

**Central Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT**  
**Saturday June 10, 2017**  
**Colma, CA**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Grand President Leonard Zasoski.

**Opening Prayer:** led by Theresa Helfand

**Salute to Flag/ICF Pledge:** Salute to the Flag was led by Jerry Delfino. Grand President Leonard Zasoski led the ICF Pledge.

**Roll Call of Officers and CC Members:** Excused: Msgr. Cardelli. Leonard Rossi is leaving at 2:30 PM. Mike Cannady, David Botta and Steve Fuentes left at 4:30 PM.

Central Council Life Members Emeritus and Members Emeritus present: Carmen Kilcullen, Jerry Delfino, Leroy Taddei, Jim Jones, Pat Mages

**Introductions:** Grand President Leonard Zasoski welcomed guests from visiting branches.

**Central Council Meeting Minutes:** Minutes for February 11, 2017 were approved as written.

**Communications**

- Thank you letters for our Providenza Fund Donations from:
  - Mundelein Seminary in Chicago - \$1500
  - Bishop Blaire of Stockton - \$1500
  - ICF for Br. 14's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - \$50
  - ICF in memory of Archbishop Niederauer - \$50
  - ICF for Msgr. Cardelli's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - \$100

**Reports**

***Spiritual Director- Monsignor Daniel Cardelli***

- None

***Grand President – Leonard Zasoski***

- Grand President Leonard Zasoski attended the following events:
  - Feb. 12 – LA Installation
  - Feb. 18 - Tucson Installation/Bishop's Day
  - Feb. 19 – Sacramento Installation
  - Feb. 26 – Fresno Installation
  - March 12 – Stockton Bishop's Day
  - April 1 – Strategic Plan Meeting
  - April 23 – SF Archdiocese Archbishop's Day
  - May 6 – Son's wedding
  - May 13 – Executive meeting
  - June 9 – Finance meeting/Executive meeting
  - Andy Pappani attended Orange Bishop's Day, Chicago Bishop's Day and Br. 215's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Grand President Leonard Zasoski will be attending the following events:

July 28 – Golf tournament  
July 30 – Br. 14's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
August 5 – Night for the Seminarians  
August 6 – Central Coast Bishop's Day

***Grand Treasurer –Deborah Rodondi***

- Deborah Rodondi discussed the budget. As of today, everything is looking relatively good. Line 15 – The Central Council went to dinner on own in February, so no money was collected. Line 20 – Daily raffle will get more money in November. Line 30 – membership has increased costs due to the incentive program. Line 33 – telephone conferencing is higher because we have paid our annual fee.
- Bob Acquistapace asked about line 24 – expansion. Are we going to use all that money? Deborah Rodondi said she's not sure, as it depends on how the committee's progress goes.
- UBS statement – looking good, as there was an upswing in the market. We have \$56,000 in cash. UBS recommended taking \$40,000 and investing in a short-term bond. The report was distributed.

