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GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Organizational Committee/Membership: The Young Men's Institute shall remain a "Fraternal Order of Catholic Men"; without exception. Our Constitution is very clear and outlines acceptable Catholic Men as candidates for membership. As most of you know, this issue has been discussed at length over this past year. The Organizational Committee concluded that numerous Councils have established a "Friendship Mailing List" in order to inform YMI supporters of their upcoming Council socials and events. The practice of mailing Council flyers to

non-Catholic supporters has been in practice for a long time, including running newspaper ads in local newspapers soliciting the general public to attend our YMI socials and fund raisers. This practice is in full compliance of our Constitution and By-Laws.

As a Catholic Organization, the integrity of our Constitution and our By-Laws must be preserved and observed inorder to maintain a "Strong Catholic Fraternal Organization". Our membership and number of Councils may have dwindled over the past years, however, our principles as a Catholic Fraternal Order, faithful to our Church and teaching of Christ has stood fast since 1883. From time to time, change must take place to preserve our Catholic Order through social and economic change, and how we manage our Order to meet our membership needs. Such changes are made through the YMI By-Laws, Article IV; Section 16, Titled "State of the Institute Committee". The Organization Committee submitted seven possible changes to the YMI By-Laws which will be outlined in the 127th Grand Council Advance Proceedings; which will be voted upon by your Council Delegates at our 127th Grand Session. Please have your Council Members read the Advance Proceedings and discuss to determine how you

want your delegates to vote at the Grand Session.



Official Visits: I would like to thank all of the Councils that I visited during my term of office. I was always welcomed like a Brother and I always felt at home during my visits. I would like to thank Brothers Joe Languemi DDGP, John West PGP, Frank Hepburn GFVP, and Richard Burke, our Grand Marshal, for their dedication and as my traveling companions. My obligations as Grand President could not have been completed without the support of my wife Mary. My wife Mary has always supported and encouraged me in all of my endeavors throughout our fifty years of marriage. Without her support. I could not have fulfilled my obligation of office. My wife and I traveled together during some of my official visits, which included Bakersfield, Southern California District. and Hawaii.

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My wife always enjoyed the Fraternalism of our YMI Brothers and the friendship that was displayed by their wives. Again, I have to recognize and thank Brother Joe Languemi and his wife Pat for accompanying Mary and I while we traveled around the State visiting Councils, which included the State of Hawaii. Brother Joe displayed his dedication as District Deputy of Alameda County by traveling from his new home located in Las Vegas, Nevada in order to visit all of the Active Councils in Alameda County.

I appreciate and thank our Business Manager, Brother Tom Fourie, for his support along with our Board of Directors and our Grand Treasurer, Brother Jack Albrecht. Brother Jack and I traveled together to Ripon, California many times to attend the Board of Directors Meetings, thank you Brother Jack for being one of my traveling partners during my term of office. I would also like to thank our Grand Chaplain, Father Agnel for his prayers and words of encouragement, dating back to his very first YMI Mass and homily.

For God and Country

Brother John Musgrove, GP



Breaking News.....

Pro Patria Essay Contest packets will be returned to the sponsoring Councils on or before May 15, 2012. The packets will contain student entry forms, the essays, individual student certificates of participation and checks for the winners. A complete list of winners and the 1st place essays will be published in the next Institute Journal.

YMI Celebrates 129th Anniversary

The YMI celebrated its 129th Anniversary at its annual Red & White Mass & Banquet on March 3rd. Organized by Br. Joe Reza (Grand 2nd Vice President) of Bakersfield Council #100, this year's Red & White event was held at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Hilmar, California in a cooperative arrangement with Holy Rosary Council #44 to minimize travel for many YMI Councils.

As is the tradition, the Red & White Mass featured a procession of banners from the various YMI Councils and a presentation of carnations (red to honor deceased YMI members and white to honor current and future YMI brothers). This year, fifteen Councils proudly participated. Fr. Agnel De Heredia, Our Grand Chaplain, presided at the Mass. Afterwards, a fabulous dinner featuring BBQ tritips and various side dishes were served, cooked by our renowned YMI chef Br. Manuel Drumonde PGP of Council #44. The evening concluded with the annual YMI Raffle, which benefits students by providing funding support for the YMI's Essay Contest. This year's raffle was chaired by Br. Frank Hepburn (Grand First Vice President) of San Jose Council #2.

