayer regarding the Holy Spirit, which was truly inspirational.

Doug asked members to be thinking about a fundraiser to be held in the Fall and stressed the need for someone to chair the event.

Reminder:

Branch 391 Summer Hot Dog BBQ--Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in Mary's Garden, located in front of St. Martin's; Italian American Heritage Festa--July 25-26, 2026; District BBQ Picnic--Sunday, August 9, 2026; ICF Convention in Reno, Labor Day Weekend; and Quarterly Communion--September 6 and December 6, 2026—all at 10:00 mass.

*Happy Fourth of July!!!
Janis Patellaro*

Morgan Hill **Br. 435, Santa Caterina** **D'Alessandria**

What a wonderful Cinco de Mayo dinner meeting. The dinner was prepared by Theresa and Miguel Castro who also decorated the tables with Mexican Figurines. The food was delicious! So delicious in fact that the priests took home the 4 left-over dinners! Overall, it was a wonderful way to begin an evening of fellowship.

Pastor Menchaca and Father Nguyen were both present for dinner. Father Nguyen, our sponsor, gave the opening prayer. Father Nguyen will be leaving to become Pastor at St. Clare's in Santa Clara. Father Nguyen will be missed here. Listening to his beautiful singing voice will especially be missed. We are certain he will be well liked by the new congregation and wish him a fond farewell and our prayers.

The June wedding anniversary of Toni and Giovanni Foggiano was noted.

President Guilia Gallego asked about member's "Mothers." Catherine Ellis noted her mother sang in the San Jose Light Opera, taught her Sunday mass dress, and how to ballroom dance. Guilia Gallego's mother taught her how to give back to the community. John Foggiano described how he was taught to live in the Italian tradition. Next month the focus will be "Fathers."

Retiring Branch 435 officers were recognized for their excellent contributions: Helga Brooks (Age 98) for her service as a Trustee and Frances Scalzo for serving as Sentinel and Chairperson for Heritage. Current members were asked to consider filling vacancies.

The meeting closed with a prayer led by President Guila Gallego.

San Jose **Br. 445, Transfiguration**

On June 18, 2016, the Italian Catholic Federation welcomed the opening of Branch 445 at Transfiguration Parish.

The June 2026 General Meeting will be a Catered Celebration of Branch 445's 10th Anniversary! Photos to follow in the August *Bollettino*.

On June 12th, Branch 445 will host a USA Soccer TV Viewing and Dinner Fundraiser for members and parishioners. Proceeds to go to the parish.

Our May Meeting was a tribute to Mothers and May Flowers. Members brought framed photos of their mothers, grandmothers etc. to share. Everyone enjoyed a Mexican buffet.

May meeting reports: Br. 445 has 46 members! Sack Lunch Ministry is approaching 27,000 lunches distributed (since April 2020); Second VP Janie Falcone shared an interesting heritage report "Beverage with Blessed Beginnings" (origins of Cappuccino); Member Maria Loiacono shared her heartfelt

story about her childhood in Sicily and her very special friendship with a lonely, elderly neighbor.

Br. 445 approved: two \$500 first year scholarships; one time \$250 donation to Second Harvest Food Bank; Sack Lunch Ministry will become a line item in the Branch's annual budget.

Cindy Fuentes-Sevilla was elected Br. 445's ICF Annual Convention Delegate. Bill Perry and Jim Canger are alternates.

Following mass on May 31st, Br. 445 hosted a Memorial Breakfast at Tabor Hall in honor of ICF members and family members who have passed away. Many thanks to Branch members who helped with this annual event.

Happy July Birthday wishes to members Lorraine Sellarole, Joani Yvanovich and Happy 250th Birthday to America!

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

STOCKTON **District**

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

We enjoyed a very nice Mother's Day Potluck with a lot of delicious food and our visitors.

Thanks to all our bakers and sellers who helped with the bake sale. We had a lot of baked goods to sell. We sold out in time to make it to the District Meeting in Manteca.

Due to several of our members having another event to attend we had to change the day of our monthly meeting from June 10th to Wednesday, June 17th. There are several things that have to be decided for the convention.

The Bishop's Burse will be July 25, 2026 at Presentation Church in Stockton. We should show our support by attending.

We will have the Stockton District Picnic August 16, 2026. Invite your families and friends for an enjoyable afternoon. There is a playground for the children. Bring your games that you like to play.

