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District Mentor Newsletter

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A MESSAGE TO ALL MENTORS

Important By-Law Change: Branch Closings

At the 2017 I.C.F. Annual Convention, delegates voted that 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.

The delegates felt that this change was necessary to give the Central Council more time to work with Branches to help them resolve problems and/or challenges and re-organize to move forward.

Recently, a few Branches have voted to close without following the guidelines established by this By-Law. This is unfortunate because it does not allow the I.C.F. to work with such Branches to see if issues and challenges can be overcome. The Central Council truly wants to assist Branches to see if it is possible to keep them alive. Votes to close, taken after the last Convention, by a Branch without following the current By-Laws guidelines, of course, cannot be accepted because we cannot break our established By-Laws.

Please, be sure that Branches adhere to the current By-Laws and please, understand that the I.C.F. Office, staff and Central Council members are here to help.

I appreciate the time and devotion that you give to your Branches, Districts and the I.C.F.

Officer Training Now Available

I.C.F. Officer Training Slides are available on our website in the Members' Area for the following positions: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Sentinel and Orator. You can also follow this link: <http://www.icf.org/membership/>

18th I.C.F. Golf Tournament July 27, 2018

Please ask Branch members to support the annual I.C.F. Golf Tournament, to be held at the Laguna Seca Golf Course in Monterey this year. For a \$170 early bird registration, you get a hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart, a raffle and a banquet. The banquet this year will be a sumptuous Roast New York Strip Dinner prepared by chef extraordinaire Ed Leonard. One can attend the banquet without attending the tournament for only \$50. For more information and the registration form, please see the ad in The Bollettino.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MENTORS 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, Saint Teresa of Calcutta and Young Adult Leadership Awards.
- Remind branches that proposals to change the Branch By-Laws are due in the I.C.F. office by April 30th.
- Encourage members to join the Hospitalization Plan.
- Encourage Branches to start preparing their Apostolate Reports.
- Encourage Branches and members to submit to the I.C.F. Convention Yearbook Program.
- Ask 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.

For more information on these programs and events, please see The Bollettino and I.C.F. website.

CONVENTION 2018 IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Please, assist Branches in sending delegates and members to the Italian Catholic Federation 2018 Convention, August 30 through September 3. This year's theme is "Our Mission of Faith."

Hotel and Travel Highlights

Town and Country Hotel, San Diego, California
Thursday, August 30 – Monday September 3, 2018
Hotel Accommodations

- 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108
- Direct phone: 619-291-7131
- Reservations: (800) 772-8527
- Book online: <https://aws.passkey.com/e/49392116>
- Room Rate: \$129 plus tax single/double occupancy (hotel service fee waived)
- Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, August 7

Note: The I.C.F. group code must be used to ensure we meet our contracted room nights and for you to receive discounted parking and waived resort/service fee.

Reservations are available until sold out or August 7, whichever occurs first. After August 7, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate. Delegates are required to stay from Friday evening – Monday morning.

Transportation

- \$5/night self-parking
- San Diego International Airport – 7 miles
- Amtrak – 5 miles I.C.F. Code: X3H-999 For travel between 08/27 - 09/06, a 10% discount is offered when you call and provide this code. (800) 872-7245

For assistance, contact the I.C.F. Office at
(888) ICF-1924.

Please refer to the Bollettino, I.C.F. website and Facebook page for additional Convention details and reservation forms for activities and dinners.

MEMBERSHIP AS OF 3/31/18 BY DISTRICT

Gain/Loss since
6/30/17

Central Coast	1,347	+ 3
Santa Clara Valley	1,090	- 4
Fresno	922	- 50
Santa Rosa	736	- 35
Contra Costa	731	- 14
San Mateo	605	- 45
Los Angeles	489	- 31
Stockton	434	- 17
Chicago	393	- 32
East Bay	396	0
Blessed Sacrament	350	- 35
San Diego	277	- 25
Santa Barbara/Ventura	246	- 33
Marin	225	- 6
San Gabriel Valley	228	+27
San Francisco	171	- 15
San Bernardino	85	- 3
Orange	109	- 2
Tucson	104	+ 1
San Fernando Valley	54	- 14
Reno	40	- 5

Total membership as of 3/31/18 **9,032**

New members	591
Reinstated	25
Cancelled/Non Payment	808
Deceased	143
Dues not paid 6 – 8 months	3
Dues not paid 9 – 12 months	4

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

***Treat every member
like a first time member!***