The YMI thanks Br. Reza for all his efforts in organizing a terrific celebration. In turn, Br. Reza conveyed heartfelt thanks to Br. Drumonde and the many YMI Brothers that pitched-in with much needed help to allow all to enjoy a great time!



Thomas E. Pratt, PGP

On January 19, 1954 Thomas E. Pratt joined the Young Men's Institute as a member of Santa Clara Council #84. For his first ten years as a member, he served his Council well as an officer. In 1962, Brother Pratt was elected as a Grand Director for the Grand Council and served his two year term. In 1964 he became the Grand Second Vice President followed by Grand First Vice President a year later. He had to take an absence from Grand Council activities for a few years, but came back in 1969 as the Grand Second Vice President, Grand First Vice President in 1970 and Grand President in 1971 presiding at the Grand Council Session in Oakland, California in 1971. Brother Pratt was very instrumental in assisting with travel plans when the Grand Council held its meetings out of the state of California. In 2000, Brother Pratt transferred his membership to Francis Council #573 in Hilo, Hawaii. He and his wife Esther eventually returned to their home state of Indiana. The family home is located at 1750 W. Porter Avenue, Chesterton, IN 46304. Services were held in Indiana and later in Hawaii. May he rest in peace.

The Young Men's Institute Seaside ~ Monterey Bay, CA 127th Grand Council Session Embassy Suites Hotel

Timeline of Events

There is something for everyone, please come and join us!!!!!



1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Registration in Embassy Suites Lobby
4:00 p.m. – Opening Mass and Remembrance Ceremony
San Carlos Cathedral – "The Royal Presidio Chapel"
500 Church Street, Monterey, CA
(Five minutes drive from hotel)
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Cocktail Party hosted by Embassy Suites
Atrium Lobby

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

6:00 ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ Breakfast served in Atrium Lobby
Provided by Hotel (included in room rate)
9:00 ~ 9:30 a.m. ~ Registration in Embassy Suites Lobby
10:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ Session Begins ~ Laguna Grande Room
12:00 p.m. ~ Delegates Lunch ~ Laguna Grande Room
5:30 ~ 7:30 p.m. ~ Hosted Cocktail Party by Embassy Suites ~ Atrium Lobby



6:00 ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ Breakfast served in Atrium Lobby Provided by Hotel (included in room rate) NO SESSION TODAY

Attendees are free to enjoy the Monterey Peninsula Area on their own
Have a great enjoyable and relaxing day!!!

5:30 ~ 7:30 p.m. ~ Hosted Cocktail Party by Embassy Suites ~ Atrium Lobby

Thursday, June 21, 2012

6:00 ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ Breakfast served in Atrium Lobby
Provided by Hotel (included in room rate)

10:00 a.m. ~ 2:30 p.m. ~ Session Continues ~ Laguna Grande Room
12:00 p.m. ~ Delegates Lunch ~ Laguna Grande Room
4:00 p.m. ~ Celebration Mass with Installation of Grand Council Officers
San Carlos Cathedral ~ "The Royal Presidio Chapel"
5:30 p.m. ~ 7:30 p.m. ~ Hosted Cocktail Party by Embassy Suites ~ Atrium Lobby
7:30 p.m. ~ Grand Banquet ~ El Camino & Del Mar Rooms

Friday, June 22, 2012

6:00 a.m. ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ Breakfast served in Atrium Lobby Provided by Hotel (included in room rate)

Thank you for coming - have a safe trip home.









127th Grand Council Session of the Young Men's Institute Embassy Suites Hotel, Seaside ~ Monterey Bay, CA June 18-22, 2012 Registration Form

Member's Name:	Council #:_	Tel. #
Address:	City:	State: Zip:
Names of all other Guests:	******	****
Participating as a Delegate (check DeputyPast Grand President	_Alternate	nd Council OfficerDistrict n - \$20 Total:\$
Event Reservations:		
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REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE IN THE GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE NO LATER THAN MAY 20, 2012. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO YMI GRAND COUNCIL. NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 1, 2012.

STATE OF THE INSTITUTE 2012

Brothers,

The following seven proposals for changes to the Grand Council By-Laws will be presented on the floor of the 127th Grand Council Convention this June. All Brothers and in particular, all voting delegates, should review these proposals prior to the secret ballot vote.

