

# IN TOUCH

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## District Mentor Newsletter

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### WELCOME

Hello, and Welcome to the District Mentor Newsletter - **IN TOUCH**. My name is Franklyn Lopes, Jr. and I am the Grand 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Italian Catholic Federation. I will be taking over the duties of the Mentor Program. You can contact me at (831) 588-9839 or icfmentor@aol.com.

### BY-LAW CHANGES

During the 2022 Annual I.C.F. Convention, Delegates voted to approve these changes to the By-Laws:

#### Chapter XVI - The Annual Convention

Change - **Article 3-C.** - The delegates to the Annual Convention shall receive from the General and/or Social Fund of their Branch a reasonable expense allowance to cover costs of meals, accommodations and transportation for the Convention days in which delegates participate. The Convention registration fee, which includes **specified meals**, shall be paid in advance by the Branch. **Delegate expenses must be included as an operational expense of the Branch and take precedence over voluntary expenses.** Deviations from these regulations must be the approval of the **Central Council Executive Committee.**

Change - **Article 4** - All Branches are required to send at least the minimum quota of their delegates; otherwise, they are subject to an **assessment of two hundred fifty dollars**

**(\$250.00)** per day per delegate. A Branch, which desires to be excused from the Convention, must receive prior approval of the **Central Council Executive Committee.** When requesting to be excused, a letter stating the reason must be submitted to the I.C.F. Office by June 30<sup>th</sup> of that year's Convention. A Branch that is **assessed** by the **Central Council Executive Committee** shall pay the **assessment** to the I.C.F. General Fund within sixty (60) days of notice from the I.C.F. Office.

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#### Chapter II - Membership

Change - **Article 1** - Applicants for Regular Membership are eligible at age 15 (see Chapter III for Family Membership). Applicants must be Roman Catholics in good standing as determined by the Roman Catholic Church (except the non-Catholic spouse of a Roman Catholic member; **and, for family memberships, non-Catholic children and grandchildren.**)

#### Chapter III - Family Membership

Change - **Article 1** - Applicants for a Family Membership consist of parent(s) or grandparent(s) and all related, **unmarried** children or grandchildren under the age of **23.** The eligible applicants are non-voting members of the Branch until their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. Only applicants paying Full