***Deputy Chairperson – Andy Pappani***

- The District deputy meeting will be on June 14. At the meeting, the new deputy reporting sheet will be discussed. Vince Piro and Andy Pappani created a branch update form.
- Andy Pappani reintroduced the statute change on changing the name from Deputy Program to Mentor program. Deborah Rodondi asked about it saying mentor in some parts and “branch mentor” program in some places. Vince Piro said he can correct them. Deborah Rodondi asked about Article 7 – maintains the Catholic Spirit and the By-laws of the ICF. Also, article 8 where it says decisions are to be run through the chairman of the program. Does this bind the hands of the branch mentor? Vince Piro said this was a good point and “through the Mentor Program Chairperson” should be deleted in Article 8. Mike Cannady asked about the rationale about changing the name from Deputy to Mentor. The branches and districts would have to purchase new scarves. Andy Pappani said the deputies have brought this up in workshops throughout the year and at the Convention, last year. Vince Piro thinks that the word “mentor” indicates an attitudinal change that mentor sounds more helpful towards the branches instead of the word deputy. Anne Interrante said the expansion team explains a deputy as being a mentor. Nina Malone said this conversation has been going on for a long time, since Bob Basuino was grand deputy. Dante Galeazzi prefers the word ambassador. Theresa Helfand said that the most important thing is that you are friendly when you go to the branches. Rose Jarrett agrees with Dante Galeazzi that ambassador is a better word. Jim Jones looked up the meaning of deputy – trusted advisor. Grand President Leonard Zasoski said we need to listen to what our membership is saying and they want the name of the program changed. Motion Passed.
- Troubled branches:
  - Br. 38, San Francisco: Andy Pappani met with branch and priest. They will speak at the masses and have a membership drive.
  - Br. 433, Tucson, had a membership drive and signed up 8 people. In October, the secretary will probably become the new president. Priest likes the ICF and wants them.
  - Br. 163, San Mateo. The branch closed. Only 14 people showed up at the meeting to vote. Steve Fuentes thanked Deborah Rodondi, Andy Pappani and Syd Pappani for coming and helping. He has a concern about the transfer of members. Virginia Fuentes worked on getting 70 members transferred. However, due to the computer system, we can't get them officially transferred until the next quarter. This means these members don't have “official” contact for 3 or 4 months. Grand President Leonard Zasoski thanked Virginia Fuentes for her hard work to transfer the members.

- Br. 4, Holy Cross, San Jose – they sent a letter saying they want to close. Andy Pappani is having a meeting this month or next month.
- Br. 169, Ventura. Anne Interrante and Lou and Pat Mages met with the branch and they are going to continue for the rest of the year.
- Br. 118, Montebello – they want to close as soon as their money runs out. The branch has 9 members. Pat Mages said it's a parish that has a lot of Hispanics. The members would join the other branch in Montebello.

## **Committee Reports**

### ***Apostolate & Charity – Nina Malone***

- The Apostolate fund has about \$6900 funds.
- The committee is waiting for the reports to come in and the judging will be in July and August.
- The committee wants to implement Bollettino articles, again.
- The 2018 National Charity: committee recommends Providenza Fund, Cooley's Anemia, and American Cancer Society. Motion Rose Jarrett/Jane Dianda for Cooley's Anemia at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Passed.
- Laurice Levine thanked the Central Council for voting Cooley's Anemia as the 2018 National Charity. She talked to Dr. Coates, this past week. In the past year, they started the Passages program, where Adult providers collaborate with Dr. Coates. This transition program makes CHLA stand out, CHLA launched a newsletter, which Laurice produced. Dec. 1 will be the Holiday Party. Laurice and Dr. Coates want to continue these programs and he wants to have a website. Dr. Coates will be at the Convention. Dante Galeazzi asked if insurance covers Cooley's Anemia. Laurice said that yes, insurance does cover once you hit your maxes. Affordable Care Act does help as it covers chronic illness, such as Cooley's Anemia.

### ***By-Laws & Rituals - Leonard Rossi***

- The revised articles of incorporation will be reviewed by our attorney and then will be submitted to the State of California.
- Convention Proposals:
- Rose Jarrett presented the three proposals from Convention Committee.
  - Future Convention site – Steve Fuentes suggested having a proposal taking the voting on the site away from the delegates. Denise Antonowicz said that we have a better chance for it to pass this year. Deleting the part about bringing forward to the delegates. Will have the proposal from today as an amendment, in case the delegates don't like the new proposal. Voted to allow the proposal to go forward to the Convention delegates.
  - Election of Delegates – Voted to allow the proposal to go forward to the Convention delegates.
  - Non-delegate can only not speak or vote during the general session. Voted to allow the proposal to go forward to the Convention delegates.
- Finance committee. Deborah Rodondi presented:
  - Eliminate the initiation fee and add the dues of the following year if joining after October 1. Voted to allow the proposal to go forward to the Convention delegates.
  - Dues increase of \$1.20 for each year for the next three years. Voted to allow the proposal to go forward to the Convention delegates.
  - Family Membership to change to \$5.00 if they join after July 1. Voted to allow the proposal to go forward to the Convention delegates.
  - Adding 2 articles explaining the hospitalization Plan. Voted to allow the proposal to go forward to the Convention delegates. Change the word "candidate" to "applicant" per Dante in Article 2A

