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### District Deputy Newsletter

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#### MESSAGE FROM LEONARD ZASOSKI, JR.!

Dear District and Branch Deputies,

Phase II of our Strategic Plan involves a workshop in each of our Districts and Areas without Districts within the Federation. In this workshop we cover methods for membership recruitment and retention, leadership education for all levels in a Branch, from the President to the various Committee Chairs, and Community connections which explores ways to establish a better connection with our priests and other organizations within our parishes. We also review the current ways that we are looking at the finances throughout the Federation to be better stewards of our members' money.

As of this writing we have visited several Districts and are on track to be complete with most all of the workshops by the end of the year. During the workshop session we have each Branch set some goals for their Branch over the next several months.

To help monitor and encourage the Branches to work toward their goals, the Deputies are being assigned the task of helping the Strategic Plan Oversight Committee in this endeavor. During the process of creating our Strategic Plan, it became evident how vital our Deputy Program must become for the ongoing success of the Federation. That is why we are in the process of reviewing the current

structure of the Deputy Program, what works and what needs to change to better assist our Branches and correct minor issues before they become a major problem. We will be reviewing several concerns as stated by the Current Deputies such as travel distance for attending meetings, encouraging New Deputies to fill vacant positions or replacing Deputies who have held their positions for a long period of time and need a break. Survey Forms may be sent requesting input for addressing these and other concerns, so please plan to be a part of planning for our future.

**Leonard Zasoski, Jr.**

Chairperson, Deputy Program

#### 2015 CONVENTION IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA !!!

"Glorify The Lord By Your Life."

The Las Vegas Area has been working very hard to give you an enjoyable time at the Convention this year. Your District and Branch Presidents have the flyers for all of these events.

Thursday Evening: The Thursday Night Dinner will be held at Our Lady of Las Vegas. No Host Cocktails at 6:00 P.M. and Dinner at 7:00 P.M. A bus will depart from the Hotel at 5:00 P.M. The menu consists

of Green Salad, Baked Ziti Neapolitan, Chicken Saute Sec, Filo Wrapped Salmon, Italian Pot Roast, Mixed Garden Veggies, Home Baked Rolls, Berries and Cream, Iced Tea, Lemonade and Coffee. The Deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>. \$39.00 per person. Call Jackie Donato at (702) 878-8894.

Friday: We will have our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Blood Drive at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino from 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

The Bocce Tournament will be held at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino. Registration starts at 10:00 A.M. \$18.00 per person for Bocce only. Lunch will be available for purchase at the Hotel. The Deadline is August 14<sup>th</sup>. Call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924.

The Pedro Tournament will be held at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino from 3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. \$15.00 per person, includes refreshments. The Deadline is August 14<sup>th</sup>. Cash Prizes will be given. Call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924. There will also be Pedro Lessons from 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Sunday: We will not be having a Sunday Night event this year. With the Convention being held in Las Vegas this year, there are a variety of restaurants/activities that members may want to enjoy.

Encourage the Delegates and Members going to Convention to attend the Workshops. A variety of Workshops are available.

### CONVENTION RAFFLE!

Don't forget to remind your Branches to sell their raffle tickets. This is a major way for the Branches to offset the cost of sending their Delegate (s) to Convention. It is also a fundraiser to help keep the Convention costs to a minimum. Remember, there are new prizes and a book of 12 tickets is \$20.00 per book or tickets can be purchased at \$2.00 a ticket. The Branches keep \$10.00 per book

and \$10.00 per book is sent to the I.C.F. Office.

### SCHOLARSHIP

Please encourage Districts, Branches and Members to donate to the Second, Third and Fourth Year Scholarship Program. The Deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>

### MEMBERSHIP AS OF 6/30/15 BY DISTRICT:

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/14
<b>Central Coast</b>	<b>1448</b>	<b>+15</b>
Santa Clara Valley	1094	- 91
Fresno	1041	- 19
<b>Santa Rosa</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>+15</b>
<b>Contra Costa</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>+ 3</b>
San Mateo	780	- 51
Los Angeles	577	- 22
Chicago	537	- 50
East Bay	398	- 88
Blessed Sacrament	395	- 53
<b>Stockton</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>+ 5</b>
<b>San Diego</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>+14</b>
San Francisco	272	- 20
Marin	260	- 2
San Gabriel Valley	230	- 10
<b>Santa Barbara/Ventura</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>+12</b>
Orange	120	- 8
<b>Tucson</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>+12</b>
San Fernando Valley	69	- 8
San Bernardino	58	- 22
Reno	47	- 6
Las Vegas	41	- 6

Total membership as of 6/30/15 **10,074**

New Members	881
Reinstated	49
<b>Cancelled/Non Payment</b>	<b>1,055</b>
Deceased	255
<b>Dues Not Paid 6 – 8 months</b>	<b>1,029</b>
<b>Dues Not Paid 9 – 12 months</b>	<b>7</b>

### REMEMBER!

This year's membership drive ended June 30<sup>th</sup>. Encourage Branches to participate in next year's contest.

*Enjoy Your Summer!*