

# UNDER THE LAMP POST



Pro Deo Pro Patria

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## GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### Grand President's Message:

Greetings to my friends and Brothers, from San Jose Council #2.

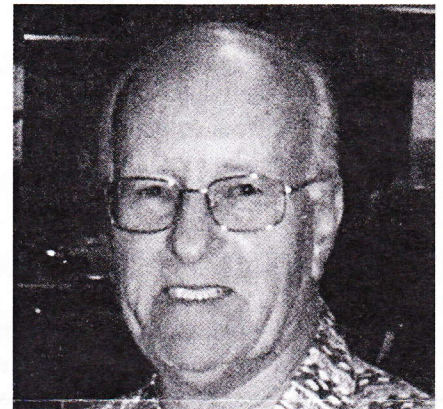
I am so proud and pleased to say that to you. I hope all of you are equally proud to be a member of your Council. Proud of your Brothers. Proud of being a Catholic. Proud of being a follower of our Lord and Savior who gives us such wonderful gifts.

Some of the other joys I have experienced so far this year and I hope to remember for a long

time, started with the invitation to attend the YLI Opening Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. My wife, Tomi, and I were quite in awe of that marvelous celebration. To see and hear such beauty, such devotion, brings joy and pride swelling through your whole being. These ladies are such an inspiration, it was like Christmas in June, such a gift. I told them at the breakfast that followed that they were great role models. I feel we could learn from them also.

Meeting other members at the "Official Visits" has been special also, especially those that I personally have admired for a long time. Many of our past great members have gone on to their just rewards, and still their presence can be felt when we are in their old surroundings. Ghosts of past pleasures I presume. Anyway, those are the makings of a desire to emulate, and also share with others, in the hopes of carrying on this great tradition of YMI. And I can see that in younger members who are now at the helm of some of our Councils, and who will be successful for years to come. You can see them at Church, at the Council happenings and at the picnics, BBQs, the Bocce Ball tournaments, and also at the Italian Heritage Parade (even if the car you are riding in breaks down and you have to walk!).

Many of the visits have been done. In November we had Chowchilla #94 who hosted Madera #60, Dos Palos #99 and Bakersfield #100. Then it was



off to Stockton #5 who hosted Tracy #92, Manteca #88 and Our Lady of the Pines #137. I love these inter-Council events because you can see and feel the camaraderie when these groups start talking together. It is truly a joy. Also I want to thank the District Deputy Grand Presidents for the work they put into making these visits possible. Great job all of you. Also in late November, it was off to Indiana. Nice and cold. More to come later on this trip.

These trips are a great time for me to try to compel our Brothers to share their great organizations with others. To reach out to other groups in their community, offer mutual aid, and hope to make our gifts work for the betterment of us all. Be proud, be kind, and be a  
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friend and role model others will be glad to associate with.  
That and prayer will lead to success.

Speaking of success, the "Essay Contest" is available right now. In your recent Journal and on the web at ymiusa.org you can download the entry form. You need to encourage students (Catholic, in any school) to participate. Surely you know a few good kids who may be future winners, don't you? Just get on with it. The deadline is January 15, 2013 to submit the essays. You also know that the raffle ticket sales support the Essay Contest, don't you? So when you get them in the mail (you have them now), remember we are counting on you, so do support the kids and purchase the tickets if you can. You can also sell them to others. You may be a winner too!

Anyway, there is still much to do, you have a very Merry Christmas, a happy and healthy New Year too! May all your troubles be little ones and your pleasures be great.

After New Years, the YMI will for the first time, join in the "Walk for Life" on January 26, 2012 in San Francisco. If you are interested in participating, you can contact me at 1-408-802-2958. Or if you prefer, Brother David Zarri at 925-686-9277, who is more knowledgeable.

Have you heard? God answers "knee-mail", so pray for our service people who are serving their country all over the world, our leaders here at home and for the YMI and each other. The need is great, the rewards are greater...

