

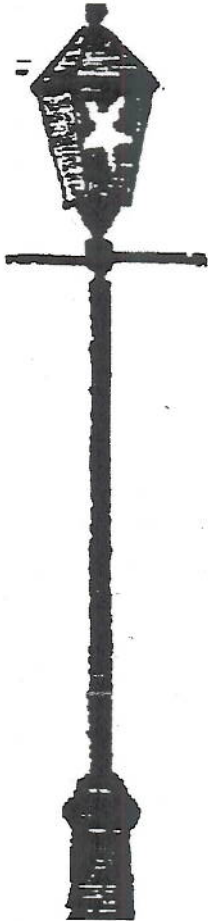
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GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President's Message

Greetings my Brothers, from Bakersfield Council #100. Let me first start off by saying I am truly blessed to have inherited such great Brothers, so proud to be part of such an awesome organization and proud of being a Catholic.

I also would like to extend a warm welcome and big thank you, to Brother Alan Patrick, of Council #32, who will now assume the duties as Grand Director. He comes with extensive experience and I am honored to have you serve as a

mentor of the board. Thank you again Brother Alan. What a great year I am having as Grand President. The Councils I have visited have welcomed me with warm open hearts. As I have stated, my mission is to get more members to build our future. My visits have been truly about what your Council is doing to accomplish that goal.

My first visit started at Sebastopol Council #54, to visit the man of the year, Brother Domenic Carinalli. Thank you, Council #54 Brothers and Domenic's beautiful wife Linda for hosting the great BBQ. Next my family and I traveled to Pittsburgh CA., and were blessed to attend noon Mass at the Good Shepard Church. It was awesome to be a part of the introduction of their new pastor and after Mass I and Brother Luther helped Council #59 pass out information on the YMI. We enjoyed a great lunch prepared by Br. Rob Laxner. Though the turnout was small the meeting was productive. Thank you, Brother Frank DiMaggio and Council #59. Council #44 was my next visit and again I relayed my message of membership and that I am there to help in any way. My family and I were then honored to be a part of the Italian Heritage parade in San Francisco with Council #613. Thank you, Br. Mike Amato for your generosity, kindness and fellowship and special thanks to Br. Mike's daughter for her generosity also. What an awesome experience, we were blessed with great weather

and great drivers of a beautiful Buick from Santa Rosa. Our ride made the whole parade and it was an awesome experience that my family and fellow Brothers want to share every year.



My wife and I were then invited back to Holy Rosary Church in Hilmar for their Portuguese Celebration honoring the Blessed Mother. What a celebration, my wife and I loved it, great food and great fellowship. Thank you, Brothers Manuel Drumonde and Kelly Cox, for that great experience. I then ended this set of visits with Bakersfield Council #100 and St. Columba Council #94 in Chowchilla; both meetings were well attended and productive. Council #100 participated in our Veteran's Day Parade with over 127 entries and honoring one of our own, Brother Auggie Flores - thank you for your service Brother Auggie. And thank you to all our YMI Brothers who served our beautiful Country.

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Though it's only been since June, it seems our membership numbers are still very low. I am hoping all Councils are pushing their recruiting Committees to bring those new members in. Remember we are Building for our Future.

Finally I want to thank Brother Mike Amato for the many hours to get our new website up and running again. If you have not yet seen this, it is awesome. Let's use this resource as a recruiting tool, for new members. The time is now.

To all our YMI Brothers, families and friends – may you enjoy the coming celebration of Our Savior's birth and a bright and healthy New Year.

