

CENTRAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS



2010 - 2011

GRAND PRESIDENTS REPORT
2011

I want to welcome you to the 81st Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation. This is a time of renewal; a time to spend quality time together and a time to become reacquainted with old friends and meet new friends.

In this Grand Presidents report for the year 2011, I want to acknowledge the successes we have experienced in the Federation this year.

1. Membership---This year, I have seen an increased interest in many Branches to try new ideas in increasing and retaining members. Remember that the Membership Committee is here to help you.
2. The Scholarship Committee has done an outstanding job promoting the Scholarship Program.
3. The Gifts of Love Committee started a new Deaf Program, using some of the Gifts of Love donations to hire sign language teachers to teach deaf children catechism so that these children can receive First Communion and Confirmation.
4. The Central Council hired a Field Operations Director. Lou Mages started July 2010 and will be working to start new Branches and help troubled Branches.
5. Lou started two new Branches - #438 in Roseville, Calif. and #439 in Chicago, Ill.
6. Funds for our National Charity, Cooley's Anemia, are holding steady. Laurice Levine will be speaking about this program at the I.C.F. Charities Workshop.
7. Seminary Scholarship and Bishops' Days funds are increasing.
8. The second annual Central Council Seminary Night and the Central Council Golf Tournament held in Monterey this year were both very successful.
9. Our Calendar sales continue to be successful. This year's Calendar is beautiful.
10. We saw a significant increase in participation of members at several Festas in Sutter Creek, Calif., Monterey, Calif., Reno, Nevada and Los Angeles, Calif..
11. You approved an important dues increase.
12. Public Relations updated the Italian Catholic Federation Web Site, and the Central Council updated our Computer Programs at the Oakland office.
13. We experienced an increased participation from Central Council Members at Installations and Bishops' Days in all Districts.
14. Task Force Committee updated the Office Employee Manual.
15. All of the Central Council Committees and Committee Members have done a wonderful job this year.
16. The Office Staff, Charlene Kramer and Patty Smith, are exceptional employees. Our Independent Contractors, Michelle Feldman, Lou Mages and Dave Rose, are doing a magnificent job.
17. I couldn't have asked for a better Central Council Executive Committee to work with. They truly love the Federation and are there for you.
18. I don't want to forget one important success of the Federation; Msgr. Daniel Cardelli. Thank you for your support and dedication.
19. I want to also acknowledge the biggest success in my life, my wife Janice. Thank you for your love, your support and your understanding.

Brothers and Sisters, thank you for a wonderful two years as your Grand President.

Love, Jim Jones

**2011 2nd, 3rd and 4th Year Scholarship Program
57 Scholarships Awarded (Total Awarded - \$34,100.00)**

2nd Year Scholarships - \$500.00 (30 Awarded)

Contra Costa District

Branch - 2

East Bay District

District - 1

Branch - 1

Individual - 1

Fresno District

Branch - 4

Los Angeles District

Branch - 1

Orange District

Individual - 2

San Bernardino District

Branch - 1

San Mateo District

Branch - 2

Santa Clara Valley District

Branch - 2

Stockton District

Branch - 1

Marini Trust Donation

Funded - 1

*The remaining (11) 2nd Year Scholarships came from the Scholarship Fund.

3rd Year Scholarships - \$600.00 (17 Awarded)

Contra Costa District

Branch - 2

East Bay District

District - 1

Branch - 1

Santa Clara Valley District

Branch - 2

Santa Rosa District

Individual - 1

Stockton District

Branch - 1

Marini Trust Donation

Funded - 1

*The remaining (8) 3rd Year Scholarships came from the Scholarship Fund. This includes (2) 3rd Year **Mario Cugia Italian Studies Scholarships**.

4th Year Scholarships - \$1,000.00 (10 Awarded)

East Bay District

District - 1

Branch - 1 (**Mario Cugia Italian Studies Scholarship**)

Individual - 1

Elsie Boragno Estate Donation

Funded - 1

Marini Trust Donation

Funded - 1

*The remaining (5) 4th Year Scholarships came from the Scholarship Fund. This includes (1) 4th Year **Mario Cugia Italian Studies Scholarship**.

**2011 1st Year Scholarship Program - Donations/Awards by District
202 Scholarships Awarded - \$400.00 each (Total Awarded - \$80,800.00)**

Central Coast District

District - 1

Branch - 11

Chicago District

District - 2

(1 on behalf of the District / 1 on behalf of all District Branches)

Branch - 2

Contra Costa District

District - 1

Branch - 14

Individual - 6

East Bay District

District - 1

Branch - 11

Individual - 3

Fresno District

District - 1

Branch - 12

Las Vegas

Branch - 0

(1 Student from the Las Vegas Area received a Scholarship from the Scholarship Fund.)