Brother Bob Bartoli #32, JPGP Committee Chairman



Proposal #1 Relating to: Grand President Article III, Section 1a

Existing language:

Rewrite:

Section 1a: Grand President: At the outset of his term in office, after consulting with the Grand Vice Presidents, arrange a list of dates for official visits by himself and the Grand Vice Presidents. Each year on a rotating system, the Grand President, Grand First Vice President, and the Grand Second Vice President will visit one-third of the Councils and/or Districts in California, with individual visits to Councils in Hawaii, Indiana, and any future Councils formed outside of California during their term of office......

Rationale:

This Article is biased against our Brothers in Southern California, Hawaii, Indiana – and any future Brothers residing outside the San Francisco Bay Area and California Central Valley. Brothers from these areas are effectively barred from seeking higher office given the logistics and distances involved fulfilling this requirement. Furthermore, this Article is biased against Brothers up to their mid 50's who are still raising families. Again, the distances and logistics involved in meeting this stipulation prevent many from moving through the Chair Offices. The result of this Article leaves retired Brothers in the San Francisco Bay Area and California Central Valley as the only Brothers fully capable of meeting this requirement and diminishes the pool of potential Candidates for the Chair Offices.

Proposal #2 Relating to: Duties of Grand Officers Article III, Section 7

Existing Language:

Section 7: The Board shall provide for a suitable office for the Grand Secretary.

Rewrite:

Since the provision of an office for the Grand Secretary is no longer necessary in today's YMI, we suggest that the one sentence be removed from the By-Laws altogether.

Rationale:

In Article III, Section 7, the Board of Grand Directors are required "to provide a suitable office for the Grand Secretary." Although the YMI provided the Grand Secretary an office in its history, it has not been an operational practice for many years for the YMI to provide such an office. While the requirement can be interpreted improperly by outside government authorities to suggest that the YMI Grand Council owns property and/or that the YMI has provided a benefit to its Grand Secretary. In either case, there could be tax implications.

Proposal #3: Delegates to Grand Council Article I, Section 1

Existing Language:

Section 1: Delegates Number: Councils shall be entitled to elect Delegates to Grand Council in accordance with their respective net membership as shown by their Semi-Annual Report to Grand Council for the term preceding the Session, excluding Honorary Members from the count. A Council organized following the closing date for Semi-Annual Reports shall have its representation based on its net membership on the date that Grand Council convenes. Councils shall be entitled to Delegates as follows:

75 or less Members	2 Delegates	
76 to 150 Members	3 Delegates	
151 to 225 Members	4 Delegates	
226 to 300 Members	5 Delegates	
301 to 375 Members	6 Delegates	
376 to 450 Members	7 Delegates	

Rewrite:

50 or less Members	2 Delegates	
51 to 100 Members	3 Delegates	
. 101 to 150 Members	4 Delegates	
151 to 225 Members	5 Delegates	
226 to 300 Members	6 Delegates	
301 & Over Members	7 Delegates	

Rationale:

The number of active Councils and our YMI Membership has declined over the years contributing to fewer members attending our Grand Sessions. Adjusting the number of delegates corresponds with our current number of active Councils and membership, allowing greater Grand Session participation.

Proposal #4, Grand Council Fees and Expenses Article I, Section 11

Existing Language:

Section 11: Grand Council Fees and Expenses: Each Delegate, Grand Officer, Past Grand President, and District Deputy Grand President, upon registering with the Credentials Committee, shall pay a registration fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00). The fees so collected shall be used to defray the expenses of conducting Grand Council Sessions. In addition, to further help defray the expenses and entertainment of the Grand Council Session, the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall be appropriated from the funds of Grand Council and ordered paid by the Board of Grand Directors prior to the convening of Grand Council.

Rewrite:

Section 11: Grand Council Fees and Expenses: Each Council Delegate, Grand Officer, Past Grand President, and District Deputy Grand President, upon registering with the Credentials Committee, shall pay a registration fee of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) as authorized annually by the Board of Directors. The fees so collected shall be used to defray the expenses of conducting Grand Council Sessions. In addition, to further help defray the expenses and entertainment of the Grand Council Session, the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall be appropriated from the funds of Grand Council and ordered paid by the Board of Grand Directors prior to the convening of Grand Council.

Rationale:

The \$20 registration fee has been around for decades. While the fee has been frozen at \$20, expenses incurred to conduct Grand Council Sessions have been continually increasing over the many years. These expenses include providing furniture and electronic equipment (microphones) for the sessions, as well as water, communication and other conference services. Because the fee does not adequately cover increasing Grand Council Session expenses, we have been utilizing declining level of cash reserves to cover the difference. Continued reliance on reserves is not sustainable over the long-term.