Pro Deo - Pro Patria
Brother Joe Reza
Grand President

Board of Grand Directors: An Update

The YMI Board of Grand Directors has been very busy since the 128th Grand Council Session. Meetings have been held in August, September, October and November of this year. All meetings are conducted at the World Headquarters in South San Francisco. With the use of conference calling at each meeting, there has been a noticeable increase in Board member's participation. Highlights of these past few months include:

- Approval of the 128th Grand Council Session Minutes
- Appointment of all Grand Directors to Grand Council Committees and Board of Director's Committees
- Continue to review all receipts and expenses of Grand Council
- Voted on our new Grand Director, Br. Alan Patrick
- Entered into a partnership with Council #497 for building maintenance in Huntingburg, IN
- Initiated a series of discussions on the topic of Grand Council Fundraising for the 2013-2014 YMI year
- Asked that the YMI website be overhauled and made functional once again
- Being kept informed and participate in Chair Officer's activities



ESSAY TIME AND RAFFLE TOO! THE PRO PATRIA AT WORK

A question for each YMI Brother: Have you encouraged your young family members (Grades 7-12), grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces, family friends, your local Catholic elementary school, your District Catholic High School or anyone else to participate in the 40th Annual Pro Patria Essay Contest? If you have not, time is getting short as the essays are due January 15, 2014.


Remember that the application forms were printed in the last issue of the Institute Journal and you can find a copy on the YMI website.

This is the **largest annual outreach program of the Young Men's Institute** and over 1800 young writers submitted their essays last year. We hope to surpass that number in 2014.

Working hand in hand with the Essay Contest is the Pro Patria Raffle – everyone should have received their tickets by now, so all you have to do is buy or sell them and then turn them in before March 1, 2014. A very simple process but a most important act, as this is the only financial support for the prizes to be awarded our student writers. We must do better than the 18% participation we had last year from our Brothers.

As your Grand First Vice President, I urge every Brother to get involved with this most important YMI project.

Luther Evans #80, GFVP



YMI Website ~ Grand Re-Opening

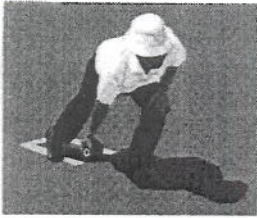


The YMI Grand Council Office regrets any inconvenience experienced by our YMI Brothers over the past several months in trying to use our website. Unfortunately, we had experienced technical complications that were mainly caused because our website software had become obsolete. As the software manufacturer stopped updating the software, our attempt to convert to another software product did not fare well either. The bottom line....our YMI website was no longer operating effectively and we needed to bring in an expert to fix it.

At the request of the Board of Grand Directors, *Br. Mike Amato #613, GS*, led a search effort for a new webmaster in late September. After securing bids from three web service companies, the Board selected *Ms. Mary Beth Wilson* to serve as the YMI's new webmaster and a contract was executed with her on October 9, 2013. Since selecting our new webmaster, *Br. Amato* and our former webmaster, *Br. Phi Oberst #32, PGP*, have been actively working with *Ms. Wilson* to ensure that our new website has valuable content for our YMI Brothers.

The new YMI website at www.ymiusa.org is expected to be ready by November 10, 2013. We are pleased to have *Ms. Wilson* on board and we invite you to come and visit our new and improved website. If you have any suggestions for website content, you may contact *Br. Amato* at mamato871@aol.com.

In closing, the YMI extends heartfelt appreciation to *Br. Oberst* for the many years he worked behind the scenes serving as the YMI webmaster, after advocating to establish the website when he presided as Grand President in 2005.



“On A Roll” Wins Again!



On September 28th , YMI St. John Bosco Council #613 hosted the 6th Annual YMI Bocce Ball Tournament at Orange Park in South San Francisco. Under gorgeous skies, 16 bocce teams representing 5 YMI Councils (#1, #32, #40, #54 & #613) competed in this year's tourney.

As with past tournaments, bocce 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 winner was the first team reaching 12 points. Each team was guaranteed at least two games in a double elimination tournament format.

Those present witnessed many exciting and competitive bocce games. As midday approached, the sixteen team field had lessened as teams were eliminated after their second loss. By late afternoon, only two teams from Council #32 were left standing..... the past champion “On A Roll” (Brother Dominic Franco #32, Brother Norm Faria #32, Danny Marcucci and Hondo DeAlba) and a new challenger called "City Council One" led by Brother Rick Ochsenhirt #32 and a few of his bocce buddies from South City.

