



# BOLLETTINO



## ICS delivers hope to the Bay Area's Italian Community

Pietro Bonanno heads up one of the oldest Italian nonprofits in the country, Italian Community Services (ICS), was founded by AP Giannini and other Italian pioneers in 1916. Bonanno is also a proud new member of Branch 1 in San Francisco. He wants to be sure our members are aware of the assistance offered by ICS.

While San Francisco's shelter-in-place order further isolated senior citizens and increased food insecurity, Italian Community Services (ICS) provides hope by caring for the Bay Area's Italian community. ICS has provided:

- 4,700 wellness phone calls to Bay Area seniors
- Over 2,100 care packages delivered to community members in need
- 620 errands completed (supermarket, pharmacy, etc.)

The global pandemic has affected everyone but has left society's most vulnerable citizens in a terrible situation. Instead of ICS opening its doors weekly for seniors, to socialize and grab food from its food pantry, its volunteers knocked on their doors carrying care packages with fresh produce, activities, flowers, and information about services and Covid-19. They have delivered over 2,100 care packages to seniors and others in need like the recently unemployed. The deliveries are not just a box of sustenance but a confirmation that the individual is safe.

While the seniors receive a gift from ICS, the volunteers also benefit as Denise Accurso stated "This is such a



Executive Director Pietro Bonanno

rewarding and fulfilling experience. What ICS is doing goes beyond providing food as sustenance. It is reaching the hearts of our Italian elders who deserve to be cared for and honored and treasured. Lifting their spirits during these times means so much. I am honored to be a volunteer to help with this great mission." The Italian community bonds through caring for each other.

Since senior citizens can no longer attend weekly activities at Italian

Community Service's Club Fugazi, ICS volunteers have made over 4,700 wellness calls to seniors. In the best of times, social isolation is a serious issue for senior citizens but with the additional overlay of a pandemic it can lead to anxiety and depression causing seniors to stop taking their medicine or eating food. The calls provide an opportunity for the seniors to socialize and request additional services like prescription refills or grocery shopping. As one volunteer said "... each senior is a case by itself for background and personality. ... [I] call every day to the ones who I know are more vulnerable by the loneliness and lack of family." Each call provides hope to a senior and often inspiration to a volunteer.

The pandemic forced ICS to reflect on its services and the needs of the community. ICS began as an organization to help Italian immigrants adjust to America. And while it still does that, it now also provides social inclusion and solidarity at a very difficult time. Seniors and unemployed community members, many from Italian restaurants, need food and Italian restaurants and Italian businesses need customers.

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## Grand President's Monthly Message

Vince Piro

I can tell it's fall because Miles, our Chihuahua, has moved under the blankets on our bed since it has started getting chilly at night. In the morning, when I try to take him outside, he just digs deeper into the blankets and gives me "the eye." It's a little too cold for the little guy. Personally, I love the fall as a relief from the hot temperatures of California's Central Valley. It is also a time I associate with the ICF.



As we head into fall, what is often an active season for ICF branches and districts will be curtailed this year by COVID-19. Many Bishops' Days have been cancelled or moved to spring due to the need to practice social distancing during the pandemic. Our usually busy parishes have also reduced activities to keep their parishioners and communities safe. However, during these challenging times, ICF branches can do several things to stay active and in touch with their members. The International Council on Active Aging offers 10 ways to stay connected during COVID-19. I have summarized a few below.

Pick up the telephone and call someone. Members should call one another, especially those they know who live alone and are isolated. An officer in the branch could create a phone tree, which members can use to contact one another. Reaching out and taking care of one another is one of the most important things we can do right now.

Use technology to connect with family and friends. A branch or district can use Facebook, FaceTime, Zoom, Skype, or WhatsApp to hold meetings and to keep in touch. You could host a movie night, Sunday supper or Happy Hour. At this year's annual convention, around 100 ICF members joined together on Zoom to chat, play games, sing, and hold a raffle. These gatherings can be as structured as you want, perhaps more structured for a branch meeting to a less structured and more informal for a Happy Hour. The ICF Central Council has purchased a Zoom account, and if you would like me to set up a meeting for you, I would be glad to help. Just contact me at [vpairo@icloud.com](mailto:vpairo@icloud.com).

Go to an online mass "together" and then meet later online to chat about the Gospel reading or to socialize.

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### Greetings Italian Catholic Federation Branch Officers, Members and Friends.

During this time of COVID-19 we also are at a time of year where we give THANKS...

- Let's be aware of the fact that we are all a family, and together be supportive of each other and give support where we can to those in the community.
- Let's remember the great members we have lost this year, and give thanks for them being a part of our lives.
- Let's appreciate all of our God given gifts, loved ones and all those surrounding us who enhance our existence...and in-turn may we enhance theirs.
- Let's all do our best to slow the spread of sickness by following the recommended health guidelines, and help those who are sick by showing that we care.
- Say a prayer for those have experienced ill health and those who are no longer with us. And say a prayer for all who are in our lives, that they remain in good health and keep happy.

COVID won't last forever and we know there is light at the end of the tunnel. When the time is safe, we will again have the opportunity for our ICF Branch 403 members to meet in person. Until that day, please do your best to stay safe with the knowledge that I miss and care about each of you.

*With all my warm wishes,  
from Paul Larson*

ICF Branch 403 President

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Please keep your submission posi-  
tive and informative.

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**deadline is November 10, 2020.**

**Thank you!**

## Are We Abandoned?

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli  
ICF Spiritual Director



It seems that the world is in a big  
mess. *What's going on?*

Huge fires of unheard of proportions in  
California and Oregon. Hurricanes dev-  
astating many areas. Floods invading  
cities and homes. Heat waves soaring  
the world.

Riots where people are killed or injured  
along with destruction and looting of  
properties.

A pandemic which affects everyone  
in the world, physically, socially, eco-  
nomically, mentally and spiritually.

Schools, churches, stores, restaurants

and businesses are closed or operate  
only with very precise restrictions.  
Unemployment is rampant.

Global warming and climate change are  
threatening the world and have many  
side effects.

Everyone is urged to wear masks to  
avoid spreading the virus and avoid  
catching the virus. Crime and killings  
are on the increase.

It seems that every day there are reports  
of people being murdered.

So, I ask again. *What's going on? Has  
God abandoned us? Of course not!  
God loves us.*

"I go and prepare a place for you, I will  
come back and take you to myself, so  
that where I am you also may be."  
(Jn 14:2-3)

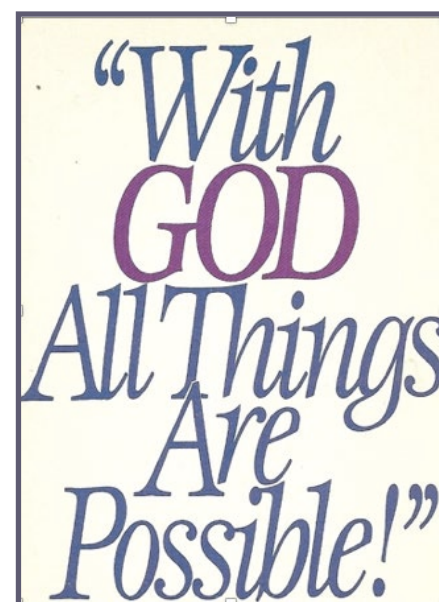
It might be, then, that people have  
abandoned God. All over the world  
there seems to be an emphasis on the  
pursuit of material possessions and  
personal comfort. The guide for life is  
expressed in the syndrome, *if it feels  
good, go for it!*

Human beings throughout the centuries  
have made great progress in the areas  
of science, technology and medicine.

But, not much has changed in the area  
of human relations. Human nature was  
flawed because of Original Sin. Also,  
people were given free will and because  
of this people are drawn towards sin.

God, thankfully, did not abandon the  
world. He loves and supports everyone  
all over the world. To prove this, Jesus  
came and sacrificed Himself on the  
Cross to save the world and give back  
that which was lost, namely Sanctify-  
ing Grace, the life of God in our souls.

Together with Jesus people can grow  
to great spiritual heights and be happy  
with Him forever.



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# Literature Review: Children's Books- Part 1

Vince Piro  
Grand President

Having just celebrated Italian-American Heritage Month and with Christmas just a month away, I thought it would be a good time to share some titles of children's books on Italian-American culture. Sharing culture is one of the greatest gifts we have to give, and these would be great books to share as gifts with children or grandchildren.

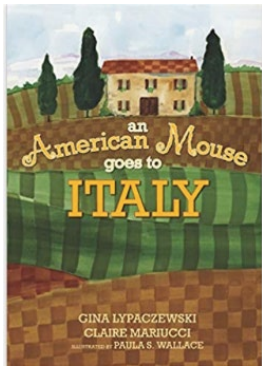
I will feature five titles this month and five more next month. I have shared a few of these titles before but they bear repeating here.

All of these titles can be found on online book retailers or by ordering through your local bookstore.

## *An American Mouse Goes to Italy*

by **Gina Lypaczewski (Author), Claire Mariucci (Author), Paula S Wallace (Illustrator)**

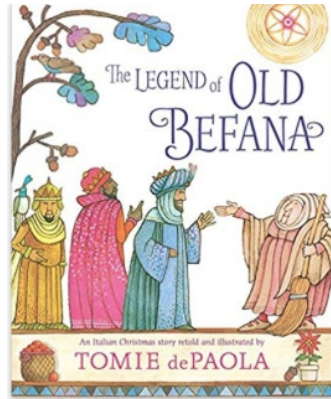
Mooch is a mouse. He lives in a quiet Midwestern town in America. Like every mouse, Mooch loves cheese! One day, he finds himself in Italy! He discovers all the delicious cheeses, and beautiful sights of Italy. He learns some new words while he's there!



Beautiful illustrations show many scenes from Italy. Vocabulary words are

introduced in Italian, and Italian cheeses are celebrated.

*The Legend of Old Befana: An Italian Christmas Story*, by **Tomie dePaola**



In this beloved classic picture book, Tomie dePaola retells and illustrates an Italian Christmas folk tale, breathing warmth and humanity into the character of the lonely Old Befana and her endless search for the Christ Child.

Every morning and every afternoon, Old Befana sweeps with her broom. "Cranky old lady," the children say. "She is always sweeping!" Sweep, sweep, sweep.

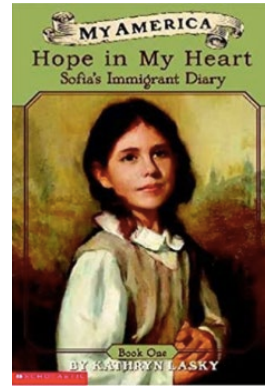
But when a brilliant star glows in the eastern sky one night, and Old Befana encounters the glorious procession of three kings on their way to Bethlehem, her world will never be the same.

*My America: Hope In My Heart, Sofia's Ellis Island Diary, Book One*, by **Kathryn Lasky**

In Book One of Sofia's Ellis Island Di-

ary, renowned author Kathryn Lasky tells the story of Sofia Monari's arrival in America from Italy.

When Sofia and her family arrive in Ellis Island after a long and difficult journey from Italy, a cruel twist of fate separates Sofia from her parents and sends her into "quarantine." There, in a state-run hospital, she and her new friend, Maureen, must learn to overcome the twin hardships of immigration and alienation, while they maintain the hope that they will be reunited with their families.



*At Home/A Casa: Italian Vocabulary Picture Book (with Audio by a Native Speaker!)*, by **Victor Dias de Oliveira Santos, Children's Italian Vocabulary Picture Book (with audio)**

In this award-winning, colorful, fun, and vivid book with real images and audio by a native speaker of



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## Grand President Piro

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As a branch, you can form an interactive online discussion group or book club.

Branches can volunteer with community support groups for outreach calls, either over the phone or safely in person, to support others who are not socially connected.

As guidelines allow, participate in group activities held at a distance.

Write letters to one another. Use your branch roster to reach out to one another.

The key here is to stay active and vital in each other's lives. While not everyone is equally comfortable with technology, some of the above solutions are decidedly "old school" and low-tech.

Soon, we will be gathered around the table as we share meals and hold our monthly meetings.

Soon enough, Miles will move back to the top of the blankets as temperatures creep up again and the challenges of this year are behind us. Until then, how we respond to these challenges says a lot about who we are. We should respond with our core values family, faith, and fellowship, staying close to one another, and reaching out and connecting with love.



ICF is  
Going  
Green!



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## Mother Cabrini Shrine

Carmelo Sabatella  
LA Archdiocese District

Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, a co-patron saint of the Italian Catholic Federation, was born in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano in the province of Lombardy, northern Italy, on July 15, 1850. She was a major benefactor for Italian immigrants in the U.S., and the first naturalized US citizen to be declared a saint (July 7, 1946).