Los Angeles District

District - 1
Branch - 10

Marin
Branch - 4

Orange District
District - 1
Branch - 4

Phoenix
Branch - 0
(1 Student from the Phoenix Area received a Scholarship from the Scholarship Fund.)

Reno
Branch - 1
Individual - 1

Blessed Sacrament District
District - 2
Branch - 8

San Bernardino District
District - 1
Branch - 2
In Addition - (1 Student from the San Bernardino District received a Scholarship from the Scholarship Fund.)

San Diego District
District - 1
Branch - 7
Individual - 1

San Fernando Valley District
District - 0
Branch - 1

San Francisco District
District - 0
Branch - 5
Individual - 4

San Gabriel Valley District
District - 2
Branch - 2

San Mateo District
District - 1
Branch - 10
Individual - 5 (3 Scholarships for 1 Individual / 1 Scholarship for the other 2 Individuals.)

Santa Barbara/Ventura District

District - 0

Branch - 1

Santa Clara Valley District

District - 3

Branch - 17

Individual - 1

Santa Rosa District

District - 2

Branch - 27

Stockton District

District - 1

Branch - 4

Individual - 1

In Addition - (1 Student from the Stockton District received a Scholarship from the Scholarship Fund.)

Tucson

Branch - 1

In Addition - (1 Student from the Tucson Area received a Scholarship from the Scholarship Fund.)

2011 HOSPITALIZATION COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

Report as of December 31, 2010.

There were 576 members in the plan, which was 4.74% of the total I.C.F. membership of 12,151 members.

There were 88 claims paid out in 2010 which totaled \$14,880.00. The total plan expenses were \$65,050.51 which included \$13,000 transferred to the General Fund and \$17,000 to the charities of the Italian Catholic Federation for a total of \$30,000, in accordance to a memo from our lawyer stating that 3-4% can be transferred annually for the benefit of the I.C.F., its members and/or charities.

Total hospitalization premiums collected in 2010 was \$14,900.00.

Total revenue was \$39,427.61. The net loss for the plan was \$25,622.90. Not included was an unrealized gain on investments of \$53,208.21.

The assets of the fund totaled \$865,498.89. The fund is in good financial condition.

We would like to encourage more members to take advantage of the plan.

Membership in the plan is available for everyone up to the age of 65. Membership continues for those already in the plan beyond the age of 65. Cost: \$25.00 per year.

The benefits of the plan are as follows:

The member in good standing is entitled to the following benefits, payable at:

- \$50.00 for the first day, \$25.00 for the second day, and \$10.00 thereafter for every day of confinement in a hospital.
- \$75.00 for the use of the operating room if required during confinement in a hospital.
- \$75.00 to outpatients for the use of the operating room in a hospital or state licensed surgical center.
- No benefits are payable for the first six months of membership.
- Maximum of \$500.00 per calendar year.
- Maximum of \$500.00 for any one sickness during the lifetime of the member.
- All claims are accepted up to one year after confinement.

If you would like information feel free to contact any member of the Hospitalization Committee or the office.

Deborah Rodondi
Chairperson

Vincent Piro
Thomas Pollicita
Robert Tomasello

2011 CONVENTION

BRANCHES WISHING TO BE EXCUSED

FOSTER CITY, CALIFORNIA

ADDITIONAL BRANCHES

BR NO. / CITY	MEMBERS	FUNDS	REASON	PREVIOUSLY FINED
Br. 31 Los Banos, CA	22	Gen. – 2,279.00 Soc. – 1,215.48	Declining membership, age and health issues. Have always been represented at Convention in the past.	NO
Br. 137 Santa Barbara, CA	81	Gen. – 2,364.11 Soc. – 1,605.49 Other – 2,000.00	President is unable to attend, no other members available to attend.	YES
Br. 169 Ventura, CA	28	Gen. – 3,577.37 Soc. – 4,109.16 Other – 1,537.96	Declining membership, age and health issues.	YES
Br. 246, San Diego, CA	58	Gen. – 2,533.56 Soc. – 4,366.44	Declining membership, age and health issues.	YES
Br. 382, No. Hollywood, CA	57	Gen. – 716.39 Soc. – 4,552.43	Declining membership, age and health issues. Branch President has been attending as Delegate in the past, however Granddaughter getting married on September 3 rd .	YES

BR. 144, ARCATA, CA

The office received a phone call and letter on Tuesday, from the Branch President. She and one other Delegate were registered to attend the convention, however due to a family emergency the

President can not attend. Because of this, the 2nd delegate said she does not feel she can attend the Convention on her own.