Championship matches are typically exciting as the player's skill level is quite high and the shots can be remarkable, almost touching the pallino. This year's tourney kept to form as "On a Roll" defeated the "City Council One" in a terrific match, where each team battled fiercely for points, until "On A Roll" rolled itself to a dramatic 12-9 win. With the victory, "On A Roll" can proudly boast a YMI dynasty having won 4 of the 5 most recent bocce championships!

Other competing bocce teams deserving honorable mention for playing well include:

- 3rd Place – Council #32 (Brothers Elmer Madrid, Mike Madrid & Ken Stupi) .
- 4th Place - Council #32's "Pall Bearers" (Brothers Bob Bartoli GD, Alan Patrick GD, Bob Kinney, George Terry GSVP & Bill Albera)
- 5th Place (Tie) - Council #613's "Sangiovese" (Brothers Bob Fiorito, Joe Soracco, Mike Dimech GD & Mike Amato GS)
- 5th Place - Council #40 "Santa Rosa #4" (Brother Gene Vanetti, Lorraine Vanetti, Brother Don Becchetti & Loudean Becchetti)



We also extend honorable mention to a new bocce squad in the field called "Great Balls of Fire", which was sponsored by Business Manager Tom Fourie PGP #32 and Grand Secretary Mike Amato #613. "Great Balls of Fire", comprised of four young, lovely ladies (Molly Fourie, Christine Giusti, Melissa Amato & Rachel Amato), were easily the best dressed and most spirited squad in the field. More impressively, they competed well despite not playing before, won two games, and finished in a tie for 7th place!

All bocce ball players received commemorative gray YMI bocce ball shirts and many took home prizes from a lucrative lunchtime raffle. There was also plenty of food and 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. (No one went home hungry!). Most notably, the bocce participants reported enjoying a great day 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..

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131 Years

15th Annual Red and White Mass

*Please join us in Honoring
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*Join the
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*Raffle Tickets will be available
in support of the Pro Patria Essay Contest

March 1st, 2014

Mass at 5:15

Banner Procession at 4:45

All Souls Catholic Church

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* Mass will be followed by a
delicious meal prepared by the
chefs of Council #32

Name _____ Council # _____

Phone Number _____

Will your Council be participating in the banner procession? *Circle One* **Yes** **No**

Number Attending Dinner _____ @ \$15 per person

Total Enclosed \$ _____ *(Please make checks payable to YMI Council #32)*

Please Return to:

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Call Brother George Terry
for more information
(650) 892-6810

Please RSVP by February 20th, 2014

NEW MEMBERS

<i>Member</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Council</i>
Brian Hepburn	Frank Hepburn	2
Rev. Paolo Gobbo	Frank Hepburn	2
Steven Sanchez	Fr. Agnel De Heredia & Lary Andreatta	32
Michael Folan	Michael Dimech	613
David Pisacco	Jack Herkert	80
Damon Buechler	Jim Harris	497
Adam Ingram	Ken Ingram	497
Mitchell Antley	Scott O'Brien	497
Brandon Kramer	Gary Bender	497
Max Oser	Jeffrey Oser	497
Alexander Blackgrove	Glen Kissling	497
Christopher Neu	Jeff Mundy	497
Theodore Wafart	Scott O'Brien	497
Donald Neu	Hubert Mundy	497
Jared Merter	Scott Blessinger	497



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The Resolutions Committee....Be It Resolved!!

Brothers, the Grand Council Resolutions Committee needs your help! We draft resolutions that are read and voted on at the Grand Council Session. These resolutions usually honor Brothers who have achieved some significant milestone or accomplishment, or other persons in the community who have rendered some special service to our Church or our Order. For example, honoring a pastor who is retiring after many years of faithful service to his parish, or a long-time YMI member having a golden wedding anniversary, or a member who has organized a major fund-raiser for his parish or community, etc.

