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July 2020

We hope you enjoy this first issue of our district quarterly electronic newsletter. Although branches aren't hosting many activities right now, we always have news to share. Please send your notices, information, articles, ideas, and photos to include in future issues. Since it's electronic, we can fit everything! The newsletter will be sent to branch officers to be distributed to their members.

As with all our opportunities to gather, we will start this newsletter with prayer and praise to the Father. We will fill this first page with articles from guest contributors, such as parish priests, our chaplains, branch/district orators, and the diocesan Vocations Director. We'll also include excerpts from the Pope's teachings, such as the one below. Please send in any excerpt from a homily, letter, or teaching you feel appropriate.

Please send contributions to Elisa, your District Recording Secretary at icfstanne@gmail.com.

Being a Christian is not only obeying the Commandments. We need to do that, this is true, but if you stop there, you are not a good Christian. Being a good Christian means letting the Spirit enter within you and lead you, lead you where He wants. In our Christian life very often we stop, like Nicodemus... We do not know what step to take, we do not know how to do it, and we do not have the trust in God to make this step and let the Spirit enter. Being born again means letting the Spirit enter into us, so that I am led by the Spirit, not by myself, free, with this freedom of the Spirit, and you never know where it will end.

The apostles, who were in the Cenacle when the Spirit came, went out to preach with that courage, that boldness ... They did not know that this would have happened, and they did it because the Spirit guided them. The Christian must never stop at the fulfilment of the Commandments; one must do this, but go beyond, towards that new birth that is birth in the Spirit, which gives you the freedom of the Spirit.

From the Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis
"To Be Born in the Spirit." April 20, 2020.
Read the [Full Homily](#) here.



A message from our President, Robert Pachinger

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the ICF, I miss all of you. I hope that you are surviving this time of quarantine with your spirits high. We are now able to attend Mass, which makes this a bit more bearable.

As I mentioned in my previous message, I called various District officers and Branch presidents to solicit their input on the Bishop's Burse and picnic. I did not reach all; however, I spoke to most. From the input that I received, all agreed that we should hold off on sending this year's funds for the Bishop's Burse until next year. Some of you felt that perhaps the funds would be needed by the Bishop. This was something that I explored with Alicia, the Bishop's secretary. Although everything helps, the amount that we provide will not be sorely missed if we skipped this year. When this was explained to a few who raised this comment, they agreed that providing the funds next year will be fine. In conclusion we will be saving the amount that we raise for the Bishop's Burse this year. We will present this year's amount along with next year's amount at an event that we hope to have in the future. If you wish to comment further, especially those who I was not able to reach, you can call me or send an email to me.

With respect to the picnic, it is obvious that this is cancelled; there is no possibility of gathering, as we are still under the mandate to practice social distancing. Please remember to submit your raffle ticket funds and stubs by August 1st. Also, please remember to submit all other reports.

I continue to keep you in my prayers. Be safe and have a wonderful Fourth of July.



A message from Central Council Life Member Dante Galeazzi



In 2006 I was able to raise \$25,000 from an anonymous Faithful Donor for St Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park. Anyone interested in donating to Seminarian Education for the Stockton's ICF District, contact me. Our dedicated Seminarians willingly prepare to serve as future Shepherds of our Diocese. The Stockton District proudly donates the most per member in the Federation. Amen. God Bless.

Arrivederci, Amore Amicizia.



Father Mario Rizzo (3rd generation member), Dante Galeazzi (Life Member), Robert Bausino (Life Member) and Father Bud Stevens (St. Patrick's Seminary and University President).



Aug 1	Convention yearbook district ad \$ due
Aug 1	Convention raffle tickets due
Sept. 3-7	Convention - virtual



Italian lessons:

Summer fun = divertimento estivo

ICF is Going Green!



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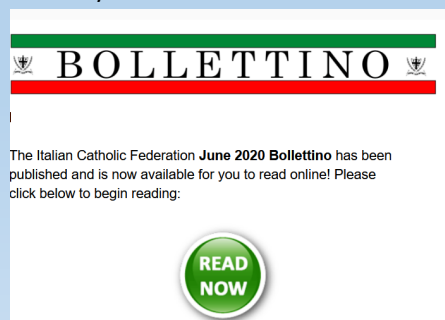
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BRANCH NEWS:

Meet Your Branch Presidents Each month we will feature a different office.