In 1916 Mother Cabrini built a small chapel in honor of the Blessed Mother atop Mount Raphael, for the residents of the San Fernando Valley. She made daily meditation visits to the chapel.

For decades, the chapel attracted thousands of pilgrims who made the steep climb every December to honor Mother Cabrini. In 1973, the chapel was moved down the mountain to St. Francis Xavier Church in Burbank where it was restored.

SAVE THE DATE: This year's ANNUAL MOTHER CABRINI PILGRIMAGE, MASS AND LUNCHEON will be held in Mother Cabrini's honor on Sunday, December 6, 2020, VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM.

For more information regarding the event or to make a donation contact, please call 626-372-7812 or visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine at [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org). All contributions will be used to help the Chapel continue with the annual December Pilgrimage event in Burbank and to maintain the Shrine Facility.

Thank you for your continued support! ICF LAADC Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee: [cas1810@aol.com](mailto:cas1810@aol.com)





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

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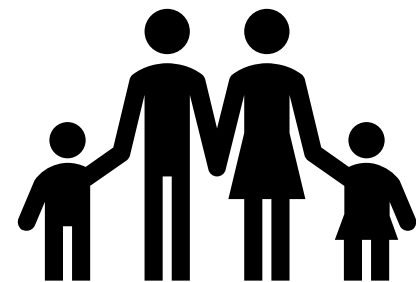
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# Planning for Success with Member- ship Recruitment and Retention

Pat Mages  
Membership Chair



Since I last wrote an article much has happened, with the expected and unexpected. Despite the pandemic, ICF and its members have shown strength, resilience and ingenuity. Who would have even imagined we would be pulled into the tech age with full force rather than little by little? Successful virtual meetings, branch/district and Central Council; and a well-attended virtual Convention are proof we have made it into the 21st Century tech age. Yes, membership has suffered but it's not even close to a despairing number.

We will continue to practice the goals of ICF: Faith, Family and Service to Others, which will cause our Family to increase. The spirit of the Federation continues to live within us all. We continue to connect and support each other through the telephone, virtually and prayer.

Many of you may have viewed the Membership report on the website, however, I will share it with this article.

The reports show the continuing dedication to ICF to survive, in spite of what seemed to be impossible odds. Not sure if you have noticed that I have used one word over and over rather than using a similar word. Yes, it was deliberate. **CONTINUE!!** And we shall!

**May you all have a Blessed and Bountiful Thanksgiving!**

This will be my last report as Membership Chair, it has been a pleasure to serve you. Please welcome and congratulate our new Chairperson Perry Shurko!

*Pat Mages*

## Membership Committee Report 2019-2020

### Highest Overall Increase

#### BRANCHES BEGINNING WITH 29 OR FEWER MEMBERS

1st	Br. 67	Los Angeles/National	128.6%
2nd T	Br. 317	Diamond Bar	40%
2nd T	Br. 433	Tucson	40%

#### BRANCHES BEGINNING WITH 30 TO 49 MEMBERS

1st	Br. 374	La Canada-Flintridge	19.5%
2nd	Br. 135	Reno	7.5%
3rd	Br. 444	Rancho Palos Verdes	4.9 %

#### BRANCHES BEGINNING WITH 50 TO 69 MEMBERS

1st	Br. 82	Lodi	17.3%
2nd	Br. 127	Petaluma	3.4%
3rd	Br. 54	Gustine	1.8%

#### BRANCHES BEGINNING WITH 70 TO 99 MEMBERS

1st	Br. 45	Sacramento	5.8%
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#### BRANCHES BEGINNING WITH 100 OR MORE MEMBERS

1st	Br. 390	Tracy	4.1%
2nd	Br. 31	Los Banos	3.6%
3rd (T)	Br. 352	Danville	3.4%
3rd (T)	Br. 435	Morgan Hill	3.4%

#### BRANCHES WITH MOST NEW MEMBERS

1st	Br. 36	Monterey	41
2nd	Br. 39	Merced	20
3rd	Br. 28	Gilroy	19

#### DISTRICTS OR AREAS WITH LARGEST GAIN

1st	San Bernardino	14.3%
2nd	Reno	7.5%
3rd	Chicago	0.8%
4th	San Diego	0.4%

### NEW FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

#### Top 4 Branches With 2 Family Memberships

##### Memberships

Br. 36 Monterey  
Br. 39 Merced  
Br. 45 Sacramento  
Br. 179 Glendora

#### Charter & Re-Open Branches

Br. 274, St. Eugene: 4; Br. 446, Upland: 4;  
Br. 448, Good Shephard: 5; Br. 449, Santee: 5.

#### Branches with 1 New Family Memberships

Br. 10; Br.14; Br. 26; Br. 27; Br. 28; Br. 67;  
Br. 103; Br. 135; Br. 139; Br. 246; Br. 291; Br.  
317; Br. 332; Br. 354; Br. 390; Br. 433; Br. 447.

#### TOTAL OF 43

### 100% Retention

Branches with zero cancellations

Chicago District:	Branch 220
Fresno District:	Branches 70, 185 & 281
Los Angeles District:	Branches 67,317,319 & 362
Orange:	Branch 423
Reno:	Branch 135
Sacramento	Branch 73
San Bernardino District:	Branch 217
San Francisco District:	Branches 1 & 258
San Mateo District:	Branches 130 &213
Santa Clara	Branch 435
Tucson	Branch 433

### Overall Membership

As of 6/30/2019: 8,550  
As of 6/30/2020: 7,892  
(Net Loss = 658 Members)

New Members: 659  
Reinstated: 15  
Transfer In/Out: 66/66  
Non-payment: 128  
Deceased: 170  
Cancellations: 1,034

### Membership Committee

Patricia Mages, Ken Marshall, Nina Malone, Leonard Zasoski Jr., Perry Shurko, Marie Di Paolo, Patty Jarrett, Richard Interrante, & Melissa Rodriguez



# Family Recipes

Deborah Rodondi

Grand 1st Vice President

Hope you are continuing to stay safe and healthy.

One day a friend from work mentioned she was going home to make Mu Shu Pork for dinner. That was my mom's favorite dish to order when we were having Chinese Food. So of course I asked her for the recipe. It is not difficult to make and certainly delicious. It also goes without saying that it is a big hit with my nephew Tony!



## Mu Shu Pork

### Marinade Ingredients:

½ cup hoisin sauce  
¼ cup rice vinegar  
2 Tbls. oyster sauce  
2 Tbls. soy sauce  
1 tsp. toasted sesame oil  
6 cloves garlic, minced  
freshly cracked black pepper

### Mu Shu Ingredients:

1 pound boneless pork chops (or boneless skinless chicken breasts), sliced into very thin strips (I put in freezer to firm up the meat, made it much easier to slice thin)  
3 Tbls. peanut or vegetable oil  
2 large eggs, whisked  
1 (14 oz.) bag coleslaw (or ½ a cabbage)  
8 ounces shiitake mushrooms, stemmed and thinly sliced (I used crimini)  
4 scallions, thinly sliced-green part only (I usually forget to buy them)



To make the marinade: Whisk all ingredients together in a medium mixing bowl until combined. Separate the marinade into two portions—one to marinate the meat and one to use in the cooking process.

### To make the Mu Shu Pork:

1. Add the thinly sliced pork (or chicken) to half the marinade. Toss until meat is evenly coated. Set aside for 5 minutes. (I might do this step hours ahead of time)
2. While meat is marinating, over medium heat—heat 1 Tbls. oil in a large sauté pan or wok. Add the whisked eggs, and let them sit until cooked. Will form a large omelet. Transfer the omelet to a separate cutting board, cut into small thin pieces.
3. Return the pan to the stove, increase heat to high. Add 1 Tbls. oil. With use of tongs or fork lift meat out of marinade and transfer to the pan, discarding the marinade. Sauté the meat breaking it up and stirring occasionally, until cooked and tender, about 3-4 minutes. Transfer meat with tongs to a separate plate/bowl, discard excess juice and set aside.
4. Add the remaining 1 Tbls. oil to the pan, along with the cabbage, mushrooms and half of the scallions. Sauté for 2-3 minutes or until cabbage begins to wilt and softens. Drain excess liquid.
5. Add in the reserved marinade, toss to combine. Cook for an additional 2 minutes. Stir in the cooked meat and

chopped eggs. Toss to combine. Taste and season with salt and pepper or additional hoisin or soy sauce. Sprinkle with remaining green onions.

For serving: rice wraps, flour tortillas, lettuce cups (romaine), egg cauliflower wraps (found in Costco), on rice.

Optional toppings: extra hoisin, soy sauce, thinly sliced scallions, toasted sesame seeds.

With this recipe I discovered Hoisin Sauce. Wow--what I have been missing out on in life-great sauce-great flavor?! We use the lettuce leaves when we enjoy this meal and it is great left over for lunch. Add some stir fried vegetables and/or BBQ Chinese Ribs (coming in a future *Bollettino*) and the meal is complete.

Several members have shared recipes with me—you have not been forgotten. I look forward to sharing with you in the near future. Be safe and call friends—it can be lonely sheltering in place.

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

*Buon Appetito!*

## The Wonder of it all. LIFE LINE

By Msgr. Cardelli

A seed has potential to be a great tree  
A fetus has potential to be a great human

### Scholarship Donations

Received as of Oct. 9, 2020:

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Mary C. Perata

In memory of Reverend  
Monsignor Joseph Milani  
Officers/Members of Br. 184  
In memory of Bob Cowan



### Welcome to Our New Members! (As of Oct. 9, 2020)

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Literature Review

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Italian, children will learn the name and pronunciation of 38 common house objects in Italian.

Audio pronunciation by a native speaker of Italian is available right from the book for each word, making this a great book especially for parents who may not speak the language themselves but would like their children to learn good pronunciation.

Perfect for kids learning Italian as a native language, Italian as a second language or Italian as a foreign language

The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire and the Fight for Workers' Rights

By by Julie Gilbert (Author), Orban Janos (Illustrator)

In November 1909, thousands of factory workers walked off the job to protest the terrible working conditions in New York City factories. Joining the picket lines was dangerous, with thugs and police officers harassing picketers, but the protests stirred action. Many factory owners finally agreed to some of the workers' demands and improved conditions. But nothing changed for workers at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory, and those workers would pay a high price for the company's dangerous conditions. In 1911, a devastating fire swept through the Triangle factory, killing 146 workers. In the months following the tragedy, the rights of workers finally gained real traction as the state government formed a safety commission and enacted new safety laws.



ICF Christmas Celebration  
Online  
December 11, 2020



All ICF members welcome  
Raffle  
Prizes  
Music  
Games

More information soon at [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org)  
and Italian Catholic Federation page on Facebook



Interested in learning more about the ICF's National Charity, Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia)? Have burning questions to ask? You can still do this even during a pandemic!

Set up a phone call, WHATSAPP, FACETIME or ZOOM Conference and have a personal conversation with Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Program Consultant for Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

Contact Information:

360-860-2023 or [LLevine430@aol.com](mailto:LLevine430@aol.com)

Learn more about Cooley's Anemia and the great work the ICF does for this cause.

October Calendar Winners

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
10/1	Paula Watt	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
10/2	Branch 281		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
10/3	Jack Guenther	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
10/4	Julie Graham	343	San Leandro, CA	\$30
10/5	Norma Harris	342	Applegate, CA	\$30
10/6	Maria de Salguero	374	Altadena, CA	\$30
10/7	Michael Marcheschi	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
10/8	Diane & Jim Collopy	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
10/9	Patti Fichtner	139	Manteca, CA	\$30
10/10	Patricia Galleano		Madera, CA	\$30
10/11	Steve Grisenti	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
10/12	Nadine Mattier	215	Fremont, CA	\$30
10/13	Peter Pernarelli		Grants Pass, OR	\$100
10/14	Judy Wellbeloved	285	Pleasanton, CA	\$30
10/15	Linka Chapman	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
10/16	Mary Engstrom		Sebastopol, CA	\$30
10/17	Ricardo Rendon		Los Banos, CA	\$30
10/18	Judy Bennett		Tracy, CA	\$30
10/19	Dina Rio	439	Des Plaines, IL	\$30
10/20	Carmelo Sabatello	108	South Pasadena, CA	\$30
10/21	Mauro Romagnoli	210	Jurupa Valley, CA	\$30
10/22	Lucy Olsen	354	Paso Robles, CA	\$50
10/23	Elaine Bersano		Los Angeles, CA	\$30
10/24	Joe & Jacquie Mikhailian		Arlington, TX	\$30
10/25	Carole Wynne		So. San Francisco, CA	\$30
10/26	Jeff Burns	91	Alameda, CA	\$30
10/27	Louise Vicino	127	Petaluma, CA	\$30
10/28	Rev. Johannes Busch		Gilroy, CA	\$30
10/29	Vincenzo Veneziano	111	Montebello, CA	\$30
10/30	Geri & Dan Rolandson	173	Burlingame, CA	\$30
10/31	JoAnn Sullivan	25	Chualar, CA	\$50

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## Are You Fluent in **ITALIAN**?

