

Branch President's Guidelines

Introduction:

The following guidelines have been developed to assist you in carrying out your duties as President of the Branch. Attached is a yearly schedule of important events and dates when materials are due in the Central Council Office.

In order to begin each year properly, immediately after your Branch's Election of Officers in October, an Officers' Meeting should be scheduled to plan a yearly calendar of Branch activities. Contact the Pastor and discuss any special requests or projects for the Parish that the Branch may undertake. Keep your Pastor informed of your Branch activities, especially those dealing with Apostolate Charity work. (i.e. Branch Communion, Retreats, Masses, etc.) Check with the Parish Secretary about the availability of the Parish hall and facilities.

Upon approval by the membership, copies of the Branch activities calendar should be mailed to each member and to the Pastor so he is aware of the Branch events.

At the November meeting, the President appoints Chairpersons to the following standing committees:

Public Relations, Membership, Heritage, Apostolate/Charity, Scholarship, Other.

Branch Presidents must appoint 2 Delegates and 3 Alternates to attend District Council Meetings. (Note: a Branch President is an automatic Delegate to the District)

OFFICERS' PLANNING MEETING

When all officers have been elected and committees established Officers' Meetings, with the appropriate Committee Chairpersons, should be held monthly or quarterly. These meetings are held prior to the regularly scheduled Branch meeting for the purpose of planning and suggesting the various activities and events sponsored by the branch throughout the year.

Details of the Branch activities such as time, location, ticket price, menu selection, etc. should be discussed in advance. Advanced planning will greatly increase your effectiveness in conducting a Branch meeting, thereby eliminating lengthy discussions of each event. Monthly meetings should be brief, no more than 1 hour if possible, so a program of interest can be presented to the members.

BRANCH CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES

- JANUARY I.C.F. Scholarship Applications sent to Branches from Central Council office.
- Reminder:** Members of the I.C.F. Hospitalization Plan to renew benefits.
- Reminder:** Members to pay yearly dues. Members in arrears of more than 3 months will not receive benefits of Hospitalization plan.
- FEBRUARY **Reminder:** Scholarship Program. All Branch Scholarship Donations due by March 15th. Remember to speak on Gifts of Love, Cooley's Anemia and Providenza as well.
- MARCH Financial Secretary and/or President notifies members who have not yet paid yearly dues.
- Branch Per Capita due upon receipt to Central Council office.
- Scholarship Donations due to Central Council office by March 15th.
- Reminder:** Members to submit names of candidates for I.C.F. Grand President's, Pope John XXIII, Mother Teresa, Family of the Year and Young Adult Leadership Awards. Mail applications to Central Council office by May 1st.
- Reminder:** Proposals to change/delete Branch By-Laws to be discussed and voted on by Branch members. Proposals sent to Central Council office by April 30th.
- APRIL Branch By-Laws Proposals sent to Central Council Office by April 30th.
- Reminder:** Branches to elect Convention Delegates in May.
- Reminder:** Members to submit names of candidates for I.C.F. Grand President's, Pope John XXIII, Mother Teresa, Family of the Year and Young Adult Leadership Awards by May 1st.
- MAY Election of Branch Convention Delegates.
- Applications for Awards sent to Central Council office by May 1st.
- Reminder:** Letters for Branches to be excused from Convention must be sent to the Central Council office by June 30th.
- Reminder:** Branch members to buy/sell Convention Raffle Tickets.
- Reminder:** Mail new membership applications to Central Council office by June 30th.
- JUNE Branch Per Capita due upon receipt to Central Council office.
- Convention Delegates' Registration forms sent to Central Council office by June 30th.
- Letters for Branches to be excused from Convention sent to the Central Council office by June 30th.
- I.C.F. membership drive ends. Applications for new members sent to Central Council office by June 30th.

Convention Souvenir Book ads, Memory Page and Sponsor's List due by July 1st.

Reminder: June 15, 1924 founding of the I.C.F. in San Francisco, CA

Reminder: Apostolate/Charity Summary Report due July 15th.

JULY

Convention Souvenir Book ads, etc. due by July 1st.

Apostolate Charity Report sent to Central Council office by July 15th.

Guest Registration Forms for Convention Banquet sent to Central Council office by July 31st.

Reminder: 2nd, 3rd and 4th Year Scholarship Donations due by August 1st.

Reminder: Send in donations for Cooley's Anemia and Payments for Raffle tickets by August 15th.

AUGUST

Final donations for Cooley's Anemia sent to Central Council office by August 15th.

Review/discuss with members proposed changes to Branch By-Laws.

Mail check for Convention Raffle Tickets to Central Council office by August 15th.

2nd, 3rd and 4th Year Scholarship Donations due by August 1st.

SEPTEMBER

I.C.F. National Convention--Labor Day Weekend.

Convention Fines due to the Central Council General Fund within sixty (60) days of notice from the Central Council Office.

Report of Convention by Delegates.

Branch Liability Insurance Premium due to Central Council upon receipt.

Branch Per Capita due upon receipt to Central Council office.

Encourage sales of I.C.F. Calendar.

Reminder: Election of Branch Officers in October.

OCTOBER

Election of New Branch Officers.

New and Past Branch Officers meet to plan yearly Branch programs.

New President appoints Committee Chairpersons and District Delegates.

Send list of New Branch Officers to Central Council office.

NOVEMBER

New Branch President presents yearly calendar for Branch membership approval, announces Committee Chairpersons and District Delegates and Alternates.

Reminder: Send list of New Branch Officers to Central Council office.

DECEMBER

Branch Per Capita due upon receipt to Central Council office.

Reminder: Financial Secretary to collect yearly dues for new year.