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District Mentor Newsletter

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Branch Closing By-Law Change a Success

Dear District and Branch Mentors,

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.

I am happy to announce that this By-Law Change has been largely a success. While a couple of Branches have found this one-year notice difficult to comply with and, given the circumstances, the Executive Committee has allowed for earlier closure, **the By-Law Change has been instrumental in saving several Branches.** With plenty of lead time, the Central Council has been able to offer assistance, support and leadership that has prevented closure.

Together, we have been able to find solutions – from moving a Branch to a new parish, to offering leadership assistance and training for new officers – that have prevented these Branches both large and small from closing.

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. **It bears repeating that this Branch By-Law has been largely successful in saving Branches.**

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.

2019 CONVENTION IN TUCSON, ARIZONA

95 YEARS: THE JOURNEY CONTINUES+

Highlights

See *The Bollettino* for details

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2019
NATIONAL CONVENTION TUCSON TRAVEL
HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 29 . SEPTEMBER 2,
2019

Hotel: Hilton El Conquistador Resort
10000 N. Oracle Road, Tucson, Arizona
Reservations: Use group code 'ICF' on the Hilton
website or call (520) 544-5000.

Link:

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/T/TUSHTHH-ICF-20190827/index.jhtml>

Rate: \$95 plus tax single/double occupancy Note: Convention attendees must book using this code for the ICF to receive credit towards our contracted room nights. Rate available until August 15 or sold out. After August 15, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate. Resort fee: \$25 per night will be waived when using our group code before the deadline.

Transportation:

Flights to/from various areas may be faster and more economical via PHX due to layovers. Research fares and ground transportation to determine the best travel option for you. Tucson Airport: 22 miles, 45 minutes Phoenix Airport: 107 miles, 1 hour 45 minutes Tucson Shared Van: Stagecoach Express \$50 each way (520) 889-1000
Tucson Uber/Lyft: Approx. \$35 each way Phoenix Uber/Lyft: Approx. \$140 each way Hertz Rental Car: New ICF discount. Receive up to 30% off year round. CDP# 2173699

Adobe Shuttle - (520) 745-5940 or e-mail at adobetransportation@gmail.com. \$80 round trip or \$45 one way. See the Adobe Shuttle Reservation Form under the Convention Highlights at www.icf.org.

Please notify your branch of your convention attendance. To ensure non-delegates have a name badge prepared, please inform your branch that you are attending the convention. They will include you on the guest list.

For assistance, contact the I.C.F. Office at 1- (888) 423-1924.

Convention updates are visible first on Facebook. Keyword: Italian Catholic Federation. Also look for Convention News in the Bollettino and at www.icf.org.

Thursday Evening: Rodeo Under the Stars with Special Musical Guest Singer/Songwriter Angel Perez. 6:00 P.M. - No-Host Cocktails. 7:00 P.M. - Dinner with Dancing. Price - \$70.00. Arizona Rodeo Buffet.

Friday: Drop-In Bocce - 11 A.M. - 4:00 P.M., Pedro Lessons (Complimentary) 2:00 - 4:00 P.M., Bingo - 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. \$25.00/\$30.00 - after 8/15/19.

Sunday Evening: Dancing in the Desert. 7:00 P.M. - No-Host Bar. 7:30 P.M. - Southwest Buffet and Dancing. \$70.00. 9:30 P.M. - Convention Raffle Drawing.

Encourage the Delegates and Members going to Convention to attend the Workshops. A variety of Workshops are available.

CONVENTION RAFFLE!

Sell!!!! Sell!!!! Sell!!!!

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.

MEMBERSHIP AS OF 6/30/19 BY DISTRICT:

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/18
Central Coast	1,310	- 34
Santa Clara Valley	1,030	- 61
Los Angeles	1,012	- 65
Fresno	870	- 46
Contra Costa	685	- 47
Santa Rosa	649	- 27
San Mateo	516	- 57
Stockton	453	+21
Chicago	370	- 19
East Bay	366	- 35
Blessed Sacrament	358	+ 1
San Diego	256	- 36
Marin	227	+ 5
San Francisco	153	- 20
Orange	104	- 3
Tucson	88	- 10
San Bernardino	63	- 23
Reno	40	+ 0

Total membership as of 6/30/19 **8,550**

New Members	719
Reinstated	30
Cancelled/Non Payment	1,007
Deceased	199
Dues Not Paid 6 – 8 months	963
Dues Not Paid 9 – 12 months	0

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- ICF Golf Tournament - July 26, 2019

Enjoy Your Summer!