Frank Hepburn, #2, Grand President

# Welcome

## NEW MEMBERS

<u>Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Council</u>
William Strong	Mike Bellmessieri	32
Michael Osborn	Peter Magrini	40
John Bugbee	John King	40
Raymond Mutter	Thomas Giacomini	137
John Luppino	Al Didero	613

November 1, 2012

**YOUNG MEN'S  
INSTITUTE**



**RED AND WHITE MASS  
March 2, 2013**

Immaculate Conception Church  
2889 N.Buhach Road  
Atwater, CA. 95340

Dear Brothers;

Please plan on attending our 129<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Young Men's Institute by attending our Red & White Mass on Saturday, March 2, 2013, at the Immaculate Conception Church 2889 N.Buhach Road in Atwater, CA. Mass will begin at 5:00 pm

One half hour before Mass, (4:30pm) we will carry on with our traditional procession with all members in attendance; by carrying our banners and placing them near the altar. If you do not have a Council banner, you may use your Council's charter. Our traditional presentation of Red Carnations honoring our deceased Brothers and White Carnations honoring our current and future Brothers will accompany the Roll Call of Councils. Councils that cannot attend due to distance, please choose a fellow YMI Brother to present carnations in front of the altar to honor your Council members.

After Mass, We will gather in St. Anthony Hall 1799 Winton Way for a Catered Dinner.

**Menu:**

Tri-Tip, Boneless Barbecued Chicken Breasts, Green Salad with 2 Dressings, Seasoned Green Beans, Parsiled Potatoes, Rolls and Butter, Cake. Dinner will be served buffet style and prepared by Gary's Custom Barbecuing and Catering.

**Cost per person \$20.00**

After dinner, the Pro Patria committee will give all in attendance, one more opportunity before the drawing, to purchase raffle tickets supporting the Pro Patria Essay Contest.

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***Red and White Reservation Form***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Council # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Will your council be participating in the banner procession at Mass?  Yes  No

Number Attending Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 per person      Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: YMI Council #80**

**Mail before February 22, 2013 to:**

Luther Evans  
Red & White Mass Reservations  
PO Box 959  
Atwater, CA 95301-4254

Phone Number: (209) 357-3401  
email: scentdogs@ymail.com



## “On A Roll” To Another Championship



On September 29th, YMI St. John Bosco Council #613 hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual YMI Bocce Ball Tournament at Orange Park in South San Francisco. Under cool but comfortable weather conditions, a record number of 66 bocce players competed in this year's tournament. Those Brothers participating represented 6 YMI Councils (#1, #2, #32, #40, #54 & #613) led by our Grand President Frank Hepburn #2 and the 1st Lady Tomie Hepburn.

As with past bocce tournaments, sixteen teams alternated rolling bocce balls with the goal of coming closest to a small white ball called a “pallino”. Points were scored by the team with bocce balls closest to the pallino and the first team reaching 12 points was declared the winner. Each team was guaranteed at least two games in a double elimination tournament format.

Those who attended witnessed many exciting and competitive bocce games. As midday approached, the sixteen team field shrank as teams were eliminated after their second loss. At the end of the day, two teams remained.....the two-time past champion “On A Roll” team (Br. Dominic Franco #32, Br. Norm Faria #32, Br. Danny Marcucci #32 and Hondo DeAlba) and a combo council team called "Team Mosta" (Angelo & Donna Dimech representing #613, Ron Ennis #1, and Rick Ochsenhirt #32)

The championship match was quite exciting with many impressive shots. Although Team Mosta won the first game, they needed to defeat On a Roll twice as Council #32's squad had gone undefeated the whole day. Alas this task proved too difficult, and On a Roll began to pull away scoring point after point. With the victory, Council #32 continued its bocce dynasty with its fifth consecutive championship!