We will be selecting our delegate for the convention at the June 17 meeting and getting our reports sent to the ICF office.

Upcoming Events:

Jun 17 - Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Hall at 7th and K Streets

July - No Branch meeting.

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

Aug 16 District Picnic in Escalon

Aug - No Branch meeting.

Sep - 4-6 Reno

Sep 9 - Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Hall at 7th and K Streets

Cecelia McGhee

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

Branch 82 welcomes another new member, Susan Giovannoni Jay of St. Anne's Parish. Susan has lived in the Woodbridge-Lodi area for the past seven years, and we are delighted to see her become involved with our branch.

We take a summer break in July, although we will still be participating in several activities, including the Bishop's Burse on July 25 at Presentation Parish and St. Anne's Fest on the same day, where we will once again serve our annual ice cream treats.

Everyone enjoyed our June Heritage Night, featuring LuAnn Casey, who shared her family's journey from Pontremoli, a village in the Province of Massa-Carrara in Tuscany, Italy, to Sonoma, California, where she grew up surrounded by thirteen cousins spending weekends with her Italian grandparents.

LuAnn explained that Pontremoli is famous as the birthplace of Testaroli, one of the oldest forms of pasta. Traditionally made from wheat, water, and salt, the batter was spread thinly over a cast-iron pan, much like a crêpe, then cut into pieces, blanched in hot water, and served with pesto. This simple dish is considered a precursor to the pasta we know today.

LuAnn cherishes her childhood memories and the close-knit family bonds that her grandparents fostered through traditions lovingly passed down from generation to generation. LuAnn's mother has ensured the memories live on with the gift of a binder to the next generation with copies of photos, immigration documents, all annotated with names, events and dates.

*Che Tesoro!
Ciao,
Elizabeth Calloni Holladay
Corresponding Secretary*

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

Branch #139 met on Tuesday, May 26th, in St. Anthony's Cafeteria. President Agostini presided over the meeting. The usual business was conducted including reading and approval of the Minutes from the April 2026 meeting and balances provided in our Checking Accounts as of May 1. As always, Members are encouraged to read the "*Bollettino*".

Branch #139 hosted the quarterly District Meeting on Sunday, May 17th, at Tony's Kitchen. As usual, Chef Tony and his helpers prepared a wonderful meal for about 30 of us. Laurice Levine, a representative for Cooley's Anemia, shared information about this disease with our attendees. Over the many years ICF's donations have allowed for continued research and education to others about this unfortunate disease.

Our Parish's annual Priests Appreciation Dinner took place on May 30th. It is truly an honor to be able to recognize all the hard work our Priests do for us all year. We have been holding this dinner for over 20 years.

Our District's annual picnic will be held on Sunday, August 16th, at Hogan Park in Escalon. Steak and hotdogs are on the menu as well as all the 'sides' being provided by the Branches. Members are encouraged to bring family members as well.

President Agostini will represent Branch #139 at the annual Convention in Reno over Labor Day weekend. Always a fun event with lots to learn.

Next meeting: June 23rd in St. Anthony's Cafeteria.

*Bye for now,
Michela*

ICF is Going Green!

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Tracy Br. 390, St. Bernard

We again served over 200 happy members and guests our "homemade with ICF hands" Italian Meatloaf, including mashed potatoes, vegetables and all the trimmings as our final monthly dinner until Thursday September 24th when we resume these fabulous events. Our next *Bollettino* will be the July & August Special Convention issue.

Happy 40-Year Birthday to Us! On July 12, 1986, 101 members were initiated at Father Fleming Hall and of those 101, six are still active. On January 29, 1987, 24 additional charter members were initiated at the Tracy Inn, and 5 are still active.

Honored at this month's meeting were July 12th charter members who have been with us continuously for 40 years: Annette (Tuso) Elissagaray, Lucy Orsi, Steve Ridolfi, Edna (Enos) Rossi, Chuck Tuso, and Marilyn Tuso, and the January 29th continuously active members: Arnold Bellini, Doreen Bellini, Antoinette Bertolotti, Dan Bertolotti and Rena Cole.

Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of Joseph French, who passed away recently. May he rest in peace.

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*



Scan this QR code with your phone to see photos
taken by Branch 390

Stockton Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

Branch 395 is taking our summer break Italian style! Instead of Ferragosto, we're celebrating our own "Ferrlugio."