If you would like to suggest a worthy subject for a Grand Council Resolution, please send details to Brother Nick Franceschine at nick@northbaypensions.com, or you can mail him at 550 Du Franc Avenue, Sebastopol, CA 95472. Thank you.

GRAND COUNCIL - YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE MAN OF THE YEAR 2013-2014

The 2013-2014 Man of the Year Grand Council Committee has met and is now accepting nominations for the 2014 Grand Council Man of the Year. Any member, group of Brothers, or YMI Council is invited to 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, 2014. Please send to:

Brother Bob Bartoli #32, PGP
675 Pine Terrace
South San Francisco, CA 94080
650-871-7878

In Memoriam

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Council</i>
Raymond A. Protti	07-14-2013	1
John B. Kenny	03-17-2013	8
Jerome A. Hasenour	07-27-2013	497
Harold a Buechler	07-09-2013	497
Russell Ray Kendell	09-06-2013	497
Steve Vinella	08-11-2013	40
Frank Almeraz	09-01-2013	40
Donald H. Buechlein	08-20-2013	497
Vernon Shick	10-12-2013	40
Charles R. Silva	09-06-2013	80
William E. Effinger II	09-12-2013	80
Lawrence Denis	08-15-2013	573
Lawrence Menzhuber	10-08-2013	609
Floyd J. Fitch	06-19-2012	86/900
Charles Howard Byrne	07-13-2013	32

Educational Foundation Memorials/Donations

Bernice Cullinane: Cullinane Family
Lawrence B. Denis Sr.: Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family
Aldo De Tomasi: South San Francisco Council #32
Charles Lang: Gonzaga Council #612
Robert Lorenzini: South San Francisco Council #32
Francis Mahoney: Ed and Adele Cullinane
Frank Silveira: Holy Rosary Council #44



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1, 2014 - RED AND WHITE MASS
April 6, 2014 - YMI GRAND COUNCIL BOWLING TOURNAMENT
April 27, 2014 - YMI GRAND COUNCIL GOLF TOURNAMENT
June 15-19, 2014 - 129TH GRAND COUNCIL SESSION - SOUTH LAKE TAHOE





A Season of Giving



As the Christmas season approaches and 2013 comes to a close, there are typically seasonal spikes in donation solicitations from multiple non-profit organizations and resulting donations to said organizations for income tax reasons. Accordingly, we take this opportunity to remind all YMI Brothers and YMI friends that the YMI is indeed a non-profit tax-exempt organization too and that donations to the YMI are similarly tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Therefore, please consider us in your charitable gift-giving this season, as we have several worthy Foundations and activities supporting mainly youth and seminarian education programs. For your convenience, we have attached a donation form (see page 9 of this Journal) to submit with your donation to the YMI. As always, we are grateful to all who have generously supported the YMI today and in the past.

YMI RIDES IN ITALIAN HERITAGE PARADE

The YMI participated in the 145th Italian Heritage Columbus Day Parade on October 13 2012 in San Francisco's North Beach. Through a long-standing partnership between YMI St John Bosco Council #613 and the San Francisco Model -A Ford Auto Club, the YMI impressively rode in style during the parade via seven magnificent antique cars (circa late 1920's to the early 1960's), including a 1929 Model A Ford.

As has been a new YMI tradition in recent years, the Grand President has led a YMI delegation in the parade. Accordingly, **Grand President Joe Reza #100** proudly wore his beige YMI #100 polo shirt as he rode in the back seat of a beautiful cherry-red 1962 Buick Skylark with his lovely wife Lorraine Reza. Br. Joe shared that the experience of waving to the large boisterous crowd lining the streets of San Francisco was in a word "Awesome!"

