



# Italian Catholic Federation

## Stockton District

Branch 48 St. Stanislaus, Modesto

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*"The pandemic has highlighted how vulnerable and interconnected everyone is. If we do not take care of one another, starting with the least, with those who are most impacted, including creation, we cannot heal the world. Commendable is the effort of so many people who have been offering evidence of human and Christian love for neighbor, dedicating themselves to the sick even at the risk of their own health. They are heroes!"*

*Pope Francis*



### A Note from Deacon Karl

I hope all of you and your extended families are doing well and staying safe during these difficult times. I would encourage all of you to pray, say the Rosary, and attend Mass on TV, if you can't do it in person. Listen to other religious programming, as well, because it can give you hope and confidence for the future.

In the Church we call this season between now and Advent "Ordinary Time." Ordinary time is somewhat of a misnomer, because there is really no such thing as "ordinary time" with God. God is constantly working in our lives, and if we are in tune with Him, He is guiding us and directing us, showing us what to do. That is why it is so important for us to pray and stay in touch with Him, so that He will protect us and guide us and keep us under His loving care.

This has certainly been anything but an "ordinary year." Our lives have changed dramatically over the past six months. Some things may never be the same again. We have witnessed horrible murders of our fellow citizens, and we have seen countless protests over the killings. Some have become very violent and resulted in additional killings, looting, burning, and destruction. ALL of this is contrary to the way God wants us to live. We have the election coming up, and millions are confused and no longer know what to believe. Our country seems to be the most divided it has ever been in our lifetimes.

It is wise to turn to our Savior Jesus Christ and ask Him to see us through these difficult times. We need to pray for those affected by Covid 19 - our first responders and our police departments - and for peace in our overall society. We need to realize more than ever that it is only Christ who can solve our problems, and we need to realize that He is our Lord and our King and our Savior. He promised to be with us until the end of time, and no matter how bad things seem to be, He still loves us and can help us to get through our difficulties. Keep your faith in Him, know that He is still with us, and pray daily for the guidance and direction you need during these unusual times. May God bless you and all your family members.

## A message from our President, Robert Pachinger

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the ICF, I still miss all of you. We are getting close to the end of the year and, hopefully, the end of the pandemic. It is hard to believe that the year is almost over. The year started with the passing of one of our founding members, Ron Schmid. His passing along with this pandemic has led to me to reflect on our organization. I am very grateful to be a part of this extended family for many reasons. I have the privilege of bringing up my babies in the ICF. Most of you have watched them grow. Danielle turned 16 in September and is thinking of colleges. Sebastian turned 11 in July and is thinking of Pokémon, as is Russell, who is 12. I do not know what Joseph thinks; he is 14. They do not express their feelings about the ICF to me, but I am sure that they miss all of you and our gatherings. My children consider all of you their extended family, especially Tom and Mary Kingshill, who are grandparents to them. Other than little shopping trips and going to church every Sunday, they have not left the house for months.



The ICF has given me the opportunity to serve the parish. Our pastor, Father John Paul, has been a great inspiration and spiritual leader during this time. Father knows that he can rely on us when something is needed. In the midst of the shutdown, we still were able to provide a Baccalaureate Mass. I think that this year, we had the most graduates.

We need to keep our organization going. In this regard, I must apologize for not reaching out to all of you. I still hope to call all of you. I am very grateful to Elisa who had spent time in putting our newsletters together. This has been tremendous effort and worthwhile, since it keeps all of us together. Please keep each other in your prayers. Enjoy your holidays. Keep watch on future communications, as we will be trying to figure out how to elect officers for the coming year. Thank you for all that you do. I continue to keep you in my prayers. Be safe and have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

## Festa di Tutti i Santi

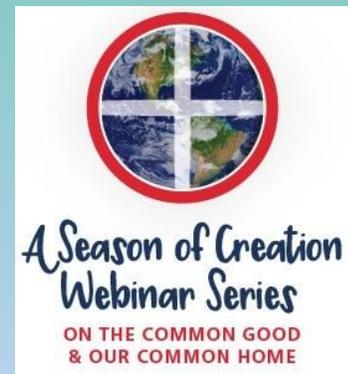
Italy celebrates **All Saint's Day** on November 1 as both a religious and public holiday. Observant Catholics visit their families, exchange gifts, and go to cemeteries to honor those who have passed. Those named after saints celebrate their feast day, as well. The tradition of this feast has been recorded in many different places, from Turkey to Lebanon.

