

PROPOSED BRANCH BY-LAW CHANGE

SUBMITTED BY: Central Council Expansion Committee

Current By-Law:

CHAPTER I

Name of Branch

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Proposed Change:

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A new Branch shall consist of at least **thirty-five (35)** members. It shall be progressively numbered and shall carry the name of a Saint or a religious title. The Executive Committee may waive the minimum number required.

Rationale:

In the past, the Expansion Committee has found that 25 members is not a viable number for starting a new Branch. Since, usually, 11 of the members are officers, it leaves too few remaining people to carry on the work of the Branch. Also, it has been found that, often, some new members really aren't interested in the I.C.F. as first thought and, therefore, discontinue their membership. The Committee has also found that there is sometimes a certain amount of attrition in the first year for various reasons. If any of this happens, the Committee is then trying to regroup and keep the Branch alive and this can be a difficult process.