

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Monterey Branch 36 | Santa Rosalia



Monterey, California

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 19:** Lent Dinner #1 (Take-out)
(Elks Lodge, Monterey, 4:30-6:30pm)
- Feb. 23:** Board Meeting
(ZOOM Conference Call, 10am)
- Feb. 26:** Lent Dinner #2 (Take-out)
(Elks Lodge, Monterey, 4:30-6:30pm)
- Mar. 5:** Lent Dinner #3 (Take-out)
(Elks Lodge, Monterey, 4:30-6:30pm)
- Mar. 12:** Lent Dinner #4 (Take-out)
(Elks Lodge, Monterey, 4:30-6:30pm)
- Mar. 19:** Lent Dinner #5 (Take-out)
(Elks Lodge, Monterey, 4:30-6:30pm)
- Mar. 23:** Board Meeting
(ZOOM Conference Call, 10am)
- Mar. 26:** Lent Dinner #6 (Take-out)
(Elks Lodge, Monterey, 4:30-6:30pm)
- Apr. 2:** Lent Dinner #7 (Take-out)
(Elks Lodge, Monterey, 4:30-6:30pm)
- Apr. 27:** Board Meeting
(ZOOM Conference Call, 10am)
- May (TBD):** Scholarship Awards
(Date and location to be determined)
- Nov. 14:** Italian Heritage Society
Honoree Dinner/Membership Mtg
(Monterey Marriott Hotel) *New Date*

Visit our Website for more
information, calendar of events,
and to pay online:
www.MontereyICF.org

50/50 Scholarship Raffle

Buy at the event, or mail in (with name/address/phone, keep the stub, please don't mail cash). The drawing will be held at the end of the last dinner, on Friday April 2. You win half, we win half for our Scholarship Fund - good luck!

LENT DINNERS BEGIN FEB. 19! *Take-out at Elks Lodge this year*

Our famous annual Friday Lenten dinners begin on February 19 and continue for seven weeks until April 2. This year, due to the pandemic, our pasta, fish, salad and garlic bread meals are take-out only, and include dessert! We will host at the *Elks Lodge*, 150 Mar Vista Drive in Monterey, as the kitchen preparation and food delivery areas are larger, and therefore safer to work in, than at the Moose Lodge, where we hosted December and January dinners.

At the Elks, we'll serve several hundred take-out dinners each week, and we really need your help in several ways, please! First, spread the word that we've moved to the Elks Lodge in Monterey (not the Moose Lodge in Del Rey Oaks). Second, we need members to please donate a dessert each week (cakes, brownies, pies, cookies, etc.). We need them delivered to the Elks between 9am-12noon each Friday so they can be cut and boxed for take-out orders. Delivery by noon will ensure we have sufficient desserts to include in every dinner order. Third, **please do not arrive early!** We cannot accommodate many vehicles lining up before 4:30pm, as the Elks is located in a residential neighborhood. There's plenty of time and space for you to get your dinner when we serve them between 4:30-6:30pm (or until we sell out). Fourth, you're guaranteed to have a dinner waiting for you each week, if you buy them online, until noon on the day of the event. (Otherwise its first come, first served. We're sorry, but we don't accept phone calls, emails, or mail-in reservations - either order online or pay that night.) The fifth request is to please enter the Elks parking area from Porta Vista Drive, and exit on Mar Vista Drive, after you've picked up your order, and safely drive up the hill and away.

Our take-out dinners are \$17 each (home delivery dinners are \$20 each - online prepay only), and the pasta, fish, salad, and dessert changes weekly. Red or white wines are available for \$10 per bottle or \$60 per case for as long as supplies last. Our telephone team will call once to remind members of the Lent dinners, but won't be taking reservations. If you can volunteer to help us each week, you pay \$5 per dinner as a "thank you". Please let your caller know as soon as possible, or get in touch with a board member - we need you!

2021 Dues

Renewals of 2021 membership dues are now due - with thanks to those who have already paid. Individual member dues are \$42, 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
George Leonard (415.608.1055)

640 Members as of 1/25/21

ICF Board Members

President... Joseph LoManto
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WHY DO WE PAY DUES?

It's a great question, one we've heard asked a few times. Due to the pandemic, we haven't had "business as usual" in a while, but the ICF, locally and nationally, carries on with its charitable mission.

There's the fund-raising we do to support national and local charities such as Cooley's Anemia, Seminarians preparing for priesthood, student scholarships (\$7,500 last year to 8 students), San Carlos School (Washington DC trip, annual fundraising campaign, plus we hosted a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser), San Carlos Cathedral, our home parish, and the priests in residence who serve our parish community and membership in many ways. The Bollettino is published monthly to keep you aware of what the Federation is doing, and our 3rd Newsletter since the pandemic began does the same. We recently resumed hosting monthly dinners (take-outs have been very well attended), we're supporting the families of recently deceased members with memorial masses at the Carmelite Monastery, in November we held a beautiful outdoor Rosary for deceased members, and we continue to recruit new members (5 new members in January!). We're doing all of this and more to stay connected, as well as to support one another and our wonderful Federation.