The President also stated that she called every member that could possibly make the trip but no one was able to attend at this late date.

This branch has regularly attended the convention in the past, and has never been fined.

BR. 390, TRACY, CA.

This branch had 4 delegates registered and paid for. However, at this point in time, not one delegate has registered for the Convention or in the hotel.

**The Ways and Means Committee Annual Report
Italian Catholic Federation National Convention
Foster City, CA**

The Ways and Means Committee sponsored several fundraisers during the 2010 - 2011 committee year.

This is a brief report on those events:

2010 Convention Raffle:

Income ...	\$29,113.00
Expense ...	<u>\$ 8,617.29</u>
Profit ...	\$20,495.71

2010 Convention Bingo:

The committee sponsored a Bingo Game at the 2010 Convention. 58 players enjoyed a fun afternoon. 6 Games were played awarding a total of \$750 to the winners. Thanks to those that participated, we realized a profit of \$830.53. Everyone had a great time. The committee would like to thank Charlene Drobeck, Los Angeles District Deputy, for her expertise in conducting the Bingo games.

2011 Calendars:

The 2011 Calendar Sales were a huge success. The goal of 2,000 calendars sold was achieved for the third straight year. A total of 2,153 calendars were sold for a total income of \$43,075.00. The expenses for the printing and prizes equaled \$17,469.00. The profit realized was \$25,606.00.

Golf:

The 2011 I.C.F. Golf Tournament sponsored by the Central Council was held on July 29, 2011 at the beautiful Laguna Seca Golf Ranch in Monterey, CA. 70 contestants competed in the tournament this year and they included, we are happy to say, Bishop Stephen Blaire of the Diocese of Stockton, Father Patrick Walker of Manteca and Father Robert Milbauer of Los Angeles. Grand President Jim Jones, 1st Lady Janice, and other CC members and spouses were in attendance for the event too. Following the tournament, everyone enjoyed a fantastic dinner prepared by master chef Eddie Leonard of Branch #36, Monterey. The players and dinner guests were very generous in supporting the raffle that was held following the dinner. After expenses, a profit of \$9,784.68 was realized. We would like to thank committee members Leonard Rossi for chairing the event and Dante Galeazzi for coordinating the raffle along with the help of other CC and committee members. We extend special thanks to Liz Grammatico and the members of Branch #36, Monterey for their hard work in producing such a fantastic dinner.

Seminary Night:

This year the Central Council sponsored the second annual "A Night for the Seminarians." This was a black tie optional event to raise money for our Seminarians. It

was held this year at the San Carlos Church Hall in Monterey, CA. We had approximately 130 guests with Priests and Seminarians in attendance from many different areas of California. It was great to see everyone all dressed up and enjoying each other's company. Grand President Jim Jones and 1st Lady Janice, along with many other CC members, were in attendance. We enjoyed a delicious Prime Rib Dinner and were entertained by Fr. Gaetano Borgo, "The Singing Priest" from Venice, Italy and the Anthony Lane Band. The event was chaired by Jim Friebe and thanks to all the help from CC members and members of the Central Coast District everything went very well. Many sponsors donated to the event and with their help and dinner ticket and beverage sales we netted \$6,052.09 for the Providenza Fund.

I would like to thank my fellow Ways and Means Committee Members for their hard work in making our fundraisers such a success. They are: CC Past Grand President, Parliamentarian and Life Member Leonard Rossi, CC Grand Trustee Andy Pappani and CC Life Member Dante Galeazzi. Without their efforts these fundraising endeavors would not be successful.

