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## District Mentor Newsletter

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### By-Law Change: Chapter XVI, Article 8

During the 2018 Annual I.C.F. Convention, Delegates voted to approve a By-law change proposed by Roselyne Jarrett, Central Council Life Member. The change comes in Chapter XVI, Article 8, which reads "Any member of the I.C.F. is at liberty to attend the Annual Convention at the member's own expense, with no right to speak or vote during the General Session." The By-law has been changed to read "Any member of the I.C.F. is at liberty to attend the Annual Convention at the member's own expense, with no right to speak or vote during the General Session. **A member who is a Non-Delegate running for Central Council may speak at the General Session when called to give their Candidate's Speech. The Candidate, as a Non-Delegate, does not have the right to a vote.**" (Changes marked in bold.) The rationale behind this change is that the previous By-Law was the only restriction in allowing a Non-Delegate to run for Central Council. The hope is that this addition to Chapter XVI, Article 8, will encourage Non-Delegates to run for the Central Council. The By-Law change goes into effect at the 2019 Central Council Election at the Annual Convention in Arizona.

In your Service, Vince Piro

Each Branch should elect Officers in October. Refer to your Branch By-Laws Book, Chapter XI. **If a Branch has not yet elected officers for the new year, please be sure to assist them in doing so and inform me if there are any problems.** Here are some reminders regarding Elections:

- Each office is nominated and voted on one at a time. Do not let the Branch vote on a "slate" of officers.
- The Nominating Committee nominates a candidate for each office.
- The President must also ask three times for nominations from the floor for each office.
- Nominations do not require a second.
- Contested offices must be voted on immediately by secret ballot before continuing.
- Candidates must be present to be nominated and elected, or a letter declaring their intention to run is acceptable.
- Candidates must be in good standing with their dues.
- New officers assume office on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank all of the officers of the past year for their hard work and dedication to the Branch and the I.C.F.
- Branches are allowed to combine Treasurer and Financial Secretary, and they may elect one to three Trustees.
- If Branches have trouble electing officers, contact me or the Grand President for advice and ideas.

- The new officers should plan a Calendar of Events for the coming year. A Branch Budget for the upcoming year is also recommended.
- Remind Branches to send a list of their new officers to the I.C.F. office by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### I.C.F. CALENDARS

Branches received their allotment of 2019 calendars at the Convention or by mail. This is the time of year that calendars should sell like "Hotcakes." Sell them to friends, business suppliers, family and members of your Church. Be sure to purchase one for your Pastor. They make great Raffle Gifts for your Branch and Stocking Stuffers at Christmas. Remember, the Branch keeps \$5.00 for every Calendar sold.

### WANT TO BE A MENTOR?

District and Branch Mentors are needed. Please ask your Branch and District members to encourage volunteers. It truly is a rewarding experience. Contact Vince Piro for more information.

#### Typical Duties of a Branch Mentor

- Mentor Branch President and other Officers of the Branch.
- Attend Branch Membership Meetings, Branch Executive Meetings, Branch Events and Fundraisers as possible.
- Report from the Central Council to the Branch membership.
- Assist Branch with Strategic Plan goals and activities, such as Annual Membership Drive and Retention.
- Report to the District Mentor monthly (form).
- Attend District Mentor workshops.

- If necessary, contact CC Mentor Program Chair if there are Branch problems.

### IMPORTANT E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If you need to contact Patty Smith for accounting issues her e-mail is [accounting@icf.org](mailto:accounting@icf.org) or if you need to contact Charlene Kramer at the I.C.F. Office her e-mail is [admin@icf.org](mailto:admin@icf.org) or [info@icf.org](mailto:info@icf.org).

### *Bollettino* E-mail Change

The *Bollettino* E-mail Address Has Been Changed! The new e-mail address for ALL *Bollettino* submissions is: [editor@icf.org](mailto:editor@icf.org) All other e-mail addresses being used for *Bollettino* submissions will be terminated on December 31, 2018. We have made this change so that it will be tied directly to the Italian Catholic Federation for a more professional look and better managing of incoming e-mail. All image and article submissions need to be sent in an editable electronic format. Those submissions not sent in an electronic format or those articles sent in the mail will not be used. Finally, a reminder that ALL Branch and District reports need to adhere to word count requirements (no more than 250 words) or they will be shortened or possibly excluded entirely based on editor judgement. Please keep your submission positive and informative. Thank you!

### QUARTERLY MEETING OF MENTOR PROGRAM

**There will be a meeting of the District Mentors - and any Branch Mentors who wish to attend - via phone conference on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.** At this time, we will review the Strategic Plan, your roles as Mentors, and share any successes and challenges you have had as a District or

Branch Mentor. More information will be sent to you via e-mail or USPS soon.

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Encourage Branches to participate in a Membership Drive. Presidents can arrange with their Pastors for time at the Masses to speak about the Italian Catholic Federation. A two minute Mass script is available that really works. After Mass, a table should be set up at the back of the Church with I.C.F. Brochures, Italian cookies and a few members to answer questions. Take down names and then call them to invite them to the next meeting.

You can call Membership Chairperson Pat Mages for assistance and more ideas.

**Wishing you  
God's blessings as the  
end of the year approaches.**



### MEMBERSHIP AS OF 9/30/18 BY DISTRICT

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/18
Central Coast	1,343	- 1
Santa Clara Valley	1,059	- 32
<b>Fresno</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>+ 0</b>
<b>Contra Costa</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>+ 9</b>
Santa Rosa	672	- 4
San Mateo	571	- 2
<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>+ 8</b>
Stockton	417	- 15
East Bay	392	- 9
Chicago	383	- 6
Blessed Sacrament	356	- 1
San Diego	287	- 5
Santa Barbara/Ventura	233	- 9
<b>Marin</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>+ 5</b>
San Gabriel Valley	226	- 1
San Francisco	166	- 7
<b>Orange</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>+ 1</b>
<b>Tucson</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>+ 1</b>
San Bernardino	85	- 1
San Fernando Valley	49	- 4
<b>Reno</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>+ 0</b>

Total membership as of 9/30/18 **8,933**

New members	119
Reinstated	9
<b>Cancelled/Non Payment</b>	<b>156</b>
Deceased	45
<b>Dues not paid 6 – 8 months</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Dues not paid 9 – 12months</b>	<b>497</b>