

## **PROPOSED BRANCH BY-LAW CHANGES**

SUBMITTED BY: CENTRAL COUNCIL - Deputy Program

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### **Current By-Law: CHAPTER XI - Elections**

**Article 1- B.** . Also serving as officers but not elected are: (1) The Chaplain, who shall be a priest. If no priest is available, then a permanent deacon or professed religious may be the Chaplain. (2) The Immediate Past President shall serve as an officer in an honorary and advisory position only.

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#### **Rationale:**

To keep Branch Past Presidents involved in the Branch. Many Past Presidents feel that they have no say at the Board Meetings. Also, to follow the guidelines of the Strategic Plan to keep the members involved.

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### **Current By-Law: CHAPTER XIV - General Dispositions**

**Article 7 - A.** - No Branch shall vote to close unless it has notified the Executive Committee of the Central Council in writing four (4) months before the Branch vote. A letter shall be sent from the I.C.F. Office to every member of the Branch indicating the date, time and place of a meeting where a vote will be taken to close the Branch.

#### **Proposed Change:**

**Article 7 - A.** - **No Branch shall vote to close on its own. If a Branch wishes to close, the Branch must write a letter of this intent to the Executive Committee of the Central Council, signed by the President and the Secretary of the Branch, at least one (1) year before any vote to close. At this time, the Executive Committee will appoint a Central Council Member to work with the Branch to resolve the problems and/or challenges facing the Branch and administrate the Branch if necessary.**

#### **Rationale:**

These steps will give the Central Council more time to work with Branches to help them resolve problems and/or challenges and re-organize to move forward.