- Deputy Program. Andy Pappani presented
  - Elections Article 1 B – Steve Fuentes said that it is “illegal” as it contradicts itself. Take out “honorary and advisory position” Bob Acquistapace asked if then they would be installed with duties. Andy will change to saying the past president is “ex officio”. Voted to allow the proposal to go forward to the Convention delegates with change.
  - General Dispositions: Steve Fuentes asked why we’re bringing this forward. Article 7 A – add “and administer the branch if necessary” and change “Central Council Officer” to “Central Council Member”. Vince Piro said Steve Fuentes’s suggestion makes it a cleaner motion. Delete 7B and 7C. Voted to allow the proposal to go forward to the Convention delegates with change.
- Grand President Leonard Zasoski p stepped down as chair to discuss the following:
  - Central Council Statutes:
    - Grand president not have to run for election at the Convention(s) he/she is Grand President. Motion made by Leonard Zasoski/Denise Antonowicz. Rose Jarrett asked to hear from past Grand President’s who’ve run during the Convention. Defeated.
    - Grand President will have the option to use Life Emeritus and Member Emeritus as chair people of committees. Motion made by Leonard Zasoski/Rose Jarrett. Carmen Kilcullen asked if the emeritus members could vote on something that comes from the committee if the emeritus members can’t normally vote. Consensus is no. Bob Acquistapace doesn’t like the word “available”. Steve Fuentes said that Emeritus members have talents that could lead the committees better than elected and life members. Dante Galeazzi asked how many committee chairs were difficult to fill with elected and life members? Bob Acquistapace asked would the elected and life members be comfortable with emeritus people as chair people. Vince Piro called for the question. Passed.
  - Central Council elections – Level One and Level Two members. Motion made by Leonard Zasoski/Deborah Rodondi. Vince Piro said there are two issues in the proposal: 1. have two-year terms staggered. 2. Changing Life members to having 5-year term limits and then running again for Central Council. Vince Piro suggested creating two proposals. Deborah Rodondi suggested everyone look at the proposal and develop suggestions for the October meeting. Leonard Zasoski withdrew the motion, but send him information on what should be changed.

***Convention’ Director’s – Roselyne Jarrett***

- All the Convention flyers are on the website, Facebook and in the Bollettino. Rose Jarrett reminded everyone to pay attention to the deadlines. Rose will send out the ballgame tickets in August.
- Rose Jarrett had 5 suites and offered them to Districts, first come, first serve. Los Angeles, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Fresno and Sacramento received the 5 suites. These are not for campaigning.
- The ballots for the 2018 Convention theme and for the award winners were distributed and completed.
- Rose reviewed the Sacramento Convention, briefly.
- Rose will be in touch with San Diego District to see if they want to participate in the Convention and if they want to do something on Sunday.
- She is focusing on 2020 and getting bids from hotels. It has been difficult in getting bids from hotels. Rose reduced the space that we require, such as deleting bocce, blood drive, and Pedro. She re-worked Saturday morning to that workshops would be in the general session room. Once the space was reduced and it’s called a conference instead of convention, she received 40 bids.

Several were too high. Right now, Santa Clara or San Mateo are top contenders. Reno and Las Vegas had good room rates, but too high for food and beverage.

- Award nominees – we still only received one nominee per each category. There are two candidates for St. Theresa of Calcutta Award. Winners: PopeSt. John XXIII Award: Sally Morgan-Welch, Grand President’s Award: Christine Prudenciado, Family of the Year: Pachinger Family, St. Theresa: Fr. Christopher Bennett, Young Adult: Antonio Costa.
- Anne Interrante asked about Young Adult Award to reinstate the 39-year age limit to the award. Motion made by Anne Interrante/Steve Fuentes. Rose Jarrett spoke about keeping it at 35. Vince Piro suggested changing the name of the award. Bob Acquistapace suggested naming it as Thomas Poggi Leadership Award. Rose will look at changing the award name. Motion passed.
- Jane Dianda asked that we not get rid of the Blood Drive.
- The 2018 Theme is: Our Mission of Faith

