Italian Catholic Federation



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2024-2025 Central Council Officers





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Congratulations to our newly installed Central Council Officers. BACK ROW: Theresa Shaw (Grand Trustee), Leonard Rossi (Grand Trustee), Rosemary Cook (Grand Trustee), Robert Basuino (Grand Sentinel), Lisa Crudo, and Leonard Zasoski (Grand Parliamentarian). FRONT ROW: Deborah Rodondi (Grand Secretary), Franklyn Lopes, Jr. (Grand 1st Vice President), Father Chris Bennett (Spiritual Director), Denise Antonowicz (Grand President), Lauren Kilcullen (Grand 2nd Vice President).



Convention Director's Message Oct. 2024 Lauren Kilcullen, Convention Director's Chairperson

I hope everyone has recovered from the Convention and returned home energized and full of innovative ideas for your branches and districts.

The Convention Director's Committee thanks everyone who

attended and participated in the workshops, general sessions, Masses and banquets. We had the most delegates and non-delegates at this convention since the pandemic.

The Heritage Room was a highlight of the Convention and we're thinking of having a smaller version at future conventions.

I thank the members of the committee and Central Council for their assistance throughout the weekend. I couldn't have gotten through the weekend without the cooperation of everyone. I also thank many people who provided their time, effort and experience to helping throughout the weekend. Whether it was separating raffle tickets or putting up the heritage display and backdrop, they were always ready to help when I needed an extra hand.

Members' generosity to the blanket and sock drive was overwhelming. Two cargo van loads of blankets and socks were delivered to the Missionaries of Charity and a load of blankets were delivered to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

On to 2025! Our next Convention will be held at the Wyndham Visalia from August 29 - 31, 2025. The room rate is \$109.00 plus tax per night. Please start budgeting for your delegates to attend. The Convention Director's Committee is starting to plan the convention and we'll be taking a road trip to do a site visit in October. Keep an eye on the *Bollettino* and ICF Facebook page for updates.

Thank you, Lauren Kilcullen Convention Director's Chairperson

Grand President's Monthly Message 2024 Opening Convention Speech Denise Antonowicz

Wow, what an incredible energy in this room! I can feel the excitement, the anticipation, the sense of possibility that fills every corner of this hall. We are not just a



crowd of indi- vidals – we are a movement, united in our belief in the Italian Catholic Federation.

We are the dreamers, the doers, the ones who know that the ICF surviving requires our

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Host's Message Thank you for a Great Convention Barbara Firpo, San Mateo District President

As President of the San Mateo District I would like to thank the convention committee for their outstanding planning. I also want to thank the San Mateo District members for the time they spent on planning, decorating, cooking, baking and



bartending for the Thursday night dinner at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame! The Roaring 20's theme was roaring!! The silent auction and raffle were a huge success thanks to all of their participation. Thank you to Vic Arnaudo, President of Branch 1, for also attending regular planning meetings and keeping Branch 1 alive for this once in a lifetime occasion!! Sempre Avanti!

Father Bandini and Sir Luigi Providenza would be proud that we continue to live their vision after 100 years. Thank you too, to Father Chris Bennett for your, spiritual direction and preparation for the Memorial Mass and Sunday Mass. It was truly inspirational.

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Include photo captions with your article submission.

Please keep your submission positive and informative.

Deadline for the November issue is October 10, 2024

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

Thank you!

Message from our Spiritual Director

Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation:

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your presence at our recent convention. It was truly a remarkable event, made even more special by the celebration of our 100th Anniversary. Seeing so many dedicated individuals come together to mark this milestone was incredibly inspiring.

The convention was a great success, and your participation played a significant role in that. Your enthusiasm and engagement added immense value to our discussions and activities. It was wonderful to see familiar faces, and meet new ones, all united by a shared commitment to our cause.

On the occasion of our 100th anniversary, I would like to share with you this blessing:



Father Christopher Bennett ICF Spiritual Director

ICF Blessing Faithful members of the Italian Catholic Federation, we pray these blessings upon you, now, and for the next 100 years:

May the blessings of FAITH be upon you: from your earliest days in 1924 at Immaculate Conception Parish, San Francisco, you set ablaze the spark of faith in the hearts and lives of generations of members who treasured their Catholic faith; and now that spark has become a tremendous fire, drawing in and warming and sustaining new generations of members because of your devotion. May the blessings of FAITH be upon you.

> May the blessings of FAMILY be upon you: that ICF spirit of family which brings people together to create and share gifts of love for one another and for brothers and sisters in need; that special spirit of family which unites all your members of whatever national heritage; and that spirit of family which welcomes all through your spirit of fellowship, inclusion and belonging. May the blessings of FAMILY be upon you.

May the blessings of HERITAGE be with you: blessings which ignite your deep appreciation for the treasured values and history of Italian-Americans, while you continually welcome and honor the colorful tapestry of all the heritages of your many members; your Italian heart extends its loving arms to embrace everyone. May the blessings of HERITAGE be with you,

May the blessings of SERVICE be with you: you are a mighty and vital force in your parishes and dioceses, raising up and strengthening your Catholic vision to break barriers, to go to the margins, to seek and serve those who need you; you assist, elevate, enrich and invigorate the lives of countless men, women, and children, especially students and those with special needs by your selfless service. May the blessings of SERVICE be with you:

May the blessings of the Spirit be with you: Noi Vogliam Dio: for 100 years you have chosen God to be Father and King, for 100 years you have kept the name of Christ in your heart; for 100 years you have risen up in the Holy Spirit to uphold the faith. May the blessings of Faith, Family, Heritage, and Service guide you throughout the next 100 years: Sempre Avanti! Sempre Avanti! Amen!

I promise to remember you in my prayers, even as I would be grateful for a place in yours. May God bless you and those that you love.

Fr. Chris









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October 2024

Thursday at the Convention













CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY

San Mateo District offered a festive start to the Convention hosting a 1920s themed social and dinner dance at Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame.

FRIDAY

Friday at the convention was full of activities. The day began with a BLOOD DRIVE run by the Live to Give Committee with Laurice Levine, Kenneth Marshall, Pat & Lou Mages. The event was a big success with 20 units of blood, including 2 double red and 5 plasma, donated helping 60 lives.

THE HERITAGE ROOM was a new edition to the convention. The room, showcasing a century of ICF, was open throughout the convention as a place to share and remember. Some of the artifacts can be seen in photos on convention pages.

Total Number of Branches – 89

• 57 Branches submitted an Apostolate Charity report in 2023

BINGO was an energetic success. BINGO caller, **Tina Tallman, Presi**dent of the Blessed Sacrament Dis**trict,** kept the games going. The Ways & Means Committee got everyone into the competitive and collaborative spirit. It was a fun way to engage and rekindle friendships. Over 50 people enjoyed the spirited competition.

NEW DELEGATE ORIENTATION: Grand President Denise Antonowicz and Grand 1st VP Franklyn Lopes, Jr. provided members new to the delegate process some insight into expectations. Delegates were also able to raise their concerns and offer ideas for improvement. The room was full of many new delegates offering helpful ideas and sharing problem solving techniques.

ICF MARKETPLACE, curated by Deborah Rodondi, San Mateo District and Br. 19, was full of fun and thoughtful Italian and ICF related gifts as well as much more. From t-shirts and cozy sweatshirts to Christmas decorations and jewelry and the fine art by Joe DiGrado (Orange District President), there

2024 APOSTOLATE/CHARITY COMMITTEE – CONVENTION REPORT

Of the 59 Branches Submitting an Annual Report:

Total Reports Submitted – 59

was much to see and purchase. Workers: Deborah Rodondi, Kathy Trevizo, Donna and Jackie Barnes, Cheryl and Donald Simon, Brenda Wemiz and Linda Benedetti

MEET THE CANDIDATES: Allowed delegates to meet the eight ICF members running for the five open Central Council spots

OPENING CEREMONIES DINNER DANCE in Burlingame, California

CALL TO ORDER: The dinner was called to order by the Convention Director, Lauren Kilcullen - Grand 2nd Vice President, in her first of many successful events throughout the weekend.

MISTRESS/MASTER OF CEREMO-NIES: Due to illness, Bob Basuino, replaced Mistress of Ceremonies, Nancy Botta Carlos from Br. 14, Crockett. Ouick on his feet, the transition was seamless as Basuino kept the evening flowing.

HOST: San Mateo District President, Barbara Firpo welcomed everyone to Burlingame/San Francisco area. She thanked all the local branches who helped make the Thursday celebration a rousing success and looked forward to a successful conventon.

OPENING PRAYER: Father Chris-Bennett, Spiritual Director

PRESENTATION OF COLORS by the American Legion Riders Squadron Department of California.

Grand President Denise Antonowicz gave a rousing and motivating speech (see page 1) looking to the next 100 years at the Italian Catholic Federation. She welcomed 126 delegates, 23 Central Council members, 7 clergy, and over 50 guests and staff to the ICF 93rd Annual National Convention. This is the largest groups since pre-Covid times.

NATIONALANTHEM sung by Karen Rossi, Br. 343—Casto Valley

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE: ICF Spiritual Director, Father Chris Ben**nett** shared an uplifting message as he described his own brush with mortality and his return to the earthly plain to continue to serve. Emphasizing that "the power of God brought us to where we are today." He encouraged all to "think about how you have met Christ in your life and your time with ICF. This ministry was given to us by Jesus...walk with Jesus for another 100 years.'

The ROLL CALL OF DISTRICTS brought representatives from each district to the front where each district received a canvas of 3 disciples meeting Jesus. The image of three disciples meeting Jesus is rich with symbolic meaning. It often represents themes of divine revelation, faith, forgiveness, and the mission of Jesus' followers in the recognition of his presence in everyday life.

Everyone joined together is singing: Companions on the Journey, Carey Landry led by Fr. Chris & Allen Watts

NOI VOGLIAM DIO-Nina Malone, Life Member Emeritus, Br. 438-Roseville

CLOSING PRAYER: "I've been with you always through times of joy and times of sadness.." Fr. Chris led us on a meditation

DANCING began in earnest with many members taking to the dance floor. Psalm 149: Let them praise His name with dancing; Let them sing praises to Him with timbrel and lyre.

> Convention Info and Pictures continued on page 22

Deborah Rodondi

I am back, after almost a year's **State Fair Cream Puffs** absence. Things have been busy with the planning of our convention, which took place this past Labor Day 1 cup water weekend. Not only was I a part of $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter the ICF Convention Committee, but ¹/₄ tsp. salt my District also hosted the Thursday 1 cup all-purpose flour night dinner and the Market Place. We 4 large eggs, room temperature had a great time and I gathered a few new recipes. 2 Tablespoons 2% milk All year long, we have been celebrat-ing the ICF's 100th Anniversary. Can-2 cups heavy whipping cream 2 cups heavy whipping cream dies making an entrance in the 1920s: ¹/₄ cup confectioners' sugar Oh Henry, Abba Zabba, Baby Ruth, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. vanilla extract Haribo Gold Bears, Reese's Peanut Additional confectioners' sugar Butter Cups and Dubble Bubble Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a Bubble Gum to name a few. How large saucepan, bring the water, butabout "the original hamburger with cheese" (my favorite food) appearing ter and salt to a boil over medium heat. Add flour all at once; stir until on a menu in 1924 in Pasadena. With a smooth ball forms. Remove from the invention of "ice boxes" came the creation of ice box cakes and cookheat; let stand 5 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each ies. I know you remember some of addition. Continue beating until mixthe crazy salads and Jello molds your ture is smooth and shiny, breaks from families used to make, a popular addition to our menus in the 1920s. spoon when raised

Today, I want to share with you a recipe that has been served by the Wisconsin Bakers' Association at their State Fair since 1924. These are fun to make and can be used in a variety of ways.

Host Message--Continued from p. Barbara Firpo, San Mateo Host

Thank you to all of the branches and delegates that attended the workshops and events throughout the weekend. Ås we go back to our branches and share all of this information it will renew the spirit of the Federation.

Sempre Avanti!! Barbara Firpo San Mateo District President

In Loving Memory

(Report as of September 8, 2024)

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(Received as of September 1, 2024)

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• 41 Branches have an Apost	olate Chairperson						
• 31 Branches give an Aposto	plate Report at each me	eeting					
• 25 Branches have an active Chaplain							
• 7 Branches attend Mass tog	ether Monthly						
• 14 Branches attend Mass to	gether Quarterly						
• 6 Branches attend Mass tog	ether Semi-Annually						
• 17 Branches attend Mass to	0						
• 49 Branches recite the rosan		ntentions at each meeting	g				
• 58 Branches offer Masses f							
• 49 Branches donate to the F	Providenza Fund						
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Participation in Parish Life:							
• 114 Mass Greeters							
• 83 Ushers	72 Choir Members	74 CCD Te	achers				
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1-50 Members	51-1	100 Members					
1 – Br. 362 Downey		Br. 179 Glendora					
2 - Br. 445 San Jose $2 - Br. 111$ Montebello							
3 – Br. 354 Paso Robles 3 – Br. 108 South Pasadena							
4 – Br. 374 La Canada Flintridge 4 – Br. 209 Sebastopol							
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1 – Br. 291 Arroyo Grande		Br. 36 Monterey					
2 - Br. 10 Alameda		Br. 52 Healdsburg					
3 - Br. 14 Crockett		Br. 39 Merced					
4 – Br. 391 San Jose		Br. 390 Tracy					
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and members for your hard work and dedication!

Family Recipe -State Fair Cream Puffs

Drop by ¹/₄ capfuls 3 inches apart onto a greased baking sheet. Combine milk and egg yolk, brush over puffs. Bake until golden brown, 30-35 min-

Remove to wire racks. Immediately cut a slit in each for steam to escape;

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GP Message--Continued

Denise Antonowicz continued from p. 1

action, our voices, our unwavering commitment.

Look around you. These are not faces of hopelessness or despair. These are the faces of change. The faces of a future where the ICF continues to build back membership and then expands to other places. We are the architects of that future. We are here to shape the course of the Italian Catholic Federation, to ensure that our values and our principles, are the bedrock upon which progress is built.

This convention is more than a gathering – it is a declaration. A declaration that we will not be silenced, we will not be deterred. We are the ICF, and we are rising. Our voices will be heard, our power will be felt, because in this moment, we are unstoppable.

Could our founders, Sir Luigi and Fr. Bandini ever imagined 100 years ago that the seeds they planted would flourish into the vibrant community that stands before me now? That their dream of preserving Italian heritage and strengthening our Catholic faith would endure through a century,

touching countless lives and shaping generations?

And yet, here we are. A testament to the power of community, of tradition, and of the unbreakable bonds of faith, family and fellowship that connect us all

Next, I want to thank Juliana Midwin who created the beautiful artwork that you see behind us. Thank you, Lauren Kilcullen and the Convention Director's Committee. They worked hard to make this weekend possible. And finally, thank you to the San Mateo District, not only for their thoughtful gift but for our Thursday night 20's themed dinner. It was so much fun!

