

October 1, 2014

Dear Branch President:

I have been appointed as Chairperson of your Central Council Heritage Committee for the 2014-2015 year. Heritage is at the very heart of our Federation; traditions influence our lives every day in the way we eat, live, love, laugh, sing, play and pray!

I would like to thank this past year's Heritage committee members. Thank you to the spouses who were also very supportive of our committee.

Please consider appointing a Heritage Chairperson for your Branch to coordinate heritage events for your meetings and community participation. If you have someone in place, please encourage him/her to continue this year. It is a fun committee and folks love to talk about their families and where they are from, foods of their region or country of origin, etc.

To assist your Heritage Chair, the Heritage Committee is placing more and more material online. At www.icf.org, one can find information about the organization and the founders - Sir Luigi Providenza and Fr. Albert Bandini.

I urge your Branch to host at least one big heritage program or event per year. Consider having a St. Joseph's Day Table, a Columbus Day celebration, an International Heritage Day or a special Christmas program, etc. The possibilities truly are endless ...and lots of fun.

Each year at the Convention, we have a Heritage Table with material and information available to help provide ideas for your Heritage programs. I hope your Branch considers using these great ideas for meetings and fundraisers, so that members and all who attend our functions will develop a deeper appreciation for where we come from and who we are as an organization.

If you and/or your Chairperson have any questions or want to share ideas, feel free to contact me at jimfriebeltrucking@sbcglobal.net or 408-595-0444.

I look forward to working with each of you in our continued efforts to support the Italian Catholic Federation.

Mille Grazie,

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Life Member of the Central Council
Heritage Chairperson