Here's a breakdown of the \$42 in dues we collect: \$24 goes to the national ICF organization in Oakland for Federation administration, maintaining membership records, national website, advertising, new member recruiting, investing and paying claims from the Hospitalization plan, awarding Scholarships, administering the Gifts of Love program for people in need—the list goes on and on. In addition, \$7.20 goes for PR and publishing the Bollettino, \$2.40 is collected for the Apostolate (general charity) Fund, \$1.20 is collected to contribute to Seminarians in our diocese, and \$4.86 per member is paid for liability insurance (which must be paid, regardless of whether or not we're meeting in person). After these allocations, our branch retains only \$2.34, which funds the required attendance of delegates to the annual convention, plus administrative expenses. All expenses are well-documented and justified. The preponderance of our income comes from our dinners, fundraisers, and your generous donations. Your dues and contributions go a long way, and are very much appreciated!

2021 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications Due March 15, 2021

Our Scholarship program encourages, promotes, and supports student education, and is available to graduating high school seniors who reside in the Monterey Peninsula or Salinas areas. The student, parents, or grandparents must be ICF Branch 36 members for at least one year. The student must be at least 17 years of age upon high school graduation, and service within the ICF is suggested (e.g. helping out at Lent dinners). A grade point average of 3.5 or higher is required, and funding is for students pursuing a college degree. Download the application and requirements from our website (www.MontereyICF.org) or contact Scholarship committee chair Antonia Ruccello at (831) 594-1895 for additional information.

In Memoriam

MARIA FAVALORO (DEC 2020)

JOSEPHINE RAPPA (DEC 2020)

CAROL TERFERTILLER (JAN 2021)

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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."



San Carlos Cathedral: Masses are available to attend online: Visit www.sancarloscathedral.org to view and attend daily or Sunday Mass.

Through families and fellowship, the Italian Catholic Federation promotes and supports the Catholic faith and its values, encourages charitable works, and celebrates Italian American traditions with everyone in our community.

SUCCESSFUL TAKE-OUT EVENTS IN DEC. & JAN.

With Special Thanks to Moose Lodge Friends



We hosted two very successful fundraising take-out dinners in December and January, and both were very well attended. On December 18, we served 221 Holiday turkey dinners with all of the trimmings, and on January 15, we served 246 stuffed pork chop over polenta dinners. Although we were required to maintain social distancing and wear masks as dinners were prepared and served, this was accomplished by a skeleton crew, and there was a ton of hard work and fun had by all who volunteered and participated.

Our friends at the Moose Lodge made this all possible for us, and also did an outstanding job setting up the parking lot for the assembly-line precision of payments and delivery of dinners. We also have a lot of Moose Lodge members to thank for buying dinners and supporting the ICF. We were also helped out in the parking lot by Andy Clarke and local students who directed traffic in-through-and out, as well as by Manny Pinheiro, who graciously volunteered for home deliveries.

Even though take-out isn't quite the same as meeting and eating together, we were still able to accomplish our fundraising objectives despite the ongoing pandemic. ICF Grand Second Vice President Denise Antonowicz drove down from Los Gatos with her 98 year-old mother Marie, and purchased 6 dinners for her family and friends - now THAT is great support! Between the two events, and after we paid the bills and the Moose for renting their facility, we netted over \$3,200. Bless all of you for attending the event, thank you for the generous "tip" donations you made to help cover the costs of the events, and thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who turn out to make these the great events that so many enjoy. We have wonderful member and community support, and we are very grateful for it.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome new members to the ICF! Our newest members are Andrew Clarke, John & Joleen & Katie & Georgia Compagno, Jim & Rosine Culcasi, Phyllis Grillo & Joe Sweeney, Mardee Killiam, John & Jennifer & John Noah & Sierra Pope, Denis & Terri Prosperi, Jeff & Cindy Rognien, Nicola Scarpello, and Daniel Turner. We're happy to have you join us! Stay tuned for more information on initiation of new members, to take place once social restrictions are lifted.

Annual 2020 Financial Statement and Donations Recap

Included in this newsletter is the 2020 Annual Financial Statement for Branch #36. All income and expenses incurred during the year are documented, and we provide this for members' review and approval. In addition, our Donations Recap (paid to various charities and local organizations, including scholarships), is listed on the reverse. Since we are unable to meet in person, members' approval is considered complete if there are no significant objections raised by members by 3/31/21. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at info.icf36@gmail.com. Grazie for your financial support of the ICF.

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 George Leonard (415.608.1055) for more details and application – or visit our website: www.MontereyICF.org to apply and pay online.

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