

UNDER THE LAMP POST



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GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



challenged to analyze and evaluate our current organizational structure. Their focus will begin with leadership roles, terms of office and how to improve our network of communications throughout the YMI.

Due to scheduling problems and the holidays, the committee met for the first time on January 4, 2012 to discuss our current membership environment and proposed changes. A wide range of questions was raised regarding the possibility of extending the Grand President's and the Chairman of the Board's term of office from one year to a two year term. A major obstacle associated with this issue is the ability to engage members to accept a two year commitment based on our membership environment. Various opinions were given on the issue of leadership roles and how to improve communications throughout the YMI. After a lengthy and diverse discussion, members of the committee recognized that our Grand Council By-Laws are outdated and will become part of the committee's task to evaluate and update.

Members of the committee were assigned to submit their thoughts and concerns regarding this project to the Grand President, on or before January 31, 2012.



When the information is received and compiled by the Grand President, a committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss positive and negative principles for change based on our current membership environment. The committee should be able to formulate a clear definition and scope for this project and within manageable parameters during our next meeting. As you can see, the agility of the committee to move forward quickly is not possible due to the project's complexity and concern for our YMI Membership's availability

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Our 2011 Fall edition of "Under the Lamp Post" addressed a number of issues regarding membership and the need for change based on our current membership environment and the number of active and inactive Councils. As you recall, these issues were presented to the Board of Directors on September 20, 2011. The presentation resulted in the formation of a committee which is overseen by the Grand President and Grand First Vice President. Members of the committee are responsible and

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and willingness to get involved with the Grand Council.

Last year, the 126th YMI Grand Session was open without a Brother running for Grand Second Vice President. We were very fortunate that Brother Joe Reza from Bakersfield Council # 100 stepped up to the plate to fill this position. Let's not make this a trend. Filling Grand Council's positions and having a membership that gets involved is essential for the success of our Order and to continue all our good works.

My official visits are near completion: While visiting Councils, I have learned that good works and service to our Church is well and alive. Councils and members that are involved have raised funds for their parishes, parish schools and for various charities located within their communities. Serving the less fortunate and elderly was also a central theme of service. Involved and active Council members worked hard to raise funds and by collecting food for those who are less fortunate. Indeed, it was a heartfelt experience to see and learn what an active and involved membership can accomplish for the service of others.

Again, I would like to thank Brothers John West, PGP, Frank Hepburn, GFVP and Joe Languemi, DDGP for accompanying me during my official visits. I would also like to thank Brother Chuck Gullo from San Jose Council # 2 for traveling with our official group to Indiana, which included Brother Frank Hepburn, GFVP and Brother Tom Fourie, PGP and Business Manager for the YMI.

I cannot forget the dedication of our Grand Marshal, Brother Richard Burke who has made most of the official visits in California. He had surgery involving the removal of his toes on one foot. Much to my amazement, he was back on his feet in short order and participated in Grand Council activities and meetings. I visited Brother Richard in the hospital and again, much to my amazement; he was visiting other patients and cheering them up with a big smile. God Bless Brother Richard.

For God and Country
Brother John Musgrove, GP

Grand President John Musgrove

Of The Young Men's Institute

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night

If you have any questions about these arrangements, please call the Grand
Council Office

Registration packets with daily schedules will be sent to all Council Secretaries
by April 15, 2012



The Value of a Catholic Education

(The following speech was delivered by Grand President John Musgrove to the student body of Seton Catholic High School in Richmond, Indiana during his Official Visit)

Good Morning,

First of all, I would like to thank your parents for their love and sacrifice that they have shown you by sending you to a Catholic School. As most of you realize, your education and the development of your moral character begins at home. Secondly, I would like you to thank your teachers for their dedication and hard work. Your teachers have your best interest at heart.

Your parents and teachers bring the value of a Catholic Education to life.....by jointly working together....guiding your steps in the future....as young men and women, that value the dignity of human life by following the teaching of Christ through Holy Mother - the Catholic Church.

Yes indeed, you have learned how to read and write as well as how to solve math problems and you have explored various academic disciplines. As Catholic students, you will out perform and exceed in college. This is because of your teachers and parents who have worked together in order to give you the best opportunities to succeed and to become good citizens.

As parents, we send our children off to school and encourage them to read and write, help with their history lessons and assist them in solving math problems. As most of you know, that's only a small part of your education. However, "the most important human endeavor is the striving for morality in our actions. Our inner balance and even our very existence depend on it. Only morality in our actions can give beauty and dignity to life". My son Sean, emailed me this quote from Albert Einstein less than a year ago.

Sean graduated from Bishop O'Dowd High School in 1986. In his email, he thanked my wife and me for his *Catholic Education* and for learning the values of morality through his parents and his Catholic up-bringing.

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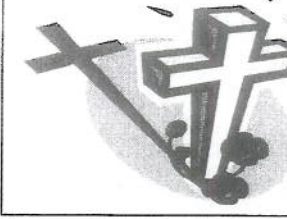
That to me is the most important. As Christians, our values are found through the teachings of Christ and the Gospels. Living according to our Faith takes courage, and sets an example that **Defines Who We Are**. We are Catholics that practice the teaching of Christ and we are Proud to be Catholics.

