

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Monterey Branch 36 | Santa Rosalia



Monterey, California

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 15:** Board Meeting
(ZOOM Conference Call)
- Dec. 18:** Holiday Take-Out Dinner
(Moose Lodge, Del Rey Oaks)
- Jan. 15:** Monthly Take-Out Dinner
(Moose Lodge, Del Rey Oaks)
- Jan. 26:** Board Meeting
(ZOOM Conference Call)
- Feb. 19:** Lent Dinner #1 (Take-out)
(Moose Lodge, Del Rey Oaks)
- Feb. 23:** Board Meeting
(ZOOM Conference Call)
- Feb. 26:** Lent Dinner #2 (Take-out)
(Moose Lodge, Del Rey Oaks)
- Mar. 5:** Lent Dinner #3 (Take-out)
(Moose Lodge, Del Rey Oaks)
- Mar. 12:** Lent Dinner #4 (Take-out)
(Moose Lodge, Del Rey Oaks)
- Mar. 19:** Lent Dinner #5 (Take-out)
(Moose Lodge, Del Rey Oaks)
- Mar. 23:** Board Meeting
(ZOOM Conference Call)
- Mar. 26:** Lent Dinner #6 (Take-out)
(Moose Lodge, Del Rey Oaks)
- Apr. 2:** Lent Dinner #7 (Take-out)
(Moose Lodge, Del Rey Oaks)
- Apr. 25:** Italian Heritage Society
Honoree Dinner/Membership Mtg
(Monterey Marriott Hotel) *TENTATIVE*
- Apr. 27:** Board Meeting
(ZOOM Conference Call)

Visit our Website for more
information, calendar of events,
and to register/pay online:

www.MontereyICF.org

Holiday Take-Out Dinner & Fundraiser!

FINALLY - some good news! Our friends at the Moose Lodge have



graciously allowed us to host a pandemic-friendly Holiday Take-Out Dinner and Fundraiser... Since it's after Thanksgiving but before Christmas, it's still a great time for our annual Turkey and all the trimmings dinner with dessert. Take-out Menu only: Rosemary Sage Roasted Turkey Breast with Apple Cider Gravy,

Baked Potato Gratin with toasted parmesan breadcrumbs, Fennel and Sausage Ciabatta Stuffing, Chopped Apple and Pear Salad with gorgonzola and champagne vinaigrette, dinner roll, and Dessert. All for only \$17 per person. (No substitutions). Bottles of red or white wine will be sold for only \$10, or \$75 for a case of 12. Our telephone team will be calling members for reservations (pay at the event), but you may also reserve and pre-pay online on our website until 12 noon on Friday 12/18/20. Dinners will be available for pickup from 4:00-6:30pm (please, no early birds, as we cannot allow you to enter the building). We will deliver to vehicles lined up at the front door, after you pass the check-in tent for website order tickets, or purchase tickets at the cashier station. Limited home deliveries will be available for \$3 more (\$20 per dinner, prepaid online only, delivered at approximately 5:30pm). Your generous support of this event will help fund our year-end charities.

Annual Board of Directors Election

Due to the current pandemic, we were advised by District & Central Councils that a Board of Directors election wasn't required this year. Our nominating committee submitted a list of interested candidates and we had an open floor nomination process for all members that concluded on October 9. Since none of the director positions were contested, the 2020 Board of Directors approved the slate of nominees at their October 27 meeting.

Congratulations to the 2021 Board of Directors for Branch #36: Joe LoManto (President), Elaine Valentine (1st VP), Eddie Leonard (2nd VP), Sandie Russo (Recording Secretary), Annamarie Stanton (Corresponding Secretary), George Leonard (Financial Secretary/Treasurer), Jane Gasperson (Orator), Elizabeth Panetta (Sentinel), Robert Bianchi, Turie Cavaliere, & Antonia Rucello (Trustees), and Fr. Ron Shirley (Chaplain).

2021 Dues

Renewal notices for 2021 membership dues are being mailed out to members soon. Individual member dues are \$42 each, Hospitalization Plan dues are \$25 each, and children's dues (aged 23 & younger if in college, 18 if not attending college) are \$10 per family.

Why become an ICF member?

**Friends for friendship,
Friendship for community,
Community for connection
While we support our beliefs**

Membership inquiries:

info.icf36@gmail.com, or call
Elaine Valentine - 831.394.8224

**649 Members as of
11/17/2020**

ICF Board Members 2021

President... Joseph LoManto
1st Vice President... Elaine Valentine
2nd Vice President... Eddie Leonard
Recording Secretary... Sandie Russo
Correspondence Sect'y... Annamarie Stanton
Financial Sect'y/Treasurer... George Leonard
Orator... Jane Gasperson
Sentinel... Elizabeth Panetta
Trustee... Robert Bianchi
Trustee... Turie Cavaliere
Trustee... Antonia Ruccello
Chaplain... Rev. Ron Shirley

Holy Rosary Farewell Ceremony Honored Departed Members



On a beautiful Autumn Tuesday afternoon at 12 noon, Orator Jane Gasperson led a farewell Holy Rosary & Roses ceremony which honored the 14 members of our branch who passed away this year. Due to current social distancing requirements, the event was held outdoors at San Carlos Cathedral on November 24, and was attended by approximately 50 participants. Fr. Efrain provided a group blessing, while Elaine Miller played the keyboards and led Blessed Virgin Mary-themed songs. Roses were distributed to family members of the

deceased, and each of the 14 members' names were read aloud. We normally hold these ceremonies at the individual Rosary/Vigil/Funeral services, but this year our "normal" is very different from the past. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family members and friends, and we thank all who attended to honor them. You may view the names of the members we lost this year on the following page. May they all rest in peace.

