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District Deputy Newsletter

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DEPUTY PROGRAM REVITALIZATION

With the recent approval of the I.C.F.'s first Strategic Plan, we are now looking forward to the next phase which is implementing the various Core Values that are listed within the plan. You can review our plan online by going to www.icf.org. Then under "Quick Links" is listed the Strategic Plan.

Core Value Number 3 is Leadership. For leadership we will be looking at ways to help and enhance our existing leaders. We also want to find ways to recruit the future leaders for our Branches, Districts and Central Council. Core Value 3 also includes the Deputy Program. Grand Second Vice President Andrew Pappani and I will be holding meetings throughout the year with the District Deputies by conference call, and at times, using GoToMeeting for gathering input on ways to revitalize and update the Deputy Program. Many of our Deputies have worked very hard for many years and we need to find out what has been working and what changes are needed. This will help us with assisting our Branches now and in the future. The Deputy Program is a vital part of monitoring the life blood of a Branch. The Deputy's input and the way they address an issue can mean the difference when a Branch is in trouble.

As was stated during the process of preparing our Strategic Plan, the only way for moving the I.C.F. into the future is involvement from the members as they are the engine of the organization. This also applies to you, the Deputies, so please participate whenever possible during the upcoming meetings; you will

find them to be very productive as we have with various other committee meetings.

I look forward to a very invigorating and successful year for our organization.

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Each Branch should elect Officers in October. Refer to your Branch By-Laws Book, Chapter XI. Here are some reminders regarding Elections:

- Each office is nominated and voted on one at a time. Do not let the Branch vote on a "slate" of officers.
- The Nominating Committee nominates a candidate for each office.
- The President must also ask three times for nominations from the floor for each office.
- Nominations do not require a second.
- Contested offices must be voted on immediately by secret ballot before continuing.
- Candidates must be present to be nominated and elected, or a letter declaring their intention to run is acceptable.
- Candidates must be in good standing with their dues.
- New officers assume office on January 1st. Thank all of the officers of the past year for their hard work and dedication to the Branch and the I.C.F.
- Branches are allowed to combine Treasurer and Financial Secretary, and they may elect one to three Trustees.
- If Branches have trouble electing officers, contact me for advice and ideas.
- The new officers should plan a Calendar of Events for the coming year. A Branch Budget for the upcoming year is also recommended.
- Remind Branches to send a list of their new officers to the I.C.F. office by December 1st.

I.C.F. CALENDARS

Branches received their allotment of 2015 calendars at the Convention or by mail. This is the time of year that calendars should sell like "Hotcakes." Sell them to friends, business suppliers, family and members of your Church. Be sure to purchase one for your Pastor. They make great Raffle Gifts for your Branch and Stocking Stuffers at Christmas. Remember, the Branch keeps \$5.00 for every Calendar sold.

WANT TO BE A DEPUTY?

Deputies are needed. Please ask your Branch and District members to encourage volunteers. It truly is a rewarding experience.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEPUTIES TO SPEAK ON AT BRANCH MEETINGS

- Hopefully, Delegates returned to their Branches and reported on the events at the great Convention held in Oakland. Emphasis on the Charitable Programs is important. Our I.C.F. National Charity remains Cooley's Anemia. Thank members for their charitable works and donations during the past year.
- Encourage members to accept an office, especially new or young members, as elections are held.
- Encourage the use of a Nominating Committee to seek out qualified officers.
- New Presidents should be encouraged to try to secure Committee Chairpersons early and begin forming a yearly Calendar of Events.
- Encourage sales of the Calendars.
- Congratulate Branches on their participation in this year's Scholarship Program. Always encourage Branches to also participate in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year programs as well, even if they can only make partial donations.
- Please urge Branches to actively recruit and retain members. Each member should bring in a new member this year.
- If a Branch does not already have a Christmas celebration, encourage them to consider holding one. Christmas is an excellent time to introduce families to the Federation.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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MEMBERSHIP AS OF 9/30/14 BY DISTRICT

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/14
Central Coast	1,452	+19
Santa Clara Valley	1,162	- 23
Fresno	1,083	+23
San Mateo	832	+ 1
Contra Costa	830	+ 9
Santa Rosa	825	- 1
Los Angeles	609	+10
Chicago	579	- 8
East Bay	486	+ 0
Blessed Sacrament	438	- 10
Stockton	371	+ 0
San Diego	330	+ 3
San Francisco	292	+ 0
Marin	260	- 2
San Gabriel Valley	237	- 3
Santa Barbara/Ventura	202	+ 5
Orange	125	- 3
Tucson	104	+ 0
San Fernando Valley	81	+ 4
San Bernardino	74	- 6
Reno	53	+ 0
Las Vegas	48	+ 1

Total membership as of 9/30/14 **10,473**

New members	171
Reinstated	18
Cancelled/Non Payment	109
Deceased	61
Dues not paid 6 – 8 months	19
Dues not paid 9 – 12months	591

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Encourage Branches to participate in a Membership Drive. Presidents can arrange with their Pastors for time at the Masses to speak about the Italian Catholic Federation. A two minute Mass script is available that really works. After Mass, a table should be set up at the back of the Church with I.C.F. Brochures, Italian cookies and a few members to answer questions. Take down names and then call them to invite them to the next meeting.

You can call Membership Chairperson Nina Malone at (916) 772-4876.

Wishing you God's blessings as the end of the year approaches.