So, as we celebrate this milestone, let us honor those who came before us, let us embrace the present with joy and gratitude, and let us look to the future with hope and excitement. For the Italian Catholic Federation is not just a part of our history – it is the cornerstone of our legacy, and the foundation upon which we will build the next 100 years.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS		
9/1	St. Anthony's Church		Atwater, CA	\$30		
9/2	Valerie Hashim	281	Bakersfield, CA \$100			
9/3	Mary Fry	395	Stockton, CA \$30			
9/4	Michael Belluomini	39	Merced, CA	\$30		
9/5	Kristina McGee	215	Fremont, CA	\$30		
9/6	Liz D. Elboom	45	Elk Grove, CA	\$30		
9/7	Mary Lipari	391	San Jose, CA	\$30		
9/8	Amie Maricich	14	Crockett, CA	\$30		
9/9	Anna Mello	139	Lathrop, CA	\$30		
9/10	Dave and Sandy Mehrw	vein	San Francisco, CA	\$30		
9/11	Maria Guzman		Tracy, CA	\$30		
9/12	Bill and Sue James		Gilroy, CA	\$30		
9/13	Pat Grasso	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30		
9/14	Pat and Janet Hammett		Johnstown, PA	\$30		
9/15	Teresa Borba		Modesto, CA	\$30		
9/16	Andi Cassin-Bowen		Santa Rosa, CA	\$30		
9/17	Jeanette DeWitz	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30		
9/18	Mary Ann Mikles	342	Meadow Vista, CA	\$30		
9/19	Branch 229		Chula Vista, CA	\$30		
9/20	Joyce Harnett	343	San Lorenzo, CA	\$30		
9/21	Kathy Bullene	25	Salinas, CA \$	30		
9/22	Jo Bertaccini	191	San Jose, CA	\$30		
9/23	Lauren Bilich-Johnson		San Ramon, CA	\$30		
9/24	Fr. Romeo Evangelista	227	Aptos, CA	\$30		
9/25	Mary Natalizio	374	La Crescenta, CA	\$30		
9/26	Leo Gilardi	31	Los Banos, CA	\$30		
9/27	Branch 210		Fontana, CA	\$30		
9/28	Addie Richards		Fresno, CA	\$30		
9/29	Gina Evans		Lincoln, CA	\$30		
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September 11, 2024

Dear Grand President Denise Antonowicz, Members of the Central Council, Branch Presidents, Members of the Italian Catholic Federation, and ICF Staff:

Thank you so much for your donation of \$65,400 presented at the 93rd Annual ICF Convention. We are so glad Dr. Coates was able to attend once again and that Laurice and her family could join once again after missing last year. We appreciate the opportunity to speak on Sunday to thank our ICF friends for their hard work and incredible generosity. A special thanks from Ben who had a great experience talking about blood.

We are truly grateful that Cooley's Anemia/Thalassemia continues to be your national charity as there are countless worthy causes you can support. Since thalassemia is a rare disease in this country and funding is less for rare diseases, ICF is instrumental to our thalassemia program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. The difference you make in patients' lives is invaluable and we are grateful for your supporting our endeavors to improve patient's quality of life both locally and through our research, globally.

Educating the community about thalassemia and keeping you updated on current research and projects that the ICF funds here at CHLA is a priority for us. Laurice has started visiting branches again If you are interested please contact her at (360) 860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com. This of course comes at no cost to your branch.

Thank you again for your generosity and continued support of our program. You are improving the care and quality of life for thalassemia patients.

Sincerely

Shower D. Contes m Thomas D. Coates, MD Section Head for Hematology Director, Sickle/Hemoglobinopathy Program Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Professor of Pediatrics & Pathology Keck School of Medicine University of Southern California

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Cooley's Anemia Convention Donations

(Report as of September 1, 2024)

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Branch 139 Branch 184	Branch 446 Monika Besancon
Branch 215 Branch 281 Branch 291	Maria Di Paolo - In Memory of Fabiola Di Paolo Jo-Ann Maggiora Donivan
Branch 308 Branch 342	Bill and Maria Greco Annemarie McCarthy - In Memory
Branch 354 Branch 362	of Fabiola Di Paolo Leonard and BG Zasoski, Jr In Memory of Ed and Shirliann
Branch 368 Branch 374 - In Memory of Al Restivo Branch 380	Swertfager Grand Total: \$8,425.00



Cooley's Anemia Donations

(Received as of September 1, 2024)

Branch 52 Branch 285 Branch 444 Pat and Louie Cordich Pat and Louie Cordich







In Memory of Viola Carr In Memory of Josephine Jimenez

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

Received as of September 1, 2024:

IN MEMORY OF: Nettie Descalso-Del Nero Joanna Van Blaricom Dolores McCartney Alvin Wilson Nettie Descalso-Del Nero

GET WELL WISHES: Jim Friebel

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHE Mary Perata

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Joan Delfino

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND: ***A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Loraine Medeiros Ross - Merced.***

A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by JoAnn Maggiora-Donivan of Maggiora Jewelry from the proceeds of a sale of the I.C.F. necklace offered by the store.

*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.

Received as of September 1, 2024:

Branch 36 Branch 446 Grand Total: \$1,200.00



Gifts of Love Donations

(Report as of September 1, 2024)

Branch 285 Marc, Kelly and Madeleine Teglia In Memory of Donna Cerri Faria Carla Del Carlo In Memory of Fiore Marcheschi

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Denise Antonowicz

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

Officers/Members of Br. 218 In Memory of Debbie Kolodji Officers/Members of Br. 28 In Memory of Viola Carr Officers/Members of Br. 28 In Memory of Josephine Jimenez Eva Stern Speedy Recovery Wishes for Germaine Antonowicz

Heritage — Convention

Louise Vento, Committee Member

Summer is almost over, and fall has begun. Halloween is just around the corner. In September we celebrated 100 years of the Italian Catholic Federation at the 93rd annual convention in Burlingame, California.



The convention was very successful and informative. This year we had a Heritage room displaying memorabilia of the past 100 years, from 1924 to present day. The Heritage workshop was given by Bob Acquistapace and Carmen Kilcullen on the lives of Sir Luigi Providenza and Rev. Albert Bandini and how they formed the ICF to bring the Italian immigrant back to the Catholic Church.

As Heritage chairperson for the Santa Clara Valley District and my Branch

391 - St. Martin of Tours, I volunteered to be a docent for two days in the Heritage room. I enjoyed speaking with so many members and learning what they do in their branches to promote heritage. This year we only received 29 heritage reports. I am hoping that the branches who attended the convention and the Heritage Workshop were inspired and will send in their heritage report next year.

On Sunday, awards and donations to our Charities were given out. The highlight was when Ben (eight Years old) gave his slide presentation on blood. The convention ended with a beautiful mass at 3:00 p.m. I would like to thank the Heritage committee and Grand President Denise Antonowicz for the award given to my late husband Russ and I for our dedication to the Heritage program

Grazie Mille, Sempre Avanti

Welcome New Members

(Report as of September 8, 2024)

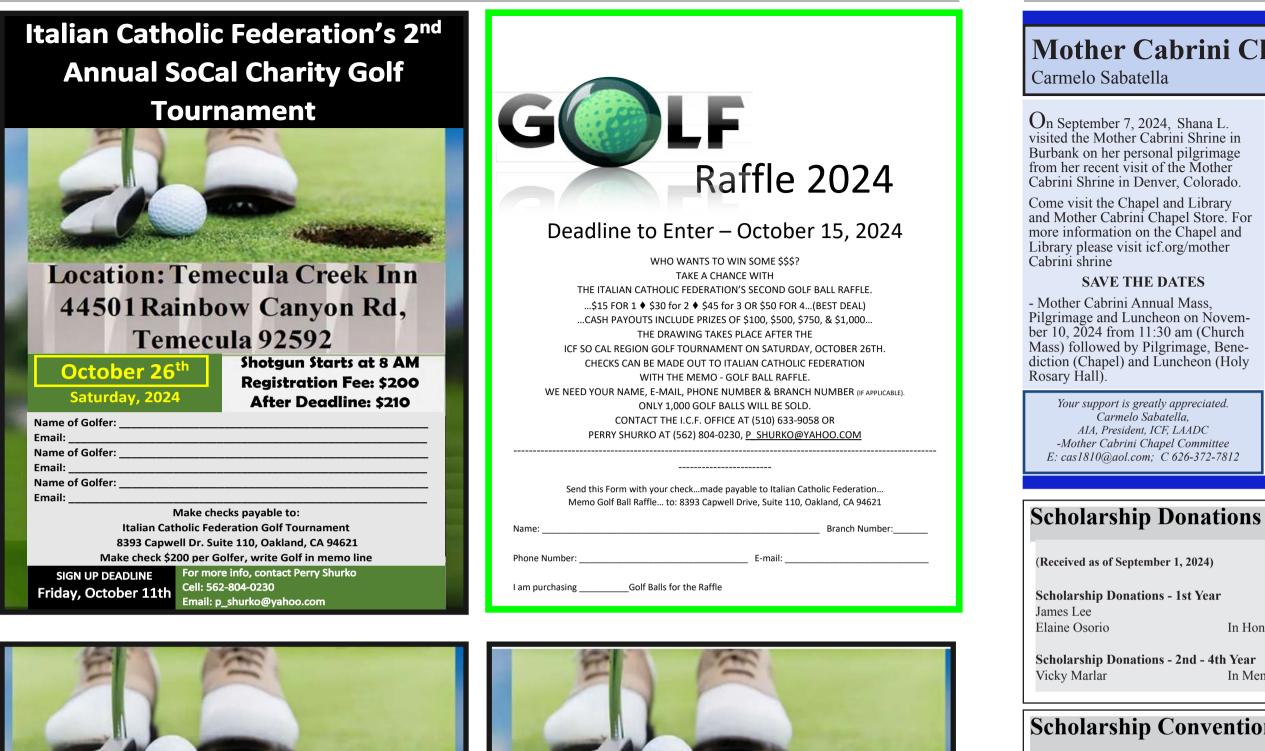
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	Rosemarie Ferrari Bryan	Anita Frusetta
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	Antonio Della Sala	Marilyn Gollihar
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Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library



Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee President Carmelo Sabatella at the Mother Cabrini Chapel in Burbank with visitor Shana L on her personal pilgrimage from her recent visit to the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Denver, Colorado to pray at Mother Cabrini's personal Chapel in Burbank, California.

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Book Review--*Built with Faith:* Italian American Imagination and Catholic Material Culture in New York City

Vince Piro

Built with Faith: Italian American Imagination and Catholic Material Culture in New York City

By Joseph Sciorra

University of Tennessee Press, 2018

Recently, a book came across my desk that I thought might be of interest to those interested in Italian-American cultural studies particularly folk art, and Catholicism.

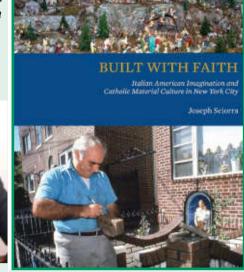
Italian-American Catholic folk art in th form of statues, altars shrines...has been a par

of New York for over a century. These reliof but in relationship to the consecrated halls of local parishes and are sites of worship in conventionally secular locations. Such ethnic building traditions and urban ethnic landscapes have long been neglected by all but a few scholars.

Sciorra starts his book by explaining that Catholic religious statues and artwork that often decorate Italian-American front yards of private homes in New York are often seen in a negative light. He explains that "Passing references to yard shrines in newspaper articles addressing social issues like political conservatism, the mafia, drugs, and racially motivated violence position Catholic practices and expressive culture as hypocritical and superficial." Others see such religious displays as "déclassé taste and spiritual banality...The cultural given is that these practices are audacious displays of bad taste, low- class Catholic kitsch on public view. Writing about the Catholic critique of kitsch.

Against these misunderstood descriptions, Sciorra sees these Italian-American and Roman Catholic displays in a more positive light. He writes, "Religious images, in the form of printed visuals and threedimensional statuary artistically displayed and embellished through assemblage and craftsmanship, are expressions of individual belief and artistry. They are a distillation of religious tenets, familial commitments and responsibilities, and ethnic associations communicated through form, placement, and ritual behavior. These religiously inspired creations, although crafted or sponsored by an individual (often with the aid of family members, paesani, and close friends) are geared outward toward a community of believers beyond the self and one's immediate family

As Sciorra notes, this public display of religious artwork has its tradition in Italy and was brought to the United States by immigrants. "Italian New Yorkers have adapted the centuries-old Italian tradition of constructing freestanding wayside shrines along rural roads and niches set into the exterior walls of urban buildings." And often, "Often, these vernacular structures were dissonant sites for representatives of institutional power like the police, the clergy, and landlords who all too often did not agree



with their religious practices and/or use of gious artifacts are often displayed in front city space." In a sense then, it appears these yards, front stoops, and sidewalks, "outside statutes were devotional while also speaking against urban centers of power.

In this academic yet accessible book, the author explores this Italian-American, Catholic folk art in-depth by offering an ethnographic study of the religious material culture of New York City's Italian American Catholics

Chapters include investigations of Private Devotions in Public Places: The Sacred Spaces of Yard Shrines and Sidewalk Altars, Places and Fragile Landscapes: Nostalgia and Utopia in Nativity Presepi, Festive Intensification and Place Consciousness in Christmas House Displays, The Our Lady of Mount Carmel Grotto in Rosebank. Staten Island, Processions as Global Mapping in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

Sciorra spent thirty-five years researching these community art forms and interviewing Italian immigrant and U.S.-born Catholics. By documenting the folklife of this group, Sciorra reveals how Italian Americans in the city use expressive culture and religious practices to transform everyday urban space into unique, communal sites of ethnically infused religiosity. The folk aesthetics practiced by individuals within their communities are integral to understanding how art is conceptualized, implemented, and esteemed outside of museum and gallery walls

Joseph Sciorra is the director of Academic and Cultural Programs at the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College. He is the editor of Italian Folk: Vernacular Culture in Italian-American Lives and co-editor of Embroidered Stories: Interpreting Women's Domestic Needlework from the Italian Diaspora. Sciorra received his Ph.D. from the Department of Folklore and Folklife at the University of Pennsylvania. As a folklorist, he has published on religiousx practices, material culture, and popular music, among other topics. He was the editor (2009-2016) of the social science and cultural studies journal Italian American *Review*. He has conceptualized and curated several exhibitions, including "Evviva La Madonna Nera!: Italian-American Devotion to the Black Madonna.

Vince

Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco

Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:

Happy Birthday Wishes to Severino Alpi, Julie Giovannoni and Catherine Quigg.

The 100th year Anniversary and Convention celebrations were wonderful. President Vic Arnaudo was asked to be the MC at Sunday's Awards Luncheon.

Cordiali Saluti Diana Cresci

SAN MATEO District Council

I want to thank all of the branches that helped with the 100-year convention celebration beginning with the Thursday night dinner at our Lady of Angels. Everyone had a wonderful time and there was lots of food! The entire convention was a huge success!!

Our September District meeting will be September 26, 7:00 p.m. in the small hall of Our Lady of Angels. Refreshments by Branch 403.

Please also mark your calendars for Chaplain's Night and Bishop's Day which will be celebrated on November 8 at the Basque Cultural Center. More information to come.

Ciao. Barbara

South San Francisco Br. 7. Sacro Cuore

Welcome back to all our members.

Happy Birthday to all our September Birthday members: Jeannette Acosta-Melvin Addiego-Olive Risso, Angelo Rovai-Harold, Teani-Madeleine Teglia & Marie Yoschak

Our next Dinner Meeting is September 18, 2024.

Donna Smith will be calling you with dinner menu and location of meeting.

See You There! Donna Smith Treasurer



Burlingame

Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

Well, we have certainly had a busy September with the 93rd Annual Convention being held in our own area. One of the highlights of the Convention was the dinner held on Thursday at our facility where many costumes represented the "Roaring 20's". We have not had our reports yet on the

various events and happenings which took place at the Convention so further details next month

This month of October we would like to congratulate many members for their dedication to the ICF:

Rina Cassanego—member for 82 years, Rosemarie Gregori—member for 68 years, Nerina Di Bella—member for 61 years, Joseph Bronzini—member 57 years, Harold Fuentes—member 57 years, Virginia Fuentes-member for 57 years, Ilda Pasquinelli—member for 51 years, Mary Ann Camacho-member for 50 years.

Please continue to pray for the sick in our Branch and throughout the Federa-

Mary Bodisco, Rina Cassanego, Mary Ann Camacho, Victor Camicia, Anita Cecina, Helen Quilici, Fred & Melanie Yeager; from Branch 19, Jackie Barnes, Steve Barnes and Kathy Treviso.

God Bless, Roz Emery

South San Francisco Br. 213, St. Augustine

Our September 10 dinner meeting was held at the home of Roberta. We enjoyed hearing from members who had the opportunity to attend some of the convention events.

The Thursday Night Dinner held at OLA in Burlingame was well attended. Members of the San Mateo District did a great job putting it together.

Several Branch 213 members attended St. Augustine Parish Fiesta on August 24, celebrating the birthday of St. Augustine. Mass was celebrated by Pastor Fr. Ray Reyes. After a procession, Fr. Ray welcomed the ICF to the celebration and reception.

Date to Remember: On Tuesday December 10 at 6:00 p.m., ICF San Mateo District will have a Night of Recollection at St. Augustine Parish Hall, hosted by our Branch 213. All members of S.M. District are invited. More information will be coming soon.

