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A MESSAGE TO ALL DEPUTIES

The Importance of Branch and District Deputies

I would like to take a moment to let all of you know how important you are to the Branch and District that you serve, to the Central Council and to the welfare of the future of the I.C.F.

Please remember, you are a representative of the Central Council. The Central Council relies heavily on your monthly and quarterly reports, most importantly reports regarding a troubled Branch. If we are made aware soon enough, we can usually do something to keep the Branch going. Do not let the Branch become discouraged and just want to give up; do not wait to see how next month's meeting will go or if they get any new members. District Deputies let your Branch Deputies know they should contact you immediately at the first sign of trouble or an unresolved issue, no matter how trivial it may seem. The Central Council should be the next contact after you have been made aware of the situation. The sooner we know, the sooner we can help.

I've listed a few additional tips you might try, if you haven't already:

Give the Branch compliments for a job well done, no matter how small the job. Remember, no one forgets a criticism but everyone remembers a compliment.

Do not let disputes carry on. If a dispute arises and the President does not take control, it is the right of the Deputy to call a point of order.

Do not correct the President of the Branch or anyone publicly. Do it in private and gently. Do not criticize, but rather give constructive advice.

The responsibilities of Branch Deputies are not to be watch dogs. Be a mentor; offer your support, knowledge and advice.

Remember, we are all here to achieve the same goals and we are all good people. Have the I.C.F. at heart and promote this attitude when addressing the Branches. Be positive and upbeat.

Also, a reminder - you need to receive your Branch Deputies' monthly reports. So, PLEASE see that you get these reports. District Deputies - I need your reports each quarter. I haven't been receiving them from many of you and this is a major way for me to see where we need help. So, PLEASE send the reports in. THANK YOU !!!!!

I appreciate the time and devotion that you give to your Branches, District and the I.C.F.

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

WORKSHOPS

Deputy Workshop

Please contact Leonard Zasoski, Jr. at (661) 978-5522 or lzasoski@colomboconstruction.com if you would like to schedule a Deputy workshop for the Deputies in your District.

RETENTION OF MEMBERS

Now is the best time of year when we have the best chance of keeping our members. If a system and a structure to assimilate and keep the people you reach is not in place, they won't stay in the Branch. As many people will be going out the back door of the Branch as are coming in the front door of the Branch. Discuss with the Presidents and Financial Secretaries ways to retain delinquent members - phone committees, inviting delinquent members to return or asking friends of delinquent members to contact them and ask them to return.

90TH ANNIVERSARY GALAS

Please encourage the members in your area to attend one of the three 90th Anniversary Galas being held throughout the Federation. The first event is in Chicago on June 8th, the second is in San Francisco on June 22nd and the third is in Los Angeles on June 29th. For Chicago - 3:00 p.m. Mass at St. Francis Borgia Church with the Celebration to follow at Pescatore Palace. For San Francisco - 11:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church with the Celebration to follow at the Basque Cultural Center. For Los Angeles - 11:00 a.m. Italian Mass at St. Peter's Italian Church with the Celebration to follow at Casa Italiano. We have a lot to be proud of over the last 90 years for what has been done in our parishes and local communities. Flyers and Reservation Forms

for each of the events have been sent to the Districts and Branches.

14TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Friday, July 25th, the Fourteenth Annual I.C.F. Golf Tournament will be held at the Laguna Seca Golf Course in Monterey. This is a fun time for all, even those who don't golf. Many members and friends go to Monterey to socialize, eat the 4 course dinner prepared by Master Chef Eddie Leonard and his wonderful crew and then spend the night. The Banquet will be held at San Carlos Hall. Cost - \$135.00 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet). After July 18th - \$150.00. Banquet only - \$35.00. Please consider sponsoring a hole even if you are not able to attend. A full sponsorship is \$100.00. Please also consider a donation of a Raffle Basket or any other donation possible to help make this event a success and support our many programs. Call the I.C.F. office for more information at 1-888-423-1924.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEPUTIES TO SPEAK ON AT BRANCH MEETINGS

Remember that the Per Capita Tax is due when the invoice is received. Make sure the Branch has received the invoice.

Encourage the Branch to contact delinquent members either by letter or by phone.

Remind members to submit names of candidates for: Grand President, Pope John XXIII, Family of the Year, Mother Teresa and Young Adult Leadership Awards. The deadline is May 1st. For questions about these awards call the I.C.F. office at 1-888-423-1924.

Proposals to change the Branch By-Laws are due in the I.C.F. office by April 30th.

Encourage Branches to start preparing their Apostolate/Charity Report that will be due by July 15th.

Speak on our Charities - Cooley's Anemia, Gifts of Love and the Providenza Fund.

Encourage Branches to support our Charities and our Scholarship Program, especially the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Year Scholarships and the Italian Studies 3rd and 4th Year Scholarships.

CONVENTION 2014 IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Start discussing now the process of electing Convention Delegates. Grand President Bob Basuino wants every Branch to have Delegates at the Convention this year. It is an exciting experience to attend Convention. Try to elect members who have not gone before. Encourage Branches to start selling Convention Raffle Tickets. Half of the proceeds remain with the Branch. Each book is \$20.00, so \$10.00 goes to the Branch treasury. Additional tickets are available at the I.C.F. office.

Branches should be encouraged to support the Convention Souvenir Book. Submit ads with pictures if possible. We have added color as an option. For an additional \$75.00, any size ad can be in color. This applies to Branch, District and Parish Ads, as well as the Business Ads. Check the box on the ad contract for your choice of black and white or color.

MEMBERSHIP AS OF 3/31/14 BY DISTRICT

Gain/Loss since
6/30/13

Central Coast	1,430	- 11
Santa Clara Valley	1,219	- 21
Fresno	1,064	- 29
San Mateo	848	- 48
Santa Rosa	835	+ 1
Contra Costa	804	+46
Los Angeles	609	- 53
Chicago	583	- 17
East Bay	484	- 32
Blessed Sacrament	452	- 46
Stockton	369	- 26
San Diego	321	- 2
San Francisco	287	- 26
Marin	269	- 1
San Gabriel Valley	239	- 9
Santa Barbara/Ventura	202	+ 7
Orange	131	- 11
Tucson	108	+ 4
San Bernardino	80	- 43
San Fernando Valley	78	- 6
Reno	55	- 8
Las Vegas	48	- 2
Phoenix	0	- 30

Total membership as of 3/31/14 **10,515**

New members	882
Reinstated	8
Cancelled/Non Payment	1,077
Deceased	176
Dues not paid 6 – 8 months	6
Dues not paid 9 – 12 months	19

***May the Blessings of
the Easter Season
remain with you!***