Branch 48 St. Stanislaus, Modesto President Antonella Turchetti

I was born in Genova, where I lived for a few years before my family moved to Bologna. I studied Law at the Università degli Studi di Bologna. There I met my husband, who was getting his Masters in Phytopathology. I worked in a firm as a young civil lawyer, specializing in family law. In 1997 my husband received a job offer to come to the States. We moved to Modesto, and we had three kids: Zeno, now 22 years old, Oreste, 21, and Arianna, 18. Zeno studied at USC, lives in Tulsa, and works in an aerospace company. Oreste is going to be a senior in Computer Science at UCB. Arianna just finished high school and is leaving soon for the Georgia Institute of Technology. In these years I have been volunteering at my kids' schools, am on the board of different associations, like the ICF, the International Festival, and the Sons of Italy, for which I co-write our Lodge monthly Newsletter with my daughter.



Branch 82 St. Anne's, Lodi President Lisa Fugazi

I'm the wife of Louis F. Fugazi and the mother of three beautiful daughters, Isabella (19) and twins Viviana and Angelina (16). I'm half Italian, while my husband is full blooded. I've been employed with the San Joaquin County Superior Court since 2008 as a research attorney and was recently appointed the Director of Unified Family Court Services. I've been a licensed attorney since 1995 with experience in civil litigation, criminal law, family law, estate planning and trust litigation. I enjoy spending time with my family and two dogs, baking, reading, and working out. My dream trip is to go to Italy with my husband, once my daughters have graduated from college.



Branch 138 St. Luke's, Stockton President Joe Curtis



Branch 139 St. Anthony's, Manteca President James Alfieri

I'm currently a fourth year member of the ICF. I've been retired for 5 years. I worked in the Agricultural Chemical business for 45 years as an Agricultural Pest Control Adviser. Colleen, my wife of 50 years, and I enjoy traveling and have been on several river cruises on the different rivers in Europe.

This is my first year as President of the Manteca branch, so far the most fruitless thing I have ever done, thanks to the Virus. No fundraisers, although we had several planned, were held in 2020 so far, and it does not look too good in the near future. By grace of God we had some money in the bank to fund our scholarships for this season, but we must rock and roll next year.



Branch 390 St. Bernard's, Tracy President Anita Ridolfi

I grew up on a ranch in Linden, just 12 miles east of Stockton. My dad and uncle were Noceti Bros. and sharecropped for the Maffeo/Garavano family. Their 80 acres were grapes at first, and wine was made right there on the ranch in the late 1800s to the mid 1900s. I remember less grapes and more walnuts, cherries, and peaches being grown there. I did witness wine being made in our large earthen cellar under the house.

Steve and I have been married 52 years. We have 3 children and 11 grandchildren. I am a retired school librarian. Hubby and I like to travel on cruise lines and explore ancient civilizations.



Branch 395 Presentation, Stockton President MaryAnn Piana Chapman

I'm very proud to be a first generation Italian. Both my parents were born in a small town of San Giovanni in the province of Torino in Piemonte. I grew up in Burlingame, went to local schools and graduated from San Francisco State with a degree in International Marketing and Italian. My career began with Hilton Hotels, and that is what brought me to Stockton in 1988. I got married to Dan Chapman, had two boys (Andrew 25 and Eric 22) and decided to take some time off my career to raise my children. I returned to work in public relations and then at the University of the Pacific. I currently am the Senior Sales Counselor at O'Connor Woods. I'm also the Vice President of the Italian School of Language and Culture. This is my third year as President of Branch 395. My faith and my Italian heritage are very important to me. My goal is to have organizations like the ICF, flourish well into the next decade.



Branch 413 St. Patrick's, Angels Camp President Robert Pachinger

I joined the ICF in 2002. I am from San Francisco. My parents are from Nicaragua. I have a German last name because my grandfather, who was born in Germany and grew up in the United States, ended up in Nicaragua with the U.S. Marines. That is where he met my grandmother and settled. As you can see, I do not have an Italian background.

