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District Deputy Newsletter

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A MESSAGE TO ALL DEPUTIES

The Importance of Branch and District Deputies

As we enter Phase II of our Strategic plan, the Branch and District Deputies will be assisting the Strategic Plan Oversight Committee in monitoring Branches' progress with their assigned goals. The Deputies will be receiving a worksheet from their Branch after the workshop listing the goals and activities that the Branch will be working on over the next several months. The Deputies as "Mentors" will be helping by encouraging their Branch to remain active in the process of achieving those goals. Please attend the Strategic Plan Workshop in your District to become informed as to your role in the process.

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.

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.

Chairperson, Deputy Program

WORKSHOPS

Deputy Workshop

Please contact Leonard Zasoski, Jr. at (661) 978-5522 or izasoski@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.

A NIGHT FOR THE SEMINARIANS

**SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015
ST. MARY'S CHURCH
LOS GATOS, CA**

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN THE
MAY BOLLETTINO!**

15TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Friday, July 24th, the Fifteenth 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 - \$165.00 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet). After July 17th - \$180.00. Banquet only - \$45.00. 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's, Pope Saint 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 2015 IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

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 3/31/15 BY DISTRICT

Gain/Loss since
6/30/14

Central Coast	1,449	+35
Santa Clara Valley	1,099	- 86
Fresno	1,041	- 19
Santa Rosa	824	- 2
Contra Costa	814	- 7
San Mateo	803	- 28
Los Angeles	581	- 18
Chicago	546	- 41
Blessed Sacrament	408	- 40
East Bay	396	- 90
Stockton	353	- 18
San Diego	309	- 18
San Francisco	276	- 16
Marin	259	- 3
San Gabriel Valley	230	- 10
Santa Barbara/Ventura	216	+19
Orange	122	- 6
Tucson	107	+ 3
San Fernando Valley	74	- 3
San Bernardino	59	- 21
Reno	48	- 5
Las Vegas	45	- 2

Total membership as of 3/31/15 **10,059**

New members	643
Reinstated	26
Cancelled/Non Payment	856
Deceased	208
Dues not paid 6 – 8 months	8
Dues not paid 9 – 12 months	22

***May we always be
looking for the
light of Christ in
everyone we meet!***