**B**efore you answer YES, we may not be asking the question you think we are. Using the letters of the word **ITALIAN** is a great way to remember how to maintain a path toward a successful, healthy and growing branch:

- I** **Inform yourself.** Make sure you know all about the ICF and what makes us special so that you can tell others.
- T** **Transform your branch.** Talk to your board about how you can make your branch more welcoming with music, hospitality, kids' areas and decorations.
- A** **Amazing meetings and events.** Keep business meetings short, and ensure every interaction with members is amazing with well planned spiritual/social/service programs and great food.
- L** **Leadership growth.** Invite others to lead, and mentor them.
- I** **Inform others.** Spread the word, and promote your branch in bulletins, newspapers and social media.
- A** **Ask for help.** Visit the ICF web site for ideas, speak to ICF officers or members in other branches, work with other ministries in your parish, etc.
- N** **Nurture your membership.** Show you care by reaching out if members miss meetings, visiting them if ill, encouraging them to share their talents and become more involved.

So, share the meaning of **ITALIAN** with your members and officers, and ensure your branch becomes fluent!

## ICF Branch Expansion: Seven Ways YOU Can Help!

**D**id you know that the ICF has an expansion team that works to start several new branches each year?

Our emphasis on faith, family and heritage still resonates strongly with many Catholics even now in 2020, 96 years after our founding.

There are seven great ways you can get the ball rolling to help us start a new branch:

1. If your previous pastor has been re-assigned to a parish without ICF, reach out to him about starting one.
2. If your branch supported a seminarian that is now ordained and assigned to a parish without ICF, reach out to him about starting one.
3. If you are in a parish that is without ICF, reach out to your pastor about starting one.
4. If you know of a parish nearby that is without ICF, reach out to pastor about starting one.
5. If you know of a parish that previously had ICF, and would be ideal to re-open the branch, reach out to pastor.
6. If you have friends in a parish without ICF, reach out to them about starting one.
7. Volunteer to be part of an expansion team to get a new branch started.

Contact Mike Rossi, ICF Expansion Committee Chairperson, at [mrossi@icf.org](mailto:mrossi@icf.org) for more information.

Thank you!

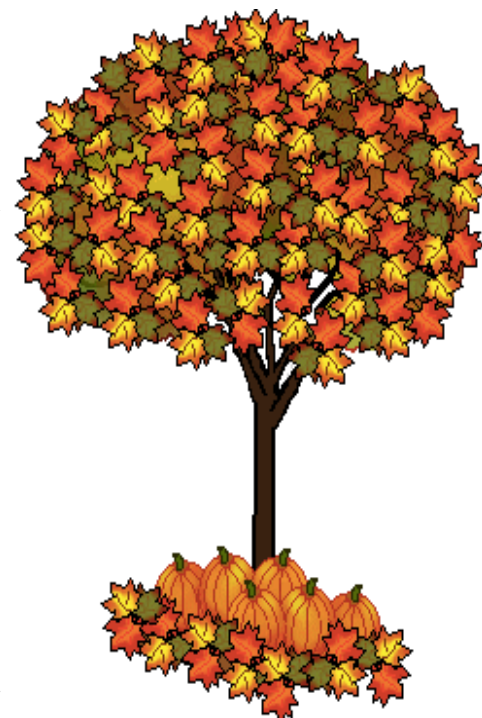
## ICS Brings Hope

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accepting food from Italian restaurants and businesses and distributing it to those in need. Pietro Bonanno, Executive Director of ICS, explained "It is amazing how from something so tragic as a pandemic, we as a community can come together and help one another. I am honored to be part of such an incredible community. It brings me hope in these challenging, uncertain times."

For over one hundred years, Italian Community Services has served the Bay Area Italian community and a global pandemic will not stop the organization. Instead, the organization has shifted to meet the increasing and changing needs of its community. The organization continues to preserve the Italian culture and serve its community.

Call to action: Please call Italian Community Services if you are interested in learning more or can benefit from our free services. <https://www.italiancs.com>



*The unthankful heart discovers no mercies; but the thankful heart will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings.*  
-Henry Ward Beecher

## *Advancing our Legacy:* **Italian Community Services**

Italian Community Services continues to assist Bay Area Italian-American seniors and their families navigate and manage the resources needed to live healthy, independent and productive lives.

Since Shelter-in-Place began in San Francisco, Italian Community Services has delivered over 240 meals, over 900 care packages and made over 2000 phone wellness checks for our seniors.

**If you know of any senior of Italian descent in San Francisco needing assistance, please contact:**  
**ItalianCS.org | (415) 362-6423 | [info@italiancs.com](mailto:info@italiancs.com)**



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*Preserving Our Culture. Serving Our Community.*



## Branch Reports

### SAN FRANCISCO

**San Francisco**  
**Maria S.S. Immacolata,**  
**Br. 1**

Dear Members:

No activity due to the ongoing of the COVID-19.

Happy Thanksgiving to all Branch 1 Members.

Stay safe and healthy!

Ciao!

*Toni Morsello*

**San Francisco**  
**St. Elizabeth, Br. 258**

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our members and their families.

To those who will be celebrating a Birthday in November - many more years of Good Health and Much Happiness. Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Our sincere sympathy to Cosmo Amato and his family on the passing of his wife, Mara, on September 15th. Mara was very active in the ICF and was President of Br. 38, Sts. Peter and Paul, for many years. Mara will be greatly missed by her ICF friends in Br. 258. God Bless You.

Mary and I were able to view the Convention Memorial Mass through Zoom thanks to Mary's daughter, Kathy. The Mass was beautiful and thank you Central Council for the Virtual Convention and for a job well done.

Hope it won't be too long before we can start our meetings again. Miss you and please stay well.

Ciao,

*Eva Perata, President*

### SAN MATEO

**Burlingame**  
**Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173**

Our convention was done virtually this year and for those who worked on it many compliments were received on its content and the ability to present it in that fashion for all

Our branch had a zoom meeting recently and I was able to join for the first time. If any member wants to join us and has zoom set up, our President

will give you the reference numbers to join. Our next zoom meeting will be Thursday, November 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Our Parish has participated in the OLA Outreach Program. The ministry is called "Sewing Mustard Seed". Those wishing to contribute by sending \$10.00 every other month via our branch for the program will be helping many. It has been advised by the Central Council that all officers from 2020 can keep their office without an election for 2021.

Even though we have not seen many members due to the lack of meetings caused by the virus, we can't forget our members who still need our prayers. Those who need our prayers are: Mary Bodisco, Elena Malta, Lorraine Rollandi, Jack Sherratt and Fred and Melanie Yaeger's grandson who has Brain Cancer.

We are happy to report that Mass is now being said in Church and a few outdoors. Restrictions and sign-ups still needed.

*God bless,*

*Roz Emery*

**Millbrae**  
**St. Dunstan, Br. 403**

We again pray that all our members are safe and healthy. We miss the meetings and events and hope that soon we may continue our social gatherings.

Our St. Dunstan priests are now able to celebrate Mass in church on Sundays at 7:00, 10:00 and 12:00 and also via YouTube beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing throughout the day.

We wish all a Happy Thanksgiving and thank God that we are safe and healthy. We remember those that have lost loved ones and pray for the victims and families that were devastated by the terrible fires in our state and thankful for the firefighters who risk their lives every day.

Stay safe and remember to wear your mask and safe distance this holiday.

*Rose Marie Morando*

*Corresponding Secretary*

### MARIN

**Larkspur**  
**St. James, Br. 161**

If you haven't yet ordered your ICF calendar, please call Marlene and let her know how many you would like. They make wonderful Christmas gifts. For every calendar sold, the branch keeps \$5. Daily drawing prizes are \$30, \$50, and \$100.

We thank all the officers for agreeing to stay on another year.

Since we will not be meeting until

further notice, please continue to pray for our sick members and hope that everyone will be back to good health real soon. Also let's pray for everyone who was affected by the wild fires.

Let's all enjoy the arrival of fall and hope that things will turn around real soon.

Please wear your mask and sanitize your hand frequently.

*Wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.*

*Anna Biggio*

*Recording Secretary*

### LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE

November is here, so it's time for giving Thanks. With this year the way it's going, it almost seems like there's nothing to give thanks for. But, alas, there always is. Let us give thanks for living in the greatest country on Earth. Let us give thanks for all of the doctors, nurses, teachers, EMT's, for those who grow and pick our crops, for our families, pastors, priests, veterans and soldiers

Let us always give thanks to God Almighty for all that he is - and does for us. By the time this edition comes to us we should know who won the election. Whoever it may be, we as a nation need to support our next president and put differences aside. I want to wish everyone a very blessed and fruitful Thanksgiving.

*Take care. Be safe.*

*Perry Shurko, LA District President*

**Los Angeles**  
**St. Peter, Br. 67**

Congratulations to Branch 67 for receiving the "ICF Certificate of Merit for 1st Place in Increased Membership Among Branches Beginning the 2019-2020 Membership Year with 29 or fewer Members." District President Perry Shurko announced the membership winners at the LAADC General Meeting held at Whittier Narrows Recreation facility in South El Monte.

If you know someone who may be interested in joining ICF Branch 67, please have them go online to ICFNationalBranch67.org and sign up. We are a virtual branch and reach out to members and non-members who do not have an ICF in their area and would like be a

part of the ICF Family. We also would like to have your input as we continue to develop this branch online.

Covid-19 is a challenge and an opportunity to understand what is important in each of our lives. ICF may be just the place for you as we are multi culture-based focusing on Faith, Family, Fellowship and Food.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers that they may reach a speedy recovery.

And to our former Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward; May they rest in peace.

*Keep safe and Stay healthy,*  
*Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President*  
*ICF Branch 67*  
*C 626 372-7812*  
*E Cas1810@aol.com*



Attending LA District October Meeting with Br. 111

**South Pasadena**  
**Holy Family, Br. 108**

Our branch held its October General Meeting on Zoom followed by online Bingo. Until the present crisis changes, we will continue meeting virtually to discuss and encourage participation and donations to help our various charities as we have done over the years.

If you need help joining us online, please contact your local parish for suggestions and ask your children and grandchildren to help you get online for these virtual meetings. We would like all members to participate online.

Our prayers go out to all Members, families and friends, with a big Thank You to all first responders who continue to help those suffering under the present "Pandemic."

Please continue to pray for the speedy Resolution of this crisis and to keep our sick members in your prayers for a speedy recovery; and to our former Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward.

*May they rest in peace.*  
*Keep safe and stay healthy,*  
*Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Past President*  
*ICF Branch 108*  
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**Montebello  
St. Benedict, Br. 111**

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. For many months this year, we have missed the togetherness and traditions we have shared in years past. Since we cannot yet meet indoors, we will try to have our November General Meeting at a park on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Look for our November Newsletter for all the details. We will continue our tradition for our November general meeting to celebrate Thanksgiving with a special meal together. Thank you to everyone for your participation. We hope to see many of you.

We would like to congratulate the following members who celebrate their birthdays in the month of November: Rene Mata, David Estrada, Georgia Albanez, Joyce Adragna, Joe Canzonieri, Phyllis Grimaldi and Celia Ramos. Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

We plan to have a Christmas celebration in December, but we are still waiting to see what type of event we can have, depending on government regulations. We will let you know as soon as we work out all the details.

We wish all our ICF members and their families continued good health and happiness. We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. A presto.

*God Bless!  
Frank Salomone*



Br. 111, LA District October Meeting at Park



Br. 111, Carmelo Sabatella, Nancy Dolci & Frank Salomone at ICF LA District October Meeting



Br. 111, Received 2 Certificates from ICF Convention



Br. 115, President Neal Dileva and wife VP Anna Enjoying BBQ at Whiskeyflats Supporting the Gioiello Jewels fundraiser for American Cancer Society. Team captain Anita Trujillo.

**Deadline  
December Issue  
is November 10th.  
Send articles and photos:  
editor@icf.org**

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

In September president Neal DiLeva and Vp and wife Anna hosted an officer's meeting. Many decisions were made while practicing social distancing. All board members were asked if they were willing to serve again as branch officers in 2021. All agreed to continue their terms into the next year.

It was also decided that branch meetings for remainder of the year, Mother Cabrini pilgrimage and Bishop's day will be cancelled. \$600.00 was sent for the Seminary bursar.

2021 calendars are available for purchase. \$25.00 not only gets you a great calendar but also 365 changes to win money!

This is also a fundraiser for our branch. \$5.00 from each calendar comes back to the branch. Please call Neal DiLeva to purchase the calendar. 310 433-1044

We pray for our sick members and those in need. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

*Thank you to all our veterans. May God Bless you*

*Anita Trujillo Treasurer*



San Pedro Branch 115 celebrated the feast of St. John Joseph of the Cross with an outdoor mass in the parking lot of Mary Star of the Sea Church on August 22. It was well attended in this difficult time.