Proposal #5, Election of Grand Officers Article II, Section 1

Existing Language:

Section 1: Eligibility for Office: Only members of Grand Council who have been members of the Order for five (5) years or more and who have served at least one term as an Officer in a Council shall be eligible to any elective office in Grand Council, with the exception that members of Grand Council who have been members of the Order for two (2) years or more shall be eligible for the office of Grand Marshal, Grand Inside Sentinel, or Grand Outside Sentinel.

Rewrite:

Section 1: Eligibility for Office: Only members of the Grand Council who have been members of the Order for three (3) years or more and who have served at least one term as an officer in a Council shall be eligible for (to) any elective office in Grand Council, with the exception that members Grand Council who have been members of the Order for two (2) years or more shall be eligible for the offices of the Grand Marshall, Grand Inside Sentinel and Grand Outside Sentinel.

Rational:

The By-laws in Article II, Section 1 requires certain Grand Offices to be held by members who have been members of the Order for at least 5 years. While this eligibility requirement for office may have been prudent years ago when the organization had robust membership levels, membership has steadily waned over the years. Finding Brothers today to seek Grand Office positions is now more difficult than ever. Moreover, having a 5-year minimal requirement limits the eligibility pool.

Proposal #6, Duties of Grand Officers Article III, Section 1(c)

Existing Language:

Section 1 (c) Appoint a Grand Organist and a Legal Advisor.

Rewrite:

Given the Article III, Section 1(c) is unnecessary, we suggest removing it altogether from the By-Laws

Rationale:

The By-Laws in Article III, Section 1 (c) state that the Grand President shall "appoint a Grand Organist and a Legal Advisor". This provision in the By-Laws relative to the Grand Organist is out-of-date and unnecessary. Past Grand

Presidents over the past decade have not appointed Grand Organists and there is no rationale why the current and future Grand President shall appoint a Grand Organist. With regard to the Legal Advisor, we note the presence of redundancy in the By-Laws and that a more complete discussion of our Legal Advisor role is already covered in Article II. Section 8.

Proposal #7, Organization, Suspension, and Dissolution of Councils Article VII

Existing Language:

The Article remains the same with the addition of the word Membership in its title, a new Section 1 and all other Sections renumbered.

Rewrite: (Add the following as the new Section 1)

Section 1 MEMBERSHIP: Organization membership shall be divided into the following categories:

- (a) An Associate Member Applicant is age forty-five (45) or above at the time he commences YMI membership. Said member is entitled to Educational Foundation Benefits but not entitled to the Grand Council Death Benefit.
- (b) Honorary Members are limited to Catholic priests, seminarians and members of religious communities (i.e. deacons, brothers, etc.) Said member shall be exempt from all Grand Council dues and assessment and is not entitled to Grand Council Death Benefit of Educational Foundation Benefits.
- (c) Junior YMI Members are limited to young men between the ages of 13-23, who are either full-time students or active in military service, as verified by the respective Councils. Such members shall be exempt from all Grand Council dues and assessments, but are similarly not entitled to the Grand Council Death Benefit nor the Educational Foundation Benefits. At age 24, said member will convert to Benefit Membership status and be eligible for the Grand Council Death Benefit and Educational Foundation Benefits.

Rationale:

The YMI Grand Council By-Laws make several references to terms such as "Benefit Members" and "Associate Members" (see Articles V, VI and VII). However, the By-Laws do not define such terms, so it is not clear what are the distinguishing elements of these two categories of membership. Moreover no definition is provided for Honorary Members, which is another category of membership. We should correct these omissions.

Although not specifically covered by the By-Laws, membership literature indicates that anyone under 45 is considered a Benefit Member. Additionally, the literature says you must be age 17 to join (although there is no reference to this age in the By-Laws). Since the assessment of Benefit Members is more costly than for Associate Members, we end up charging younger men higher dues to be part of the YMI. As students and those in the military are often earning low-income levels, our current practice provides a financial disincentive for young people to follow in the footsteps of their fathers, grandfathers and uncles in joining the YMI. Moreover, most students see little value in the Death Benefit program that distinguishes membership. We should set forth a Junior YMI category of membership to encourage young people to join the YMI and not suffer a financial hardship. With direct exposure to the YMI at an earlier age, we might enhance membership growth and deal with the looming concern on whether the YMI's next generation will have adequate numbers to carry on to reach our bicentennial celebration.