Other bocce teams deserving honorable mention include:



- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Council #613's “Sangiovese” (Br. Bob Fiorito, Br. Kevin Soracco, Br. Mike Amato (GS), Br. Mike Dimech (GD).
- 4th Place - Council #32's "No Name Team" (Br. George Terry (GD), Mark Schwery, Glenn Williams, Mike Madrid)
- 5th Place - Council #613's "Team Gunn" (Br. Bill Gunn, Br. Will Gunn, April Gunn. Also Br. Frank Weber #1)
- 6th Place - Council #40 "Holy Rollers" (Br. Corbin & Gerri Goin, Br. Ron & Julie Misasi)

All bocce ball players received commemorative blue YMI bocce ball shirts and many beverages available with Council # 32 supplying hot coffee and donuts in the morning, Council #613 serving a delicious BBQ lunch featuring cheeseburgers, hot dogs and baked beans, and Council #40 providing tasty cookies for the afternoon. Most importantly, the bocce players reported enjoying a great time of friendly competition and brotherhood. Many thanks to Br. Mike Dimech (GD) #613, Br. Mike Amato (GS) #613, and the many brothers of St John Bosco Council #613 for organizing and running the event.



## MEMBERSHIP

### Do Men Know Your Council Exists?

**B**rothers, in the last issue I asked everyone to reacquaint themselves with the reasons as to why the Young Men's Institute was founded. I then asked for everyone to think about what your Council is doing to meet those goals.

By meeting the goals of the YMI, every Council, no matter its size, should be known to all Catholic men and women in the parish, not to mention the parish priests. However, the truth is that many YMI Councils operate in the dark, so to speak, known only to their members. Our goal this year is for Catholic men to seek us out and join the "Brotherhood" rather than us chasing them down and asking them to join a group they know nothing or little about.

How does a Council become known? Well, the easiest way is to do something to get noticed, and the best place to do that is in your parish and community. There are many ways to get "noticed", and doing so doesn't involve a big project. A number of small things combined can equal one big involved activity, and those small things spread out over the course of the year can improve membership. Whereas, the big project comes and goes and is quickly forgotten by potential new members, small things during the year are remembered.

So, what are a few of those small things? An example would be having all of the Council Brothers wear their membership pin on a shirt collar Sunday mornings. Over the course of the year, people notice. Designate a person in the Council to make sure meeting days and times are printed in the parish bulletin, or simply have an announcement before or after Mass on the Sunday before the meeting. Potential Brothers can't find you if they don't know when and where you meet.

Think about small parish service projects, and by that I mean activities that all members of the parish can afford and be interested in. Here are a few ideas that have worked for various Councils. Sponsor a "Donut Sunday" once in awhile, especially if your parish

doesn't have one. If money is a concern, simply ask for a donation. You'll be surprised at what happens. If your parish is small, try an occasional Sunday Breakfast, again ask for a donation rather than charge a fixed price. That way every parishioner can come, and a good breakfast along with good company is a selling point for the YMI. The same is true for an inexpensive parish dinner. The idea isn't to make a lot of money, but rather to offer a service to the parish and community. Lenten soup suppers are fairly easy to do. Pick a day, after an evening "Stations of the Cross" works well. The Council provides two kinds of homemade soup, bread, and water to drink. Remember, its Lent. Ask for a donation, and donate any profit to the parish food bank or other worthy cause. I'm sure your Council Brothers can come up with even more ways to be noticed without involving a lot of work.

If your Council is already doing activities like those that I have mentioned, then congratulations. You are well on the way to sustaining and growing your membership. If you or your Council have any other ideas that can help recruit members, then please share them with Grand Council, and they in turn will pass your ideas on to all the Councils.

When people see us fulfilling our motto, "Pro Deo—Pro Patria, by helping our Church and community, they say, "I want to find out about those guys. They seem to be having a lot of fun". As many of us know, wives give the elbow in the ribs and say, "You should join that group".

If you want to have people join you, then, you need to let people know who you are, what you do, and when and where you meet.