The Christian celebration of All Saints' Day and All Souls Day stems from the belief of a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven and the living. In Catholic theology the day commemorates all those who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven.

*Submitted by Mary Ann Piana Chapman, Branch 395, Presentation, Stockton*



"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God. In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection. Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes toward us amid this coronavirus pandemic."  
~Pope Francis



**Election note from Central Council:** Due to the COVID-19 virus, branches and districts may retain the same officers in 2021 that served in 2020 without an election. Should an officer not desire their office, the President may select a member to fill that position. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Leonard Rossi at [rossi55@aol.com](mailto:rossi55@aol.com) or call 510-581-3246.



Italian lessons:  
Where's my coat? Dov'è il mio cappotto?

# BRANCH NEWS:

## Branch Officers



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### Branch 138 St. Luke's Stockton

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*Recording Secretary*

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*Correspondence Secretary*

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*Orator*

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Mary Gualco  
Marilyn Tuso  
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NOVEMBER 1  
**All Saints**  
**All Souls**  
NOVEMBER 2

### Branch 395 Presentation Stockton

Mary Ann Piana Chapman  
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*Recording Secretary*

Danielle Pachinger  
*Orator*

Tom Dutil  
*Sentinel*

Tom Kingshill  
Bob Dunn  
*Trustees*

# BRANCH NEWS:

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

## Branch 48 St. Stanislaus, Modesto *Carla Wagner*

## Branch 82 St. Anne's, Lodi

*Carl Maggio:* I graduated from UCLA in 1977 with a degree in Economics. I went to work for F&M Bank out of college for 2 years then got a job at The Grupe Company in 1979. I worked for the Grupe Company on and off since for about 25 years, both as an employee and as a financial consultant. In between I worked for Stockton Savings Bank and Golden Valley Industries as both financial consultant and their CFO. I've had my financial consulting business on and off for the last 22 years. I am in the process of retiring, currently working 3 days a week, and I will fully retire by year end. In my retirement I look forward to traveling with my wife, working in my woodshop, and playing golf.



## Branch 138 St. Luke's, Stockton *Darlene Ravera*

## Branch 139 St. Anthony's, Manteca

*Lillian Pauletto:* I was born in Arizona and raised in Weed, CA, a small town at the foot of Mt. Shasta. I married my high school sweetheart, Roger Pauletto, after college and moved to Sacramento then to Newman. My husband was a teacher & coach for 38 years there. I worked in accounting at various places ending with 15 years as an Administrative Assistant in charge of student body accounts at a Orestimba High School. My husband & I raised 3 wonderful children (1 daughter/2 sons) and am very proud of them. I love to read, crochet & travel! I lost my husband of 45 years in 2012. That is when I moved to Manteca, where the ICF welcomed me and became a nice haven helping me in my new role as a widow. I have been a member for 8 years and treasurer for 3 years.



## Branch 390 St. Bernard's, Tracy *Serena Martocchio:*

## Branch 395 Presentation, Stockton

*Patricia Beglau:* It's been an honor to serve as the branch treasurer for the past 10 months. I was so looking forward to the monthly meetings to be with my fellow Italians for the support, encouragement, socializing, and to see their kindly faces again, but Covid 19 took care of that situation. I have learned a lot since I took over the office of Treasurer with the on-going support and guidance from Joe Weber and Maryann Chapman. Mostly, I miss socializing and the good food made by our fellow Italians.

I want encourage everyone to wear masks and keep your distance, as suggested by the CDC. No one is invincible, as evidenced by our leaders' situations at this time. It has been an honor to serve as Treasurer for ICF branch 395. May God Bless each and everyone.

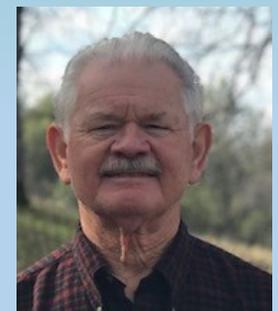


## Branch 413 St. Patrick's, Angels Camp

*Wendell Barnes:* I was born June 5, 1942, and raised on a South Dakota farm, the eighth of fifteen children. We were very poor, but then, so was most everyone around us, so we really didn't notice it. At eighteen I joined the Army, like most of my older brothers, and was stationed in Germany during the Cold War.