Jim Friebe, Chairperson
Leonard Rossi
Dante Galeazzi
Andy Pappani

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE COVENTION REPORT
2010-2011**

Chairperson: Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

**-Committee Members-
Nettie Descalso-Del Nero
Vince Piro
B.G. Zasoski
Michelle Feldman, Bollettino Editor**

Public Relations manages three areas – the Bollettino, I.C.F. Awards, and the I.C.F. Website. Each year the committee assesses the needs of each area and sets goals for improvements and modifications where needed. Below is an overview of each area:

1. **Bollettino:** We feel that we have a quality paper with the articles from the contributors and members. More color has been added throughout the year. The proofing of the paper remains a priority, every effort has been made to stay within our budget, and the committee has worked on ways to increase advertisements. In this economy advertising is very difficult to obtain, so we are constantly looking for new approaches to help minimize the overall cost of the paper.
2. **I.C.F. Awards:** Some of the awards have had an increase in the number of applications and others have not. This has been a concern for the committee for the past couple of years; we are still looking for ways to reach out to you, the members, in finding that person within your Branch / District worthy of one of the various awards offered. The application forms have been reformatted and have been placed onto the I.C.F. website in the hopes of attracting more members to submit a candidate for the first time. We still need the members' help in this area – you're the ones who know the individual deserving of an award.
3. **I.C.F. Website:** We have modernized the website, placed more forms online and made the site more user friendly. We have been able to take your comments and incorporate several of them onto the website this past year. This year, we have placed convention highlights, a heritage newsletter, and special events announcements online. We are open to suggestions for any additions or changes that you feel would enhance the website. The I.C.F. office just recently upgraded its computer software, so hopefully this next year we can place more report forms online, such as the Financial Secretaries report for Branches.

This committee takes a lot of pride with being involved in these areas that are so vital to the Federation by keeping the members informed and up to date.

Please feel free to contact any of the committee members if you have any questions or concerns. All of us will be attending the convention and we would love to hear from you, the members.

Fraternally,
Leonard Zasoski, Jr. (Chair)

2011 APOSTOLATE/CHARITY COMMITTEE - CONVENTION REPORT

Of the 144 Branches in the Federation 106 submitted reports (74%). 5 Districts (out of 23) listed below had full participation and will receive an award at their 2012 Installation of Officers:

**Contra Costa
Las Vegas
Reno
San Fernando Valley
San Mateo**

Of the 144 Branches reporting:

- 87 Branches have an Apostolate Chairman (60%)
- 54 Branches give an Apostolate Report at each meeting (38%)
- 53 Branches have active Chaplains (37%)
- 16 Branches attend Mass and Communion together Monthly (11%)
- 47 Branches attend Mass and Communion together Quarterly (33%)
- 15 Branches attend Mass and Communion together Semi-Annually (10%)
- 31 Branches attend Mass and Communion together Annually (22%)
- 87 Branches recite the rosary or pray for special intentions at each meeting (60%)
- 96 Branches offer Masses for Deceased Members (67%)

Branch or District Sponsored Events

Retreats	23 Branches
Pilgrimages	21 Branches
Day/Night of Recollection	45 Branches

Total Dollars Donated

\$545,035.78

The Branches listed below represent the top 4 winners in each group for the highest amount of monetary donations for the period covering July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011:

1-50 Members

- 1- Br. 237 - Gardena
- 2- Br. 406 - Orange
- 3- Br. 317 - Diamond Bar
- 4- Br. 145 - Eureka

101-150 Members

- 1- Br. 342 - Auburn
- 2- Br. 209 - Sebastopol
- 3- Br. 327 - San Carlos
- 4- Br. 154 - Richmond

51-100 Members

- 1- Br. 246 - San Diego
- 2- Br. 19 - Colma
- 3- Br. 362 - Downey
- 4- Br. 144 - Arcata

151 and Plus Members

- 1- Br. 227 - Capitola
- 2- Br. 36 - Monterey
- 3- Br. 191 - San Jose
- 4- Br. 392 - Chicago

Thank you to all Branch Apostolate/Charity Chairpersons for participating in this program. I would also like to thank my Committee – Jim Acitelli, Marco Galeazzi and Vincent Picciola for their support this past year. Thanks as well to Jane Dianda and Deborah Rodondi for their assistance in the report judging. A Special Thank you to our I.C.F. office staff - Charlene Kramer and Patty Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Helfand, Apostolate/Charity Chairman