Pro Deo, Pro Patria

Philip M. Fondale #137



## Charles J. Elliott #1, PGP

It is with great sadness that the Grand Council Office announces the death of Charles J. Elliott #1, Past Grand President. Brother Chuck passed away late in the afternoon on Wednesday, November 21, 2012. He died at home with his wife and family in attendance. Brother Chuck joined the YMI in 1974 as a loyal member of San Francisco Council #1. He served and continued to serve as an officer in his Council for many years. He was elected as a Grand Director in 1983 and served until 1987 in that capacity. He was Chairman of the Board from 1984-1985. He was elected Grand Second Vice President at the Grand Council Session held in Santa Nella in 1987. He was appointed Grand First Vice President in December of 1987 and elected to a full term in that position at the 1988 Grand Council Session held in San Jose. In 1989 he was chosen as Grand President in Oakland and presided at the Grand Council Session in Hilo, Hawaii in 1990. In addition to being a member of San Francisco Council #1, he never let anyone forget he was an honorary member of South San Francisco Council #32. He attended every Grand Council Session up until last year, he was a member of the YMI Educational Foundation for a number of years and he was always there to help each and every YMI Brother. He and his wife were very community minded and both served in many other organizations locally. The family home address is 524 Valverde Drive, South San Francisco, California 94080. May he rest in peace.

## Educational Foundation Memorials

**Edward Arruda:** Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family

**Elisebeth Ginty:** Ed and Adele Cullinane

**John Larrabure:** Marie Bettencourt

**Fay Lanzafame:** Salvatore and Eleanor Enea

**John G. Lopes:** Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family

**John J. Medeiros:** Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family

**Leonel Mendonca:** Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Drumonde, Holy Rosary Council #44

**Gerald Moore:** American Council #8

**Joan Mullen:** Salvatore and Eleanor Enea, James and Helen Mullen

**Violet Perry:** Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family

**Mary Pirozzoli:** Frank Pignati

**Edward Remedios:** South San Francisco Council #32

**Marie Sevieri:** Frank Pignati

**Edward L. Silva:** Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family

**Rosemary Silva:** Charles and Arline Elliott, Salvatore and Eleanor Enea, Esther Pratt, James and Helen Mullen, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Drumonde, Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family

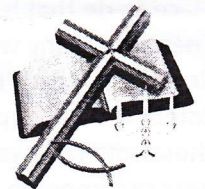
**Father Jack Stawasz:** James and Helen Mullen

**Victor Wagner:** Charles and Arline Elliott

**Get well Bill Katona:** Ed and Dan Cullinane

**In honor of Frank Pignati's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday:** Robert and Arlene Fife

**In honor of Charles Elliott's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday:** Frank Pignati



All YMI Brothers, family members and friends are thanked for their generous contributions to the Educational Foundation. We also acknowledge everyone's minimum donation of \$10 towards the requested Mass.

# BREAKING NEWS!!!.....YMI WINS 1ST PLACE IN THE PARADE'S ANTIQUE CAR DIVISION FOR THE 2ND CONSECUTIVE YEAR!



## YMI CELEBRATES ITALIAN HERITAGE

The YMI participated in the 144th Italian Heritage Columbus Day Parade on October 7, 2012 in San Francisco's North Beach. Through a partnership between YMI St John Bosco Council #613 and the San Francisco Model -A Ford Auto Club again, the YMI made another impressive appearance in the parade riding in six exquisite antique cars from the late 1920's and early 1930's, as well as a beautiful 1951 yellow Mercury.

Leading our YMI contingent this year was **Grand President Frank Hepburn #2** and his wife **Tomie**. Br. Frank wore his green YMI #2 jacket and his green YMI hat and complimented it with a red shirt, while Tomie appropriately adorned a wardrobe of Italian colors. Br. Frank and Tomie rode proudly in the 1951 Mercury around the wharf area, as thousands of people cheered. Unfortunately, their Mercury overheated and the car had to pull out of the parade. Nonetheless, Br. Frank and Tomie took to foot and both reported having a great time.