## Glendora St. Dorothy, Br. 179

Through the pandemic, our branch has been fortunate to maintain a clothing collection to help our ministry. As people stayed-safe-at-home, they were cleaning out closets, and donating clothing to any open shelter, including St. Dorothy's ongoing drive. In September, we delivered over 10,000 pounds of clothing for a net income of \$2,844.60. After loading the truck, we all gathered safely on a member's patio for pizza, wine, and a short social distant visit. Everyone enjoyed being able to see each other in person, not Zoomed!

*Stay safe all.*

*God's blessings.*

*Patricia Auriemmo*

*Recording/Corresponding Secretary*

## Arcadia Holy Angels, Br. 218

The board met at Scott and Teri Car-rano's home on October 3, thanks to both for hosting this. We had 5 in attendance and the rest of the board were zoomed in. There were 5 proposals for fundraisers and, as of this date, one has been approved which by the time this is printed I believe will have occurred. Watch for Jeane's newsletters regarding all the proposals – drive by sandwich sales, night out at a restaurant, movie night at Annunciation Church, solicitations from large corporations and the clothing drive which is the one that has most likely already taken place.

All board members will be as is until we are able to have a membership meeting, sometime in the spring. There will be no Christmas Party and no New Year's Eve Party this year. We will make every effort to keep in touch with all members and will be planning for next year – possibly the St. Joseph's Table.

*A very happy Thanksgiving to everyone.*  
*Lolly M.*

## Downey St. Raymond, Br. 362

Greetings to all branch members.

We made passed another month and here we are in November. I hope that all of you are staying safe and healthy. Hopefully the election chaos is over. Let's pray as a nation for our president and congressional leaders, state and local leaders. God only knows we need it.

It's the that time of year when we give thanks. I want to thank each and every one of our members for all that you have done for the ICF over the years. It's a difficult time for us all, and I hope that our branch will stay strong and that we all maintain our memberships for another year, and that our officers will continue to do an excellent job as they always have.

As we sit down with family and friends at our Thanksgiving dinners later this month, just pray that this pandemic will end soon and that a vaccine will be available soon. God bless you all. *Happy Thanksgiving to you all and stay in touch.*

*Perry Shurko, Branch 362 President.*

## Claremont Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

First of all thank you all for your prayers I have come through Covid-19 fine with just a few side effects. Mostly fatigue, everything else is going well. I am trying to get my strength back but this will take awhile.

Few updates: if you check ICF. Org you can see what went on at the convention and I think there are a few videos of the different workshops. This year with the Covid still in effect and the quarantine, the district will be doing a virtual Bishop's banquet. We are finalizing the details with Monsignor Antonio and it will be on November 8th. When we get the Zoom hookup we will let you all know so you can all check in and see what's going on. The Christmas party at Children's Hospital is on hold also. We are trying to see if maybe we can get some gift cards and put them in Christmas cards and send them to the trees so that the kids can have maybe a drive-by Santa. When we get the details I'll let you all know

It was recommended at the district meeting that we keep our same officers for another year. I will get in touch with all of them and see if they want to keep it that way.

Please try to call or text a member to see how they are doing.

That's all for now. God bless and keep safe. Don't go out unless you have to

*Andrea Linn*

*President*

## OAKLAND

### East Bay District

We continue via ZOOM! All branches are attempting to deal with the same question, how to raise funds to support our charities with all the restrictions we still have on us. Can virtual meetings keep us working together? So far there are ideas out there to have drive through dinners, or possibly working with a restaurant for a percentage of the bill. All ideas are welcome. Maybe even a Crab Feed to Go in Feb., who knows!

The ICF calendars are here, see your branch Pres. about the number you wish to purchase.

Most District Officers will remain the same for 2021. Any changes will be in next month's article.

We are still awaiting input from the Bishop regarding Bishop's Day, stay

tuned. We plan to get this finished this year.

Please continue to pray for the Covid victims and those affected by the fires.

A Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to all, and all those we cannot be with this year.

*Pat Grasso,*

*District Sec.*

## Fremont St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

Happy November! I hope this month finds you all healthy and happy as we look forward to the wonderful holiday of Thanksgiving! We have so many things to be thankful for despite the challenging times we have all been facing. God bless you all as we hold gratitude in our hearts for all of God's blessings!

We had our first branch meeting on Zoom this past month! It was super to re-connect and begin to move forward with our branch business and potential activities!

Special prayers to all the front line workers and military! I hope our world continues to move back to normalcy, to peace, and to optimism!

*Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!*

*Dio ti benedica,*

*James Francis McGee*

*Vice President*

## Livermore St. Philomena, Br. 285

HAPPY FALL EVERYONE!

We look forward to the wonderful colors of fall, that morning chill in the air, the sight of pumpkins & fall decorations in yards & front doors. We thank God, that in the midst of the pandemic, people are trying to live this "new normal" and enjoy life's pleasures.

Our Zoom social/business meeting focus on selecting officers for next year, fund raising ideas & activities for the future & possible outings.

Bishop Barber will be presented monies collected from East Bay district & Contra Costa District along with a Spiritual Bouquet. Thank you to Lisa Crudo who volunteered to make a nice certificate to be presented with the funds to the Bishop.

Our thanks for all who worked to make the Virtual Convention available to ICF members. The Memorial Mass, workshops, awards presentations & Laurice Levine's Cooley's Anemia videos were well done.

The Livermore Knights St. Michael's BBQ Dinner-take out fundraiser were held in October to benefit St. Michael clergy continuing education. Call 925-456-4645.

The Knights of Columbus CCOP Council 6043 Italian Dinner -Take-Out Fundraiser was Oct. 24th. This was an

authentic Italian dinner. Call Stephen Natale at 925-895-7661. It is gratifying to see the Knights being creative with fund raising dinners. Please support them if possible so they continue their great work in our communities.

We continue to pray for anyone who is ill either at home or in nursing or rehab centers. Our special prayers for our brave front-line workers, firefighters and all those who serve without counting the cost.

*Until next time, Ciao*

*Judy Bates*

## Castro Valley Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

We were able to have an Officers ZOOM meeting recently and are hopeful of finding a way to extend this to the branch.

Meanwhile the ICF calendars have arrived and Pres. Mike has sent out letters to each member explaining what is happening branch wise.

The current officers will remain in place for 2021, next election would be in Oct. 2021.

If there is anyone out there with fund raising ideas, please get in touch with one of the officers. We still have charities to support and scholarships to contribute to each year.

We are coming close to that busy holiday season when we wish that we had a few more weeks, days or hours, maybe with things like they are we can plan ahead now. Let's take a few minutes each day to take a deep breath and say a little prayer for those less fortunate than us.

*Wishing you all a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving and prayers for those who cannot be with us.*

*Pat Grasso,*

*Branch Sec.*





## CONTRA COSTA District Council

Happy Autumn to all! Here is the latest news from the Contra Costa District.

We had a Zoom district meeting in September which went very well. Some Zoomed in and some called in. We voted to make a seminary donation that will be given to our Bishop. All eight of our branches also donated to the seminary fund and sent in offerings of prayer as well. Our next meeting will be held in November. Watch your email for the date and other details. We will hold the 2021 election of district officers at that meeting.

Our district recently received two awards for 100 percent participation in the apostolic charity program and for 100 percent participation in the scholarship program. Thank you to all of our branches for their participation!

The mentor program is coming back this January. If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please let Patty Jarrett know and she will inform the mentor chairperson of your interest. Her email address is jandp1976@aol.com.

We are working on plans for our annual district Christmas party. Once finalized, the branches will be sent invitations with all the details.

Please continue to pray for Roger Van Maren and Toni Reeder both of whom are battling cancer.

*We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!*

*Diana Mackinson, President Branch 442, Christ the King, Pleasant Hill*

### Martinez San Martino, Br. 13

We begin November as always with All Saints Day asking all those holy men and women to pray for us; followed immediately by All Souls Day remembering the souls in purgatory with prayers to assist them in attaining their heavenly reward. As the month progresses, Advent begins on Thanksgiving weekend. The expectant waiting and time of preparation starts as Jesus' nativity approaches. Many arrange a wreath of evergreens signifying continuous life which has no beginning or end: a symbol of the eternity of God. Four candles are placed, one for each week, with significance of their own. The first, second, and fourth weeks' candles are purple representing a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. The remaining one is rose/pink colored. The first week of Advent we talk of HOPE; the second week we are reminded of PEACE, the third week we light the rose candle on Gaudete Sunday which is a reminder of the JOY that the world experienced at Christ's birth; and is the midpoint of Advent. The last candle lit on the fourth Sunday recognizes the LOVE of our Savior. May all your



Crockett, Branch 14 Members working the assembly lines.



Lena McCrossen turned 104 this month from Crockett Branch 14. Happy Birthday, Lena!



Great job !! Crockett Branch 14 on a great BBQ Drive Thru chicken dinner.

advent journeys be meaningful expressions of your faith whether you experience them at home, at church, and/or with a faith sharing group.

Though the year has been a strain on so many, let us try to identify the roses among the thorns and look ahead. Whether or not the candidates you supported were elected, it is important to be sensitive to others feelings during this time. Be kind to one another.

*Ciao for now,  
Mary Cook*

### Crockett San Carlo, Br. 14

Ciao Amici!

Did you know that in 1952, San Francisco held a giant balloon parade that rivaled the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York? Over 200,000 people came to get a peek of the floats, bands, and 33 giant inflatable balloons marching down Market Street. During the two-hour procession, they handed out over 100,000 tokens which entitled each child to a free ride at Playland-at-the-Beach. Were you one of those lucky children?

The 2021 ICF calendars are available for \$25.00 and you have a chance to win money every day of the year. There is also a nice dedication to David Botta with photos. Our branch receives \$5 for every calendar sold so this is a great (and easy) fundraiser. To purchase, call Donna (510) 367-5669 or Vonda (510) 222-3202.

