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District Mentor Newsletter

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Branch Closing By-Law Change

Dear District and Branch Mentors,

This message bears repeating . . .

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 Current By-Law guidelines, of course, cannot be accepted because we cannot break our established By-Laws.

As Mentors, please help Branches adhere to the Current By-Law and please, understand that the I.C.F. staff and Central Council members are here to help.

If you do not hear back from me, in response to a Mentor Report, please feel free to contact me directly at the phone number or email listed above.

2018 CONVENTION IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Our Mission of Faith+

Highlights

See *The Bollettino* for details

Town and Country Hotel, San Diego, California
Thursday, August 30 - Monday, September 3,
2018.

Thursday Evening: Remembering Frank Sinatra
in Concert with Patrizia, the Sultry Lady of Jazz.
Hosted by the San Diego District.

Friday: Tours of San Diego, Blood Drive, Bingo
& Pedro Tournament.

Sunday Evening: Salute to Swing Dinner/Dance
& Convention Raffle.

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 1st.

The Ways and Means Committee presents the
2019 "Daily Raffle" theme:

"Festas Around the World"

We need your participation.

So how can you help?

Share a special story or anecdote about the FESTA your family enjoyed and the HISTORY of the FESTA.

Share a FAMILY RECIPE that holds a fond memory of the FESTA you think others might enjoy.

Sell! Sell! Sell! The "Daily Raffle" is a great fundraiser for the entire Italian Catholic Federation, since a portion of every sale goes directly to your Branch!

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP

List special family occasions such as Family Birthdays, Anniversaries or Graduations... Branch and District events.

PRICE SCHEDULE

\$10 - one name/event; \$15 - 2 names/events

\$20 - 4 names/events

For further questions, call the I.C.F. office at
(510) 633-9058

MEMBERSHIP AS OF 6/30/18 BY DISTRICT:

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/17
Central Coast	1,344	+ 0
Santa Clara Valley	1,091	- 3
Fresno	916	- 56
Contra Costa	732	- 13
Santa Rosa	676	- 95
San Mateo	573	- 77
Los Angeles	555	+35
Stockton	432	- 19
East Bay	401	+ 5
Chicago	389	- 36
Blessed Sacrament	357	- 28
San Diego	292	- 10
Santa Barbara/Ventura	242	- 37
San Gabriel Valley	227	+26
Marin	222	- 9
San Francisco	173	- 13
Orange	107	- 4
Tucson	98	- 5
San Bernardino	86	- 2
San Fernando Valley	53	- 15
Reno	40	- 5

Total membership as of 6/30/18 **9,006**

New Members	852
Reinstated	39
Cancelled/Non Payment	1,074
Deceased	178
Dues Not Paid 6 – 8 months	1,216
Dues Not Paid 9 – 12 months	5

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- ICF Golf Tournament - July 27
- ICF Cruise Vacation
August 26 through August 30

Enjoy Your Summer!