Our YMI contingent also featured the **Grand Secretary Mike Amato #613** riding in a 1929 Model A Ford, with a banner provided by his YMI #613 Brothers recognizing his **2012 Man of the Year Award**. In addition, **Reverend Armand Oliveri**, the 93-year old Chaplain of YMI #613, rode in a 1934 Ford Phaton. Fr. Armand has presided faithfully as a priest in North Beach for most of his sixty plus years of service to God. Several other YMI #613 officers rode in the parade as well, including **Brothers Cosmo Amato, Bob Fiorito, Joe Soracco and Ryan Casey**.

The antique cars were adorned with big signs prominently bearing the YMI name and logo. In addition, the cars were decorated with American and Italian flags, as well as red, green and white balloons. As we rode through Fisherman's Wharf and up Columbus Avenue into North Beach, we were elated to see many friendly faces in the crowd cheering us, including **Grand Marshal Richard Burke #5**.

As we earned a first place award in the parade's Antique Car category in 2011, we are hopeful that we will continue to be recognized for our stylish parade presence. Special thanks to **Brother Bob Fiorito #613** for helping organize our involvement in the parade.

### In Memoriam

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Council</i>
Jerome A. Dotterweich	05-04-2012	497
John Rothgerber	05-29-2012	497
Tony J. Sproviero	03-05-2012	93
John P. Larrabure PGO	08-12-2012	10/900
Michael Anthony	07-10-2012	59
Robert Langston	08-25-2012	16
George R. Souza	09-20-2012	84
Edward Silva	08-16-2012	573

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## 128<sup>TH</sup> GRAND COUNCIL SESSION



JUNE 17-19-2013

SILVER LEGACY HOTEL - RENO, NEVADA



The Grand Council Session Committee has made all the necessary confirmed arrangements for the next Grand Council Session and you don't want to miss out on any of the fun!!!! The hotel is now accepting room reservations..**just call 1-800-687-8733 and give the group code of YMI2013** and you will get your rooms for \$59 per night plus tax.

Brother Frank Hepburn promises an exciting three days with beautiful Masses at Immaculate Conception Church in Sparks (you should remember this parish up on the hill overlooking the valley), the rodeo in Reno that weekend, your hotel in the middle of Virginia Street in downtown Reno, internally connected to Circus Circus and the El Dorado, wonderful food and entertainment, not to mention great fraternalism among the YMI and their families....what more could you ask for....everyone is invited to share these three days. Call now. You don't have to be a delegate to attend, the more the merrier.

**Entry  
Deadline:  
March 29,  
2013**

### **YMI Grand Council Annual Bowling Tournament Sunday, April 7, 2013**

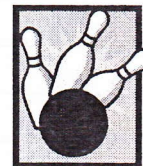
Pacific Avenue Bowl  
5939 Pacific Avenue, Stockton CA  
(209) 477-0267

- \$48.00 for a five man team,
  - Shoes and ball included
- Multiple Council Teams Welcome!
- Family and friends are also welcome to bowl.

***Special Note:***  
Post Tournament  
Spaghetti Dinner  
sponsored by  
Stockton Council #5  
at Casa  
Manana...make  
reservations by  
contacting Br.  
Richard Burke  
(925) 642-1002 or  
Br. Ron Hansen  
(209) 982-5893

If you have any questions, please contact the Bowling Chairman, Br. Mike Sanzeri at (925) 324-7403. Please send checks and team rosters to:

Br. John West, PGP  
P. O. Box 2918  
Castro Valley, CA 94546





## **YMI and the History of SEEDS.....did you know that:**

In 2003, Bishop Stephen Blaire of the Stockton Diocese invited the Young Men's Institute to help establish an independent, nonprofit organization to support his commitment to providing the opportunity for Catholic education to as many children as possible in the Diocese of Stockton. Under the leadership of the Young Men's Institute (represented by Brothers Tom Fourie, Jerry DeGroot, Dan Casteline and Jim Mullen) SEEDS was established to plant Catholic education in the lives of less fortunate students.