I grew up in the Mission District area of San Francisco. We attended St. Paul's Church. This is the church where they filmed Sister Act. I went to St. Ignatius College Prep and then to U.C. Berkeley to study Engineering. In my sophomore year, I joined the Air Force and was stationed at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver. While in Denver, I completed my engineering degree.

I have lived in San Andreas since 1990. I currently am the County Surveyor and Deputy Director of Public Works. I am an old man, but I cannot retire, as I have four young children that we home school. That is okay, as my commute is only a block, and I like looking at maps. In addition to being the Branch President, I am District President and Member at Large for the ICF.



BRANCH NEWS:

Branch Happenings

Announcements will stay in monthly newsletter until the event has been held.

GOLDEN



Ticket

BRANCH FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

The annual convention raffle is an excellent fundraiser to boost revenue for your branch and extend a chance to win cash prizes.

The golden ticket books are \$20 each. Your branch keeps \$10 for each book sold. Tickets can be individually purchased for \$2 each.

Address labels were included with each package of tickets. Mail a book to each household to give members a chance to win. Additional books can be requested from the office. For each additional book sold exceeding last year's total, your branch receives an entry to a special \$250 raffle. Stubs and a branch check are due to the office by August 15 for this special raffle.

Raffle will still happen, even though we are having a virtual Convention. Branch keeps \$10 from each book sold.

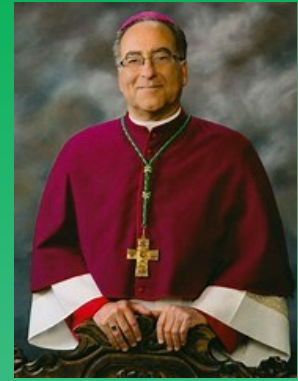
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DISTRICT NEWS:

Bishop's Day Postponed

District obligations: Each year on Bishop's Day the District presents a donation to the Bishop to help fund our seminarians. The branches pay \$3.50 per member. Since Bishop's Day 2020 has been cancelled, we decided to combine 2020 and 2021 funds to donate next year. This gives branches extra time to raise the money.



Annual District Picnic - not this year.

Enjoy this photo from 2019 of Anita and Steve Rodolfi (St. Bernard's) and Joe Curtis (St. Luke's).



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

2020 CONVENTION

September 3 - 7

A VIRTUAL EVENT

One Faith, Many Cultures

WOW

SHARING CORNER



Here's a chance to share tips, lessons learned, keys to success, and pitfalls to avoid. Each month we'll post advice on a specific topic, such as how to retain members. Then will give the topic for the following newsletter.

Next issue's hot topic: ***How do you keep your members involved?*** Send your best advice (dos and don'ts) to Elisa at icfstanne@gmail.com by September 15.



Officers Installation 2020

Send us photos of your activities! These photos were taken by District First Vice President Stephen Ridolfi from Branch 390 St. Bernard's, Tracy.



District Picnic 2019

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!





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CARNEVALE	GANDOLA	VATICAN
COLOSSEUM	LASAGNA	VINO
DAVINCI	MANGIARE	
DOLCE VITA	OPERA	



Valley of Valtellina in the Alps in Lombardi.



Winter Olympics 2006, Turin, Italy.



I've never had the privilege of visiting Italy in person. When Turin hosted the Winter Olympics in 2006, I spent as much time watching the scenery as I did the events. All four of my grandparents grew up in Piemonte within 100 miles of Turin. My dad's parents followed cousins who settled in McCloud in northern California. Photos from the Marmora region of Piemonte remind me so much of McCloud; they probably felt at home there. My mom's mother came from Cuneo, 60 miles south of Turin, and her dad grew up in Asti, 50 miles to the northeast. They met in San Francisco.

Elisa Moberly, Branch 82 St. Anne's, Lodi
Branch Financial Secretary, District Recording Secretary



Bardonecchia, location of Olympic snowboarding events, about 58 miles due west of Turin.

An old postcard of Marmora, about 100 miles southwest of Turin, home to my dad's parents before their immigration to California.