#### ***Expansion – Anne Interrante***

- The committee is working on 20 parish leads.
- They are also reviewing closed branches, to see if any can be reopened
- Monrovia, Whittier, Newport Beach, Riverside, Moreno Valley, La Quinta, St. Christopher in San Jose. (see exec committee meeting)
- Central Council members are needed to assist in making initial contact at the branches and helping with the formation of a branch.
- The Banners for the new branches started last year will be given at the Convention. The 5 branches that were opened and are attending the convention for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

#### ***Finance Committee – Deborah Rodondi***

- At the February meeting the Finance Committee considered increasing the Public Relations assessment by \$1.20. Right now, the deficit is \$32,000 for the Bollettino. The committee makes the motion to increase the \$2.40 assessment to \$3.60. The total Public Relations will be \$7.20. Mike Rossi asked if this will close the deficit and Deborah Rodondi said no, the committee feels that we should give the members something. The Public Relations committee has been tasked with decreasing costs by \$2500 by the end of 2018 and another \$2500 by the end of 2019. Motion Passed.
- Bank of America checks. Right now, the checking accounts are with UBS, which creates a delay in getting the checks the cleared. Patty needs to send the checks to UBS, which inputs them into our cash account and then it gets transferred to us to write the checks. Bank of America is around the corner from the office and having the checking account there for futures, scholarship awards, etc. will streamline the process. We get no interest from UBS.
- Convention Voucher: Deborah Rodondi presented the voucher. The committee added the Sunday banquet this year. Motion Passed
- Dues payment form. Deborah Rodondi showed a simpler form. One form is monthly and one form is quarterly. The committee makes a motion for the quarterly form to be adoption. Motion Passed.

#### ***Gifts of Love – Teresa Helfand***

- The committee met in the afternoon to review the applicants. There were 22 applicants for a total of \$15,650 distributed. Since it was established, the fund has distributed \$447,753.

#### ***Heritage – Denise Antonowicz***

- So far, the committee has received 4 heritage reports from the entire ICF. Branch reports are due August 1.

- Heritage at the Convention – the committee will have space in the marketplace to sell ICF souvenirs, books, and extra hats. Russ and Louise Vento will run this.
- Parades: Rose, White and Blue in downtown San Jose on July 4, September 9 - Santa Rosalia in Monterey, Oct. 8 – San Francisco Italian Heritage Parade, Dec. 2 - Los Gatos Christmas Parade. October 7 is set-up for the San Francisco parade. We need parade participants for October 8. The float will be on a flatbed truck and will have more of a float design. The truck can fit about 30 people. Each person will have a sign with their heritage on it. Denise wants to have the Pachinger Family participate.

#### ***Hospitalization – Denise Antonowicz***

- As of May 31, the fund has 399 members. In December 2015, the fund totaled \$876,667.36. In December 2016, the fund totaled \$854,519.82. UBS said not to worry. By May 2017 the fund had increased \$24,000 to \$878,898.62. The committee has been advised that 6% of the hospitalization fund can be transferred to the general fund without harming the hospitalization fund.

#### ***Live to Give – Michael Cannady***

- Most of the work for the committee is done by Laurice Levine.
- The Convention Blood Drive will be 9 AM – 3 PM. If you sign up by Aug. 1, you'll receive a \$5 Starbucks Card. There needs to be 40 people sign up.
- At the Convention, the blood donors will be announced. We need donations for goody bags and raffle prizes.

#### ***Membership – Vince Piro***

- The total ICF membership is 9,426 members. We are down 257 members since July 2016. The decline rate is stabilizing somewhat. The \$30 incentive gained us 55 new members.
- Vince Piro discussed possible incentives to give to members. The committee is looking at membership discount cards, entertainment coupon books, give hospitalization free for the first year or scholarships only to children or grandchildren of members.
- The committee will give the membership retention presentation at the convention. The committee wants to focus on retention, next year.

#### ***Public Relations – Lauren Kilcullen***

- The committee met in the morning and discussed ways to decrease costs and/or increase revenues for the Bollettino. The new advertising rates have been implemented.
- The committee also discussed its convention workshop. Aaron Del Monte, web producer, will make a presentation.