2011 APOSTOLATE/CHARITY COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

Number of Branches	144
Non-Reporting Branches	38
Percentage received	74%

DISTRICT	NO. OF BRANCHES	REPORTS RECEIVED	MEMBERSHIP AS OF 6/30/11	TOTAL FUNDS RAISED
San Francisco	7	6	393	11,784.56
San Mateo*	10	10	1003	52,300.33
Marin	2	1	260	4,205.00
Los Angeles	10	8	659	44,176.08
San Gabriel Valley	5	3	244	12,764.00
San Fernando Valley*	2	2	92	4,880.00
Santa Barbara/Ventura	3	1	255	2,602.00
East Bay	8	3	562	5,001.00
Contra Costa*	7	7	741	37,262.00
Blessed Sacrament	9	8	504	23,142.05
Santa Rosa	11	10	849	55,319.87
Fresno	12	9	1143	35,643.25
Central Coast	10	7	1487	83,718.03
Chicago	9	4	455	25,865.00
Santa Clara Valley	11	8	1400	62,888.43
Stockton	5	4	422	19,142.00
San Diego	6	5	438	32,060.80
Orange	6	2	239	11,900.00
San Bernardino	4	3	195	10,346.00
Reno*	1	1	69	4,740.00
Las Vegas*	1	1	53	3,570.38
Tucson	3	2	120	1,125.00
Phoenix	2	1	115	600.00
TOTAL	144144	106	11,698	545,035.78

* Below are the 5 Districts out of 23 that had full participation (22%):

Contra Costa
Las Vegas
Reno
San Fernando Valley
San Mateo

2011
“GIFTS OF LOVE”
COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

SINCE THE INCEPTION OF OUR PROGRAM, SEPTEMBER 1996, WE HAVE HELPED OVER 550 INDIVIDUALS AND HAVE LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR GROUPS OF STUDENTS IN CLASSROOM SETTINGS, BRINGING DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE OF SPECIAL NEEDS.

WITH THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP, WE HAVE RECEIVED \$303,506.08 AND GRANTED \$274,173.10 IN OUR YEARS OF EXISTENCE.

THE GIFTS OF LOVE PROGRAM DISPERSES EVERY CENT RECEIVED DIRECTLY TO THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPMENTALLY DELAYED AND HANDICAPPED PEOPLE. I AM VERY PROUD OF OUR ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION, AND GIFTS OF LOVE IS BUT ONE PROGRAM THAT MAKES US STAND OUT.

ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE GIFTS OF LOVE COMMITTEE, WE CONVEY OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

HONORARY CHAIRPERSON: ALBERT M. TEGLIA

CHAIRPERSON: ANDREW PAPPANI

MEMBERS: NINA MALONE
PATRICIA MAGES

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: BOB AND ELAINE OSORIO

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS: CHRISTINA ANDRADE
MARGE BARAJAS
BARBARA BORRA
MICHAEL CANNADY
JERRY DELFINO
JOAN DELFINO
FRANCES FOGLIA-TEGLIA
HAROLD FUENTES
VIRGINIA FUENTES
ALDINE GRISENTI
ROSELYNNE JARRETT
PATRICIA MUELLER
THOMAS POLLICITA

EX-OFFICIO: JAMES JONES
JANE DIANDA

**Italian Catholic Federation
Heritage Report
Annual Convention 2011**

This year's Heritage Committee worked hard to preserve and promote the heritage of the federation. This year's committee members (and their helpful spouses) were Vince Piro (chair), Nina Malone, Jim Friebe, Jean Bridges, Louise and Russ Vento, Al and Fran Teglia, Nello and Cookie Rossi.

1. Working with archived pictures

The committee worked to disseminate the pictures held in the ICF offices by creating a PowerPoint presentation on CD-ROM to be given out to each branch at the annual convention. This presentation contained photos from the year's 1924-1939, the very first years of the ICF. It is hoped that Heritage Committee chairs at the various branches will share these presentations with their members.

2. Conducting Heritage Interviews

Members of the committee began interviewing members of the federation in the hopes of preserving some of the stories and memories of the ICF. These interviews are available on YouTube and easily accessed through the federation's website.

3. Creating a Film on Luigi Providenza

Members of the committee created a short film about Luigi Providenza and his vision for the ICF. This film contained archival photos and interviews with members of the federation who worked closely with the founder. This film is available on YouTube and easily accessed through the federation's website.

4. Publishing a Heritage Newsletter

The committee began publishing a bi-monthly heritage newsletter – focusing on family stories, the history of the ICF, book reviews, events, etc. This newsletter was published on the federation's website in the months beginning in November, 2010.

5. Attending Events

Members of the committee attended or are planning to attend several events to promote the heritage of the federation: Italian Picnic and Parade, (Sutter Creek, CA) San Jose Giants Italian Night (San Jose, CA), Santa Rosalia Festa Italia (Monterey, CA), Morgan Hill Italian Festival (Morgan Hill, CA). The ICF won first place for its float at the Sutter Creek parade.

6. Conducting a Heritage Essay Contest

The committee held its annual heritage essay contest. Winners will be announced at the annual convention and their work will be published in *The Bollettino*.