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A MESSAGE TO ALL MENTORS

2026 Convention:

It is our hope that the Delegates enjoyed the Convention in Reno this year. It was so wonderful to see all the familiar faces and so many New Delegates.

Hopefully, all of the Delegates are renewed and reinvigorated to continue supporting our faithful journey of Faith, Family and Heritage. I would also like to thank those who attended and participated in the various workshops. It is our hope that helpful information will be shared at your local Branches.

Lauren Kilcullen, as Convention Director, did a fabulous job on the Convention and her report and many pictures should be in the October Bollettino.

2026 – 2027 ICF Grand Officers:

Grand President: Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Grand 1st Vice President: Lauren Kilcullen
Grand 2nd Vice President: Lisa Crudo
Grand Secretary: Perry Shurko
Grand Treasurer: Deborah Rodondi
Grand Parliamentarian: Leonard Rossi, K.L.J., M.M.E.
Grand Trustees: Denise Antonowicz (Past Grand President), Bob Basuino and Rosemary Cook-Shaw
Grand Sentinel: Michael Rossi, C.L.J.
Grand Chaplain: Fr. Chris Bennett

2026 Election of Officers:

All Branches should be electing their 2026 Officers in the month of October.

Officer Alternatives:

1. Co-Presidents or each officer takes President for a month.
2. Combining Financial Secretary and Treasurer duties.
3. Having one, two or three Trustees.

Please feel free to contact me, Lauren or Franklyn if you're having issues finding members to fulfill these roles.

REMINDER TO BRANCHES & DISTRICTS

Plan your **2026 Installation of Officers** if you haven't already done so. And, once you do, please call and inform the I.C.F. Office of the date.

MEMBERSHIP AS OF 09/30/26

BY DISTRICT	As of 9/30/26	Gain/Loss since 6/30/26
Central Coast	1,110	- 6
Los Angeles	685	- 14
Santa Clara Valley	641	- 9
Contra Costa	532	+ 16
Fresno	445	+ 0
Blessed Sacrament	423	+ 24
Santa Rosa	412	- 2
San Mateo	303	- 4
Stockton	303	- 1
East Bay	251	+ 0
Marin	197	- 3
Chicago	113	+ 0
San Bernardino	100	- 1
San Diego	99	- 1
Orange	47	+ 0
San Francisco	38	+ 0
Reno	21	+ 1

Total membership as of 9/30/26	5,720
New Members	84
Reinstated	0
Cancelled/Non-Payment	51
Deceased	30
Dues Not Paid 6 – 8 months	3
Dues Not Paid 9 – 12 months	356

IN TOUCH

UPCOMING EVENTS:

San Francisco Italian Heritage Parade - Sunday, October 11th:

The ICF will participate in the Parade with a float. If you're close to San Francisco, we meet near Fisherman's Wharf to decorate the float at 8:00 A.M.

If you don't ride on the float, attend the Parade and cheer for us as we drive by!

Central Council Meeting:

Saturday, October 17th - 11:00 A.M.

Location: St Christopher's Hall

2278 Booksin Avenue, San Jose, CA 95125

Anyone can attend Central Council meetings.

FUNDRAISER:

At the Banquet Table with the Apostles

Please support the ICF by participating in the sale of the "Daily Raffle" calendar. Appoint a chairperson to keep track of sales and remember that the Branch keeps \$5.00 per calendar sold.



BOLLETTINO

The Bollettino E-mail Address is: editor@icf.org.

Friendly reminder to get your articles in by the **10th of the month** for the following month's issue. All image and article submissions need to be sent in an editable electronic format. 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 the editor's judgement.

WANT TO BE A MENTOR?

District and Branch Mentors are needed. Please ask your District and Branch Members to encourage volunteers. It truly is a rewarding experience. Please contact Lisa Crudo for more information.

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.
- Encourage members to join the Hospitalization Program.
- Encourage members to make contributions to the Providenza Seminary Fund, Cooley's Anemia, Gifts of Love and Scholarship Programs. Donation cards are available through the I.C.F. office or make your donation online.
- *Encourage Branches and Members to submit Christmas Ads to the December Bollettino. Deadline: November 10.
- *You can now donate to any of the I.C.F. charitable programs online. Go to icf.org and click on DONATE. ***Note:** Donations of Full 1st Year Scholarships (\$500.00) or Full 2nd, 3rd or 4th Year Scholarships (\$600.00/\$700.00/\$1,000.00) **must be made by check only** and sent to the office.

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