



A MESSAGE TO ALL MENTORS

What can you do as a Mentor to help the Federation?

- You can help Branch Presidents and their officers conduct business smoothly and efficiently by offering your support and knowledge.
- Give a Mentor Report and highlight ways that the Branch can support the I.C.F. Strategic Plan. The plan can also be found on the I.C.F. Website under the Membership Area.
- Submit a Branch Report to your District Mentor once a month, or if you are a District Mentor submit your report to me in a timely fashion. You can e-mail them to me at Ltek1965@comcast.net.
- Let me and 1st Grand Vice President Franklyn Lopes, Jr., know of any challenges a Branch is facing asap, such as declining membership, difficulty recruiting officers and problems with their parish.
- A Branch cannot vote to close on its own. Remind Branches that if they are considering closing, they must write a letter of intent to inform the Executive Committee of the Central Council, signed by the Branch President and Secretary before any vote to close. The Executive Committee will then appoint a Central Council Member to work with the Branch to try and resolve the problems or challenges - even administrate the Branch, if necessary . and, hopefully, avoid closure.

WANT TO BE A MENTOR?

District and Branch Mentors are needed. Please ask your District and Branch members to encourage volunteers. Please contact me for more information.

Mentoring is a great skill and can be an enjoyable experience.

Please remember to be a POSITIVE influence and don't forget to send in your reports to me in a timely manner.

REMINDER TO BRANCHES & DISTRICTS

Dues for 2025 are due January 1, 2025. Try an incentive to have your Branch members pay their dues early. Discount to a future dinner is one idea.

Plan your **2025 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. Please remember to invite Central Council members.

MEMBERSHIP AS OF 12/31/24

BY DISTRICT	As of 12/31/24	Gain/Loss since 6/30/24
Central Coast	1,061	+ 20
Los Angeles	754	- 14
Santa Clara Valley	696	+ 16
Fresno	454	- 16
Contra Costa	559	+ 14
Santa Rosa	446	+ 0
Stockton	331	- 5
San Mateo	327	+ 2
Blessed Sacrament	372	+ 7
East Bay	259	- 9
Marin	186	+ 3
Chicago	142	- 6
San Diego	92	+ 2
San Francisco	55	- 6
San Bernardino	114	+ 3
Orange	48	- 2
Reno	23	- 1

Total membership as of 12/31/24 **5,919**
 New Members: 215 Reinstated: 13
Cancelled/Non-Payment: 154 Deceased: 66

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

District Installations:

January 4: Santa Clara Valley District

January 5: Los Angeles Archdiocese District

January 5: Stockton District

January 12: Santa Rosa District

January 18: Central Coast District

January 19: East Bay & Contra Costa Joint Installation

February 8: San Mateo District

February 23: Fresno District

2025 CONVENTION:

The Convention Committee and the Fresno District are already working on plans for the 2025 Convention in Visalia. Please read my article in the December Bollettino with more information.

The **Convention Committee** will soon be asking that the Branches start early to submit names for the 5 awards to be given out at Convention: Pope Saint John XXIII, Grand President's, Family of the Year, Saint Teresa of Calcutta and Young Adult Leadership Awards.

When you receive the application forms, please read them completely. The Central Council needs all the required material for the packet to be complete.

The Deadline to submit nominations for all the Awards is **April 1, 2025**.

Submit a Convention By-Laws Proposal: Review the current By-Laws and if there's something your Branch would like to change, please submit a By-Laws proposal to vote on at the Convention. The deadline to submit By-Laws proposals is April 1, 2025. Comments from the 2024 Convention included the lack of proposals on which to vote. Most By-Laws proposals come from the Branches. Please review the By-Laws!

Convention Yearbook Submissions Reminder: The **Deadline for Submissions is July 1**. The materials for the Convention Yearbook are part of the documents, for the Quarter ending 12/31/24, that are now available on the Website in the Officers' Portal. Please make sure that you point this out to the Districts and Branches, so that we can all meet this deadline.

BOLLETTINO

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

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 excluded entirely based on the editor's judgement.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MENTORS TO SPEAK ON AT BRANCH MEETINGS

- Membership Retention and Payment of Dues.
- Make sure that a list of the newly elected District/Branch Officers is sent to the I.C.F. office.
- Make sure each Branch has a published yearly calendar of events that has been given to every member and encourage each President to have Chairpersons for all Branch Committees.
- Encourage all Branch members to attend the District Installation of Officers. Insist that all Officers, or a Representative, attend the District Installation of Officers' Ceremony.
- Encourage Members to join the Hospitalization Program.
- Information on our Scholarship Program has been mailed to all the high schools where the Federation is located. Encourage Branches to contribute at least one full scholarship if they have the means. Partial scholarship donations are also accepted and encouraged. Encourage members who have children or grandchildren who are high school seniors and meet the criteria to apply. **April 1st is the deadline for donations and applications.**
- Encourage Branches to increase donations to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Year. The need is great for our advanced Scholarship Program.

Happy New Year!