Before heading off for the summer, we brought our members on a trip down memory lane during our Heritage Night, filled with photos, stories, and more photos. Our late member, Roger Roman, dedicated countless hours to preserving the history of our branch through his photography. His presence is deeply missed, and we remain grateful for the legacy he left behind.

Sadly, we also said goodbye last month to longtime member Pat Bertilacchi. Pat was always the first to volunteer her time and her incredible cooking talents. She will be missed but never forgotten.

Our branch was proud to award a first

year scholarship to Zachary Sanguinetti. We invited Zachary to join us and share his future plans, but he will do so in August—he is currently in Assisi for summer school. We wish him every success in his educational journey. Congratulations as well to all our ICF graduates!

During our June meeting, we elected our convention delegates, and everyone is looking forward to gathering in Reno.

Branch 395 also has the honor of hosting our Stockton District's Bishop Day. On Saturday, July 25, we will transport our guests to the beautiful Amalfi Coast as we honor the Most Reverend Bishop Cotta. Social hour begins at 3:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 4:00 p.m. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact Virginia at 209-610-7079.

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

Wishing you all a beautiful summer—buone vacanze!

Mary Ann

Angels Camp Br. 413, St. Patrick

Summer is upon us, and for many families it begins with the joy of graduation celebrations. As is our Parish tradition, Branch 413 purchased a large cake to honor and celebrate our graduates. Because the last Sunday in May falls within the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, Father John Peter, our pastor, led a Marian procession following Mass in her honor. After the procession concluded, we gathered for our annual baccalaureate celebration. Since there is no Catholic school in our area, our Parish takes special pride in recognizing the accomplishments of our graduating students. We were blessed with excellent participation this year, with many graduates attending Mass in their graduation regalia. It was a wonderful opportunity for our Parish community to celebrate their achievements and wish them well as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

During the summer months, we will not be planning any special events. Instead, we hope to focus our efforts on strengthening and growing our membership so that we can continue supporting our Parish and community in the future.

We wish everyone a safe, enjoyable, and blessed summer.

Mary Ann



SAN DIEGO District Council

Rebirth of a District!

On Saturday, May 30, members of the Central Council traveled to San Diego to install the newly elected Officers for the San Diego District.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many branches became inactive, and the district experienced a period of stagnation. Thanks to the dedication and leadership of District President, Owen Evans of Saint Rose of Lima Branch 229, along with members of Guardian Angels Branch 449 and St. Charles Borromeo Branch 246, the San Diego District has been successfully revitalized.

The installation ceremony and dinner provided a wonderful opportunity for local members to meet visiting members of the Central Council Board and gain a deeper understanding of the mission and activities of the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF).

With the continued support and guid-

ance of the Central Council, there is great optimism that additional branches throughout San Diego will reopen, strengthening the district and enabling ICF to continue its valuable work in serving both its members and the broader community.

*Debbie Reid
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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

**SAN BERNARDINO
District**

**Fontana
Br. 210, St. Joseph**

Today, I attended a Memorial Day Mass hosted by our Brother Knights of Columbus in Bloomington. We were honored to have Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Rutilio del Riego as our main celebrant. Concelebrating with him were the Very Rev. Msgr. Gerard M. Lopez, Rev. Deeban Yonas, S.V.D., and Father John Gunningham, who was also celebrating 19 years as a priest in the Diocese of San Bernardino. Bishop Rutilio gave a beautiful and moving homily thanking our armed forces for their service to our country and gave a special blessing to veterans in attendance.

He asked us to pray for peace. He reminded us that today is also the feast of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. He also reminded us that when the apostles asked Jesus to teach them to pray, He started out by saying, "Our Father", so we are never orphaned, even if our earthly parents have gone before us, we have God Our Father, and our Blessed Mother, Mary as our Mother forever. We are loved more than we can imagine.

We also had the pleasure of seeing Jack & Patsy Grisafe, members since 1986 who had to retreat this year due to health concerns. Accompanying them was their daughter Annette, her husband John and their 3 children, who are also members of 210. Providing the music was Ralph Segarra, our branch Orator and trustee. The Carlo and Grisafe families had to leave before we got a picture with Bishop Rutilio. Beautiful Day!