Please keep in your prayers:

Our member Sandy Barrera, whose daughter passed away recently.

Our member Norma Flores, who has experienced some health issues.

Our prayers are with them.

ICF 2025 calendars are available. Please let me know if you are interested in purchasing any.

Our branch Christmas Luncheon will be held on Sunday,

December 1, at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. Information will be sent to all members.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 8, and will be hosted by Donna DeVoe, Diane Pangburn and Marianne Cameron, Election of officers for 2025 will be held at this meeting. So, please consider taking an office!

See you then!

Menlo Park Br. 351, St. Patrick

Thank you to the Buonocore Family for the September dinner. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. We welcomed Father Mark Doherty.

October meeting will be October 4 and Angie Robbiano and Rina Stefani will prepare the dinner. Please RSVP by September 28 if you plan to attend. Call Barbara at 650-444-6999.

October is election of Officers so please let me know if you would like to run for an office.

Thank you for sending me to the 100year Italian Catholic Federation celebration and convention. It was a huge success, and I will give a brief report at our October meeting. Sylvia Row also attended the convention, and she will report on some of the workshops she attended. It was an amazing weekend.

I will see you all in October.

Ciao Barbara 650-444-6999

Millbrae Br. 403, St. Dunstan

I was able to attend the convention and had a very good time. Thank you to the organizing committee for doing such a great job pulling it all together!!

Now is the time to send your checks in for our Polenta Dinner! This annual fundraiser will be held at our Parish Hall, 1133 Broadway Ave. in Millbrae on Sunday, Oct. 20th, and includes antipasto, salad, creamy polenta with sausage & 1/4 chicken, WINE, bread & dessert. There will be a no-host bar & really great raffle prizes. The cost is \$45 (\$25 for 12 & under). Cocktails start at 4 p.m. & dinner begins at 5 p.m. The DÊADLINE is FRIDAY, OCT. 11th!

Individuals & groups should send ONE check (payable to "ICF BR 403") along with a LIST of names of attendees and your branch # (so we can seat you together) to: Faye Dowdy, 200 Poplar Ave., Millbrae, CA 94030. Questions? Call Faye at (650) 588-5400 or call or text me at (408) 313-6325.

Our next branch meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 5th featuring lasagna, salad, wine, bread & dessert. Social begins at 5 p.m. & dinner at 5:30. Cost is \$15. Send your check to Eunice Danli, 4 Spring Valley Ln., Millbrae, CA 94030.

Adonna Amoroso, Secretary

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE **District Council**

Has the excitement from the convention worn off yet? It was a great weekend; I'd like to thank the San Mateo district for hosting us.

Onward we go! At the end of September, the LA district came together for the annual Bishop and Seminarian Recognition Day held at St John's Seminary in Camarillo. It's always a joy to be able to visit and talk to the men there and see where they are on their journey to the priesthood

Are you a golfer? If you are, you better sign up for the So Cal Golf Tournament being held on October 26 at the Temecula Creek Inn. We also need hole sponsors and don't forget to buy your raffle golf balls for the golf ball toss.

In November we will be gathering for the annual Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage at St Francis Xavier parish in Burbank

Plans for the 2025 Officers Installation are under way and will be announced soon

I'd like to wish you all an enjoyable Autumn and a Happy Halloween. Perry Shurko, LA District President.

Br. 67, National Branch, **St. Peter**

Branch 67 members attended the 2024 ICF National Convention in Burlingame, CA over the Labor Day weekend beginning with the Host Chapter Dinner on Thursday evening to closing ceremonies and Mass on Sunday, September . 2024.

SAVE THE DATE

- November 10, 2024 ICF Mother Cabrini Mass, Pilgrimage, Benediction and Luncheon at St. Francis Xavier Church in Burbank, CA

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

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



South Pasadena Br. 108, Holy Family

Branch 108 members attended the 2024 ICF National Convention in Burlingame, CA over the Labor Day weekend beginning with the Host Chapter Dinner on Thursday evening to closing ceremonies and Mass on Sunday, September 1, 2024.

Congratulations to Branch 108 for receiving the 3rd Place Award among branches of 51 to 100 members: "In recognition of your ongoing contributions and continued faith-filled Apostolic works of charity by the members of the Apostolic Charity Committee of the Italian Catholic Federation"

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Montebello Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our October General Meeting will be on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. At this meeting, we will also have Nominations/Elections for 2025 branch officers. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Priscilla Araiza, Vienna Busalacchi, Lina Canzonieri, Crocetta Salomone, and Jeannine Vieni. Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

We also had our latest Bingo luncheon On Sunday, October 20, 2024, at the in September, and I think we all had 10:00 a.m. mass at St. Benedict Church, an amazingly fun time. After that, the 1022 W. Cleveland Ave., Montebello, district gathered at St John's seminary the mass will be offered for the living for the annual Bishop and Seminarian and deceased members of ICF 111. After Recognition Day. Thank you to Grand mass, we will gather at the Rio's Pizza, President Denise Antonowicz and her 531 N. Montebello Blvd, Montebello, sister Germaine for making the trip down and to Leonard Zasoski and his wife BG for a luncheon. for their support by joining us too. The SAVE the dates for the following events: big golf tournament is almost here. There more information will follow. is still time to gather a foursome for the Sunday, November 10, 2024 - Mother tournament or even a hole sponsorship. Cabrini Pilgrimage Mass & Luncheon. Do you want to join in on the golf ball toss? \$15 for one or four for \$50. Tem-Saturday, December 14, 2024 - Branch ecula will never be the same after we get 111 Christmas Dinner, at Salvatore's done with it.

Italian Restaurant

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

A Presto! Frank Salomone Branch 111 President

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

Please join us for our general meeting on October 17th at 7:30 p.m. in parish center. Election of officers will take place at this meeting. Please consider serving on next year's board. It is a very rewarding experience for all who step up.

Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday Nov 10. Bus will depart from the Boys and Girls Club at 10:30 a.m. \$25.00/person includes lunch Please call Barbara West for reservations 10 548-1693

Our yearly 2 night 3-day Las Vegas trip is planned for Nov 12 to the 14th. We will be staying at the Golden Nugget. Room rates are as followed: Carson Towers \$210.00 per person double occupancy. \$270.00 single occupancy

Gold Tower \$265.00 per person double occupancy \$375.00 single occupancy

Bus will leave from Boys and Girls Club at 9 a.m. For more information and or reservations please call Pauline Iacono 310 832-0563

Save the date Dec 7 at 6 p.m. Christmas Party in auditorium. Free to members \$15.00 spouse/ guest. For reservations, please call or text Giovanna Gioiello at 213 - 605- 3060

I am saddened to report the passing of Isidoro Amalfitano. Isidoro was a dedicated branch member. Our condolences to the family. Isidoro will be missed.

Please keep our sick and deceased members in your prayers

Anita Trujillo

Downey

Br. 362, St. Raymond

Hello and Happy October to you all. As I sit here writing this article, I'm recovering from our annual convention held in the Bay Area and hosted by the San Mateo District. Thank you and great job evervbody.

Right after the golf tournament, the Cabrini Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday November 10th at St Francis Xavier church in Burbank.

Halloween is right upon us, so be careful out there, and have fun

Perry Shurko.

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

Hope your summer provided time to reflect, relax, renew your minds and bodies, and energized to begin a new ICF year

A careful review and discussion of our very healthy Treasury status has allowed the addition and expansion of many of our current Scholarship and Charitable/Apostolate donations.

In memory of Al Restivo, whose 37year activity and involvement in the ICF organization was noteworthy, a new St. Bede Student Service Award has been initiated. It will annually provide \$500 at graduation to a deserving 8th grader. Phyllis Harb's very generous donation of \$1,000 to get the fund started will in the future come from donations and fundraising events.

Our branch website https://bede.org/icf is being updated. Thank you to member Raul Acevedo for his time and expertise with the technology. Members will be able to access the Branch Officers for information and questions at icf374@ outlook.com. We will also have a QR code for the St. Bede Sunday Bulletin submissions. Check it out.

Dates to Remember

October 15th- General Meeting & Potluck 6:00 p.m., Parish Center

October 26th- Temecula Golf Tournament

October 27th-Polenta/Pasta full lunch-Following 11:00 a.m. Mass: St. Peter's \$35.00 Reserve: Dora 818 679-9913

November 10th- Cabrini Pilgrimage St. Robert's Burbank- Lunch & Mass Time TBA

November 19th- General Meeting & Potluck 6:00 p.m., Parish Center

March 16th -Donuts and Membership Drive- after all Sunday Masses

March 22nd/23rd-St. Joseph/Auction Prep and Table Event

Thousand Oaks Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon

Recovering from an inspirational national convention, Branch 380 hosted a showing of the "Life of Mother Cabrini," in the hall at their September 14 meeting

The next meeting is Friday the 4th All Hallowine. With wine tasting and appetizers. Preparations are in process for the upcoming St. Paschal's Fall Festival. The branch will be running the successful Italian food booth again this year. Think about taking part and help Br. 380 and the church.

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Rancho Palos Verdes Br. 444, St. John Fisher

Hany Francis, Carol Piccirillo & Cristina Baldemor, attended the 100th Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of our Lady with dinner at Casa Italiana. We are so happy to have them represent our Br. 444.

Condolences to Sheryle Payne & Family for the loss of Paul Payne, her husband last month

Condolences to Connie Bohannon & Family, Br. 237, Gardena for the loss of her husband, Don. Don was our 1st Santa Claus at our 1st Christmas Celebration. Rest in Peace, Paul and Don.

Thanks to our Treasurer, Bruno Vieri for keeping the accounts up to date & keeping us in the Black. Bruno purchased the "Life of Mother Cabrini" DVD, in order to show it to the membership & hopefully our Parish.

Our visiting Priest for the summer, Fr. Simon Peter N. Okanumee, a member of the religious community, Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy was given a Farewell Luncheon. He is finishing his Doctorate in the Philip-Pines with emphasis on health care. Originally from Nigeria, he was ordained on July 20th. 2013. Over 100 attended the potluck luncheon, organized by the Philippino Community here at the Parish. We hope he returns next summer to our Parish.

Sending prayers to Joe Trani, Marianne Canetti & all our Parishioners who are currently ill at this time.

We pray for all our neighbors in the Portuguese Slide Area, who have been evacuated from their homes due to the current movement of land. One slide is 150 feet deep & the second slide at 330 feet deep. Movement of land is 10 ft per month. This is the largest Earth Slide in the United States, with Seniors who have lived there for over 50 years finding themselves homeless.

Drop off of solar lights, food, etc. can be left at the Portuguese Gate, PVDS at Nascissis

Mother Cabrini & Sr. Ann Seton pray for us.

Ciao, Patty Longo Hansen



SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT



ICF #47 SCVD Mass and BBQ Aug 2024



ICF #47 SCVD Mass and BBQ, Craig the Grill Master, Aug 2024.



Br. 445 August Birthday Celebrations for Joe Adragna & Phil Lang with Gina Farro



Br.445 Convention Roaring 20's Night: Richard & Donna Pfaff, Jan Stumhoffer



Br.445 Darlene & Gary Pedone lead Buffet Line



Br. 445 Blankets & Socks Donation Assembly Crew: Jim & Janie Falcone, Cindy Fuentes-Sevilla, Kathy & Andy LaScola, Larry & Gina Farro



Br. 368, Rib Dinner



Br. 368, Rib Dinner auction baskets by Patti & Carleen Beers



Br. 368, Ice Cream Social

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)



Julie Midwin and Jim Jones Br. 191





Andrew Pappani and Dante Galeazzi

Deadline for November Issue of the Bollettino is October 10. Send your articles & photos: editor@icf.org



Debbie Piro and Jim Jones Br. 191



Br. 191, August Baby shower for the Baby layette!



Br. 408, Dante Galeazzi & Patricia Look ICF Convention



Br. 435

Br. 435, Guilia Gallego ICF Memorial Mass ICF Convention 2024

Br. 408, Clergy at Closing Mass 2024





Branch 28



OAKLAND

EAST BAY District Council

Every branch of the EBD sent delegates to the Convention this year. Non-delegate members took advantage of the vicinity of the Convention to join the enriching weekend.

Congratulations to Lisa Crudo (Branch 343) for winning re-election to Central Council. Leonard Rossi, (Branch 343), remains on Central Council. Prayers and best wishes to you both for a productive year.

EBD Chaplin, Father Mario Rizzo presented a spirituality workshop on Sunday of the Convention. EBD appreciates the generous time given by all clergy present during the weekend.

EBD received two 100% participation awards for our work. One for supporting 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th year scholarships, and one for responding to all requests and required activities by the ICF.

The contributions of our generous members to the Socks/Blankets campaign were outstanding. Over two carloads of donations from the EBD were added to the contributions of the ICF.

Sempre Avanti- September 7th, Bishop's Day was held at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Crockett, hosted by Branch 14. Donations to the to the Seminary Burse and Spiritual Bouquets are presented.

We mourn the passing of Chuck Meier. Please remember him and his wife, Elaine, in your prayers. (Longtime Branch 285 members.)

Sincerely, Roberta Madej

Alameda

Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

A few days remain (until Tuesday, October 8 at 9:00 a.m.) for making reservations for our annual Ravioli Dinner scheduled for Saturday, October 12. Contact John Zugnoni, 510-326-3474 or john@zugnoni.net. Prices are \$35.00 for adults and \$12.00 for youngsters 12 and under. The festivities begin with social hour at 6:00 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7:00. The evening includes a hosted bar and raffle. The location is Monsignor O'Brien Hall, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda (main island).

Our next social event will be the combined East Bay District-Branch 10 Christmas Party on Saturday, December 7. We will be visited by Santa Claus, and gifts will be distributed to the children in attendance. More information to follow in the November Bollettino.

We are saddened to inform every one of

schi, who died at the age of 88 in his home in Alameda on August 1. Fiore belonged to the ICF for 60 years. He is survived by his wife Agnes, a member for 72 years, three adult children, all of whom belong to Branch 10, and two grandchildren. Agnes and son Michael chair our Saint Joseph's Day Table, and Michael ensures that we donate proceeds from the event to the Missionaries of Charity in Pacifica, this year recipients of the ICF Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award. Twenty-five members of Branch 10 joined in the Prayer of Farewell at the Rosary at Saint Joseph Basilica in Alameda on August 12.

the passing of member Fiore Marche-

Three of our officers and one non-officer member attended the Burlingame convention. We received an apostolate charity award for second place in our membership category. Thanks to JoAnn Dorn, our treasurer, for compiling all the information

Congratulations to recent Branch 10 winners of \$30.00 calendar awards, Linda Teplitz and Jane Hageman.

John Zugnoni Branch 10 publicity

Oakland Br. 91, St. Lawrence **O'Toole/Divine Mercy**

As we move into the Fall, we acknowledge some of our recent past events, joyful and sad

This Summer, we lost one of our longtime members, Betty Tully. She has now gone on to join her husband, daughter and brother in Heaven. The family held a Rosary and Funeral Mass, attended by many from Br. 91. She was an active member for many years and served on our board for the branch. Betty and her Irish Soda Bread will be missed!

Br. 91 was represented at The Annual Convention, and we were able to present one of the raffle prizes to Judy Wellbeloved from Br. 285, who was thrilled.

The other winner is Donna Dianda Santich who will receive hers soon!

By the way, we have now made a variation of that necklace for sale and delivered it to Andy Pappani during Convention. (A percentage of the sale goes back to ICF!) Contact Jo-Ann Donivan at jjdon@pacbell.net

Finally, Br.91 along with Br.215, donated many socks & blankets at Convention. Our Jeep was filled, and a luggage carrier was used to get it all into the hotel.

Moving forward, we now have 2025 Calendars for sale

Lisa Crudo and committee have done a wonderful job, and we look forward to selling out!! We even sell them to nonmembers-gifts & raffles.

Sempre Avanti Jo-Ann Maggiora Donivan, President

Fremont Br. 215, St. Francis of Assisi

The 2024 ICF National Convention was a joy to attend! President Fran LaTorre and member Rebecca Engineer represented Branch 215 at all functions throughout the Labor Day weekend.