Taking a phrase from an old friend, Father John, "We need to Aspire to Inspire before we Expire". Let us continue in the practice of our Faith and focus on good works – which defines who we are – followers of Christ that gives beauty and dignity to all life. These values will carry you through life, in good times and the tough times. Your education is priceless....thank your parents and teachers.

Thank you for your attention.



Educational Foundation Memorials

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- Andy Aiello:* Charles and Beverly Ferreira
Ruth Beckner: Marie Bettencourt
Richard Bettencourt: Joseph and Patricia Languemi
Tony Cabral: Holy Rosary Council #44
Humberto and Julia DaSilva: Kelly and Nisa Cox
Amby Galli: South San Francisco Council #32
Lois Giusto: Richard and Gloria Guaraldi
Jim Hieger: Richard and Gloria Guaraldi, Gonzaga Council #612, Larry and Rosemary Silva
Peter Maffei: South San Francisco Council #32
Jerry McNally: Gonzaga Council #612
Amelia Mendonca: Ann Medeiros
Edward Oldham: Charles and Arline Elliott, Shirley and John O'Donnell, Frank Pignati, Hal and June Boyd
Jerome Rocha: Holy Rosary Council #44
Walter Santilli: Frank Pignati
Darla Serrao: Jimmy and Janet Souza, Walter and Christine Azevedo
David Silva: Holy Rosary Council #44
Dorothy Jean Solina: Hal and June Boyd, Frank Pignati
Paul Frank Strazzullo: Frank Pignati
Tom Ternullo: Frank Pignati
Thelma Vigil: Hal and June Boyd
Congratulations on the marriage of Robert Burke and Rosanna Burke: Richard Burke
Confirmation of Robert Aaron Burke: Richard Burke
In honor of the support from Robert and Marion O'Donnell to San Francisco #1: San Francisco Council #1
In honor of the support of Raymond Allara to San Francisco #1: San Francisco Council #1
Doctors and Nurses of Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek, California: Richard Burke
Get Well Warren Johnstone: 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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

To all of my fellow YMI Brothers:

I want to thank all of you who took a little time to put forth the effort to keep your Council's membership growing and active. You brought in a new Member!!! Remember my Brothers, this is OUR YMI!! All of us have the responsibility of staying involved! Let us make our Councils more successful just by asking prospective new members to join our ranks.

If you wish to establish a membership drive for your Council, the Grand Council Membership Committee is more than willing to come to your Council and assist you. You will need to have all of your information packages together and ready to hand out to prospective members. They should explain your Council activities and the benefits of being a YMI member. We will do our best to help you and make your membership drive a success. It all starts with being involved. We have a lot to offer. Remember to include the two Foundations (Educational and Seminarian) and the good work they provide our young people and future priests.

All members are encouraged to work on these two Foundations as part of being involved in the YMI. Both Foundations elect directors each year during the June Grand Council Session. All members are encouraged to send memorials to the Education Foundation for Masses to be said by our Grand Chaplain, Father Agnel de Heredia. Congratulations and get well wishes can also be included. The Seminarian Educational Foundation will also gladly accept contributions in a similar manner.

The Grand Council also has many activities which you can offer to your new members. Red and White Mass, Remembrance Ceremonies, bocce ball, bowling, golf, Council scholarships, matching funds, essay contests for 7-12 graders, and many more.

Add this to the activities of your own Council and you should have quite a package of interesting and worthwhile reasons to join the YMI.

So please keep on asking Catholic men to join. This is our YMI and we all need to stay involved. It cannot fall on the backs of a few members or just a few Councils. How about hosting a dinner and inviting other nearby YMI Councils to come and join you and bring a new member. Fraternalism has always been a strong part of the YMI. It all starts and ends with each one of us. If you have any questions feel free to call me or my co-chairman, Br. Manuel Drumonde. We will gladly assist you. Yours for God and Country,

Br. John West #32, PGP
(510) 305-1144

Br. Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP
(209) 988-3656



NEW MEMBERS

| <i>Member</i> | <i>Sponsor</i> | <i>Council</i> |
|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Frank Bardella | Val Aggio | 54 |
| Peter Magrini | Gary Vice | 40 |
| Philip Zizzo | Peter Pasini | 2 |
| Aaron Reinke | Larry Andreatta | 32 |
| Paul Christopher | William Gunn | 613 |
| Bob Specchiadi | Dan Palermo | 2 |
| Douglas Hendricks | Darrell Fonseca | 99 |
| Lindo Paul DeMartini | Joseph Basuino | 613 |
| Andrew P. Spyrow | Art Jimenez | 613 |
| Grant C. Young | Michael Amato | 613 |
| Michael Ryan O'Donohue | Tom Fourie & Brian Dunbar | 32 |
| Kevin Spielman | Billy Avery | 80 |
| Robert Robinson | William Wall | 80 |
| Frank Cardenas | Herman Alfonso | 80 |
| Jose Tovar | Herman Alfonso | 80 |
| Joseph Basuino | Cosmo Amato | 613 |



An Irish Blessing

A sunbeam to warm you,
Good luck to charm you.
A sheltering angel,
So nothing can harm you,
Laughter to cheer you,
Faithful friends near you,
And whenever you pray,
Heaven to hear you.