Shortly after my Army discharge, I left South Dakota for the Bay Area. After several jobs while attending night school, I became a Daly City Police Officer. After six years with DCPD I left to finish my degree in marine biology at San Francisco State University, then went on to California Department of Fish and Game for the next thirty years as a Game Warden.

While a Police Officer, I met a Beautiful Nurse in the E.R. named Josephine DeLuca. Josie and I were married in 1968, and she continued her career in nursing as I pursued mine in wildlife law enforcement. We have retired on our ranch near Angels Camp, where our children, eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren also live. We are blessed to be able to spend time every day with our grandchildren. We are active in St. Patrick's Parish and in ICF, Branch 413. I'm going into my third year as Financial Secretary/Treasurer.



# BRANCH NEWS:

## Branch Happenings

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

### Branch 48 St. Stanislaus Bakeless Bake Sale

Branch 48, will be holding a Bakeless Bake Sale thru October. Send your donations to ICF Branch 48 c/o St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, 709 J Street, Modesto CA 95354.



### Branch 82 St. Anne's Lodi

## Fundraising = Christmas gifts!

Shop Boon Supply for your holiday gifts, and 40% of the proceeds come back to the ICF! Share with your friends so they can shop here, too!



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now thru November 13



Last month Branch 395, Presentation, Stockton, celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of long time member, Bob Zaroni. 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 the 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.

[Mass in Italian & English in Honor of St. Francis of Assisi \(10-3-2020\)](#)

Watch now from Presentation Church



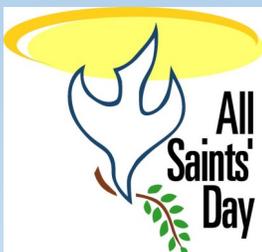
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For guidance on current propositions, check out:

[https://cacatholic.org/2020\\_propositions](https://cacatholic.org/2020_propositions)





# Travels in Italy with Carmelo (Carl) and Mary Ann Maggio

Branch 82, St. Anne's Lodi



My wife, Mary Ann, and I went to Italy last October for a three week trip. We signed up for a two week tour of southern Italy, and we arrived a week early to tour Rome on our own. We stayed at an amazing boutique hotel about a five minute walk from the Spanish steps. With the time we spent in Rome we had a private tour of the Vatican, a walking tour including the Trevi Fountain, and a food walking tour of all the great Italian cuisine offered in the city.



The bus tour included stops on the Sorrento coast with an excursion to the island of Capri. On day 4 we had an excursion to the ancient city of Pompeii to view the patrician homes, public baths, and commercial districts. The next couple of days we visited Naples, Bari, and Lecce. On day 7 we stayed in the city of Alberobello. This city was noted for it's Trulli homes. They are whitewashed, stoned, circular houses with pinnaced, conical roofs. The next stop was at Reggio Calabria with a visit to the museum that houses the world-famous bronze warrior sculptures, Bronzi di Riace.

The next day we headed to Sicily by ferry and stayed in the Taormina Riviera for a couple of nights. We then headed to Palermo for the last couple of days of our tour. We had dinner at a quaint restaurant and were serenaded by an Italian street band.



On our last full day we wanted to explore the city of Campofelice di Roccella, which was a 45 minute train ride from Palermo. I had written a fifth grade report about my great grandfather, Carmelo Maggio, who was the mayor of Campofelice di Roccella in 1840. We wanted to see if we could find any proof or record of this fact. After enduring the long hot train ride, we hiked up the hill about a mile to the city on the bluff overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea. We were greeted by the friendly Italian heritage, but when we asked about the City Hall, we ran into a roadblock.



*Ciao Bella*

We had lunch and decided to walk down an inviting street. When we rounded the corner, we saw the Municipio (City Hall in Italian). We walked in and had trouble communicating with our minimal Italian language. After everyone tried very hard to help us, we finally were introduced to someone who spoke fluent English. He understood who we were looking for and said he would be back in a minute. About five minutes later he came back with a 20" x 30" picture frame of the past mayors of the city. There it was: number 8 on the list, my Great Grandfather, Carmelo Maggio. We were so excited we couldn't stand it. The gentleman who found the picture was so friendly, and he even emailed us a picture of the city all decorated for Christmas a couple of months later. This really capped off an amazing trip.