The highlight of the Convention was to witness the Missionary Sisters of Charity be awarded the 2024 Mother Teresa Award! This order of nuns was founded by Mother Teresa! This group of MSC sisters have been based in the Mission District of San Francisco at the Convent of the Immaculate Conception since 1983. Immaculate Conception Church was the parish where the very first branch of the ICF was formed. This made our 100th Anniversary Celebration extra special. Two truckloads of blankets and socks were given to these special sisters. They will use our donations to serve homeless Mothers and their children as well as men dying of AIDS/HIV

Our Cash Raffle held in June grossed nearly \$1900.00 dollars. We are awaiting the final profit made at our 8/6/2024 Strizzi's Fundraiser. \$175.00 in donations were received even before the 8/6/2024 event.

President Fran, Nadine Mattier, Rick and Cathy Laden all volunteered their services at Corpus Christi Church's Flea Market held on 8/24/2024-8/25/2024. The final profit made appeared to be a little over \$5,000.00. ICF Branch 215 has volunteered its services to the Flea Market for the past 8 years.

In August, Corpus Christi Parishioners learned that our Pastor, Father Luis Lopez, has become the Parish Administrator both Corpus Christi in Fremont and Our Lady of the Rosary in Union City. His start date was 9/1/2024.

Br. 215 along with the Ladies Guild of Our Lady of the Rosary will man the Cake Booth at OLR's Parish Festival on 10/5/2024-10/6/2024. Buy your tickets and we will spin the wheel. Lots of delicious cakes to win!

Congratulations to all members celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and other special events during October!! Remember, our next branch meeting will be on Tuesday 10/8/2024, 6:30 p.m., Seton Room, Basement of Corpus Christi Parish Hall.

Sincerelv Fran LaTorre

Livermore Br. 285, St. Filomena

We are looking forward to the cooler days of autumn here in the Tri-Valley, and to all the planned fun events coming up

We ended the summer with the ICF National Convention held in the San Francisco Airport Marriott and it was a huge success. Our branch president, Carlotta Schauer and husband, Dale,

attended as our delegates, along with Judy Wellbeloved and her husband, David. Judy is a past president and she and her husband still participate in events when they can since retiring to the "far" north. Our Sentinel, Toni Manzetti, was the lucky winner of the \$1500 prize. Congratulations!

Because our Polenta Dinner was such a success this year, it enabled us to make additional donations to Cooley's Anemia, Gifts of Love, Second and Third Year Scholarships, as well as add to our First Year Scholarships. We are definitely planning another polenta dinner!

Last month we joined with the Golden Friends for a very fun Bingo/Luncheon, and we were able make a donation to St. Michael's School Tuition Assistance. Along with another Polenta Dinner, we are planning exciting guests and events for our monthly Social Meetings. This month's meeting on September 15 at 1:30 will be at St. Elizabeth Seton's and we will enjoy stories presented by local contributors to Donna McMillan's book, "Cruising Down Memory Lane, Stories of Pleasanton in the 1950s." The presenters and contributors include our own Carolyn Cardinalli who grew up in Pleasanton and has many interesting memories to share. Next month, at our October meeting, we plan on hosting Pia Murphy, who will be sharing stories of her heritage. In November, we will be attending our Mass of Remembrance followed by a delicious Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by a local restaurant. December will bring our annual Christmas Dinner. Boll

We welcomed seven new members but sadly lost one of our dearest members last month, Chuck Meier. He was always ready to assist at ICF activities, and whenever anyone needed help. He was known for his kind heart, sense of humor, and generosity. We will all miss him very much. A Celebration of his Life is planned for September.

We would love to have you join us at any of our meetings or events; please contact Virginia at 925 455 6084 or virginia1153@comcast.net for information



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Branch 39 Convention Delegates and Vince Piro; left to right: Ruth Redondo. Robyn Piro, Terrie Rhodes, Vince Piro and Maryellen

As you know, many Individuals, Districts and Branches traditionally place Christmas and New Year's messages in the December issue of the Bollettino. These can be sent in, already designed and sized, or the text may be provided and we will create the design. These are the choices and

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7TH PRIZE, \$500 + \$100 SELLER'S PRIZE Elva Valli, Br. 14, Crockett, CA

CONTRA COSTA District Council

All seven of our branches were represented at the recent convention. The festivities were held at the Marriott Waterfront hotel in Burlingame over Labor Day weekend. Delegates and guests enjoyed Masses, workshops, dinners and more. We thank the convention director's committee for an inspirational and informative convention. Congratulations to Rosemary Cook from Branch 13 Martinez for being reelected to the Central Council and installed as a trustee.

On September 7, Contra Costa and East Bay Districts gathered for Bishops Day. Mass was celebrated at St. Rose of Lima parish in Crockett. Dinner and program followed. Monetary and spiritual donations were presented to Bishop Barber. We thank second vice President, Franklyn Lopes Jr. for representing the Central Council. And Chris Valentini, Central Council Emeritus for being the master of ceremonies. And a great big thank you to branch 14 Crockett for hosting. Our District Mass will be held at 9 a.m. October 6 at the Immaculate heart of Mary parish in Brentwood. Breakfast will follow. Our next meeting will be held November 14 at 7 p.m. at Christ the King parish meeting room A and B in Pleasant Hill. Our 2025 officer election will take place.

That's all for this time. Fraternally, Patty Jarrett Past President/District Mentor

Martinez Br. 13, San Martino

The 100th anniversary convention held on the windy coast of Burlingame was welcomed respite to our hot summer as we watched aircraft going and coming every few seconds. Branch #13 celebrated Rosemary Cook's successful re-election campaign, acknowledgment for member retention, scholarship donation, contribution to the blood drive, and reconnecting with old and older friends. Memories of David Botta swirled about as the theme was his favorite battle cry. It was all-around success with thanks to organizers.

At Bishop's Day, Branch #13 was represented by officers Tom, Mary, and Chaplain Deacon Albert Dizon who also served Bishop Barber on the altar. How will you serve the branch? Elections will be held on Indigenous People's Day, October 14. Calendars are now available for purchase \$30 each with 365 chances to win. Claim yours. October recognizes feasts of some of my favorite saints: Francis of Assisi, Teresa of Avila, Ignatius, and Anne; and, also it's the month dedicated to Breast Cancer Awareness. We've all known someone who has survived and who has died. I know both within my immediate family. My mother and one sister were survivors; another sister suc

cumbed. Let's keep praying for a cure for all cancers.

Remember, "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him."-John 3:17. Let's keep positive attitudes; and, as you prepare your upcoming ballot, vote your conscience, not party, please. Ask yourself, "What would Jesus do?" Which candidate most represents your values?

Sempre Avanti! Mary Cook

Crockett Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici!

September was a busy month for our branch. We were privileged to host this year's Bishop's Day for the Contra Costa and East Bay Districts. The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber honored us with his presence, as did many other Diocese and District dignitaries. ICF Spiritual Director, Reverend Christopher Bennett inspired us with his remarks, while Master of Ceremonies Chris Valentini entertained us throughout the evening. We thank Roni and her team for organizing this event, and a special thank you to all the branches and officers who came together to celebrate the Mass and this wonderful occasion.

Pat Botta, Dee Carone, and Sylvia Smith represented us well at this year's convention, and provided motivating reports from the event. Thank you, ladies

Our September dinner was an annual favorite. Johnny V. made his worldfamous BBQ. It was so good, that he received a standing ovation. Many thanks Mr. Valentini

Tickets are now on sale for this year's Polenta Dinner. The October 19th dinner is \$25.00. Contact Donna for tickets (510) 367-5669.

We wish a speedy recovery for Pat Botta, Donna Hoffmann, Debbie Keys, and John Lira. We send our deepest sympathy to Carol Lawson and Chris & Liz Valentini for the loss of their loved ones. We are thinking of you.

Finally, we are grateful to Louise for hosting our Annual Picnic. Louise is a most gracious and marvelous hostess!

We are truly fortunate to be able to gather together and celebrate so many special days with our ICF friends!

Blessings, ~Helen



Concord Br. 214, Todos Santos

We have had a busy few months during summer. First, I hope you all braved the extreme hot weather we had and stayed healthy. Hopefully we will be cooling off and be able to go out more often.

The ICF Convention was a huge success. It was very informative. It was held in Burlingame at the Marriott Hotel. It was held over Labor Day weekend. Attended from our branch was Roberta Healy, Ed and Allison McGuirk, and Sue Giorgetti. The four obtained many new ideas for activities for the coming year 2025. They had banquet dinners enjoyed by all. The past presidents were honored. It was a great event.

The Bishop's dinner honoring Bishop Michael Barber was held in Crockett and hosted by Branch #14. They did an excellent job. We had 10 of our branch members who attended.

We had our annual branch members only barbecue at the home of Roberta Healy. We had 40 members. We had delicious food, and a few prizes. Unfortunately, Irene Moore had an accident and spent many days in the hospital and is home now recovering. We all pray for a speedy recovery

We are looking forward to our Pasta/ Bingo this Saturday September 14th. We will have 85 excited guests hoping to receive cash payouts for bingo games and delicious food and many raffle prizes and a door prize.

Please stay healthy and enjoy the cooler weather. The holidays are approaching soon!!

Ciao, Norene Deluca

Danville Br. 352, St. Isidore

Hope you all are having a wonderful summer. Sunday, August 18 branch 352 had a fun day at Sycamore Park in Danville playing bocce. Forty people came out to play in bocce tournament from 9 a.m. to 2. The teams were made up of four people some were novices some were experienced.

We started with donuts and coffee then everyone brought their own picnic lunch, many shared goodies. Everyone said they would love to do it again. We decided this was the new first annual and looking forward to next year. Thank you to Bob Marx, Margie Favro, Fred Sanchez, Sis Baatz and Art and Sally Panella.

Our delegates to the national convention enjoyed the experience and will bring back information they learned to the branch. We did learn for sure that we are so lucky to have Russ doing our cooking. Our monthly dinner meeting is September 16 and our annual fundraiser auction and dinner with a DJ for dancing is Saturday, October 19.

Ciao and Bona Fortuna Tutti. Sally Panella

Pleasant Hill Br. 442, Christ the King

September activities were plentiful for Branch 442, Christ the King, Pleasant

An enthusiastic contingent from our branch attended the convention over the Labor Day weekend (see photo in this issue) and brought back, to share with the full branch membership, learnings and stories.

Our always anticipated annual Anniver-sary Dinner was held on September 21st and the house was full! The membership cooked a delicious meal of pasta, sausage, salad and desserts. There was a full array of raffle prizes and lots of nostalgia shared by those lucky enough to have cherished memories of our Italian 'famiglia'.

We ended a busy month supporting the annual parish festival. The ICF Salami Toss booth is always one of the most popular. Lots of encouragement from the members who staffed the booth led to the 'potato-tossers' leaving with either salamis or pride in their effort or both!

October, we begin, in earnest, to plan for our full range of events for the new year including election of officers.

Saluti a tutti e Dio vi benedica! Diane Delucchi Christ the King, Branch 442, Pleasant

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Br. 342, St. Joseph

A big thank you to everyone who joined us at our annual picnic! It was so much fun seeing everyone enjoy the great food, play games and visit with each other. We are so grateful to the Knights of Columbus for grilling our burgers and hot dogs! Thanks for joining us and cooking lunch! I will have pictures next month.

Save the date! On Saturday, November 2nd we will be having a Bunco Fundraiser at St. Joseph's Hall in Auburn. Doors will open at 11 a.m. We will be serving lunch catered by Real Foods Catering and then the games will begin! Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased by calling Adriana Jensen at (530) 823-8523 or Pam Andersen at (530) 913-2041. We only have a limited number of tickets, and no tickets will be sold at the door. We hope you will be able to join us!

Ciao! Pam Andersen



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CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT

Louise DeTomasi's house. Thank you Louise for a fabulous time.





ICF convention. Art Panella, award for most new members Branch 352



Branch 432, Louisa Marassutti



Branch 352, Sis Baatz, Art Panella, Fred Sanchez and Margie Favro, Dick and Susie Reynolds Sally Panella, Bob and Joan Marx

Br, 352, Winners of the bocce tournament, Dick Reynolds, Heba Rayan, Steve and Sandy

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT (continued)



#442 Convention Diana Mackinson, Ann Consul, Rose McNeal, Joan Cummings, Eileen Mc-Gauran, Julette Cote and Patty Jarrett







Tom Cook of Martinez, Bishop Michael Barber, Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Grand First VP, Fr. Larry Young, Contra Costa District Chaplain, Deacon Alberto Dizon, Chaplain of Br. 13, Fr. Leo Asuncion and Franklyn Lopes, Jr. cion, Parochial Administrator of Host Parish, and Deacon John Kortuem from Brentwood.

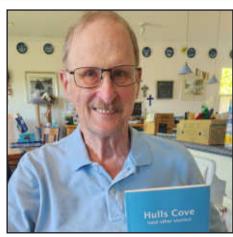


Friends: Joseph Flores of Br. 213 and Tom Cook, President of Br. 13, meet about every 6 weeks to remain in touch.



"Meet the Candidates" when delegates chat with those running for Central Council and collect campaign paraphernalia like the notebooks Rosemary Cook offered to Sally Panella (left) from Danville and Nanette Metz (center).





Br. 13 also celebrated member Bob Poirier on the release of his newest book, "Hulls Cove and Other Stories" now available on Amazon.



Ken Marshall, Br. 342 captured this picture of East Bay District Chaplain Fr. Mario Rizzo and Br. 13 Delegate, Mary Cook



Bishop Michael Barber processing into St. Rose of Lima church in Crockett.



Contra Costa and East Bay District's Bishop's Day: On the altar of St. Rose of Lima church in Crockett, Bishop Michael Barber of the Oakland Diocese concelebrated the Mass with Fr. Leo Asuncion, Fr. Chris Bennett, Fr. Larry Young, Fr. Matthew Murray, Deacon Albert Dizon, and others.







Branch 214 at ICF Convention

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT

Central Coast District members attending National Convention



Br. 214, members barbecue. Roberta Healy and Sandra Cordoni.



Ed and Bella Leonard 67th Wedding Anniver-sary Branch 36

Elaine Valentine President Branch 36



Nino and Millie Campagna Branch 36



John and Josephine Favazza Branch 36

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT (continued)



Newly elected CC member Vincent Malfitano and lovely Roselyn



Br. 36, Doug e Debbie Omar



Br. 36, Jerry and Joan Delfino with Elaine Valentine.



Br. 36 President Elaine Valentine with branch members







Br. 91, Siver and gold cross necklace



East Bay and Contra Costa Bishop's Day.







Br. 446, Frank Smiderle showing photo of ancestral home.





Br. 446 Rosanna Montato Hartman making a Heritage presentation, assisted by Pres. Tony Santorufo



Br. 446, Family Movie NIght



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Br. 285 Convention Delegates Carlotta and Dale Schauer and Judy and David Wellbeloved

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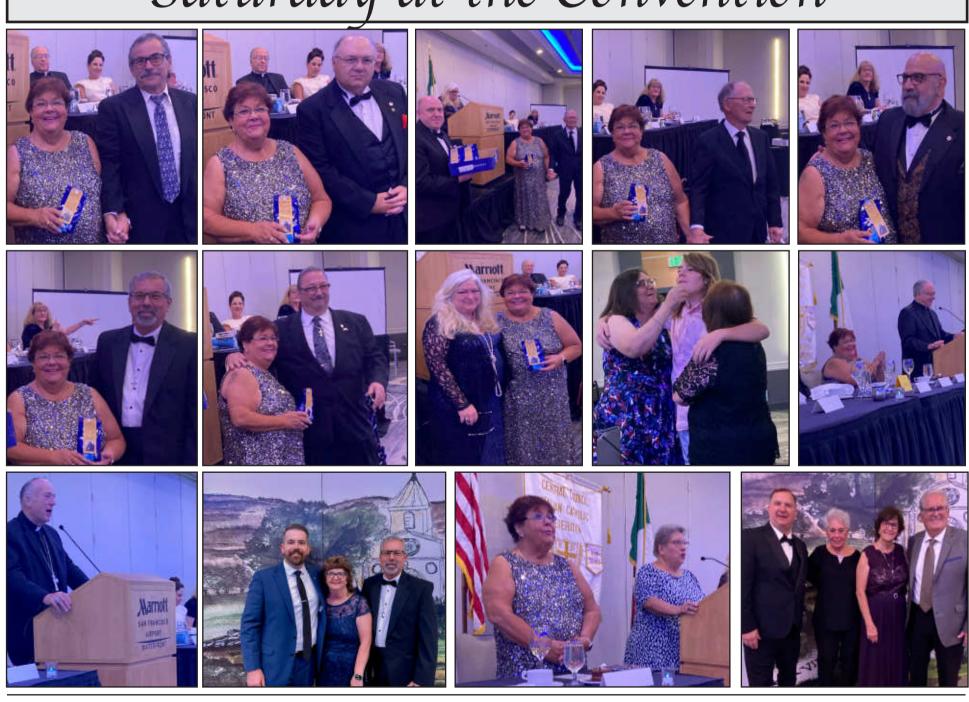
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The Live to Give Committee would like to extend their deepest apprecia-tion and gratitude to all who donated or attempted to donate blood at the 13th Annual Convention Blood Drive in Burlingame. From our donors, Vi-talant Blood Bank collected 11 units of whole blood, 2 double red (4 units of whole red blood cells). 4 red blood of whole red blood cells), 4 red blood cell/plasma, and 1 plasma, totaling 20 lifesaving units of blood products collected. 1 unit can help up to 3 patients. This means we collected 60 lifesaving units for the hospitals.

