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District Deputy Newsletter
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MESSAGE FROM JIM JONES!

Dear Branch and District Deputies,

I don't know if you realize how important you are to the Branch and District that you serve.

Many members in a Branch look at you as one of their Branch members. They don't realize that you belong to another Branch and that their meeting (or the District meeting) is an additional meeting you attend during the month because of your dedication to the Italian Catholic Federation. Some Deputies serve two, three and even four Branches.

Many members don't realize that a Branch or District Deputy is a representative of the Central Council.

Your job is to give a report each month to the Branch or District on important issues in the Federation. You may be called upon by the President to define points of order relating to Parliamentary Procedure.

The Central Council relies heavily on your reports regarding a troubled Branch. If we are made aware soon enough, we can usually do something to keep the Branch.

So again, I repeat, you are very important to the Italian Catholic Federation and I want you to know how much I appreciate the work that you do for the Federation. Thank you.

Jim Jones
Chairman of the Deputy Program

CONVENTION IN GARDEN GROVE 2008 !!!

The Delegates are elected, the arrangements have been made, the Crowne Plaza rooms have been reserved and now the excitement begins. Please let the Branches know the following:

1) Encourage all members to attend the workshops. They are all invited to attend any and all workshops.

2) Remind the Delegates to take a camera and to <u>please</u> take a lot of pictures. These pictures are fun to bring back to the Branch after Convention. Start a Branch scrapbook to enjoy at your Branch meetings. These photos can be sent to the Bollettino with your monthly articles.

3) Going to Convention is a Spiritual, Inspirational, Educational and Social experience for everyone who attends.
Every member should be encouraged to attend.

4) Please encourage the Delegates to especially attend the Monday morning session which is a Prayer Service followed by the Installation of the Grand Officers.

5) Finally, ask the Branch how they are progressing on the sales of their Raffle tickets. This is a major way for the Branch to offset the cost of sending their Delegate (s) to Convention. It is also a major fundraiser for the Convention.

6) I know I said "finally" but I did want to remind everyone that the Crowne Plaza Resort is really close to Disneyland and they have free shuttle service to the park.

Please note: We did not receive any proposals for changes or additions to the By-Laws this year. However, when we do, it is important to take the time to explain the proposals and make sure that the Branch members have the opportunity to instruct their Delegates on how they feel toward the proposals. If the proposal is unclear, the President can contact the Central Council office for clarification. Keep in mind for next year that proposals are due by May 31st.

COOLEY'S ANEMIA AT OAKLAND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

This is the National Charity of the I.C.F. Our Annual Donation will be presented at the Convention. Be sure to remind Branches and members to send donations in time to be included at the Convention.

GIFTS OF LOVE

Please encourage the members to donate to the Gifts of Love Program to help special people. Through this program the I.C.F. is able to reach out to the developmentally delayed/disabled to help them with their special needs. This is a great way to publicize the I.C.F. because many of the beneficiaries are in the larger community. The need is great, so please be generous.

SCHOLARSHIP

Please encourage the members to donate to the Second, Third and Fourth Year Scholarship Program. These scholarships are available to past First Year Scholarship winners who apply for I.C.F. funds to continue their college education. Also, encourage them to donate towards the Mario Cugia Italian Studies Scholarship. This Scholarship is for a Junior or Senior in College who is majoring in some form of Italian Studies. Please be generous.

MEMBERSHIP AS OF 6/30/08 BY DISTRICT:

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/07
Santa Clara Valley	**1598**	**+58**
Central Coast	**1477**	**+45**
Fresno	**1166**	**+49**
San Mateo	1134	- 6
Santa Rosa	**919**	**+25**
Los Angeles	**737**	**+ 1**
Contra Costa	**714**	**+ 4**
East Bay	623	- 21
San Francisco	571	- 66
Chicago	**524**	**+18**
Blessed Sacrament	522	- 7
San Diego	499	- 38
Stockton	495	- 27
San Gabriel Valley	298	- 1
Marin	**276**	**+ 8**
Santa Barbara/Ventura	267	- 39
Orange	222	- 11
San Bernardino	219	- 8
San Fernando Valley	191	- 26
Tucson	**116**	**+19**
Las Vegas	66	- 5
Reno	66	- 5

Total membership as of 6/30/08 **12,700**

New Members	1,219
Reinstated	41
Cancelled/Non Payment	**1,031**
Deceased	262
Delinquent 6 – 8 months	**1,017**
Delinquent 9 – 12 months	**2**

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

This year's membership drive ended June 30th. Encourage Branches to participate in next year's contest.

Enjoy Your Summer!