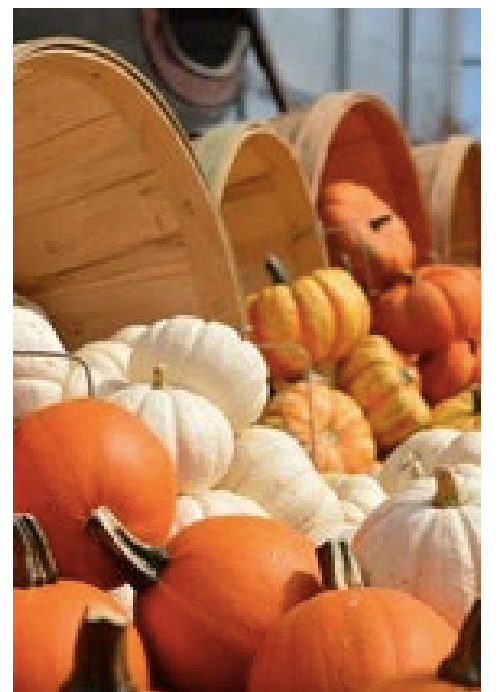


Crockett Branch 14 Chicken BBQ guys

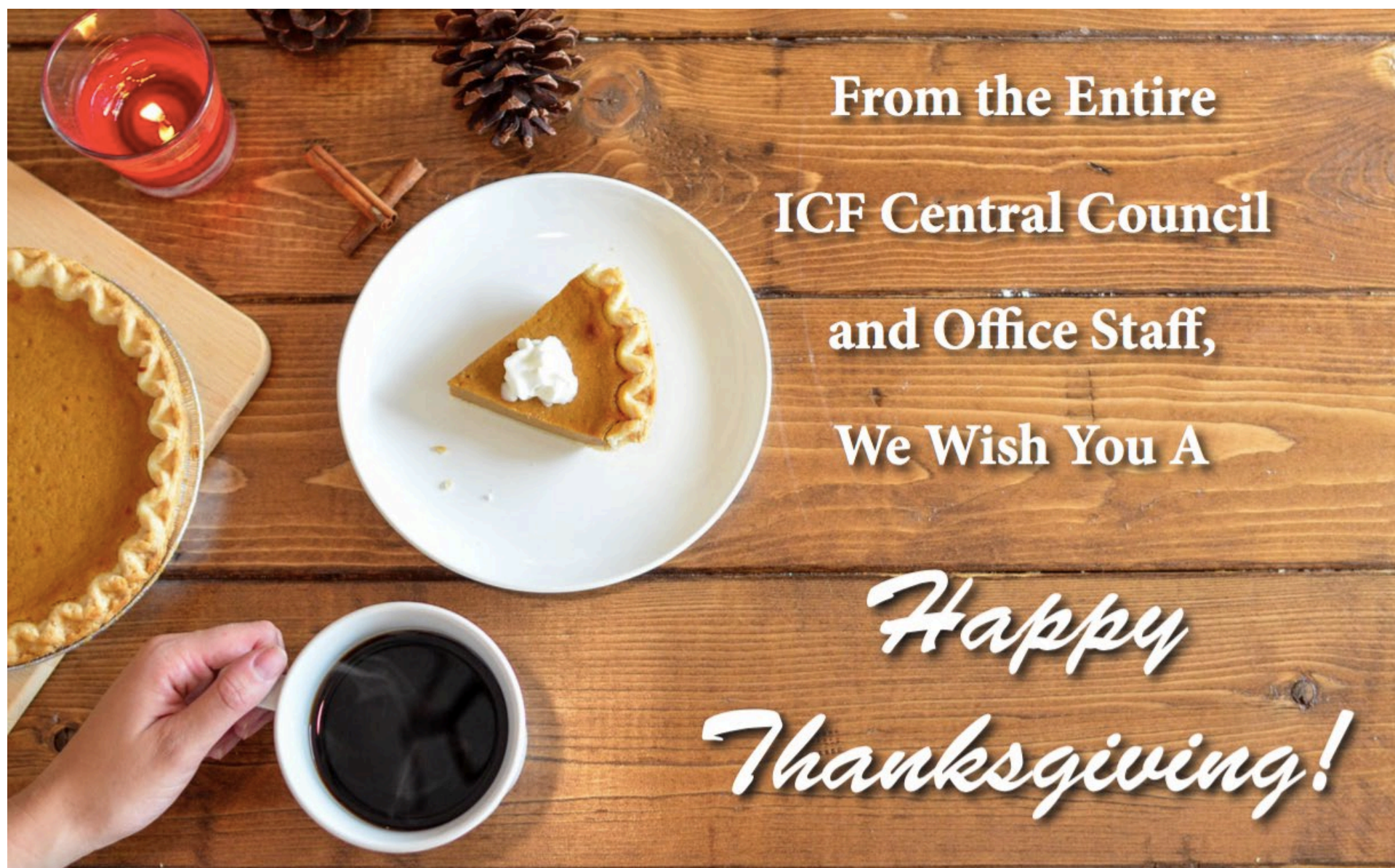
Our hearts are saddened by the loss of two beloved ICF members. Jim Dooley was a friendly, caring man who proudly served as a past president, and was dedicated to the success of our Branch. Medoro Pagni loved and served the Crockett community throughout his life, and was a friend to all. Both men will be greatly missed and our prayers go out the Dooley and Pagni families.

During these trying times, Donna has asked our existing officers if they will continue to serve this coming year. Luckily, they have all said yes. We'll continue to work together to keep our Branch strong. Our shared memories of past ICF Thanksgivings will warm our spirits until we can gather together once again.

*Blessings,  
~Helen*







## Christmas Ads for the Bollettino

Dear Branch President,

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 prices for the ads:

2 1/2" x 2 1/2" (one column square)	\$25
2 1/2" x 5" (vertical or horizontal)	\$35
4" x 5" (horizontal)	\$50
6 1/2" x 5" (horizontal, quarter page)	\$70

To place a message, please send in your ad by e-mail, either finished or just the text you want, size selection, and send your check made out to the ICF (noted Christmas ad), to:

Italian Catholic Federation  
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110  
Oakland, CA 94621  
Attn: Bollettino

Please send all ad files electronically to [info@icf.org](mailto:info@icf.org).  
The deadline is November 10th.

Thank you!  
ICF Office







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 Coordinator, Medical Student and  
 Resident Education  
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**DEBBIE HARRIS, MSN, RN, CPNP**  
**ANNE NORD, MSN, RN, NP-C**  
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October 12, 2020

Dear Grand President Vincent Piro, Apostolate Chair Lauren Kilcullen, Members of the Central Council, Branch Presidents, Members of the Italian Catholic Federation, and ICF Staff:

This has been a year we will never forget... many lows, some highs, but remarkable nonetheless. And one of the most remarkable things was how the Italian Catholic Federation managed to fundraise \$75,000 for Cooley's Anemia/Thalassemia during a global pandemic. Thank you for your incredible donation! Thank you also for carving out some space for your National Charity during the ICF's Virtual 2020 Convention. While we very much missed spending time with you in person it was wonderful to see some of your faces online. We are grateful that you allowed us to contribute to the virtual programming as well and we hoped you enjoyed hearing more about life with thalassemia and the progress we are making at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA).

Thank you for once again adopting the Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia) Program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) as your National Charity for 2021. We are immensely grateful to the ICF Members, the Shirley Silva Trust, and the Joe Liotta Trust for their generous contributions. We cannot imagine how challenging fundraising was this year and we truly appreciate your unwavering dedication to thalassemia.

Educating the community about thalassemia and keeping you abreast of the projects that the ICF funds here at CHLA is a priority for us. Until we are able to once again travel and visit your branch, we are pleased to set up Zoom/Virtual session (for one or more individuals). If you are interested please contact, Laurice Levine at (360) 860-2023 or [LLevine430@aol.com](mailto: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,

Thomas D. Coates, MD  
 Section Head for Hematology  
 Director, Sickle/Hemoglobinopathy Program  
 Children's Center for Cancer and Blood  
 Diseases  
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Professor of Pediatrics & Pathology  
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To comply with federal rules on charitable giving, we certify that Children's Hospital Los Angeles has provided no goods or services in consideration of your contribution.

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS  
 Thalassemia Outreach  
 Program Consultant

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**For all the blood donors out there – thank you for giving the gift of life.**





## Pittsburg San Domenico, Br. 72

Hello Branch 72 Members,

I hope all of you are well. It has been fun to stay in contact by phone and email. Let's continue to keep connected.

On November 16 our branch will turn 74 years old. Happy Anniversary to us! We all have a favorite story we can share about our branch. Many memories have been made.

Have you gone to the ICF website (www.icf.org) and looked at the convention workshops? There are some good workshops that you will enjoy.

Our branch has received ICF calendars for 2021. They feature family travel memories. You can purchase a calendar for \$25.00. That will give you the calendar and ticket stub which you will complete with your name and address. Your stub is put in the drawing 365 days. If you win, your stub is placed back in the drawing. You can win over and over. If you would like a calendar, contact Patty.

We offer condolences to the families of Lena Rosellini and Madelene Cefalo from the Danville Branch. And Jim Dooley from the Crockett branch. We also offer condolences to Josie Leontini on the death of her sister Carmen.

*Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, And as we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti.*

Patty

## Richmond St. Raymond, Br. 154

We are praying you are all doing well as life tries to get somewhat back to normal.

This year we are teaming up with the Galileo Club of Richmond to host a drive by Polenta Dinner. The dinner will be on Friday evening, November 13, 2020. It is important that you make your reservation by email to thegalileo-club@yahoo.com or call 510-620-9797 to make your reservation by phone. The Galileo club is on S.23rd Street in Richmond, easy access by street or freeway. Some of you may be familiar with the Galileo club as it is where the district has held its installation and Bishop's Day luncheons.

Please check our Facebook Page for further information: St. Raymond 154

We are excited to be a part of this new adventure.

*We wish you all a happy and safe Thanksgiving!*



## Concord Todos Santos, Br. 214

Cari Amici:

I hope you are all well during these trying times. Patienza !!

We had an outdoor meeting at our president's house for 10 board members. Roberta provided a delicious lunch in her backyard with social distancing. We discussed future fund raisers.

We are busy selling ICF calendars which we hope all our members will buy them.

MJ Murray hosted a virtual wine pairing event on Oct. 24, 2020. She hopes members will participate in this fun event.

One of our members, Sandra Debrichy had a bad fall and broke a bone in her femur! She will be recuperating for a long time till it heals. Please pray for her speedy recovery.

We are happy to learn St. Agnes Church holds mass for 100 people at the 8:00 a.m. mass, and outdoor mass at 10:00 a.m. Hopefully we can resume our meetings at Hall in the near future.

*Please take care of yourselves and stay well and safe.*

Ciao,

Norene DeLuca

## Danville San Isidore, Br. 352

This has definitely been an interesting year! Many milestones & events have passed without fanfare, including a big one for our Danville Branch. Established on May 25, 1980, we had great intentions to celebrate our 40th Anniversary this year. While that commemoration has been postponed, until a time when we can celebrate together, it also gives us more time to continue planning. Keep those ideas coming! If the old adage is true, and absence does make the heart grow fonder. We can look forward to quite a joyous gathering!



Br. 352, Remembering Columbus Day 2019 Fundraiser

## Pleasant Hill Christ the King, Br. 442

Buon autunno! I hope everyone has enjoyed a great autumn so far. The fall colors of leaves on the trees, le lasagne, gli stuffati, e la bagna calda all remind me of the change in the weather and a new season is here.

Things are a little quieter at the moment in our branch. However, we are still collecting food and shopping bags for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. In addition, there are always intentions that need some prayers. Please pray for our members who are ill or are facing some difficulty in their lives.

We wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Ci vediamo quando siamo piu' vecchi,  
*Teri Martinucci Hurlbut*

## BLESSED SACRAMENT

### Auburn St. Joseph, Br. 342

Calendars for 2021 are now available! They are \$25.00 each and our branch gets to keep \$5.00. Please contact President MaryAnn Mikles at (916) 759-8466 if you would like one.

Members of Branch 342 would like to wish their fellow ICF members and their families a happy Thanksgiving. Many of us cannot gather together this year, but we want you to know that we continue to pray for your health and hope we can be together soon.

Ciao!

Pam Andersen







Br. 438 members attending mass at St. Clare of Assisi



## Roseville St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

Greetings from Roseville! We hope everyone is staying healthy and safe from both Covid and the numerous wildfires that have been ravaging our area. We pray for the safety of our firefighters and for the people who have been directly impacted by these horrific fires.

St. Clare continues to follow the government guidelines for Covid and is offering both livestream Masses as well as in-person Masses in a limited capacity. We appreciate all that is being done to keep us safe and take care of our spiritual needs.

We welcome Fr. Innocent Subiza, who recently joined St Clare parish as our Parochial Vicar. We look forward to getting to know him in the months to come.

Thank you to those who joined us last month to pray the rosary and "Walk with Mary" in our St Clare parking lot. It was a powerful morning of prayer and petitions. On Oct. 13th, we will once again be gathering for a procession and recitation of the Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

We'd like to announce and congratulate our 2021 Board. Thank you for volun-

teering to share your time and talents.  
President...Tina Flanders  
1st Vice-President... Brad Senge  
2nd Vice-President... Pat Brown  
Recording Secretary... Florence Kurttila  
Treasurer...Rick Steir  
Financial Secretary...Joe Aguilar  
Sentinel(s)... Susan Ches and Dawn Beck  
Orator...Angela Di Grande  
Trustees... Vera Beine, Carol Bacigalupi and Claire Salsman

*Wishing everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!*

Anne Finn

*Recording Secretary*

## SANTA ROSA District Council

We are now in the month of October and hoping by next month we may have some news of the future. Our President Ken Marshall does keep in touch with me but there is no hint of a future meeting. There is the possibility of Zoom although the first contact I had was not a successful one.

Naturally I enjoy reading the other articles written about other District Councils, however, they all seem to be so busy and have many things to discuss. I guess Santa Rosa is extremely tame, but considering the threat of more fires we find ourselves happy to have escaped destruction. We will certainly have many stories to tell in 2021!

Looking forward to contacting you next month with a minimal amount of good news. In the meantime, please stay safe!!

*Regards,*

Marilyn Sylvestri

*Recording Secretary*

## Healdsburg San Francisco Di Sales, Br. 52

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, November 15: Drive Through Polenta Dinner. We will have our first ever Drive Through Dinner! Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the school yard. Menu: BBA Chicken, pasta, salad, bread and dessert. Price: \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. We will also have a 50/50 raffle. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. For reservations, please call Carmen and Lauren at 595-3111. All dinners must be pre-ordered. We thank you for your support.

If you would like to be an officer for 2021, please contact President Teri. We are a large, active branch that can only continue with good leadership. We are in need of a Treasurer. Rick and Mel will train the new person. We are also in need of a reservations person for our dinners.

*Continue to pray for an end to the virus.  
Happy Thanksgiving!  
Lauren Kilcullen*

## Cloverdale L'Annunciata, Br. 75

The attached painting is from an Italian Master depicting the release of an early apostle from prison by an angel!

I would like that angel to come down and release us from our imprisonment due to Covid 19 pandemic. Right now I'm not sure I want to be released, however, because he'd have to release me into air that is less than savory! The firestorm was close, once again, but, God in his Divine Mercy saved our homes! That's pretty miraculous in itself!