Donors received a goodie bag and raffle tickets for an array of fabulous prizes donated by the Live to Give Committee. The Live to Give Committee would also like to recognize and thank the Vitalant staff, led by Alexandra Carter, for their exceptional hard work.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the following blood do-nors: thank you for donating blood and giving the gift of life. God bless each of you.







13th Annual Blood Drive: Giving Life By the Live to Give Committee

Joseph Aguilar Marianne Cameron Mary Cook Tom Cook Lisa Crudo Jo-Ann Donivan Raymond Jackson Ken Marshall Nanette Metz Judy Miller Gléna Navarra Andy Pappani Sid Pappani Consuelo Perez Christine Ragusa Carmelo Sabatella Tad Shaw Richard Shimshock Willian Veloso Leonard Zasoski, Jr. Melissa Zenor

If we inadvertently missed a name our since apologies. Please email LLevine430@aol.com and let us know. If you missed the blood drive and still want to donate blood, contact your local blood bank. If you care to donate

in honor of a loved one or to celebrate a friend's milestone, you can get a card from the ICF office, and a letter of acknowledgment will be sent to the honoree. Your donation will also be recognized in the Bollettino, just the same as all the other donations. What better way to celebrate life than to give life? To find out if you qualify to donate, you can contact your local blood bank or contact the Live to Give Committee.

Planning blood drives is a great way for your branch to get involved with the Live to Give Committee, as well as to replenish an ever-diminishing blood supply. Ninety-five percent of people will need a blood transfusion at some time in their lives, yet only five percent time in their lives, yet only five percent of people (four percent in the Bay Area) donate blood. Wouldn't it be terrible to be bleeding out from a car accident only to find that the hospital you urgently got admitted to ran out of blood? Sadly, this happens, but it does not have to if we all do our part and plan a drive or give blood. The Live to Give Committee and your local blood bank are happy to help you.

Blood drives are the key to ensuring that an adequate blood supply is available for patients in need. Approximately half of the nation's blood supply is collected at blood drives like the ICF's. Blood Banks like Vitalant are able to meet the blood needs of patients they serve because of blood drives like these.

For questions about donating blood or planning a blood drive, please contact

Laurice at 360-860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com.

Thank you again to everyone who participated.

Respectfully, Carmen Kilcullen, Chair, Live to Give Committee

Ken Marshall, Member, Live to Give Committee Pat Mages, Member, Live to Give Com-

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Laurice Levine, Member, Live to Give Committee

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ICF WORKSHOPS

SPIRITUAL WORKSHOP #1: Led by Reverend Christopher Bennett "walking out of the past into the future." Discussed how the founders relate to today.

PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK-

SHOP: Led by Pat Mages, PR Chairperson, brought together the Bollettino editor as well as Vince Piro and Perry Shurko to communicate steps branches could take to make better use of branch articles as well as overlooked PR tools available on the ICF website.

HERITAGE WORKSHOP: Led by Bob Acquistapace and Carmen Kilcul len shared stories and inspiration about the evolution of ICF. They told stories of the lives of Sir Luigi Providenza and Rev. Albert Bandini and how they formed the ICF to bring the Italian immigrant back to the Catholic Church.

The workshop occurred in the Heritage Room surrounded by photos and memorabilia recounting the role ICF and its members have in many communities. Due to a glitch in the schedule, Kilcullen led a second workshop later in the day to another full crowd.

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP: Led by Patrick Senge from Br. 438 Roseville, George Leonard from Br. 36 Monterey and Lauren Kilcullen, Br. 52 San Francesco Di Sales. Patrick discussed Square, George discussed Wix. com and I discussed Mailchimp

OPEN FORUM

The event invited members to share success stores from their branches as well as their questions.

• A big topic of discussion was the awards. There was concern that this year only 3 of the awards had enough submission. Some talked of reducing the number of awards, but others suggested the awards if enhanced and better recognized could be useful ways to better connect with the community and grow ICF. There may be an award workshop to better explain the process.

• Several members brought up the value in getting schools involved. They could bring young people in first for volunteering and then to see the value of being an active member of the branch for themselves and their families.

• Many highlighted ICF was pretty good at getting new members, but they were not so good at holding on to them. Retention is a huge factor.

SPIRITUAL WORKSHOP #2: Led by Reverend Mario Rizzo discussed life of the Saints and how we connect with them as family

CONVENTION GENERAL SES-SION

CALL TO ORDER by Grand President Denise Antonowicz

OPENING PRAYER given by Rev. Mario Rizzo referenced the first millennial saint: Carlos Acutis He was a teenaged computer whiz who used the internet to spread the Catholic faith. Acutis is referred to as "God's influencer." Fr. Mario remind all to "make our joy fulfilled."

The Central Council members, including Life Members, as well as clergy and staff were introduced.

ADOPTION OF RULES/REGULA-TIONS led by Grand Parliamentarian Leonard Rossi so delegates would understand what was expected of them during the voting process.

CREDENTIAL REPORT explained by Grand Secretary Lauren Kilcullen which highlighted delegates present and Central Council members for 140 voting delegates. Three chaplains were also present.

TREASURER'S REPORT described by Grand Financial Secretary Lisa **Crudo** regarding the financial packet all delegates received with the projected general fund profit and loss.

CANDIDATE SPEECHES

ROSEMARY COOK, Br. 13-highlighted her Sicilian heritage and desired to contribute further to Central Council and continue to grow her role.

LISA CRUDO, Br. 343—shared that as a member since 1981 she is looking forward the future of ICF.

SARA FARELLO, Br. 380-called for increasing membership engagement through enhanced social media. Remarks given on her behalf by Leonard Sasoski, Jr. since she was unable to attend due to an accident.

PAT MAGES, Br. 380—shared that she joined ICF to give, but has received so much in return.

VINCE MALFITANO, Br. 36-referenced his Sicilian heritage and desire to grow his faith, family and service as a member of Central Council

KENNETH MARSHALL, Br. 342 shared how he has recruited many members to Knights of Columbus and ICF. He is hoping to get a branch opened in his new home of North Carolina.

THERESA SABATELLA-SHAW, **Br. 108**—revealed she has had 47 years with ICF having joined in 1977. She wants to keep our parishes, schools, faith, family, heritage and friends strong

PERRY SHURKO, Br. 362-highlighted role of expansion committee and the opportunities that continue for ICF.

RESOLUTION AND COMMUNI-CATIONS read by Pat Mages and Public Relations Committee. For complete coverage of all resolutions and communications see page 29.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Perry Shurko—Basket of Golf Balls raffle for the upcoming SoCal-based Golf Tournament in Temecula. \$15 for 1 ball, \$30 for 2 balls, and \$45 for 3 balls or \$50 for 4 balls. Winner gets \$1000 if closest to the hole. \$100 for the ball that is furthest from the hole. See flyer for more info

Julie, from Branch 25, Salinas thanked the venue and planners for a great job so far and the dancing.

Vince, from Branch 36, thanked the president and treasurer for making the branch the shining star it is.

Josephine Silva, from Branch 145, congratulated the convention committee on a wonderful convention.watts

Donna, from Branch 127, loved the convention but had to buy a sweatshirt from the marketplace because it was cold

Tad and Theresa Shaw were thanked for providing last night's music.

SATURDAY BANOUET

The evening began with a procession of the head table as well as the Past Grand Presidents and their spouses.

WELCOME by Barbara Firpo, San Mateo District President, provided a gracious welcome to the Saintly Banquet dinner and special guests.

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES Deborah Rodondi, Past Grand President, Central Council Life Member, kept the evening moving light and joyful

REMARKS by Sandy Comaroto from the Burlingame Building and **Planning Commission.** Comaroto was delighted to welcome the ICF National Convention to Burlingame, California. She is very familiar with ICF as her mother is a 40-yeaar member. Also, her son received ICF scholarships which

helped support his eventual enrollment in the University of Massachusetts and Cornell University. Additionally, her husband is a native Italian, and she hopes to get dual citizenship.

INVOCATION led by Cardinal Rob-

ert McElroy, Diocese of San Diego, emphasized the role of the church and sacraments as God's presence in our life. ICF had touched his life since his youth. "I believe that whole history and ministry of the ICF has been one accompaniment for that word.'

Sir Luigi's vision "saw the importance of the life in the church...flame of that church needed to be lit anew...providing an opportunity to be a source of grace." Cardinal McElroy said, the ICF founders "were called to sow the seed of God's grace by which God's presence is made manifest. However, the sower may never see the harvest but trust in God's grace that it is there." Just as it has been for ICF 100 years later.

HONOR PAST GRAND PRESI-**DENTS AND FIRST LADIES (See** details on page 12)

Past Grand President Deborah Rodondi and current Grand President Denise Antonowicz recognized and honored each Past Grand President that was present as well as their spouses.

CLOSING PRAYER led by Bishop Myron Cotta, Diocese of Stockton. The bishop also grew up with ICF even though he was a Portuguese kid. The Portuguese and Italian communities were very strong at Sacred Heart. They both shared the camaraderie and rootedness in family and community that continues today.

GOD BLESS AMERICA led by Diana Mackinson, Contra Costa District President, Br. 442—Pleasant Hill, member. The entire room joined in singing.



Saturday Night Past Grand Presidents Recognition

Grand Presidents.

lights, our mentors, our friends; they have picked us up and brushed us off when needed and are a part of our family.

couragement and to bounce ideas off them — their doors were always open. The spouses and families of these indi-

viduals gave their support to them and oftentimes to us also — they made us feel welcomed.

Robert Acquistapace (Kathy) 1978-1981

• Life Member Emeritus of the Central Council, Branch 198 member. • Charter member of Branch 194 in Santa Rosa, currently chairperson of the Hospitalization Committee • Retired Teacher, Coach and Counselor at Montgomery High • Proud to be the oldest living Past Grand

President • Also enjoys sharing the fact that the PGP pictures hanging on the wall at the office was his task for the task force and my uncle Ario Gregori to accomplish.

David Botta* (Pat) 1981-1984

• A member of Branch 14 in Crocket • Fondly known as the *Rocket from*

Crocket

on their banner as his campaign slogan thinking outside the box and our theme for this year's convention Sempre Avanti

• Thank you Pat for the support you gave to David so that he could devote Leonard Rossi (Karen) 2005-2007 so much time and guidance to ICF and • Life Member of the Central Council the Central Council

• Life Member Emeritus of the Central Council

in San Francisco, where she was Branch



Deborah Rodondi, Past Grand President & Current Grand Secretary

We have gone to them for advice, en-

• Began her venture in ICF at Branch 175

of Branch 52 Healdsburg.

These individuals have been our guiding • Paving the way for some of us, Carmen was the first female Grand President. • Currently the chairperson of the Schol- High. Charity Committee

Genovese heritage

George Bacigalupi* (Diana) 1995-1997 Jim Jones (Janice) 2009-2011 • Was a member of several branches in

San Francisco. • A CPA by profession, he modernized the bookkeeping at the ICF office

• At an ICF convention, I recalled George pulling me aside and convincing me that I must run for Treasurer. Then he grabbed I could do the job.

to the Central Council with the help of Richard and Lillian Valli for brunch trick of tracking what you wear to events realizing it. so as not to duplicate.

Steve Fuentes (Harold) 2001-2003

• Life Member of the Central Council • Has been a member of several branches and currently a member of Branch 173 Our Lady of Angels

• Retired from the School District and is • When mentoring Branch 13 in Marti- embracing his love of traveling nez he adopted the slogan embroidered • He tends to keep us in line, focused and

• Steve along with his parents Harold industry. of the San Mateo District

• Also, has been a member of several Leonard Zasoski Jr (BG) 2015-2017 Carmen Kilcullen (Larry) 1993-1995 branches in the East Bay District. Currently at Branch 343 Our Lady of Grace

in Castro Valley • Became a member of the Central Coun- a member of the Executive Committee cil in 1999

This evening is about honoring our Past President and District President. In mov- • Currently the Grand Parliamentarian ing to Santa Rosa she became a member and chairperson of the By-Laws and Andy Pappani (Sid) 2017-2019 Ritual Committee and member of the . Life Member of the Central Council Executive Committee

• Retired Music teacher from O'Dowd

everyone made sure to stop at because of his Grand 2nd Vice President • Retired School Teacher - Proud of her his lively accordion playing and his dad, Nello, singing Italian songs.

• Life Member Emeritus of the Central Council

• A member of Branch 191 Mother Cabrini in San Jose

• Joined the Central Council in 1999

• Over the years he has generously made • Joined the Central Council in 2010 our wonderful convention backdrops at . This weekend, Vince is becoming a Leonard Rossi and said you need to his business. I still have and use the gonnominate her. I was honored he thought dola and leaning tower table decorations • Member of Branch 39 Merced and curhe made for many branches

• Diana, as gracious hosts, for many • He was an avid toastmaster. When he bership Committee with Andy Pappani years you and George opened your home would come into a room with his note- • Along with Leonard Zasoski was inbook while I was speaking, my concern strumental in keeping us in line with our was not to fill the pauses with the dreaded strategic plan before the San Francisco District Instal- ums and ahs. He made me very aware lations. You also taught some of us the that it is something most of us do without President was the lockdown of our

Bob Basuino 2013-2015

• Life Member of the Central Council • A member of branch 191 Mother

Cabrini in San Jose

• Joined the Central Council in 2006 • Currently Grand Sentinel and chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee, • Joined the Central Council in 2008

and member of the Executive Committee • Saw the end of the sheltering in place • At one time had a catering business and the slow rebirth of our branches. and recently retired from the Funeral

and Virginia were and are a cornerstone • During his term as GP, I was his sec- and doing the monthly cash investment retary keeping a punch up list of things reports. to be done.

• A great cook and party planner

- Life Member of the Central Council
- Joined the Central Council in 2007
- Member of Branch 281 Bakersfield and
- I was Treasurer during his presidency

and assisted Leonard in the organizing of place of the Past Grand President.

the ICF office and displaying the heritage memorabilia

• Instrumental at implementing the Strategic Plan

and member of Branch 28 in Gilroy • Joined the Central Council in 2006

· Currently chairperson of the Memberarship Committee and the Apostolate- • His hospitality room was the one that ship and Workshop Committees. I was

• With the assistance of Vince Piro they have put together some great workshops and PowerPoint presentations that are available to view on our website.

• Andy and Sid have been longtime Gilroy Garlic Festival Planners and Workers.

Vince Piro (Robyn) 2019-2021

Member Emeritus of the Central Council rently co-chair of Workshop and Mem-

• Vince's biggest challenge as Grand country due to COVID 19. He came up with innovative ways for us to meet and thanks to ZOOM we were able to have a virtual convention.