In Jesus' Holy Name,
Annie McCarthy, President Branch 210

**Redlands
Br. 217, Sacred Heart**

Almost all our members attended our June meeting since it was our last one before we go dark for July and August. As usual, our members brought a wonderful breakfast spread and great gifts for our opportunity drawing. We are planning a special celebration on June 20 after the 4:30 Mass to present our \$500 Branch scholarship to our Sacred Heart Academy 8th grade winner. We had three great students to choose from and they were all so deserving that it was difficult to choose, but in the end, one student stood out and the decision was made. We also discussed the Bishop's Luncheon scheduled for September 22. Members will donate some of their homemade treats for dessert. We will be missing seeing each other the next two months, since we feel our Branch is another family for us.

Our President, Paul Emmerick, reminded us that Gaius Julius Caesar was born in Rome on either July 12 or 13th 100 BCE? We also celebrated our Heritage Chair, Diana Hill, who recently turned 91, and she doesn't look a day older than 65! That's living good!! We all love the very interesting Heritage reports she finds every month.

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



**Upland
Br. 446, Saint Anthony**

Branch 446 ended our ICF year in May with a picnic in the park. The branch provided sandwiches, chicken and drinks while members brought many salads, desserts and other goodies to share. San Bernardino District President John Guiren assisted branch President Carrey Rossie install the Scarpelli family as new members. Trustee Dominico Ricci organized the bocce games while Joyce Tesoro directed scopa and other card games. It was fun to watch two of our younger members, Christian Scarpelli and Zachary Centurioni playing soccer and football with teen members, Logan Zappia and Dante Zappia (home from college). We all enjoyed socializing and catching up with all our ICF friends.

Although our branch does not meet during the months of June and July, we signed up to participate in summer events at our parish. Our members voted to donate funds to provide dinner during Vacation Bible School, and we will also help during the International Dinner by providing trays of penne pasta.

We also look forward to our summer excursion to Carrey's home at Lake Arrowhead and spend time along the water and strolling through the village. When our branch reconvenes in August, we will be discussing and planning our annual main event: Festa Italiana dinner and dance! Our branch is so blessed to have members that are also wonderful friends.

RENO

**Reno
Br. 135, St. Albert**

The meeting and potluck on June 07, 2026, attended by 13 members was a celebration for our Central Council scholarship recipient, Matthew Telliano, who graduated from McQueen High School in Reno. He will be attending the University of Nevada in the fall. He is a longtime member of our Branch as a family member. His mother, Nancy, is the financial secretary of the Branch.

In May and June, the Branch awarded scholarships to graduating eighth graders of the three Catholic Elementary schools in Reno. They were Paige Burke from Our Lady of Snows Catholic school, Izandro Meza Martinez from Little Flower Catholic school and McKayla Polak from St. Albert the Great Catholic school. They will be attending Bishop Manogue High School.

We welcome Bryan Passalacqua who joined our Branch at this meeting.

President, Charlyne Pacini will be attending as the delegate to this year's convention, September 4 thru 6 in Reno, Nevada.

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

*Ciao
Charlyne Pacini*

RENO Area



Br. 135, Scholarship winner Matthew Telliano with President Charlyne Pacini.



Br. 135, Scholarship winner Matthew Telliano with his parents Michael and Nancy and sister Sara and President Charlyne Pacini.



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.







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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
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We need to reserve 35 spots in advance to hold this blood drive.
To sign up please Contact:
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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?
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Saturday, Sept. 5 11:00 am – 5:00 pm	
Sunday, Sept. 6 9:00 am – 12:00 pm	

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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 1st time delegate

Date Arriving

Email Address

Use additional sheets if necessary.

1. _____

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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-glaze, 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.

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.

Menu:

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

Saturday
Night
Banquet

Black Tie Optional

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.

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Feast on a Classic Basque Buffet:

Sliced Prime Rib

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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: \$ _____

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Festa 2026 Italia

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Monterey's
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Music, Bocce, Fun, Food, and Drink

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Mike Marotta AND THE **Italian All-Stars**
Jimmy Rossi and Luca

SINGERS Erasmo Aiello, Dave Marzetti, Rachel Marotta Halim and Anna Marotta Halim, **accompanied by** Mike Marotta Jr., Dennis Murphy, Paul Tarantino and John Beron

THREE DAYS

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

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for more information on our Bocce Tournament, schedule of events, and the history of this great annual event.