#### ***Scholarship – Franklyn Lopes Jr.***

- The committee met on April 22 to judge 1<sup>st</sup> year Scholarships. A total of 301 applications were received. 175 scholarships were awarded.
- Franklyn Lopes, Jr. asked everyone to promote the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year scholarships.
- The committee wants to have a scholarship corner in the Bollettino. Possibly have the 4<sup>th</sup> year winners give a story about themselves.

#### ***Task Force – Vince Piro***

- The Strategic Plan had mixed results. It got us talking about membership more, and changing our leadership structure. In these two areas, the plan was successful.

- Vince Piro discussed the updates for the Strategic Plan. Vince Piro will make the corrections and send out a copy to all the Central Council members. All committee chair people will be asked to submit plans and how they are planning to implement the Strategic Plan.

### ***Ways and Means – Lisa Crudo***

- Participants had a great time on the cruise to Hawaii. 10 people went and \$1200 was made for the ICF.
- For 2018, Lisa is working with Collette travels on a land tour to Britain and Ireland.
- Franklyn Lopes, Jr. oversees bingo at Convention.
- Leonard Rossi oversees the golf tournament at Laguna Seca. July 28. Dinner will be there, also. Lisa Crudo encouraged everyone to try to donate a raffles prizes and/or hole sponsorship.
- Nite of the Seminararians – August 5 at St. Isidore’s in Danville. We will have logo’d wine glasses which will be the ticket. Bob Basuino and Robyn Piro will help with hors d’oeuvres.
- 2018 Daily Raffle Book (calendar) – has received 4 stories and 3 recipes.

### ***Workshop – Andy Pappani***

- Fresno had a workshop on March 18 on deputies and retention.
- East Bay had a workshop on March 27.
- The committee will be asking districts to have a workshop on deputies and retention.

### **Unfinished Business**

- None

### **New Business**

- None

### **Action on Communications**

- Rose Jarrett said that the ICF in Australia invited us to attend their Congress (Convention) in January 2018 and they want to know if want to send someone. Grand President Leonard Zasoski will be talking with Dino Varricchio with the Australia ICF within the next week.

### **Good of the Order**

- Nina Malone said the Sacramento and Stockton Districts are very excited to host the convention.
- Franklyn Lopes, Jr. thanked everyone for prayers for his Dad and Aunt.
- Mike Rossi said congratulations to Msgr. Cardelli on his 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Marlene Farber said that Nadine Caligure is living at Nazareth House (a former Pope John XXIII winner).
- Pat Mages said that her daughter in law’s book’s movie rights have been bought.
- Bob Acquistapace said that his grandson, Ryan, received 3 years of scholarship and will graduate in 4 years. Mary Louise De George of Br. 75 is in ICU at Sutter Hospital (she has since passed away)
- Lou Mages said Inez Montenari from Br. 380 passed away. Funeral was at Los Gatos and Lou contacted Franklyn to have someone say the prayer.
- Nina Malone asked for payers for Laurice and Matt Levine that he will be able to find a job.
- Bob Basuino said Jerry Delfino celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Laurice Levine thanked the ICF for 18 years of love and support. She thanked Grand President Leonard Zasoski for his leadership.

- Rose Jarrett said ICF has helped her career.
- Jim Jones said that they have become great grandparents.
- Elaine and Bob Osorio celebrated their 71st Anniversary.
- Theresa Helfand said Fr. Fanelli asked to send a card to him. Her granddaughter Angela Kidd received an honor award.
- Nathalie Malone asked for prayers for Nina Malone who will have surgery
- Patty Jarrett asked the Membership Committee to send letters again to have branches to have membership drives. She is looking for someone who plays the Italian Horn, please contact her.
- Jerry Delfino congratulated Grand President Leonard Zasoski on his two years of leadership.

**Closing Prayer:** Led by Theresa Helfand.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm by Grand President Leonard Zasoski

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Lauren Kilcullen*  
*Grand Secretary*

- Next Meeting: Convention, Sunday, September 3 after the general session.