YMI Slow Pitch Softball Tournament

Brother Richard Burke #5, GM is attempting to add one more sport to the YMI athletic menu. He is organizing a Slow Pitch Softball Tournament for Saturday, August 25, 2012 at Antioch Memorial Park Field in Antioch, California. He is looking to have five teams of YMI Brothers and their friends play in a novice atmosphere. The entry cost is \$75 per team to cover all the expenses. If your Council wishes to participate, please contact Br. Burke at 925-642-1002 before June 25, 2012.

YMI Aces 2012 Golf Tourney

The YMI held its Annual Golf Tourney on April 15th at the magnificent Manteca Municipal Golf Course. Under very pleasant weather conditions, 43 golfers from seven YMI Councils (#1, #2, #5, #80, #88, #137 & #613) battled sand traps and water hazards to enjoy a spectacular day of golf.

Many teams played very well and posted under-par team scores in a best ball team format. After all the score were tallied, St. John Bosco Council #613 claimed bragging rights for 2012 earning awards for:

- Lowest Gross Score of 67 (5 under par) Brothers Rich Rosemont, Leandro Fernando, Stefano Fernando and Joey Werblun.
- Lowest Net Score of 53 Brothers Michael Infusino, Matt Walsh, Doug Black and Mike Amato.
- Longest Drive Br. Matt Walsh (launched approximately 280 yards!)

In addition, Stockton Council #5's Br. Chuck Artozqui earned the closest to the hole award with an amazing shot that was just 19 feet 2 inches from the pin. St. Christopher Council #80 deserves honorable mention for finishing 5 under par too, but losing the tie-breaker competition.

After the tournament, the YMI golfers were refreshed with cold beverages and a delicious grilled chicken and rice dinner. After exchanging stories of spectacular shots and near birdies, the event chairperson Br. Leo DeGroot unveiled a new YMI golf trophy and presented it to Council #613. The trophy featuring a Santa Claus looking golfer will be held by #613 until next year, when all Councils will meet again in Manteca to compete for the trophy ala the Stanley Cup. Many thanks to Br. Leo DeGroot of Manteca Council #88 for chairing a very successful tournament.

Educational Foundation Memorials

Edward Cladinor: South San Francisco Council #32 Cindy Tucker Muleachy: Mr. & Mrs. Edward Cullinane

Howard Murphy: Marie Bettencourt

John "Jack" Nealon: Charles and Arline Elliott

Thomas Pratt: James and Helen Mullen, Richard and Gloria Guaraldi, Charles and Beverly Ferreira, Salvatore and Eleanor Enea, Manuel and Celeste Drumonde, James and Janet Souza.

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.

NEW MEMBERS

Member	Sponsor	Council
Sergui Cristobal	Angnel Vera	40
Gerald McCormick	Kyle Desederi	40
Vincent Canelo	Steve May	40
Rafael Rivero	Steve May	40

San Jose Council #2
is Honored to Promote the Candidacy of
Brother Frank Hepburn



for Grand President

Brother Joseph Reza

for Grand First Vice President

Vote for Brother Joe

Vote for Brother Joe

Vote for Brother Joe

Now you know, Brother Joe

Sponsored by the Brothers of Bakersfield Council #100

Brother Luther Evans For Grand Second Vice President



Unanimously supported by the Brothers of St. Christopher Council #80

BROTHER MICHAEL AMATO
ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY FOR
GRAND SECRETARY



Nominated by the Brothers of St. John Bosco Council #613

San Francisco Council #1
Announces Its Support For
Brother Jack Albrecht



Grand Treasurer

Stockton Council #5
Extends Its Support For
Brother Richard Burke



As Grand Marshal

Education Foundation's Matching Funds - A Grand Success

Twenty-three Councils participated in this year's Matching Funds Program, an all time record. The following Councils are putting their efforts in the education of our young people: South San Francisco #32, St. John Bosco #613, San Jose #2, Our Lady of the Pines #137, St. Columba #94, Manteca #88, Dos Palos #99, St. Christopher #80, St. Augustine #497, San Francisco #1, Bakersfield #100, Santa Rosa #40, Santa Clara #84, Francis #573, Sebastopol #54, Stockton #5, Holy Rosary #44, Father Luis Jayme #65, Gustine #93, Sadoc #59, Madera #60, Gonzaga #612 and Hayward #76. Way to go YMI!!!!

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Due Date: <u>July 31, 2012</u> ~ Please submit articles, pictures, etc. to YMI Business Manager: YMIUS@aol.com