We had a three week hiatus in that we were allowed to have Mass outside Reali Hall on the lawn. It was fabulous! Dutifully masked and spread 6 feet apart we heard The Word of God and received The Real Presence of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Don't get me wrong! I love the virtual Masses, Rosaries, shows and documentaries presented on The Catholic Network, EWTN, but, to see real friends, real EM's and hear real lectors and watch our Real Priest In the Person of Christ transform The Eucharist! Fantastic!

Last week...poor air quality..., back to virtual reality!

Well, fellow inmates....this too shall pass. I've been taught that we've each been assigned our own personal guardian angel and I'm sure most of them are wearing masks and firefighting gear. Most of us are studying our ballots, discerning our votes and listening to Our Holy Father and Bishops. It's very important that we choose life over all the other important issues. For me, that makes my vote a "no brainer!"

I'll just end this with a prayer:

Angel of God, my guardian dear  
To whom God's love commits me here,  
Ever this day, be at my side,  
To light, to guard, to rule, to guide.

Amen

Love,

Patsy Buchignani





## Sonoma St. Sebastian, Br. 103

First of all, despite what I may write or the other representatives from the other branches, we need to depend on our ICF Bolletino. Actually, I read the Bolletino from beginning to end always learning from the journalistic expertise of my other Branch members. My President Ken Marshall does keep in touch with me as does Bill Scinto. Bill's e-mails are entertaining as well as informational. At some point, Bill and Ken we do need to get together at my home in Sonoma but beware my kitchen is so small. Allora, Ci penso Io!

What is going on this month? Well, Columbus Day on Monday the 12th and Halloween on Saturday the 31st, although I am hearing it has been cancelled this year. Where I live there are no children so I was free and clear, which led to my brother Louis (ICF member) seeking refuge for the evening where he could enjoy a relaxed dinner. Those days will never return... but happy memories.

For those who have computers (we certainly have the TIME) access google to learn about the Feast of Halloween. Is it really a Feast? and where did it originate. For that you will have to ask the Celts!! Be prepared for a surprise, but let me know what you uncover, OK?

We all need to keep in touch during this period of confinement. It is not normal but we will find ways to keep in contact. It is absolutely necessary. Most of my neighbors are visible when they exit but aside from that, they seem to be invisible. Unless they are walking their dogs, I have contact with few of them. I am hoping for the day when we can all assemble together even if only a few of us. e'vero?

My condolences to Maureen Dutil (Board Member) upon the passing of her husband. Maureen and her husband were faithful members and Maureen was without a doubt a very good baker. We all looked forward to her lemon bars. Hope to see you soon Maureen!

In the meantime, churches are beginning to open, even tho our Masses are outdoors. Hope the weather holds until such time we can celebrate mass indoors.

*Regards,  
Marilyn Sylvestri*

## Petaluma St. Vincent's, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

I miss seeing you lovely members and friends at meetings. I often think of our other Branches and hope they are all well and safe.

Received a nice note from Father Culligan, who said he enjoys reading about our Branch in the Bollettino and that he misses our meetings and dinners.

I visited with Kathy and Bob Acqui

stapace. They are looking well. Also, had the company of Sharon Hromek, Bea McQuaid and Marilyn Lombardi in my garden for a lovely day.

Thank you Marilyn Sylvestri for always thinking of me. I often sit and think of the old days, the people who were in the Branch and who worked so hard to make a success of it. I joined the Petaluma Branch about 27 years ago and Estelle Moretti was the President. Some of the deceased members I remember fondly of were Mary Lipori, Louise Conte, Mary Murdock, Elmo Garzetti, Bruno Lombardi, Josephine & Gus Balistrieri, Jenny & Vito Bologna, Leo Lavio, (Josephine's husband), Spence Burton, Kathleen Walker, Charles & Josephine Ronconi, Mary Solari Louis Vicino, John Herrold and Ann Kiefer.

I remember our wonderful Branch breakfasts, and our great picnics together. Those were wonderful times and everyone pitched in and helped.

We want to wish Sam Orlando, who will be 100 yrs. old on Nov. 23rd a Happy Birthday and best wishes for his future. We thank him for all his cooking and hard work.

We also want to say thank you to Roseanna & Frank Cresci. who worked so hard. We hope your health is improving and know that you are loved by all.

Thank you all for your friendship and for your kind thoughts of my Sister.

Get well wishes to anyone who is ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary wishes to all celebrating.

Let's hope we get a vaccine to rid us of this virus. In the meantime, pray for our Service people, the homeless, victims of crimes, our Country and the World. Remember to go out and VOTE!

Remember to be nice to someone, you will always get it back in return.

*Ciao,  
Louise Vicino*

## Arcata St. Mary, Br. 144

Hello to all our Br. 144 members (Linda here). I miss you all, and our activities a lot!! I hope you are all surviving this lock-down stuff without too much stress.

This "few weeks" shut-down seems to have extended to be quite a long time, and with no foreseeable end to it! However, I am very concerned about our future as a Branch. So far we have given a few donations after taking phone polls of the membership, and paid our regular bills. We can do the some things over the phone (as long as Toni holds out!) but we need to bring in more \$\$ to maintain our expenses and our charitable causes.

While the weather permits, we will be having at least some of our Officer's meetings out of doors on the patio near the statue of the Blessed Mother. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please bring your own mask and chair... but mostly IDEAS!

I know we are missing Fr. Pacheco a lot, but I also hope that we have all reached out to Fr. Fabian to welcome him and make him feel at home. I know it is difficult for all of us to get to know each other while masked and socially distanced. . .but let's try.

*So until we meet again. . . Trust the Lord and live in His grace.*

*Caio - Linda*

## Santa Rosa St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

If it's not the Covid-19 virus, it's the fire. When will we be back to normal? We hope our members are safe and their homes still standing. President Bob wants everyone to know that we are still a strong unit and will resume our in-person meetings as soon as an all clear signal is given.

Remember to bring canned goods to President Bob's house on November 14th or send a check to help the St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Here are the answers to the trivia quiz you got in the newsletter:

1. Mike Milano
2. Rina Elia
3. Bill Scinto
4. Kathy Acquistapace
5. Doreen O'Rourke
6. Lorraine Castelli
7. Butch Bondi
8. Linda Sherman and Laura Jaques
9. Ernie Giampaoli
10. Gail Bonghi-Azevedo
11. Charlene Moratto
12. Dr. Gene Zingarelli
13. Marc Bisio
14. Heidi Timko (Trudy Gyving) and Loretta McCalmont (Kathy Acquistapace)
15. Bill Pisenti

Please pray for all our ICF members, both living and deceased.

*Happy Turkey Day!*

*Gail Bonghi-Azevedo*

## Sebastopol St. Michael's, Br. 209

It is hard to believe that we have been sheltered in place for 9 months now. While all of our scheduled ICF fund raisers and activities were cancelled for the year; delegates Eugene and Sharon Vannetti were able to attend the ICF Convention via Zoom, from their living room couch. All members can see the convention workshops on their computers. Go to: [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org) to find links to YouTube videos from the various convention workshops. This year St. Michael's Branch won 1st place for Apostolate/Charity for branches with 71-129 members. Since there have been few board meetings since shelter in place began, this year's board has agreed to serve again next year.

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Trustee: William Segale  
Trustee: Nancy Stedman  
Sentinel: Eugene A. Vannetti

Branch 209 recently lost one our most vibrant and hard-working members. Barbara Bidia passed away on September 16, 2020 at the age of 81. Barbara was a 52-year member of Branch 209 and daughter of founding members Gus & Anne Sanchietti. She was an original member and then Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee & Heritage Committee. Over the years she held many different offices in our branch, including delegate to the Santa Rosa District. She was also a past President and won the Santa Rosa District President's award for her many contributions to ICF. You could always find Barbara in the kitchen, and in fact, it is her recipe that we use for our polenta and chicken dinners. Barbara also taught CCD for many years to the children of St. Sebastian's Parish. She was the person who kept us in order and will be greatly missed! Donations to the Scholarship Fund can be made in her name. Send checks to: ICF Branch #209 c/o Lorraine Vannetti, 311 Burlwood Ct., Santa Rosa, CA 95401.

*Take care and stay safe,  
Sharon Vannetti*



Br. 209 member Barbara Bidia







## FRESNO

### Madera Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

As the harvest season comes to a close, we are reminded of the coming end of 2020. There is no doubt this year will long be remembered and the subject of future history books!

A reminder for all members to please consider purchasing raffle tickets for our themed basket fundraiser. Tickets were mailed out to members in September, and more are available upon request. The winning ticket will be drawn on November 10th.

Please pray for Ray Chiarelli, who passed away in September, and his family. Also please pray for God's continued blessings on America.

Ciao,

Mary Keitz

### Fresno St. Alphonsus, Br. 32

Greetings, and welcome Fall!

Congratulations go out to Grand President's Award recipient Mabel Willmon and Convention Raffle 2nd prize winner, Virginia DePasquale. Both long time and loyal ICF members and much deserved.

As with most Clubs, Br. 32 is anxiously awaiting the precious time when we can all be together again. In the meantime, I'd like to share with you an exciting project occurring in Fresno. The Italian Heritage Museum Exhibit of Fresno County at The Fresno County Museum, located at the Fairgrounds, is preparing to open in the near future. The Committee has done an outstanding job in presenting, on three beautiful touch screens, the early history and outstanding lives of Fresno County Italian immigrants and their families. Not to be missed!

Please keep Rose L. Caglia in your thoughtful prayers as she is rejoicing in the arms of her beloved Andy and Lord. A long time ICF member and beautiful soul who shared her love of life and family for 99 years and 11 months. Rest in Peace, Aunt Rose.

Stay well, and love and take care of each other.

Ciao,

Sally M

Secretary Br. 32

### Merced St. Cecilia, Br. 39

Our altered lives continue. All you dear members are missed! Missed was our July picnic, church and club events, and now we must cancel our annual Thanksgiving feast held in November.

But no despairing. The cadence of our pre-COVID lives will return. In the meantime, celebrate the joy of each day and focus on the positive in your lives. Continue to pray and support friends, family and neighbors, essential workers, medical staff, and those in need. We will come out stronger.

Thank you to Maryellen, her dedicated workers, and you buyers for our successful Pasta Sauce fundraiser.

It's Biscotti Selling Time again available for the holidays! Janet Pugliese and Maryellen Mazzei, co-chairs, will sell biscotti on Friday, December 4, at the back door of the Lodge, 18th and U Streets, 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$8 per dozen.

Pre-orders are required by Monday, November 30. Call or text Janet Pugliese at 209-704-0194 or janpug700@gmail.com to pre-order or for information. Proceeds go to support scholarships and local charities.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 13, 1-3 p.m. Bring your children and grandchildren to our joint ICF and Italo Lodge Christmas event, "Winter Wonderland." Chair Janet Dal Porto had the fantastic idea to have a drive-through in the Lodge's parking lot. Santa will be there to hand out a gift and candy cane for each child. The Lodge will provide hot cocoa for all.

Carol Salmeri is selling our 2021 ICF calendars. Phone her at 722-8833 to purchase yours.

Vi benedica tutti e vi auguro un meraviglioso Ringraziamento.

*Bless you all and have a wonderful Thanksgiving,*

Stephanie Lucich

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

Hope everyone had a great Columbus Day and kept healthy! Keep praying for those affected by the Corona Virus and those who suffered losses from the wildfires. Also, the firefighters still combating the fires.

Happy birthday to Shirley Mitchell, our only October celebrant!

As several members are of Portuguese descent, here's a brief history of their motherland: It emerged as a country in 1143. It's first king was Alfonso I and became independent of Spain in 1385. The monarchy was deposed in 1911 and was succeeded by a string of corrupt governments. However, the people are creative and hard-working and have produced many talented scientists,

educators and artists, and has prospered since joining the European Union. It is 81% Catholic and has a literacy rate of 95.4% of the population. On August 15, the Assumption of the Virgin is celebrated. Many of the Portuguese living in California emigrated from the Azore Islands.

Notify your Editor of newsy items for future Bolletinos.

"He is HOPE for all the hopeless,  
The WAY for those who seek,  
A LIGHT for those in darkness,  
A HELPER for the weak,  
He is FREEDOM for the prisoner,  
A RANSOM for our shame,  
He is SAVIOR, LORD, and MASTER,  
And JESUS is his name" (Unk)

*God bless and be good to one another.*

Bruno Bacala

## MONTEREY

### Santa Cruz Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Buon giorno, Tutti! Well, Halloween and All Saints' Day have passed and we're well on our way to Thanksgiving....and we continue to social distance and to wear masks. However, despite those limitations, we will do a Memorial Mass at 8:30 a.m. on November 8th to celebrate our loved ones. You may have received information by now noting the considerations and what to do if you want to go. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rosa Radicchi or Roseann Costabile.