Deborah Rodondi 2021-2023

• Currently Grand Secretary, a member of Branch 19 in Colma

• With the passing of Dave Rose took over the reconciling of the ICF accounts

Robert Grassilli, Jr., son of Robert Grassilli, Sr. Past Grand President, 1957 -1958, was in attendance at the Saturday banquet and an annual supporter of the scholarship program.

* Surviving spouse accepted the award in

SUNDAY

GENERAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Denise Antonowicz

OPENING PRAYER by Debbie Reid, Br. 449, Santee

CENTRAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS announced by Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

Perry Shurko, Lisa Crudo, Rosemary Cook, Theresa Shaw and Vincent Malfitano elected for 2024-2025 term.

Vic Arnaudo, Branch 1, received the 100-year banner signifying the length of time his branch has been active. He led the room in a chant of "We made it!"

NATIONAL CHARITY

PRESENTATION: Cooley's Anemia

ICF works hard to generate funds for our charities. We have donated over \$2 million dollars to date to the Thalassemia Fund This year Dr Thomas Coates, Laurice Levine and her family were present to receive a check for \$45,400. The amount reflected branch and personal contributions including a \$20,000 donation from the family of Tad Shaw in memory of his sister.

Dr. Coates expressed his remarks how impressed he was by the ICF in its ability to "walk the walk." He encouraged ICF to spread the word on how unique of an organization ICF is by making such a positive contribution to Cooley's Anemia research and support. Between sending gifts to the children, such as the Christmas in a Box, to the pictures and thank you notes—it all makes a big difference

He was happy to report on the advances being made in the treatment of Thalassemia. There has been a big step forward in people not having to go on transfusions. Still often misdiagnosed as an iron deficiency, advances in gene therapy and bone marrow transplants are making a big difference. This is Laurice's 25th year with ICF.

Ben Levine, Laurice's 8-year-old son, gave a presentation: "All about **Blood.**" He spoke with great conviction and understanding of the elements of blood. Notably, red blood cells live for 120 days, but in thalassemia only live for 7 days.

APOSTOLATE/CHARITY AWARDS—Carmen Kilcullen shared that 90 branches did a tremendous amount of work and 59 branches submitted reports. While much was monetary, there were over 3 pages of nonmonetary charitable works including outreach programs in the parish, RCIA, CCD, other community ministries as well as St. Vincent de Paul, volunteering at hospitals and rest homes, as well as bringing food to the needy Amount donated was \$371,152 which was \$14,000 more than last year.

HERITAGE by Franklyn Lopes Jr.: 29 branches submitted heritage reports this year. Each year we recognize the most outstanding branch heritage efforts. This year we had two branches did a remarkable job going over and above what was asked: Br. 445, Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer and Br. 191, Juliana Mandolati Midwin. Additionally, Lopes recognized the extraordinary contribution of Louise Vento and her husband for all they have done over the years. They were guardians of our heritage. Louise said, "We enjoyed doing what we do to promote heritage...

Really enjoy talking to people." Franklyn invited everyone to the Italian American Columbus Day Parade on Sunday, October 13th in San Francisco. The Parade begins at 12:30 pm at the foot of Jefferson and Powell Streets in Fisherman's Wharf, proceeds south through North Beach on Columbus Avenue and ends in Washington. All are welcome!

MEMBERSHIP by Andy Pappani and Vince Piro shared that membership has been steadily climbing. ICF has 5911 members with 633 new members in the last year. The key has been retention of the members. It is not enough to join, but to get the new and older members engaged. Various membership awards were given. These included branches that maintained 100% of their membership as well as branches that increased membership and added family memberships.

SCHOLARSHIP by Carmen Kilcullen returned to the podium to celebrate the rise in scholarships given this year and to thank everyone for sharing in the importance of good education of students. She thanked everyone for their donations and encouraged ICF to continue to provide support.

This year \$56,400 was given to 141 first year scholarship recipients. \$49,000 for 36 second year, 25 third year, and 16 fourth year scholarships.

CONVENTION SITE REPORT

Lauren Kilcullen recognized the San Mateo District members and the Convention Committee for the work on organizing and hosting this year's convention. In 2025, the 94th Annual ICF Convention will be in Visalia, California on August 29 to 31 at the Wyndham Visalia. The location is well-placed for visiting the glorious sequoias in Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park.

CLOSING PRAYER led by Juliana Midwin, Br. 191, San Jose

AWARDS LUNCHEON

WELCOME—Lauren Kilcullen, **Convention Director**, Grand 2nd Vice President welcomed everyone to the special awards luncheon and introduced Vic Arnaudo.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES role LIFE MEMBER EMERITUS filled by Victor Arnaudo, President Br. 1 - San Francisco. As the president of the original branch, Arnaudo is in the rare position to have served as part of the longest active branch. This role provides perspective and depth on the history of ICF

Arnaudo gave an overview of the ICF awards to be given during the ceremony As a longtime member of ICF, he been involved at all levels of ICF.

OPENING PRAYER given by Father Roberto Vera from Central Coast District

GRAND PRESIDENT'S AWARD RECIPIENT

Elaine Valentine of Br. 36, Monterey, worked tirelessly to grow and foster the membership and retention of her branch which now has 626 members. To do so, she used a membership trackng system developed by her husband, Richard. Elaine said, "I am very honored, very thrilled. This is my proudest day." She donated the \$500 award to the scholarship fund.

While Elaine joined 20 years ago, and became president 3 years ago, she said, "I sometimes feel like Luigi is up there guiding me.'

YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

Ryuko (RJ) Novak- Murano of Br. 362, Downey, started with ICF helping out at BINGO 6 years ago. Helping at a few games morphed into being a team lead and overseeing younger teens. She moved on to helping at St Joseph's table and being an elf for Cooley's Anemia events. RJ thanked Perry Shurko and her branch president for their support. She donated the \$500 award to Cooley's Anemia.

RJ said in the end, it's "important to keep showing up.'

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA AWARD RECIPIENT

Missionaries of Charity provided a little history of their organization. In 1982, Saint Teresa opened three charities in San Francisco including an AIDS hospice and center for young mothers. They also operate the Queen of Peace Shelter that provides short-term emergency shelter for adult mothers (aged 18 years and older) with up to two children (aged 5 years and younger). The sisters prepare meals daily for homeless shelter and young mothers. They engage in outreach to immigrants.

They gladly accepted the Blankets and Socks Donation gathered at the convention which consisted of two and a half truckloads to be distributed to those in need

Vince Piro, Past Grand President and Central Council member was recognized as a Life Member Emeritus. He said, "I am honored to serve as an elected member for many years. It was a pleasure to work with the various members. Our actions are our prayers."

CLOSING PRAYER given by Father Jerry Ochetti, San Bernardino Diocesan Chaplain.

CONCELEBRATED MASS AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Cardinal Robert W. McElrov, Cardinal/Bishop of San Diego S. Frumenzio ai Prati Fiscali presided over Sunday afternoon closing Mass which was an impressive Celebration.

Concelebrants: Myron J. Cotta, Bishop of Stockton Diocese, Father Christopher Bennett, ICF Spiritual Director, Father Mario Rizzo, East Bay District Chaplain and Father Jerry Ochetti, San Bernardino Diocesan Chaplain.

REMARKS BY GRAND PRESI-DENT--Denise Antonowicz

CONVENTION RAFFLE WIN-NERS

The winners were selected. A complete list can be found on page 26 of this issue of the *Bollettino*

FEDERATION ANTHEM

Music by Allen and Crystal Watts, Br. 281, Bakersfield.

INSTALLATION OF CENTRAL COUNCIL OFFICERS Installing Officer, Deborah Rodondi, Past Grand President.

Sempre Avanti



Convention Pictures continued on page 46.

SAN MATEO DISTRICT







Bartenders and Branch 130

Left to right: Cheryl Simon, Dorene Campanile, Barbara Firpo, Brenda Wemiz, Donna Barnes, Deborah Rodondi, Mara Millis, Kathy Trevizo; Back center; Don Simon

Members of Br. 213 enjoying a night of the 1920's. Seated from left to right are: Kathy Amiot, Linda Marcelli, Linda Benedetti, Judy Crosetti, 2 visitors to our table, Marianne Cameron and Barbara Gabriel.



Judy and Joe Crosetti Br .213 Dress up for a night of the 1920's.



STOCKTON DISTRICT



Br. 390, Stockton District attendees including Stockton Bishop Cotta at National Convention.



All of Branch 390 attendees at National Convention.



Br 82 Italian Exchange Student, Sophis and host family Kyle and Kristy with member, John



Br 82 The Moberly Family at Stockton District Picnic



Br 82 The Moberly Family at Stockton District Picnic



Br 82 Patty and Chris with Birdie, Br 139, at Br. 82, St Anne , Lodi President Chris Whiting Convention







Stockton District Picnic



Stockton District Picnic



Stockton District Picnic

STOCKTON DISTRICT (continued)

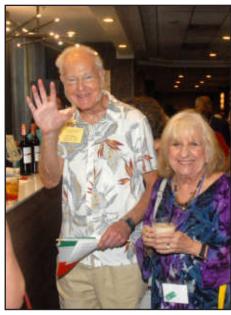
Branch 395 Mary Ann Piana Chapman and Jo & Bob Weber with Bishop Cotta at the 2024 ICF Annual Convention



Branch 395 Mary Fry Master Gardener (left) with the Stockton Garden Club



Branch 395 Mary Fry Master Gardener (left) with the Stockton Garden Club



Branch 395 Jo & Bob Weber at the 2024 ICF Annual Convention



Stockton District Picnic



Stockton District Picnic







Br. 390, Dancing king



Branch 395, Maryann, Bob & Jo

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT





Br. 144 Chicken & Polenta cooks



Br. 144. Convention Delegates Josephine Silva (145), Rosemary Branch 209 and other booths at St. Sebastian's Multicultural Festival. Melendy and Anne Eanni





ICF Branch 209 at St. Sebastian Church's Multicultural Festival 9/8/24



145, Eureka branch delegate Josephine Silva shows off her raffle prize while attending the 2024 convention in San Mateo County.



Br. 144 Dr. Joseph Arcidi & Pres. Rosemary Melend



Br. 209, Steve Stedman and Roy Spadoni represent Branch #209 at St. Sebastian Church's ulticultural Festival



Roseville Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi

Bingo! We joined forces with The Blessed Sacrament District to share a wonderful afternoon together. The variety of raffle prizes were outstanding coming from all four branches of our district: 1), St. Mary's Branch #45, 2) St. Rose of Lima Branch #73, 3) St. Joseph Branch #342, 4) St. Clare of Assisi Branch #438. The luncheon was also very good, as was the fellowship and camaraderie.

The weather has been so hot that we decided to do a Fiesta Taco Salad for our August Dinner. Everybody enjoyed the salad with many toppings and selections of meat to choose from. As usual, the 50/50 Raffle was also well-received. Being together with friends and sharing a meal is always a great way to spend an evening.

We also had our first Paint & Sip fundraiser. We found an art teacher who taught the participants how to paint a specific piece of art. Everyone had a great time meeting new friends, sharing stories and painting techniques.

Our second fundraiser was a Spaghetti Feed and Raffle. Everyone enjoyed looking at the raffle prizes and selecting which ones they wanted to take home. Congratulations to the winners! The meal was full of flavor, along with the delicious desserts.

Our final fundraiser for the year will be our popular Harvest Bake Sale. The members bake so many delectable desserts, the parishioners of St. Clare can't wait to take them home and serve them to their families

SANTA ROSA District

Healdsburg

Br. 52, San Francesco Di Sales

Upcoming Events:

ICF meeting: Tuesday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory

Saturday, November 2: Polenta Dinner! Richard Passalacqua will be the cook. Price: \$25.00. For reservations, call Carmen and Lauren: 707-595-3111 or purchase tickets after Mass. This is our first polenta dinner of the season.

Our delegates enjoyed their time at the ICF Convention in Burlingame. They've come back re-energized and full of new ideas for our branch. We won an award for 2nd place in Apostolate-Charity.

One of our members was the Grand Prize winner of \$2,500 at the ICF Raffle! Congratulations!

Happy Halloween! Lauren Kilcullen

Petaluma Br. 127, St. Vincent

Trick or treat. It's getting that time. Love seeing all the little ones dressed up. Hopefully we won't have any candy left over. I don't need it.

Good news is no news. Meaning no one is sick at the moment. Mary Ellen is home now recouping from pneumonia and welcome back Marilyn.

Donna Piezzi was our delegate at convention. Her first year and she gave us a very complete and detailed report. Thank you, Donna.

We would love to see more of you at meetings. We need your input on issues. The Central Council has sent us a new calendar. They are \$30 and you can win up to \$100. Cal Pres. Dennice 707-481-8784

Ciao for now. Margaret Cordrey

Arcata

Br. 144, St. Mary

Rosemary Melendy (Pres) accompanied by Anne Carlisle Eanni (Secretary), and Josephine Silva (Branch #145 delegate), enjoyed attending the recent convention held in Burlingame (photo). We did have a six-hour drive at the end and were happy to arrive to our homes "behind-the-redwood-curtain."

Josephine was overjoyed to win at the raffle and brought home the Cabrini movie. Now our two branches are planning a movie event soon!

Anne appreciates all the tablemates who allowed her to share her "squirrel infestation" story.

We held our bi-annual Chicken & Polenta dinner on Sept. 9. We continue to have sit-down and take-out options. It is a highly enjoyable event thanks to our amazing cooks and kitchen crew (photos).

Students from Cal Poly Humboldt State University Newman Center provided many helpful volunteer hours (photos). We are already in the planning stages for the next one, most likely March 2, but will keep you posted.

Dr. Joseph Arcidi, the only Thoracic/ Cardiac surgeon north of Napa, (photo) and a new member of our neighbors, Branch #145, presented the procedures now available at St. Joseph/Providence Hospital. We have the lowest mortality rate (0%) of the 20 Cardiac Centers in the Providence network. That's quite an accomplishment and have done 6499 cases at the Eureka location.

Favorite time of year is upon us up here in Humboldt County where we can enjoy the evergreens as they highlight the deciduous trees with their brilliant colors as the leaves change.

Buon Autunno! Anne Carlisle Eanni Anne Seymour Carlisle

Eureka Br. 145, St. Ambrose

The Colivas Memorial Scholarship Dinner is back, and it will be better than ever. October 12th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. a delicious pasta dinner will be served by the members of

ICF Eureka Branch #145 using Jerry Colivas's recipe for the sauce.

Please call Joe Bonino at home phone 707-445-5799 if you can help set up, serve, clean up, or have a raffle prize to donate. Or email Joe at FJB504@ gmail.com Dinner tickets are \$10 for adults and \$25 for families.

At our September meeting our newest member, Joe Arcidi, MD, gave an interesting and detailed presentation on the cardiac heart institute's work at St Joseph's Hospital. We are very lucky to have medical professionals of his ability to handle these serious surgeries locally.

Be sure to attend our October 8th meeting at 1:30 p.m.

That is right: we are switching back to daytime meetings for the winter darkness times. Hope to see you there.

Santa Rosa Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The ICF convention to celebrate the 100th anniversary was a huge success.

Our President, Doreen O'Rourke, represented us well and she received a certificate from the scholarship committee showing that our branch gave more first year scholarships than any other branch in the Federation.

Our September potluck was a success as always and we can now look to our October 7th Harvest Soup Dinner. This has always been a real treat.

DON'T MISS IT.

We will also choose our 2025 officers in October. If you want to be an officer contact Doreen and let her know. It is an honor and a privilege to serve at St. Eugene's ICF.

For the future, plan to attend our meeting on November 4 which will be preceded by a turkey dinner. Yum, Yum!

Our Mass schedule for Deceased members is as follows: October 9 Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

November 5 Tuesday 8:00 a.m.

Please pray for Lorraine Castelli who broke her hip and is now in rehab. It was good to see Lynette and Millie at our last meeting

May the start of Fall bring Peace and

Harmony to all members of Branch 198.

Ciao. *Robert Acquistapace*

Sebastopol Br. 209, St. Michael

Hello from Branch #209!

We hope you've had a wonderful summer

Gene and Lorraine Vannetti represented our Branch at this year's Convention. They had a wonderful time! They gave us a full report at our general meeting.