2021 Calendars For Sale

2021 ICF calendars are available for purchase for \$25 NOW. These make a great gift for the new year, but we only have a few remaining, so please act soon. Every purchaser is entered for a chance to win cash prizes in the 365 drawings to be held in the new year. So this is a great fundraiser for us, a useful gift, and you just might win a nice cash prize, too. Call George Leonard at 415.608.1055 if you'd like to buy a calendar. Thank you for supporting the branch and the federation with your purchase.

Sending Blessings of the Season!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families. Wishing you all health, happiness, and a safe holiday season. We pray for a better year in 2021, for all of our members, supporters, friends, and families.

In Memoriam (2020)

FRANK CRIVELLO
 DOMINIC F. MINEO
 JOANN BRANSON
 ERNEST BIZZOZERO
 ANGELA CARDINALLI
 CARLA CONIGLIO
 JOE BONANNO
 VITINA PIRONI
 CHARLES DELLA SALA
 BETTY LUCIDO
 CLARA FOSTER
 JOHN FLYNN
 CAROLYN CARLSEN
 VINCENT TORRENTE

ICF Salute

"As members of the Italian Catholic Federation, we promise fidelity and obedience to our Church. As citizens or residents of this country, we promise loyalty and respect to the American flag. We also promise to love and honor the land of our ancestors. May God help us to maintain our promises."



ANNUAL (VIRTUAL) CONVENTION AWARDS FOR BRANCH #36



Santa Rosalia / Monterey Branch #36 was the proud recipient of two awards at this year's annual ICF convention, held virtually for the first time ever, over the Labor Day weekend. Due to the generosity of our members and friends, we were recognized with a "Certificate of Appreciation" — second place among branches with 130 or more members — for our ongoing contributions and continued Apostolic works of charity. We were also presented with a "Certificate of Merit" for 1st Place in Most New Members Among Branches in the 2019-2020 membership year, with 41 new members! We are delighted with the recognition, and will continue to be a leader among ICF branches by generating new memberships and encouraging the faith-filled charitable activities we've become known for. We welcome and appreciate your new member referrals, and thank you for your membership and loyal support.

Lenten Dinners in 2021? **YES!**

Take-Out Dinners planned at Moose Lodge

The question everyone is asking.....will you still have Lenten Dinners in 2021? And the answer is.....YES! Of course we will, even with the pandemic. Thanks again to our friends at the Moose Lodge, we are tentatively planning (see the dates on the front page) to host Take-Out Lent Dinners, beginning Friday, February 19, and continuing for seven (7) weeks this season until Friday, April 2 (Good Friday). Please mark your calendars and plan to support this variation of our famous annual Lent Dinner fundraisers.

As always, we need your help! All members are asked to please donate a dessert every week. If you are available to volunteer, we'd love for you to join in on the fun. Those wishing to volunteer to work as servers, set-up or sales teams, or kitchen crew, please contact us at info.icf36@gmail.com.

THANK YOU MESSAGE

From our new president, Joe LoManto

Did You Know ?

All Major Credit Cards Accepted

For your convenience, we now accept all major credit cards at our Branch 36 events! Save time and order dinners online – it's a pandemic-safe payment option.

Hospitalization Plan

The best-kept secret in the ICF is our hospitalization plan! Available to paid-up members under age 70, inexpensive, with benefits paid directly to you. Contact Elaine Valentine (831.394.8224) for more details and application – or visit our website: www.MontereyICF.org to apply and pay online.

I thank the Board of 2020. For those that are leaving the Board, a special thanks: **Liz Grammatico**, for her many years of dedicated service and loyalty to our branch and members. I call her “Mrs. ICF Branch #36”. **JoAnn Riso**, “Mrs. Dependable”. If we need help, JoAnn is there. Thank God she is still working in the kitchen. **Antonia Ihnot** and **June Serrano**, boy, did they know how to run a party - Christmas Party, 85 & Over Birthday Party, and working that food service line at the Lent Dinners and Monthly Meetings. **Robert Huffer**, our former president, for his past service and leadership. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Now we move on to 2021: **Elaine Valentine, Sandie Russo, George Leonard, Jane Gasperson, Bob Bianchi, Turie Cavaliere, and Antonia Rucello** - for staying on the Board. I love you all. And for our new Board members: **Eddie Leonard, Annamarie Stanton, and Elizabeth Panetta** - welcome aboard. Also **Father Ron Shirley**, for continuing as our chaplain, **Juli Richards** for continuing on as our branch mentor, and **PJ Curatolo** and his crew for their hard work in the kitchen.

Oh, I forgot one person - **Joe LoManto** for being the pigeon and roped into being President!

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