This epidemic has put real constraints on our lives and also on our ICF activities, but it is temporary. One day we will return to things as they were and celebrate with families and friends; and the Branch 21 will be ready to party once again. For now, we have to consider health and safety, so our events must be different than usual....but the ICF spirit will be there. So look for mail notices that will foretell each event as it comes. Helen Keller once said, "We could never learn to be brave and patient, if there were only joy in the world." Well, this has certainly been a year for developing both bravery and patience. In closing, it is with sadness that we note the passing of Rod Seigle. Rod and his wife, Linda, have been wonderful supporters of ICF. We pray for his family during this time of sorrow.

*God bless us one and all.*

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21

### Monterey Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

The ICF Br. 36 Board is wishing all our members and their families a very Blessed Thanksgiving. May God bless you with abundant joy on this Thanksgiving and always.

We continue to pray for all members and their families during this pandemic time in our lives. We hope all are well and safe.

We miss our ICF dinners and seeing our ICF family.

We thank our Nominating Committee (Elizabeth Grammatico, Antonia Ihnot and JoAnn Riso) for working hard on our slate of ICF Br. 36 Officers for 2021. Ballots were mailed out in October and we hope you've returned your ICF mail-in ballot by the deadline. Results of the election will be given in the December issue. Board of Directors' meetings continue monthly via Zoom video conference call.

We are saddened to report that we lost a longtime member, Charles Della Sala, on October 2. Charles joined on 10/12/1984 - 36 years ago. Our sincere condolences to his wife Rose and their family.

*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34*

*Thankful,*

Elaine Valentine

Financial Secretary



Branch 36, Charles Della Sala member for 36 years. 1927-2020 RIP





## Capitola St. Joseph's, Br. 227

President Franklyn Lopes says the 2021 ICF calendars are now available for purchase. He will be selling them at Stewart's Floral, 1658 Soquel Drive, Santa Cruz, Monday through Friday. They are \$25.00.

Election of officers for 2021 will take place within the next month. There are some openings on the Board, so please contact Franklyn if you are interested.

We were sorry to learn of the passing of our member Marilyn Beck. Sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Please continue to pray for the recovery of Don Robinson. Don is at home with 24-hour care.

Congratulations to our South Carolina member Trudy Locatelli on her marriage to Bufford "Butch" Rollins, Jr. in October. We wish them many happy years ahead.

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating birthdays in November. Since there are so few and we have space to mention their names, here they are: Jane Kotila, Howard Barber, Sister Judy Silva and Kay Waldvogel.

Best wishes for a blessed and happy Thanksgiving. Despite the many challenges this year, there is still much to be grateful for. In the words of Tim Keller: Gratitude is what you feel; Thanksgiving is what you do.

*Deanna Musler, Secretary*

## Paso Robles St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354

Teresa R. Sollazzo is 100 years "young" today and many of her ICF friends were honored to celebrate with her and her wonderful family. We wanted to share with Bollettino readers her thoughts on heritage, ethnicity, and the ICF.

I am a naturalized citizen of Italian heritage, born in Sorrento, Italy, 100 years ago. My father, Antonino Russo, a cheese maker by trade, first came to the United States sponsored by his sister, whose husband owned a cheese factory in Newman, CA. The time came when my father was financially able to send for my mother, Rosa, and me, their 11 month old daughter.

The 14-day ocean voyage was hard, and then we went on to the Ellis Island Clearance, and finally, the five-day train trip from New York to California. How difficult this must have been for this woman alone with a small child and with no knowledge of the English language.

Rosa was unable physically to adjust to Newman's very hot summers and cold winters. She became ill and it was recommended that the family move to a milder climate. They purchased a home in Santa Cruz, where weather conditions were similar to their native Sorrento and where there were several



Br. 354 members enjoying reception after semi-annual District Mass

families from their town – "Paesanos." My parents gradually picked up enough English to enable their participation in community events and continued to take available employment.

*(To be continued . . .)*

*Yvonne Maddalena*

## SAN JOSE

### Santa Clara Valley District

Thanks to Bishop Cantu the Santa Clara Valley District was able to celebrate Bishop's Day on October 18 in St. Mary's Church, Gilroy. A limited number of participants but non the less an in-person mass. Bishop Cantu also supports Archbishop Cordileone of San Francisco call of reopening churches for a level consistent with other activities in San Francisco. Following is his statement:

"I support the Archbishop's call for San Francisco Catholics to prayerfully protest the County and City of San Francisco's uniquely severe limits on public worship, which until this week only allowed outdoor Masses for up to twelve people despite the fact the City of San Francisco has been in the Red Tier for three weeks. As the rest of the state, including our own County, was safely lowering the restrictions on gatherings, the County and City of San Francisco was not."

During these times, I rely on Santa Teresa's Prayer – "Let nothing disturb you, - Let nothing frighten you - All things are passing away - God never changes – Patience obtains all things – Whoever has God lacks nothing – God alone suffices."

SCV District Meeting – Cancelled until further notice.

*Mike Nunziata*

## Gilroy Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

At our October 8th board meeting discussions were held as to possible fundraisers that would be feasible in the current environment and in the future to support Br. 28's charitable giving. We decided to continue our monthly newsletter to members including a President's message and topics of interest regarding Br. 28. Please make an effort to call, send a note, email, text or communicate in any way with fellow members to let them know Branch 28 is here and we care.

On September 28th, member Everett Littlejohn drew the ticket for the membership card drawing for the \$75 gift card to Old City Hall Restaurant in Gilroy. The winner was member Sal Campagna. Sal and his wife Denise are members of the following ICF branches: 184 – Los Gatos; 435 – Morgan Hill and 28 – Gilroy. Sal has been an ICF member since 1984 and Denise a member since 1964 joining ICF Branch 184 – Los Gatos with her parents who were active ICF members. Both Sal and Denise have held many officer positions over the years in support of ICF. Sal and Denise have also attended many conferences as both delegates and members over the years. Sal was one of the first serving altar boys for Father Joseph Milani who was ordained in 1950 and later became the recently departed Reverend Monsignor Joseph Milani who served as ICF Diocesan Chaplain until his passing. Branch 28 and the entire Italian Catholic Federation sends their heartfelt appreciation to Sal and Denise Campagna.

*Peace and God Bless,*

*Kim M. Filice*



Br. 28, (pre-covid) Denise, Sal, and Past Grand President Andy Pappani at a Br. 28 bake sale fundraiser.



Br. 28, Member Everett Littlejohn pulling the winning ticket showing Sal Campagna as the membership drawing winner.



Br. 28, Sal and Denise Campagna displaying the \$75.00 Old City Hall Restaurant gift certificate.





## Los Gatos St. Mary, Br. 184

People are talking about gratitude experiences, since it is so close to Thanksgiving. It's not always easy to see examples when so much is confusing and scary right now. I am grateful for the many fine people I have met and worked with in the Italian Catholic Federation. We share memories that will always remain in our hearts, especially of those who are no longer with us...I'm grateful that we have been able to attend Mass, although it's outside under a tent. Still, we hear the Word and receive Eucharist. I'm grateful for a change in the weather, so we have some relief from the heat. We do continue to pray for all those impacted by the fires, and for the First Responders who work so hard. Along that line, between our Branch 184, member Barbara White, and the Antonowicz family, \$250 was donated to Southern Kitchen here in Los Gatos for their feeding the fire fighters and victims.

Our Branch was also able to donate \$1000 for Bishop's Day. This money goes to a fund to support the Seminarists.

Let us continue to pray for the families who are suffering with serious illnesses. I look forward to the end of this COVID-19 crisis, so hopefully our lives will get back to a normal, familiar pattern. Until then, enjoy the beautiful changing colors of the Fall Season.

*Peace, Lucy Amico*

## San Jose St. Francis Cabrini, Br. 191

Our Autumn days are upon us. A cool night, a nip in the air, our colors are brisk, our days shorter, our nights a bit longer. The Covid pandemic marches on.

A tisket...a tasket...it's time to buy a basket! Our basket committee of Aldine Grisenti and Esther Ramonda work diligently to make our baskets be a beautiful representation of their talents. With 10 baskets there is a little something for everyone. Hey all of you Disney fans! A Snow White Basket with her 7 Dwarfs is ready to be your prize. Do you have a taste for Pho? A basket awaits with just the right Asian flare. Ready to put your feet up at 4 p.m.? Then the "Tea Time" basket will be an afternoon pick me up! Remember \$20 for 25 tickets. Monetary donations are always welcome. The deadline to purchase tickets is Nov 6th; Drawing Nov 8th. Flyers and E Mail information will be sent out with specific details. Buy your tickets, win a basket, everyone is a winner.

Our Zoom Board Meeting was Oct 5th with a discussion about our St. Vincent De Paul Food Ministry program. Further information was needed to commit for Thanksgiving/Christmas food drive. The Board continues plan for future fundraisers, Our Layette Program, and Our Calendar Sales—Which will be

coming up shortly. Creativity, flexibility and ingenuity keeps the Board progressive in these difficult times.

Member Trivia: What member of Branch #191 was given a very prestigious award from the CEO of a very large and important U.S. Corporation?

Answer: See Next Month's Bollettino.

*Ciao*

*Shirley Catania*

*Getting ready for the fall....*

*Baskets ready to be Won!!!!*



Br. 191

## San Jose Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

These times are indeed odd, but love survives: love for God, for our families, our friends, our parish. Ed Wendler, bless him, continues to send us loving encouragement in his emails.

We thank our beloved pastor Father George Aranha for accepting the position of district chaplain for our Santa Clara Valley District. Father George spent several years in Rome preparing for ordination and speaks fluent Italian. He loved his time in Italy. We are very proud of you, Father!

We are also very proud of and thankful to our own Carol Bennett and Lynda De Manti for initiating and organizing an eight-week series on racism offered to our parish, diocese, and beyond. Based on the pastoral letter from the U.S. Co



Br. 191 Raffle Baskets



ference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) called Open Wide Our Hearts, the series of talks and discussion groups focused on a conversion of the heart in each of us to personally encounter members of races other than our own. We were very pleased that Bishop Oscar Cantu of our diocese was one of our insightful speakers. We enjoyed touching personal stories of the hurt that incidents of racism can cause in individual lives, right here in San Jose, right now.

Some of our members are moving away to live nearer family members, and others are facing serious medical problems. We pray for all of them without forgetting our beloved members who have passed away. Take care of all of them, O Lord.

*Have a blessed and thoughtful Thanksgiving!*

*Judy Zahn*

## San Jose St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

In early October, President Mike Rossi notified members of ICF current events and convention activities via email. If you haven't received his emails, please let Mike know.

Branch 391 had its second drive-through fundraiser in October, which was a success! Tony and Alba's Pizza and Pasta provided packaged meals that included their delicious lasagna, sausage link, garlic bread, salad and dessert. Al and Diana Vallor's team continues to support our branch through this unique fundraising event.

Our branch has 2021 ICF calendars for sale at \$25 each. This is one of our annual fundraisers, since our branch receives \$5 for each calendar sold. Look for more details in the coming months.

Recently, ICF gave \$75,000 to Los Angeles Children's Hospital to help fund research and outreach for Cooley's Anemia. Grand President Vince Piro of Branch 39, Merced, was reelected

president for one more year. Visit the ICF website at [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org) for current information.

A small group attended and celebrated ICF Bishop's Day mass with Bishop Oscar Cantu in October at St. Mary's in Gilroy. Members were grateful that he could celebrate mass with the ICF.

Mike reminded us of in-person Sunday masses at St. Martin's (8:30am and 9:30am) and live-streaming on Zoom. Remember to visit St. Martin's website at [www.stmartin.org](http://www.stmartin.org) for detailed information regarding streaming of the liturgy and reserving a spot to attend mass.

St. Martin's is also starting a new ministry of checking in on parishioners by phone—if you would like to volunteer, please contact the office.

*Janis Patellaro*





Sunnyvale  
Resurrection, Br. 408

Happy Thanksgiving to all our Members! It has been a very strange year - and it seems we will need to celebrate another Holiday under COVID Rules, but we have been blessed by the Lord and need to express our Gratitude for our Families and Friends.

Thank you to all our Generous Blood Donors for Fall Blood Drive. We welcomed 28 Donors to the Stanford Bloodmobile once again parked in the Farana Center Parkign Lot. Stanford Hospital's need for units of whole Blood continues inspite of the Pandemic. We also thank Kate Shimshock for spending her Saturday helping co-ordinate the Blood Drive. ICF hosts its last blood drive of 2020 on Saturday 5 December.

SCVD Bishop's Day was held Sunday 18 October 2 St. Mary's Gilroy. Bishop Oscar Cantu celebrated the Outdoor Mass. A Burse was offered to support our DSJ Seminarians.

Thanks to all our Bakers who prepared goodies for the Branch COVID rules Drive Thru Bake Sale spearheaded by Sandra Delateur and Patricia Look and their crew. This Team all pitched in and raised over \$400 for Resurrection Parish School Scholarships. There were many happy Customers.