The YMI contingent also featured **Reverend Armand Oliveri**, the 93-year old former Chaplain of YMI #613 and a neighborhood favorite who has presided faithfully as a Salesian priest in North Beach for most of his sixty-plus year career in religious life. Although Fr. Armand began the parade in a stunning 1960's Thunderbird, he had to switch to the 1929 Model -A Ford after the T-bird overheated en route. Also representing the YMI at the parade were the following

- **Grand Secretary Mike Amato (also the President #613),**
- **Brother Steve Cresci (President #32) and his wife Linda** and
- Several YMI #613 brothers including **Brothers Bob Fiorito (1st VP #613), Joe Soracco (2nd VP #613) and Ryan Casey.**

The antique cars were adorned with 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 along Columbus Avenue into North Beach, we were elated to see many friendly faces in the crowd cheering us including **Br. Tony Aguirre #100.**

Having won the first place award in the parade's Antique Car category the past two years, we are hopeful that we will continue to be recognized for our stylish parade presence. Special thanks to Br. Bob Fiorito #613 for organizing our involvement in the parade.

Breaking News - YMI was awarded 3rd place in the antique car division and won \$75.

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Enclosed is my gift of \$_____ for the following YMI foundation/purpose (please mark one of the options below):

- YMI Educational Foundation _____
- YMI Seminarian Educational Foundation _____
- YMI Pro Patria Essay Contest _____
- Other YMI Purpose (please specify) _____

My donation today is being made (please explain):

- In Honor of _____
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- In recognition of the YMI's Good Work _____

We will send you an acknowledgement of your donation. If an acknowledgement is not necessary, please mark here. _____

Since my donation is being made to honor or remember someone, please also send an appropriate acknowledgement of my donation to the following person/family:

Name: _____
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YMI Council # (if applicable): _____

In recognition of your donation, a Mass will be offered by the YMI Grand Chaplain.

All donations to the YMI are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Mail your donation to:

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Questions: Please call 1-800-964-9646 or e-mail yminus@aol.com

**YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM
(2013-2014)**

Once again, the YMI Educational Foundation is proud to announce our Matching Funds Program for 2013-2014. 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 is printed in this issue of the Institute Journal.

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, 2014**. Barring a special circumstance request, Matching Fund checks will all be issued and mailed on **April 30, 2014**.

Yours for God and Country,
Jeff Tassey
Educational Foundation Director



**Request for Your Ideas for Improvement and
Change!!!!!!**

Please be aware you have an important role in the future of our YMI. Next year is coming sooner than you can imagine and the Grand Council is seeking ways to improve our operations. Perhaps you have an idea, old or new, that will make YMI better. The "State of the Institute" is the place to divulge your secret. We will accept any idea, examine it, and if worthy, present it to the membership at the Grand Council Session in Lake Tahoe next June.

Talk about this at your Council meeting!

You should talk about this at your meetings, almost everyone has an idea of something, but it may need a change in the By-Laws or something...anything is possible. Talk it over; maybe make your own committee.

But you have to submit it!

The next Session seems so far away, but there are cut-off dates to pay attention to. We need your submission sent to the committee before Marcy 1st to give us time to study your recommendation, and then we publish it in the "Journal" so all delegates have an opportunity to decide how they will vote on your idea. Fair enough?

So come on Brothers, send me something good!

Frank Hepburn #2, JPGP, Committee Chairman

My Address: 1053 Fairbrook Court, San Jose, CA 95132, My e-mail address: fxhepburn@comcast.net

My phone: (408) 802-2958

We are here to serve you. any time.....

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MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM APPLICATION
(2013-2014)**

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:

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Greetings From the Grand Council Office:



As we approach the end of 2013 and start a New Year, the staff of the Grand Council Office wishes all our YMI Brothers, their families and friends a healthy and prosperous 2014. Living and working in a world dominated by technology is far different from what transpired at 50 Oak Street in San Francisco not long ago. We continue to learn every day new ways to get things done and how to interact with computers, the internet, i-phones, etc. Sometimes we are quick learners, and on other occasions it takes more time. However, we try our best to serve the YMI and we appreciate your patience.

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