Since the 2004-05 school year, SEEDS awarded scholarships to 1,206 students totaling \$1,063,600.00. The Bishop's Awards Dinner, the Christmas Card solicitations and Church for Tomorrow are the focus for fundraising.

In addition SEEDS accepts donations of any monetary value.

The YMI understands the importance of a Catholic education. Keep up the good work SEEDS.

## **GRAND COUNCIL – YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE**

### **MAN OF THE YEAR 2012-2013**

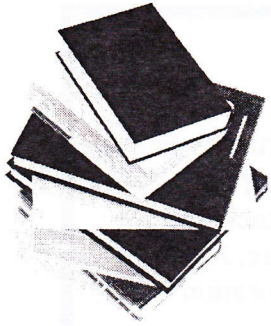
The 2012-2013 Man of the Year Grand Council Committee has met and is now accepting nominations for the 2013 Grand Council Man of the Year. Any member, group of Brothers, or YMI Council can submit a nomination(s). Criteria to be considered:

- *Council Activities (Fraternalism)*
- *Service to the Parish (Faith)*
- *Service to the Community (Patriotism)*
- *Grand Council Activities*
- *Any character references for the nominee would be appreciated*

Please submit your nomination with supporting documentation by April 1, 2013. Please send to:

Brother Pete Padron #88, PGP  
1455 Trailwood Avenue  
Manteca, CA 95336  
209-824-2474





# YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

## MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM

(2012-2013)

Once again, the YMI Educational Foundation is proud to announce our Matching Funds Program for 2012-2013. The intent of this program is to enhance and support YMI Councils which have viable student scholarship programs in existence or are planning to have one during this school year.

All YMI Councils are encouraged to participate in this beneficial educational program. A cherished hallmark of the YMI has been to provide for the continued education of our young people.

Each Council may request any amount up to \$500 in Matching Funds. Upon approval of the submitted request, the Educational Foundation will in turn write a check of any amount not to exceed \$1000 to the educational institution selected or the Council scholarship program as designated by the requesting Council. The requesting Council's general membership must vote for the request of Matching Funds during a regular business meeting, prior to submitting the Matching Funds Application which will be mailed to each Council's Recording Secretary in January 2013.

To participate in this program a Council must be participating or planning to participate in a scholarship program during this school year. A description of this participation is required on the application form (see page 11 of this issue of the Journal) that must be completed, submitted and postmarked not later than **April 1, 2013**. Barring a special circumstance request, Matching Fund checks will all be issued and mailed on **April 30, 2013**.

Yours for God and Country,

**Jeff Tassej**

Educational Foundation Director



### ***A Special Thank You.....***

Dear YMI Grand Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to be entered into your Essay Contest. I was so excited to hear I placed 5<sup>th</sup> of all the applicants.

With great appreciation,

Madisyn Chinn  
Holy Rosary Elementary School  
Antioch, CA

**YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE  
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION  
MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM APPLICATION  
(2012-2013)**

1. Name and number of requesting Council: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Description of your Council's scholarship program. Please submit a written plan describing what the scholarship program consists of and how the money will be distributed.
3. Amount of Matching Funds requested (maximum amount per each Council is \$500.00): \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date of General Membership vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of votes: \_\_\_\_\_ YES  
\_\_\_\_\_ NO
5. Signature of Council President: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Signature of Executive Committee Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_
7. The recipient of the Matching Funds Check: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Where Matching Funds check is to be mailed:  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Submit completed application form and requesting Council check payable to:

YMI Educational Foundation  
P. O. Box 281047  
San Francisco, CA 94128-1047

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED AND  
POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2013. ALL  
CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED ON APRIL 30, 2013.**