On Sunday, September 8th, St. Sebastian's Church hosted a Multicultural Festival. Our Branch #209 represented Italian Heritage! We decorated our booth in Italian colors and made posters with ICF's history and information. We made homemade Italian raw apple cake, Italian biscotti cookies, and homemade Italian salad dressing. We had a wonderful turnout, and everyone enjoyed themselves!

We have Bishop's Day on September 15th and are gearing up for our next Chicken and Polenta Dinner on October 19th. We can't believe how fast this year has gone by and hope you are all doing well.

Take care and we'll check in again next month

Ciao, Yvonne Dorr Recording Secretary Branch #209

FRESNO District Council

The 100th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Church

Sacred Heart Church, Dos Palos

One of our long-time branches in Dos Palos, Branch 30, has closed but not forgotten. Join Sacred Heart Church in Dos Palos in celebration of their 100th Anniversary. The 100th Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Brennan will take place on Saturday, November 9th at 10:00 a.m. A brunch will follow the Mass in the parish hall.

It was fun getting together at the Convention, thank you Allen for sharing your room. Our next District Meeting will be in October in Fresno, date, and time will be announced. Branch Presidents will be informed when location is set.

Bishop Brennan invites you to the Annual Red Mass. Join Bishop Brennan at the Annual Red Mass on Friday, October 18, 2024, at St. John's Cathedral in Fresno at 12:15 p.m.

Bishop Brennan invites legal professionals, law students, government officials and the faithful to honor all who seek justice at this special Mass.





Merced Br. 39, St. Cecilia

At our September dinner meeting our Convention Delegates reported on the workshops they attended. On Saturday, September 7th our branch in partnership with the Italo American Lodge in Merced, sponsored a table at Our Lady of Merced School "International Wine & Food Tasting held at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Nine countries were represented, our table was ITALY.

Our October calendar has a fundraiser planned which sadly will have to be canceled because our Italo American Lodge still does not have electricity. Hopefully things will be up and running in November. All are welcomed to attend our next board meeting on October 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

Clovis Br. 250, Our Lady of **Perpetual Help**

Happy birthday to our October youngsters, Dina Camaroda and Shirley Mitchell

Our August meeting highlighted a performance by the 'Tarantella' dancers, a group of talented women who entertained our members. This group performs throughout the valley and is in great demand

Little known Saints' department: St. Paphnutius: Feast Day September 11; lived in the 4th century; was opposed to clerical celibacy which led to the Eastern churches to allow clergy to marry.

Shirley Mitchell is a proud grandmother; her grandson, Jacob Pizzo, recently graduated from Ave Maria University with a law degree and is now employed by a law firm in Arizona.

Philosopher Angelino says "Dopo I Confetti Vengano I Difetti"- After The Confetti Comes The Defects.

Sharon Arnold's mother, Mary Kendrick, celebrated her 103rd birthday on August 12; God's blessings on you

Our August meeting was well attended, and all enjoyed a variety of pizzas, and as usual, the decorating committee did an outstanding job!

Thought for the month:

"Lord, guide my thoughts And guide my words, that only good Will escape my lips." (Hoff)

Ciao! Henrietta Harp

Fresno Br. 308, St Anthony of Padua

Hello members,

Susan and I attended Convention on Labor Day weekend. This year we celebrate 100 years of the ICF to say a lot has changed in 100 years is an understatement. We live in a different world. But we still celebrate the same with faith, family, friendship and food as our ancestors. Big news from the convention: 2025 ICF 94th convention will be in Visalia. That means the Fresno District is host.

Congratulations to Joseph Cantelmi, grandson of Angelo and Antoinette Pecora, second year scholarship recipient.

As we move toward the end of the year it is time for members to step up and take a leadership position. I have been President for 4 years. Now is the time for new leadership to take over.

Jay Newsome, Co-President

CENTRAL COAST District

Monterey Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

"Sempre Avanti" Congratulations on all our newly elected officers, especially to Dr Vincent Malfitano, 1st Vice President of Branch 36, at our 93rd National ICF Convention in Burlingame, CA We are all so proud of you Dr. Vince. I, Elaine Valentine, am very honored and proud to receive the Grand President's Award.

8/22/24: We had our 85/over dinner celebration with 240 guests. We honored 49, 85/0ver members, with a complementary dinner with each receiving a red rose. The oldest member is Helen Miller, at age 104. All enjoyed stuff pork loin dinner with all the trimmings and all enjoyed Sharon LoManto's homemade bread pudding. Our DJ played all our favorite songs.

9/19/24: Western Night serving Italian Grigliata (chicken, sausage, vegetables skewers, pasta, salad, corn on cob, and dessert. Business meeting after dinner.

10/24/24: Fall dinner/ meeting.

Menu TBD. We will have an initiation before dinner. After the dinner meeting, we will have the election of Br. 36 2025's officers. Costumes are optional.

Note: No dinner/meeting in November 2024

12/5/24: Family Christmas dinner at Moose Lodge, Monterey.

Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, salad and dessert \$25.00 members, \$30 nonmembers. Child plate of chicken tenders, salad, fries \$10 (ages 10 and under).

Please pray for many of our members that are ill, homebound and need our prayers

We are sad to report that Charlene Jackson recently passed away. Our condolences to her family. May she rest in peace

"God loves us. May we discover the beauty of loving and being loved." Pope Francis

Sempre Avanti. Elaine Valentine President Br 36

Aptos Br. 227, St. Joseph

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved member Dolores McCartney on August 10. Dolores and her husband Dave joined Branch 227 in 1979. She served as President from 1987 to 1988 and then again in 1997 and 1998 and was a Past President of the Central Coast District. At the time of her death, she served as District Orator. Her knowledge and warmth made her a mainstay of our branch. President Franklyn Lopes conducted our traditional rose ceremony at her funeral mass at Resurrection Church on September 5.

As of October 1, the Markey Community Center will not be available for our meetings due to an extensive remodeling project. The work hopefully will be completed within one year. In the interim, our meetings will be held at Stewart's Floral at 1658 Soquel Drive, Santa Cruz. The November meeting will be a catered Thanksgiving dinner, and the December meeting will be a Christmas party.

Many happy returns to our Trustee Heidi Ambiel who will celebrate her 90th birthday on October 26.

Many thanks to Nancy Harrold for chairing the Nominating Committee. Election of 2025 officers will take place at the November meeting.

We will be selling poinsettias again this year in December as a fund raiser. Stay tuned for more details

One of God's blessings is the beauty of Fall

Ďeanna Musler, Secretarv



Arroyo Grande Br. 291, St. Patrick

As the ICF National Convention drew near, Branch 291 suffered a great loss. One of our most dedicated members, Joanna Van Blaricom, passed away and left us all in shock and very saddened. Joanna was looking forward to attending the convention this year, so her sudden passing was even more disheartening. The ICF meant so much to Joanna and she was very proud to be our Heritage Chairperson for many, many years. Additionally, she worked tirelessly every year to make sure our

Lenten Fish Frys were a huge success. She will be greatly missed. If there are fish frys in heaven, she will definitely be in charge! Rest in peace, our dear Ioanna

David Sanchez was able to step-in and take Joanna's place as a delegate, so he and his wife, Keely, were proud to represent Br. 291 at the 93rd Annual ICF Convention. They thoroughly enjoyed the weekend in Burlingame and look forward to sharing all the details with their fellow members at a future General Meeting.

Our Branch co-hosted a beautiful Central Coast District Bishop's Day on September 28th. The Mass was conebrated by Most Rev. Daniel Garcia and Rev. Beto Vazquez, and afterwards all attendees enjoyed a delicious BBQ luncheon, prepared by the Knights of Columbus from St. Patrick's Church. Pat Fairbanks, our Apostolic Chairperson, did a wonderful job organizing this event. (Photos to follow in the next Bollettino.)

We will be holding Branch elections at our October General Meeting. If you would like to run for a Branch Officer position, let Pete or Keely know before Oct. 18th.

Arrivederci e al prossimo mese! (Goodbye and see you next month!) Keely Sanchez Recording Secretary

Paso Robles Br. 354, Saint Rose of Lima

Summer has been busy and productive for Branch 354. In between vacations, we managed to once again provide parking spaces for many visiting our Mid State Fair, including parking for our County-wide 4-H and FFA families who need to be at the barns before sun up. Not only is this a much-needed public service, but it is a great fundraiser for our Branch. Funds are allocated for our **Registration Assistance Program to help** pay costs of registration for students attending St. Rose School and Mission College Prep. Branch members who have children attending either of these Catholic schools have registration funds available to them. Thank you to all who helped at the fair. Catholic education is well worth the time and effort put forth.

Through the ICF Scholarship Program our Branch approved a \$500 donation to second year students who qualify. Also approved were two \$300 donations—one for the Cooley's Anemia Program, and the other for the Gift of Love Program (an ICF program to assist the disabled.)

Our hard-working Crafty Angels com-pleted 75 Fourth of July tray favors for patients in our local Vineyard Rehab Center. We know they provided many smiles of appreciation.

Future plans include Participation in our St. Rose of Lima family gathering on Sunday, August 25, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. We will be selling cotton candy, and if we have enough help, also snow cones; and, also co-hosting Bishop's Dav.

Yvonne Maddalena **Recording Secretary**

SANTA CLARA VALLEY District

Gilroy Br. 28, Santa Maria **Ausiliatrice**

Saint Therese of Lisieux – Feast Day October 1

Therese wanted to become Carmelite nun, but she was told she was too young. That did not deter Therese. She went to the bishop, and he also said "no." When Therese's father took her to Rome for an audience with the Pope, Therese pleaded with the Pope to become a Carmelite nun. The Pope was impressed by Therese's courage, and she was soon admitted to the convent. All at the age of 14.

Let us pray that we have the will, and courage to do as St. Therese had to become spiritually driven in our thoughts, words, and actions. To lead our lives with our hearts, fully centered on God,

just as Jesus told us on how to live. The Polenta Charitable Fundraiser

Dinner is on October 5th. Depending on when you are reading this, it will be a great fundraiser, or it was a great fundraiser.

Our dinner meeting is on Monday, October 21st, with the Vanni Family cooking. Thank you, Vanni Family, for volunteering your talent and time to our meetings.

Mountain View Br. 47, San Giorgio

Salve! Greetings! Super Happy Fall! Days will become shorter, and temperatures will start to gradually drop. It's going to be time for hot chocolate and pumpkin spice everything. We can throw in some apple cider too! We all had a fun time at the Santa Clara Valley District Mass & BBQ, catching up with other branches, with each other, and making new friends. It was a super relaxing time. Thank you, Craig for BBQing the burgers and dogs.

We also wanted to welcome two new members, Bob & Phyllis. We are super excited to have you join us!

We contacted nearby parishes without ICF conferences and invited them to join us. We also passed out fliers with invitations on one side and Italian jokes on the other such as, "Where does the tomato and pasta go to dance? At the Meat ball" and "Why is the Tower of Pisa leaning? It got Italicized" then stapled individually wrapped Italian le onelle gelee candies to the flier. A little something for everybody. We met some interested Italians so we are keeping our fingers crossed they will join us at our next meeting.

Peace and God Bless! Ciao. Julie

St. Mary Br. 184, Los Gatos

At our August meeting we had the blessing of our new Pastor Angelo David. New member Arlene Bertelotti brought delicious zucchini bread for a special treat

Rita Bonasera shared her Heritage Report. Both her parents were of Sicilian descent. From Boston they located to Los Angeles and finally to Lancaster, Ca. where Rita grew up. She shared the lovely stories of caring parents and about the wonderful foods her mother cooked. She was able to visit Sicily last summer and met her extended family. Thank you, Rita!

Bishop's Day Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 27 at Santa Teresa Church. Luncheon there will follow at \$55 per person. Let Donna Pfaff know you want to attend. The money raised goes towards the Seminarians, our future priests!

We will be hosting our Polenta-Chicken

Cacciatore Dinner on Nov. 2, also celebrating our 60th Anniversary!! There will be music by Reno DiBono and of course our lovely Raffle Baskets. Price is \$40/person and \$15/child. Please post this on your calendar!

Donna Pfaff is hosting a Baby Shower and Luncheon at her home on Sept. 28. Requested are unwrapped baby items in size 0-6months. These gifts will be part of the Diocesan Layette Program.

Our next Quarterly Mass will be at 5 p.m. on Oct. 20. We ask members to sit together towards the front of the Church on the Blessed Mother side. We will then head over to Double D's for dinner.

Please pray for Rose Arnaudo and for Honora, Janice LaMotte's daughter.

Next meeting will be Oct. 25 at 4 p.m. in the Conference Room. Hope to see vou there.

Ciao for now, Lucy Amico

San Jose **Br. 191, Saint Frances** Cabrini

What a fantastic way to end our 100th year Anniversary of our ICF, with a spiritually wonderful fun filled Convention. So much hard work was put into it, and it showed! Our Julie Midwin came back with the special award for heritage, thank you for the hard work you put into our heritage book. Jim Jones made a beautiful backdrop for center stage. George and I were uplifted by the workshops and can't wait to share with all of you.

We have Oktoberfest, Bishop's Day and our General meeting coming up so look for more info in our September Newsletter.

Happy Fall! -Debbie Piro

San Jose Br 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

Aug 30 thru Sept 1st was the ICF convention at Burlingame Marriott Waterfront Hotel. Our two Convention representatives were Mary Ridi and Joan Delfino. We will have a report at our next meeting, Sept 9th. The ICF started in1924 in San Francisco. 100 years! Congratulations!! Please pray for: Lorraine & Mike Nunziata, Moreen Curulla and Bill Rice and his brotherin-law. Br368 did not have a winner for the monthly Calendar drawing this month. HUNGRY? The ICF Rib Dinner at Avila Hall was a great success. Thanks to all volunteers that worked so hard and especially to Tom Bouska and Robyn Schlice chairpersons, Maria Greco for setting up the salad bar, Bill Greco for showing us how to cook ribs and Joyce Robba for additional directions on how to run this type of event. The gift baskets were put together by Patti Capps and Carleen Beers.

Maureen Susino asked for donations and gifts for the baskets. Ice Cream Social was another really good event for our August meeting. Thanks to the members that worked on it. Save The Date, Oct 5th. 1 to 4 p.m. for the Chili Cook Off chaired by Cathie Orlowski. Call Cathie to help or share your Chili and enjoy. Be sure to call Sharon Kroeber to schedule and share your Italian heritage at our meetings. We will be hosting Bishop's Day on October 27th at 11:30 Mass. The luncheon will be catered. We will need volunteers for setup and cleanup. Our board elections are in October. Time to step up and consider what office you would like to run for.

Bollettino is online at www.icf.org/ about/news/bollettino/

Have a wonderful September and October. -Tom Myers

San Jose

Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

In August, ICF welcomed our new pastor, Father Celso Singson, who thanked Branch 391 for our support, and Father Tony Famave, our new parish vicar, who opened our meeting with prayer.

Louise Vento reported on the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island during her heritage report.

In September, President Steve Lencioni, who organized the collection of blankets and socks for the poor, brought donations to the convention and thanked members for their contributions.

Laura Hole, our elected delegate, and Louise Vento provided convention updates. Louise and her late husband, Russ, received a lifetime recognition award for Heritage Reporting. We are so proud of you, Louise, and Congratulations!

During our September meeting, it was announced that TJ Lencioni was our second, third, and fourth-year scholarship winner! Congratulations to TJ, who has been an active member of our branch, especially when serving and assisting at our annual fundraisers.

In addition to TJ, our past first-year scholarship winners, including Ellie Crema and Evan Clarke, won second, third, and fourth-year scholarships from other branches.

Steve asked for candidates for our election of officers, which will be held in October

Note: 2025 Calendars are available-remember that \$5 from each purchase stays with our branch.

Reminders:

Branch 391 Dinner Meeting-Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. social and 6:00 p.m. dinner; Lasagna Fundraiser-Saturday, October 19, 2024, after 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Martin's; Bishop's Day-Sunday, October 27, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. Mass at Santa Teresa followed by lunch; ICF Quarterly Masses at St. Martin's at 1:30 a.m.—December 8, 2024.