Please Pray for our sick Members: Donna Ogden, Steve Richey, Patricia Look, Paul and Dori Blefari



Br 408 Bk sale Spike Berhardt, Margaret DiNetto & Patricia Look

Morgan Hill  
St. Catherine of Alexandria, Br. 435

Well, here we are again. Another month of Covid-19, wearing face coverings, staying apart, staying home and all that goes with it. With that in mind Br. 435 had a socially distanced board meeting on Monday, October 5th, outside and in compliance with all the protocols required by Santa Clara County. It was good to see everyone and have a chance to catch up. We learned that the Santa Clara Valley District has recommended that the current branch officers remain in place for the coming year. We voted on what donations to make, and even talked about the possibility of a Christmas dinner.

Branch 435 was awarded 3rd Place in Increased Membership at the conven



Br 408 Bake sale Sandra DeLatuer & Patricia Look

tion but as of now our membership is down. We have not heard from several families that were members over the last few years and that is understandable since we are not having any meetings or events but I hope that those folks will reconsider and send in their dues. We still have several charities, as well as scholarships, that we support and we are in need of those funds to keep it going.

On a more personal note, we welcomed our eighth grandchild on Friday, October 9th and were kept on our toes with our seventh grandchild, who is two, for a few days. It's always satisfying to see that some things never change and that life goes on regardless of what else is happening in the world.

*Please take care and stay safe.*

*Maryclaire Sampognaro*

San Jose  
Transfiguration, Br. 445

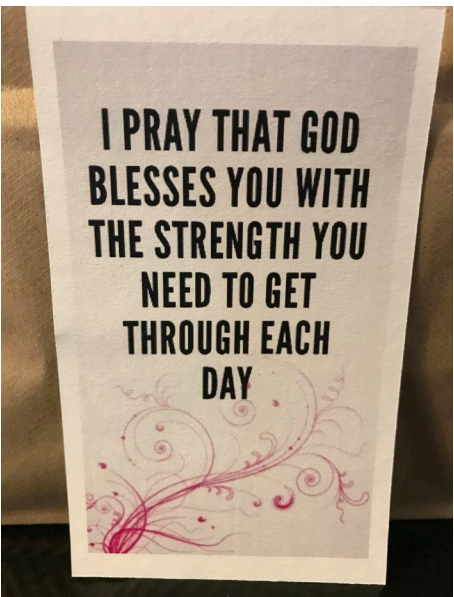
Branch 445 continues to support our Homeless Ministry. Each week 120 lunches are prepared for distribution to community organizations serving the homeless. This adds up to 480 lunches per month. Since the start of Covid-19 and by the time this article

is printed, over 3,000 sack lunches will have been prepared and delivered to our community homeless. Our Branch President Jim Falcone has created and printed each week a new and different 3x5 Blessing Card to include in each lunch bag. Many thanks to our members who help each week with this ministry.

Although our Branch has not had a formal meeting during Covid, several members have kept in touch with one another by telephone and socially distanced backyard or garage meetings. Diane Devine has visited Emily Corral almost every week since the start of Covid. They easily spend a good two hours every Saturday talking about a variety of topics! This is friendship at



Br. 445 Donna Pfaff - making sandwiches for our Homeless Ministry



Br. 445 Sample of Blessing Cards

its greatest!

In November we will be kicking off our annual Br. 445 See's Candy - Holiday Fundraiser. It will be somewhat of a hybrid version this year with the traditional flyers /candy distribution to members and other branches and also an option for online ordering. More information will also be available online: [jim@jfalcone.com](mailto:jim@jfalcone.com)

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving. May you all continue to be blessed as we go forward.

Submitted by

*Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer*



Br. 445 Richard Pfaff - assembling sack lunches



Br. 445 members Diane Devine, Emily Corral, Janie and Jim Falcone



**STOCKTON****Modesto  
St. Stanislaus Br. 48**

Trying to keep up with our fund raising, meetings and our events have taken on a whole different method.

We are having a Bake less Bake Sale with a promise that when we are allowed we will be back with all the biscotti, cookies, cakes, lemon pies and tiramisu for them. Deacon Jose, our Parish Life Coordinator, has given us his blessing and said we could put a notice in the church bulletin. This is something new for us so we hope it works out.

We have an outdoor mass on Sunday many of our members attend. There is usually a very good turnout of parishioners. You are asked to wear your mask, bring your own chair and maintain you six foot spacing. Outdoor masses have a different feel to them. You are out in the beauty of nature that God has given us.

For our election of officers we are using text messages and since some of our members do not have computers we are using snail mail. It is a little different than sitting in a meeting and voting but it is getting done.

Our families will not be able to get together for Thanksgiving but there will be a lot of phone calls. We will make the best of it.

*We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! We are keeping you in our prayers.*

*Cecelia McGhee*

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

Un Ciao Autunno , ICF Family!

Since our August and September Officers Meetings, your officers have been busy working on internal rules, the budget/calendar, fundraisers and an activity to bring our members into closer contact with each other.

Our online fundraiser through Boon Supply runs from October 19-November 19th. Our branch receives 40% of all sales when customers purchase eco-friendly bags and containers, holiday wrap, and gift items. Please share your Boon Supply Fundraiser email with your family and friends. Everyone can get a head start on Christmas shopping!

In December, our Bello Bambino Fundraiser will be parish wide. Everyone loves to brag about their beautiful children/grandchildren. Now is their chance to do it! This is basically a raffle, where folks enter baby photos along with an entry fee. In addition, there will be a contest to match our ministry staff with their baby pictures. On Epiphany, all picture entries and correct ministry match entries will be put into a drawing for prizes. Specific information will be forthcoming in an email.

**Tracy  
St. Bernard's, Br. 390**

We were amazed at the huge response to the drive up-take out dinners on what would have been the Fall Festival weekend. On Friday night, many ICF members and their families and friends in the parish cooked, prepared and serviced the over 850 members of our parish and on Saturday night there were over 600 meals delivered to folks at their cars. Our own ICF monthly dinner meetings are still on hold until further notice.

Pope Francis began a recent homily: "You can have flaws, be anxious, and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from going bust. Many appreciate you, admire you and love you. Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, relationships without disappointments." There's more to the homily...here's the link:

<https://www.tkayala.com/2017/05/popes-stirring-homily-to-be-happy.html>

Steve Ridolfi continues to treat you to seeing yourselves on our Website: [www.icfbranch390.org](http://www.icfbranch390.org)

We continue to keep your families in our prayers. Stay healthy, happy and safe.

*Hope everyone stays healthy, happy and safe,*

*Betty Hollars*

**Stockton  
Presentation of the BVM,  
Br. 395**

Our Branch chaplain, Rev. Fr. Mark Wagner and pastor of Presentation Church, celebrated a bilingual Italian/English Mass in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. The Mass was held on October 3 at 10:00 am inside the church, as well as live-streamed for the sake of Fr. Mark's Italian friends who live near Spoleto near Assisi. You can still see the mass by going to the Presentation website. Here is the link, [www.presentation-church.net](http://www.presentation-church.net). We are so grateful to have an Italian speaking priest. I bet there will be another Italian mass in our future. Stay tuned.



Br. 390 hard at work prepping for take out dinner

Last month we celebrated the 90th birthday of long time member, Bob Zanoni. Bob joined the ICF on February 18, 1992. He held numerous positions through the years and most recently was branch President from 2008 - 2011. Bob was chair of our annual polenta dinner for many years. He and his wife Ruby often represented the Branch at the annual conventions as often as they could.

But most of all, Bob is responsible for many people joining the ICF. Myself being one of them!

*Buon Thanksgiving everyone.*

*Alla prossima,*

*Mary Ann*

**Angels Camp  
St. Patrick's, Br. 413**

Hello from the foothills here in Northern California! Branch 413 is hanging in there! The past seven months has been a real challenge for us, too. God has blessed us, though, because we still have all our members.

Things are going along, and with the parish, we wished Fr. John Paul Pasala a happy birthday on the last day of

September.

At the end of October, some of our branch members along with members of our parish joined together, again, to complete a fundraiser for the parish. It had been planned for St. Patrick's Day, but the COVID stopped it in its tracks. They put together the corned beef sandwiches and some sides and served St. Patrick's Day Sandwich meals for \$10 to support the parish. It was our branch's first fundraiser of the year since the Coronavirus shut us down. Our last fundraiser had been the annual Valentine's Dinner Dance, which was a huge success thanks to God and Fr. John Paul Pasala.

As a branch, we hope to get back on track with bringing our community closer to God and one another through our fundraising efforts. God is good, and it is good to know that we are in His hands through all of this.

May He give you health and His peace in these days ahead. God bless all our ICF Family!

*Ciao,*

*Annette Pachinger*

*Correspondence Secretary*





## ORANGE

### Huntington Beach St. Bonaventure, Br. 379

After several months of hiatus, ICF Huntington Beach resumed monthly meetings via Zoom. St. Bonaventure Church was generous in offering its ministries the use of its parish Zoom account. Members are safe and healthy. We've enjoyed catching up and visiting each month remotely. St. Bonaventure has been holding outdoor masses, and on October 7th resumed monthly



ICF Branch 379 members at outdoor Adoration (front left clockwise): Irene Scalise, Mike Geraci, Robert Meinke, Connie Meinke, Donna Meade



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Our members answered the call to all ministries to visit with Our Lord for one hour.

Sending our prayers to all ICF members and their families and dear ones to stay safe and healthy.

*Ciao,*

*Karen Kocvara*

*ICF Br. 379 President*

## RENO

### Reno St. Albert, Br 135

Ciao, members of Branch 135 and all ICF members reading this. I hope everyone is staying well and safe and look forward to when we can meet again, see each other and have dinner together.

Congratulations to Julia Frediani (U. NEV-Reno), daughter of Treasurer Ron Friediani and member Rome Frediani, who received a third year scholarship and congratulations to Kaitlyn Renwick (U. NEV-Reno), granddaughter of members Robert and Suzanne Capurro, who received the fourth year, "Mario Cugio Italian Studies", scholarship. Good job girls!

Our Branch lost a lovely member, Andreina Casagrande, in August at the age of 84. Please pray for the repose of Andreina's soul and keep her family in your prayers.

As if it wasn't enough that COVID-19 keeps most of us at home, we are dealing with the smoke from the California fires and two in Nevada that is causing our air to be extremely smoky and hazard to our health at times.

*Until we can be together again, God Bless everyone*

*Charlyne Pacini*

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## Get Your ICF 2021 Calendar Now

The ICF 2021 Calendars are great gifts, great raffle prizes and offer interesting stories about "Family Travel Memories" as well as an opportunity to win money. Please keep this in mind with the Holidays coming up. This is a wonderful fundraiser for our Branches as well as way to fund many of our organization's programs. So, let's focus on selling our calendars!!! Branches have been sent their allotment of calendars - contact your local Branch if you are interested in buying one.



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Central Council Life Member**

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WHAT YOU  
CAN'T DO  
STOP YOU  
FROM DOING  
WHAT YOU  
CAN DO."**

JOHN WOODEN



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This informative brochure (updated in 2020) can be a great part of your ICF Visitor Packet and is available from the ICF office in Oakland, CA. Contact (888) ICF-1924 to order copies for your branch.

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## Officer Training Available

Attention ICF Officers!

Officer training slides are available on our website for the following positions: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Sentinel and Orator.

See the Officer Training section of the Members' Area page on the ICF website at <https://www.icf.org/membership/members/> to download the slides.



## Deadline Extended for the Annual (Virtual) Blood Drive

Countless things have stopped due to COVID-19, but **the need for blood remains**. Many blood drives have been cancelled since March causing a severe blood shortage, so your individual donations matter now more than ever. Here's how you can help:

- Review Eligibility Requirements to see if you can donate blood: <https://tinurl.com/vaj5g2sb>
- Join the American Red Cross "Sleeves Up" Virtual Blood Drive Campaign and pledge to donate blood: <https://sleevesup.redcrossblood.org/campaign/live-to-give-blood-drive/>
- Make an appointment to donate blood at the American Red Cross near you; a local Blood Bank; or find a blood drive in your area anytime until December 1<sup>st</sup>.

American Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html> or 1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767)

Vitalant: <https://www.vitalant.org/Home.aspx> or 877-25-VITAL (258-4825)

- All blood donors will receive a \$5 Starbucks Gift Card in the mail and be entered into a raffle drawing which will be held at noon on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Winners will be notified and a prize will be sent to you.
- If you would like to donate blood in honor or in memory of someone, we will send you an ICF Donor Card that you can fill out and return to the ICF office. The person you are honoring will be notified

For More Information or For Help Finding a Blood Bank or Blood Drive Please Contact:  
Laurice Levine at [LLevine430@aol.com](mailto:LLevine430@aol.com) or 360-860-2023

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## Fall Time!

Autumn is a second spring  
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