IN MEMORIAM



| <i>Member</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Council</i> |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Victor F. Amenta | 11-02-2011 | 613 |
| Raymond Montanya | 12-01-2011 | 32 |
| Paul J. Vavuris | 09-09-2011 | 613 |
| Frank E. Campi | 10-07-2011 | 613 |
| Michael Cogliandro | 11-27-2011 | 2 |
| Nick J. Carboni | 11-16-2011 | 2 |
| Roland J. McNally | 11-08-2011 | 612 |
| Harvey L. DeMello PGO | 08-27-2011 | 573 |
| Amby Galli, Jr. | 11-07-2011 | 32 |
| James J. Greco | 10-07-2011 | 16 |
| Rev. James Pratt, SM | 12-01-2011 | 1 |
| Robert Whitten Sr. | 12-01-2011 | 497 |
| Richard C. Prima Sr. | 11-01-2011 | 5 |
| James C. Carrigan | 10-16-2011 | 54 |
| Henry Matteri | 11-06-2011 | 40 |
| Norman F. Silveria | 09-14-2011 | 13 |
| David V. Capello | 04-28-2011 | 573 |
| Sclavo J. DiVita | 2011 | 84 |
| Conrad Darios | 2011 | 80 |
| Nick A. Cappelluti | 09-24-2011 | 60 |
| William H. Ogle | 10-20-2011 | 60 |
| Lorino Tordini, PGO | 09-07-2011 | 60 |
| Peter W. Maffei | 12-25-2011 | 32 |
| Francis J. Matarrese | 09-01-2011 | 614 |
| Carlo M. Ambrosini | 01-26-2012 | 40 |
| Jerome Rocha | 11-14-2011 | 44 |
| Edward W. Oldham PGD | 12-2011 | 1 |

YMI BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT DATE ANNOUNCED!!!!!!



Saturday, September 29, 2012 will be the day for all Bocce Ball Teams to assemble at Orange Avenue Park in South San Francisco for this annual display of bocce ball skill. Registration forms will be coming later, but there is no time like the present to get your team together and begin to practice both your throwing skills and your team strategy. Grand Director Michael Dimech and his fellow members from St. John Bosco #613 will again be directing the activities on that day.

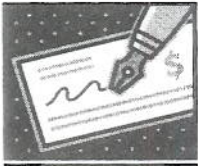
Seminarian Educational Foundation Board of Directors

Each year a few good men are needed to volunteer their time as members of the Seminarian Education Foundation Board of Directors. There are twelve elected directors on the Board. Every year at the Grand Council Session in June, four new Directors for the Foundation are elected to serve a three year term. The responsibilities of a Director are to be present for quarterly Board meetings each year, interact with Vocation Directors in the dioceses where the YMI has an active presence, and help solicit funding for the Foundation to continue its mission of aiding seminarians with their tuition and other expenses connected with their studies. To be eligible for candidacy as a Director, a Brother must be in good standing with his Council and submit a letter of intention to the Foundation to have his name placed on the ballot....this year, elections will take place in Monterey/Seaside, California.

Your letter of intention can be mailed to the following address by June 1, 2012:

YMI Seminarian Foundation Board of Directors
P. O. Box 281047
San Francisco, CA 94128-1047

Thank you,
Brother John West
Foundation President



RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SEMINARIAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR REMEMBERING OUR FUTURE
PRIESTS!!!**

Get Well Wishes to Larry and Rosemary Silva, Chuck Elliott and Larry Andreatta from John West

In memory of Angelo Pappas from Ed and Adele Cullinane

In memory of Maria Padron from Pete Padron

THANK YOU

In memory of Roland Tedesco and Nicolae Tanase from Joe and Pat Languemi

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Keep your Beneficiary Lists Up To Date – All Council Secretaries are reminded to keep their Benefit Member's beneficiary information as current as possible. Changes are made daily by the members and it helps to have accurate data when called for. Thanks – the Grand Council Office.

Council Newsletters

Hats off and Congratulations to those Brothers who write, edit, publish and send out their respective Council Newsletters. Communicating with all the Brothers in your Council on a regular basis is key to a successful Council. The Grand Council Office really enjoys receiving these Newsletters either electronically or via the US Mail. Whether the information is sent monthly, bi-monthly, semi-annually or even annually, it is most important for everyone to be kept up to date. We acknowledge the following Councils for their endeavors in communicating: San Francisco #1, San Jose #2, Stockton #5, American #8, South San Francisco #32, Santa Rosa #40, Holy Rosary #44, Sadoc #59, St. Christopher #80, Santa Clara #84, St. Augustine #497, Francis #573, Gonzaga #612 and St. John Bosco #613. If I missed a Council, let me know, or better yet make sure you send the Grand Council Office a copy of your newsletter. Thank you.

Br. Tom Fourie
Business Manager

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