Wishing you all a Happy Halloween!! Janis Patellaro

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT



ICF 111-Luncheon at San Antonio Winery



ICF 111-ICF 100th Anniversary Mass

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ICF 111-Happy Birthday to Lourdes, Robin & Ruben ICF 111-Happy Birthday to Lourdes, Robin & Ruben ICF 115, Neal e Anna Di Leva LA Archdiocesan District 2024 Convention



Branch 447 plays Bocce ball in ElSegundo 8-17-24 L to R Sheila Walsh -Vargas , John D'Isacco, Denice De Palma, and Deacon Bob Mescher



Br. 111, Happy Birthday to Filomena, Vin-cenzo & Salvatore



ICF 111-Visit to Italian American Museum of Los Angeles















ICF branch 108 members at Saturday dinner and view of San Francisco from the San Francisco Airport Marriott hotel in Burlingame, CA.



Branch 447 celebrates 100 years of Italian Catholic Federation at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)

Branch 115 Feast of St. John Joseph of the Cross statue and flags carriers Mary Star of the Sea Church, San Pedro

Feast of St. John Joseph of the Cross and Branch 115 - 70th Anniversary Dinner.



Br. 444, President Hany, Cristina & Carol, ICF 100 Year Gala



Feast of St. John Joseph of the Cross and Br. 115-70th Anniversay. Anthony Amalfitano, cook.



Br. 444, President Hany Francis, ICF 100 Year Gala



ICF National Branch 67 President Carmelo Sabatella with Dr. Coates Director of Cooley's Ane-mia Research at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles with ICF/CC Member Teresa Helfand and husband at ICF Convention.

Sunnyvale Br. 408, Resurrection

Fall Blessings-

We are back from our Annual ICF Convention in Burlingame celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the ICF ready to start on our Fall Agenda. Patricia Look Served as our Br. 408 Delegate at the 2024 Convention. Please check with Patricia for impressions of this important and event-packed gathering and of her help in guiding the Missionary Sisters of Charity (Mother Teresa's Order) out of the Marriott Parking Lot.

Cardinal McElroy was our Presider for Sunday afternoon closing Mass which was an impressive Celebration.

Our Fall Blood Drive collected over 20 donations of this Precious Gift of Life — Thank you to all our Donors.

We invited Laurice Levine back to our Branch Meeting on Monday Sept 23rd to present her Story of Life as a Cooley's Patient requiring constant blood transfusions nominally every month and served Pizza and Salad to our Audience.

Our Fall ICF/Rez School Pancake Breakfast was held Sunday 29th September and once again we had a good turnout. Thank you to all our Volunteers

Remember our District Bishop's Day will be at Br. 368 Santa Teresa with a Catered Lunch Following the 1130 a.m. Mass.

Please Pray for our Members: Fr. Chris Bennet, Laurice Levine, Donna Richey, Al Chantelope, and Susan Colon.

San Jose

Br. 445, Transfiguration

Celebrate Autumn and join Br. 445's Third Annual Family Feud Game Show Fundraiser on Sunday, Nov. 3rd at Transfiguration Parish Hall in San Jose! Contact Br. Pres. Jim Falcone (408) 806-6787 for details...Guaranteed to be an afternoon of great fun and prizes!

Summer ended with a series of fun events: Br. 445 members attended our ICF District Picnic at Vasona Park for Mass, BBQ, camaraderie and won 5 of 10 raffle prizes; members attended and supported Br. 435's annual steak dinner and Br. 368's annual Rib BBQ.

Our August general meeting had a beach theme with decorations and Togo's sandwiches (panini), sides and birthday desserts. Many thanks to all who helped coordinate this event. Heritage report was titled "August in Italy."

The 93rd Annual ICF Convention was the true highlight of the summer. Three Br. 445 members attended this special celebration of ICF's 100th Anniversary! Branch 445, with 40 members, was honored to receive a 1st place award for their Heritage reports and a 2nd place award for their Apostolic works of charity. Br. 445 is very thankful for



these awards

On September 12th, members gathered for a fun evening and delicious dinner at the Kyoto Palace Japanese Steak House and Restaurant!

Happy October Birthday wishes to: Grace De Luca Brown, Jean Cosentino, Cinthia Fuentes-Sevilla, Maureen Godar, Ken Ledbetter, Gary Pedone and Edna Perry! Happy Italian American Heritage Month and Happy Halloween to all!

Until next month stay safe and well. Sempre Avanti! ;-) Ĵan Marianelli Stumhoffer

STOCKTON

Modesto Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

Even though we didn't have meetings in July or August we still had plenty to do. The Stockton District Picnic was very nice day. We had about forty-five people attend the picnic, there was a nice breeze that kept the temperature down. Thanks to all the cooks we had a very good BBQ Steak dinner. It was a good time to visit with friends we hadn't seen in a while.

We had to get all our reports ready for the convention, plan to see which workshops we would attend and decide what other programs we could fit in. It was a good convention. Bishop Cotta was at the Saturday night banquet and the Sunday mass representing the Stockton District.

St. Stanislaus Church held their Fall Festival September 27 - 29 we will help by making cookies for the Country

We will have our Bake Sale October 5 - 6, 2024 after the masses at the Maze Blvd. Church.

We will need lots of help from our bakers, so we have enough baked goods to sell

On October 20, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. our annual mass together and breakfast following mass.

Upcoming Events:

Oct 5 - 6 Bake Sale after mass

Oct 9 6:00 p.m. Meeting - J Street Hall Oct 5-6 Bake Sale at the Maze Blvd. Church

Nov 13 6:00 p.m. Meeting - J Street Hall

Cecelia McGhee

Lodi Br. 82, St. Anne's

The high heat has finally subsided! The calendar says it's autumn, but does the weather know it's arrived? Here in the valley, it seems as if our 4 seasons have diminished to 2... spring and summer.

Being at the Convention by the Bay over Labor Day weekend, Chris and Patty got a welcome reprieve from the baking sun. When time permitted, they enjoyed the cool breeze while watching the planes look like they land on the water at the SF airport. They brought back some exciting ideas that were shared at the Sept. meeting. John Spagnola surprised us with special guests, Kristy and Kyle Amrine and Sophia Fiozzi, their exchange student from Rome, Italy. She shared her journey from applying for the program to her arrival in the US.

Our major fundraiser, the Polenta Dinner Dance, is on Sat., Nov. 2nd in St. Anne's Hall. Please contact Lisa or Elisa to help on the committee and/ or the day of the event. Raffle baskets or items to create baskets are needed. And sell, sell, sell those tickets!! Sale of afghan raffle tickets will continue through the night of the dinner. Contact Grace or LuAnn.

It's Italian Heritage month! Share your family story at our Oct. 22nd meeting. October is also dedicated to the Holy Rosary with the Feast of our Lady of the Rosary on Oct. 7th. The naval victory at Lepanto on Oct. 7, 1571, was attributed to Mary's intercession through recitation of the rosary. The world still needs Mary's intercession. As you pray the rosary this month, pray for peace.

Patty Litts, Corresponding Secretary

Tracy Br. 390, St. Bernard

Congratulations again to all our scholarship recipients—great job hitting the books to become eligible!

Our branch donated funds as well as manual labor to the Fall Festival at St. Bernard's Festival, which raises money for the parish, the parish grade school and pre-school. This year there were three-day and three-night tasks, starting with Thursday night, preparing and serving up the drive-thru take-out dinners, then chef Mike Bacchetti and his cooking crew returned to prepare dinner on Friday before the auction and dance. Saturday and Sunday ICFers returned to help out in the token-selling booth and pizza booth. Whew - anyone have time for a nap?

We are happy to report from the 2024 ICF convention held in Burlingame, CA that we came away with awards - one for Apostolic Charity Donations and another for full participation in Scholarship for branches of 175 members or more. Our Stockton district also won a participation award for contributions to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th year scholarships. Check www.icfbranch390.org for lots

of photos at the 94th Annual ICF Convention celebrating 100 Years!

October monthly dinner meeting will be the all-time favorite Chicken Cacciatore and Polenta on Thursday, October 17th, at 6:30 p.m.

Please keep our ICF families and friends in your prayers as the health issues with some of our loved ones continue. Thanks to all 'prayer partners' for their support. We were sorry to hear of the passing of Lorraine Arnaudo, who with her husband Leo, as well as all their Arnaudo family, raised their children and grandchildren with the spirituality and faith this generation can depend on to be carried into the next one.

Check out our website. You can share family memories in our Heritage section through this website as well

www.icfbranch390.org

Stay healthy, happy & safe. Ciao. Betty

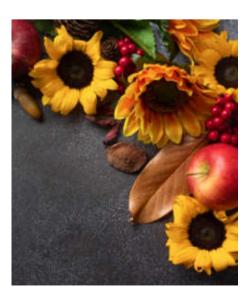
Stockton Br. 395. Presentation of the BVM

During our Branch Meeting in August, we were blessed to have one of our ICF Branch 395 Members, Mary Fry, be our Guest Speaker. Mary is a Certified Master Gardener. A Master Gardener is a non-paid, trained, volunteer who helps in the community, shares their knowledge with the public, and promotes environmentally responsible horticultural practices. Mary spoke extensively on ideal gardening practices in, as well as answering several questions from our members

We are looking forward to hearing a 2024 ICF Convention report from our two delegates,1st Vice President Marv Ann Piana Chapman and 2nd Vice President Josephine Weber, during our Branch Meeting in September.

In mid-October we will be having an ICF Fundraising Bake Sale after every Mass on Sunday. This will feature delicious, tasty treats prepared (or purchased) by our members!

Ciao Allen Sturtevant, President



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San Diego Br. 246, St. Charles **Borromeo**

Branch 246 members and the crew from Phil's Barbeque served Italian sausages, hamburgers, and hot dogs for our Pastor, Fr. John Amsberry's 60th Birthday. The event was attended by hundreds of St. Charles Borromeo parishioners, who also enjoyed Birthday cake and cookies. A good time was had by all. Branch members also spent a relaxing Sunday afternoon enjoying a barbeque for just us. The requisite burgers, dogs and sausages were prepared by our President, Anthony Torregiani, and served with all the trimmings

We look forward to the coming school year, when branch activities will ramp back up again

Ciao – Anthony Torregiani, Branch President

San Diego Br. 449, Guardian Angels

Save the dates!

Guardian Angels Fall Festival - October 11-13. Free entry, fun for the whole family

Pulled Pork BBQ Plate Fundraiser sponsored by the ICF Branch 449 will be served at the Festival on Saturday, October 12 from noon to 7 p.m.

\$15 adult plate and \$8 child plate (12 and under).

ICF Branch 449 Italian Dinner, Dance & Auction

Saturday, November 16, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Details to come!

Both events will be held at Guardian Angels Parish: 9310 Dalehurst Rd., Santee, CA

For more information visit: guardianangelssantee.org or call Debbie Reid at 619-548-2864

Debbie Reid, dreid10@cox.net

A Pilgrimage to the Italy Under the Spiritual Leadership of: Fr. Christopher Bennett, Pastor St. Christopher Catholic Church in San Jose, California 11-Days: November 5 to 15, 2024 St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican Museums, an audience with the pope, the tombs of St. Peter and St. John Paul II, and a trip to Assisi. This pilgrimage will take you to places and give you experiences unlike any other trip you've been on. What a great way to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the

Italian Catholic Federation. email at revbennett@sbcglobal.net

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On the Occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation

For more information, please contact Fr. Chris at 1-408-269-2226 or

SAN BERNARDINO District

Upland Br. 446, Saint Anthony

First Vice-President Carrey Rossie is directing plans for our 2nd Festa Italiana dinner- dance scheduled for October 12. We will have a live band as well as a performance by an opera soloist. Both were very popular at our Festa last year. Our parish celebrated its 50th Anniversary and our branch participated in many activities. We sponsored a paver brick and served ice cream and pizzelles during family movie night.

We continue to enjoy heritage stories from our members. Rosanna Montato Hartman was born near Siracusa, Sicily, the site of a miraculous event that occurred in 1953. A young mother prayed to a plaster plaque depicting the Virgin Mary for healing her ill child. While the mother constantly prayed for 4 days, the plaque exuded tears. The event was filmed, and the tears were scientifically analyzed and confirmed that the tears were real.

Rosana also showed us a replica of a traditional Sicilian cart. Some families had a plain cart, carretto di lavoro. Fancy carretti di gara were used for religious festivals and weddings

Frank Smiderle talked about his mother's ancestral home in the mountain farming province of Piemonte, near Torino in the Alps. The home was in a community of 7 connected 3-story structures. The first floor was for the animals. Their body heat warmed the 2nd floor the family used for sleeping. The third floor was used for storage. A separate building was used by the entire community for cooking and meals. His great-grandparents raised 11 children. and many generations lived there.

We look forward to hearing more stories from our wonderful members



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Branch 1, Victor Arunado president with his family plus cousin who donates generouslytowards collegee scholarshiup fund.







Branch 246 Members Host Fr. John Amsberry's 60th Birthday Party

Our parish celebrated its annual St. Rose of Lima Festival in August. We provided free pasta for the parishioners.



Br. 246 Members enjoy our annual Summer BBQ





Mille grazie to our member JoJo Penna, who cooked the delicious marinara sauce! Cari saluti e Dio vi benedica tutti.

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Grand President Antonowicz with Districts with 100% Participation in Heritage: Contra Costa, Blessed Sacrament, Central Coast, Reno, East Bay



3rd Place, Br. 108 – South Pasadena, 2nd Place, Br. 111 – Montebello, Grand President Antonowicz, 4th Place, Br. 209 – Sebastopol



3rd Place, Br. 39 – Merced, 4th Place, Br. 390 – Tracy, Grand President Antonowicz, 1st Place, Br. 36 – Monterey, 2nd Place, Br. 52 - Healdsburg



3rd Place, Br. 108 – South Pasadena, 2nd Place, Grand President Antonowicz, Br. 111 – Montebello, Grand President Antonowicz, 4th Place, Br. 209 – Sebastopol Place. Br. 209 – Sebastopol



1st Place, Br. 445 – San Jose, 2nd Place, Br. 210 -Fontana, Grand President Antonowicz, 3rd Place, Br. 217 - Redlands



In memory of his sister, Tad Shaw making significant donation of \$20,000 to Thomas Coates, CHLA Cooley's Anemia ICF Nationa Charity.



Apostolate.Charity 4th Place, Br. 374 – La Canada Flintridge, 3rd Place, Br. 354 - Paso Robles, GP Antonowicz, 2nd Place, Br. 445 – San Jose, and 1st Place, Br. 362 - Downey





3rd Place, Br. 446 – Upland, 2nd Place, Br. 82 - Lodi, Grand President Antonowicz, 3rd Place, Br. 362 - Downey









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2 honorable awards for members who have gone over and beyond in their contribution to ICF heritage: Br. 445, Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer and Br. 191, Juliana Mandolati Midwin with Grand President.



Louise Vento and her husband were recognized for their contri-bution to ongoing heritage dedication. Bob Basuino presenting

100% membership retention: Br. 25 – Salinas, Br. 73 – Roseville, Br. 82 Lodi, GP Antonowicz, Br. 408 – Sunnyvale, Br. 358 – River Forest, Br. 217 – Redlands, Br. 13 – Marinez, Br. 1 – San Francisco





Vic Arnaudo, Branch 1, recipient of 100year banner for oldest branch.

Increased membership: Br. 446 - Upland, Br. 438 - Roseville, Br. 438 - Roseville, GP Antonowicz, Br. 352 - Danville, Br. 217 - Redlands, Br. 130 - Redwood City

2nd Place, Br. 111 - Montebellow, 1st Place, Br. 191 – San Jose, Grand President Antonowicz, 3rd Place, Br. 28 - Gilroy

Award winning branches with great success in active membership

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Grand President's Award Recipient - Elaine Valentine



Young Adult Leadership Award Recipient - Ryuko Novak-Murano



Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award **Recipients - The Missionaries of Charity**



Fr. Jerry Ochetti





Vince Piro receiving Member Emeritus status



Members from Br. 139 and Br. 48





Allen & Crystal Watts led everyone in song throughout both masses.



Members from Br. 82 -- Lodi





Cardinal McElroy presided over Sunday afternoon Closing Mass





2024-2025 Central Council members taking oath of office

