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GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President's Message

Greetings from San Jose.

My Brothers, the beloved Order for which we toil has indeed brought us lessons in futility, and has indeed awarded us with the fact that love of God can overcome all. Personally, I feel stronger and relieved, that despite the recent loss of past leaders Brothers Chuck Elliott #1 PGP, Charles Ferreira #59 PGP, Dan Cortez #2 DDGP and Duane

Miranda #99, a stalwart of Dos Palos Council #99, we can thank God for the faith and spirit to carry on.

Also notable was the recent losses of Centennial Council #83 and Santa Clara Council #84. The loss of these once great Councils should be a warning to the rest of us to examine our ministries. Also, our dedication to doing what's important enough and to give us God's grace to carry on is vitally important. Our resolve comes from faith, but we have to pray to receive it.

Pray, pray, pray. To thank God for all He has given us, for all He has taken from us, and for all we have left. Then pray that we make the best use of what we have left.

There are still Councils that are in jeopardy, and to those Brothers I say, you cannot expect a few to lead, maintain, and grow. You all have an important role in your Council, and you have to dedicate your time, expertise and your treasure to help sustain your Council.

Remember this prayer/poem:

Whatever task you find to do,

*Regardless if it's big or small,
Perform it well, with all your might,
Because there's One who sees it all. -Sper*



Besides, we are all Catholics, disciples of Jesus. He told us we have to love one another, as He loves us. Remember that we are one, and we will succeed.

Onward and upward my Brothers,

Yours for God and Country,
and YMI
Brother Frank Hépburn

If you wish to discuss any of this with me personally, you can write me at 1053 Fairbrook Court, San Jose, CA 95132, or e-mail me at fxhepburn@comcast.net or call me directly at (408) 802-2958.

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MEMBERSHIP

Yes, We Can Break the Cycle

Fellow Membership Committee Members, our beloved YMI is not alone. A little research shows that virtually all fraternal and civic organizations, be they religious or secular, are suffering a decline in membership. Generational differences, modern life, the electronic age, "cultural wars", etc., etc., have all been given as to the reason for this disastrous change in our society. However, I feel confident that an organization as old as the Young Men's Institute can survive and meet the challenges as well as the needs of Catholic men in the future, and we know what to do in order to achieve our survival.



This year we went past the tried and true strategy of "Ask a Catholic man to join the YMI". We took things one step further and looked at the situation through the eyes of the prospective member who would probably be asking himself, "Why, who are they, and what do they do?" The answer to that prospective member's question is simply for our members and Councils to be active in their parishes and communities, and to make a few procedural changes in order to meet the needs of new members while still upholding the basic reasons as to why the Institute was started in the first place.



By being active we become known, and not every activity needs to be a major project. A few small things can add up to big things when it comes to being known and appreciated by our parishes and communities. If they wish to continue their existence, Councils must become active. There is no way around this. It was the reason for the birth of the YMI.



Finally, we tackled the problem of how to keep younger members. Flexibility is the answer. Our Councils and existing members need to attempt the delicate problem of balancing tradition and the needs of our new and prospective membership. Traditions and past history give us stability, but being too stable means we can't move. Like a ship with the right amount of ballast and the right source of power, the YMI can move forward to our goals.

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I know all our members and Councils will continue to strive for an increase in YMI membership. It probably won't happen this year or maybe even next year, but I know with the help of God and by making an effort on our part it will happen.

Pro Deo, Pro Patria

Brother Philip M. Fondale #137, PGD

Membership Chairman



YMI 2013 PRO PATRIA ESSAY WINNERS

Grades 7-8

Prize	Place	Name	School	Sponsor
\$500	1st	Gabriella Sosa	St. Robert Catholic School, San Bruno, CA	#32
\$350	2nd	Isabella Ratti	St. Gregory Catholic School, San Mateo, CA	#1
\$300	3rd	Becca Catey	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$200	4th	Christopher Fellowes	Immaculate Heart of Mary, Belmont, CA	#1
\$150	5th	Sophia Plett	St. Timonhy Catholic School, San Mateo, CA	#1
\$100	6th	Alana Fleder	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Daly City, CA	#32
\$75	7th	Jakob Uriarte	St. Robert Catholic School, San Bruno, CA	#32
\$75	8th	Elizabeth Siri	St. Gregory Catholic School, San Mateo, CA	#1
\$75	9th	Alyssa Howley	All Souls Catholic School, SSF, CA	#32
\$75	10th	Gabriel O'Brien	Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires, SF, CA	#1
\$75	11th	Naomi Wenstrup	Sacred Heart Catholic School, Turlock, CA	#44
\$75	12th	Trent Porter	Holy Rosary Catholic School, Antioch, CA	#5
\$75	13th	Danielle Ellis	Good Shepherd Catholic School, Pacifica, CA	#32

Grades 9-12

\$1,000	1st	Mary Shaw	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$800	2nd	Sabrina Santander	St. Ignatius College Prep High School, SF, CA	#613
\$600	3rd	Emily Gonzalez	Mercy High School, Burlingame	#32
\$400	4th	Sarina Wyrick	St. Joseph, Hilo, HI	#573
\$300	5th	Jordan Gentry	Mercy High School, Burlingame	#32
\$200	6th	Cody Bishop	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$100	7th	Melanie Conti	Bishop O'Dowd High School, Oakland, CA	#8
\$100	8th	Natalie Ambrosio	Analy High School, Sebastopol, CA	#54
\$100	9th	Jade Thomas	St. Joseph, Hilo, HI	#573
\$100	10th	Christopher Siino	Woodbridge High School, Irvine, CA	#59
\$100	11th	Julianna Kirkpatrick	Mercy High School, Burlingame	#32
\$100	12th	Natalie Meredith	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$100	13th	Jaci Shinoda	St. Joseph, Hilo, HI	#573

State of the Institute – 2013

The following three proposals for changes to the Grand Council By-Laws will be presented on the floor of the 128th Grand Council Session this June. All Brothers and in particular, all voting delegates, should review these proposals prior to the secret ballot vote.

Brother John Musgrove #83, JPGP

Article 1, Section 7:

Current Language:

Section 7 ATTENDING GRAND COUNCIL: To help defray the expense of attending Grand Council, each Delegate and Grand Officer shall receive from the funds of his Council a reasonable allowance as set by the Council, but not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and the sum may be drawn from the Council's Benefit Fund. A Council member attending Grand Council as a Past Grand President or a District Deputy Grand President should also be given consideration for such an allowance.

Proposed Revised Language:

Section 7 ATTENDING GRAND COUNCIL: To help defray the expense of attending Grand Council, each Delegate and Grand Officer shall receive from the funds of his Council a reasonable allowance as set by the Council. A Council member attending Grand Council as a Past Grand President or a District Deputy Grand President should also be given consideration for such an allowance.

Rationale:

This by-law proposal would remove a requirement that Councils reimburse delegates with at least \$100. Although we encourage our YMI councils to provide reimbursement of travel expenses for delegates attending Grand Council sessions to the extent possible, we don't think it appropriate for the Grand Council to specify a minimal amount of \$100 as contained in the current by-laws. In actual practice, the Councils independently determine reimbursement policies for its council delegates in consideration of their finances and this by-law change would reflect this practice.

Article 111, Duties of Grand Officers; Section 7 Board of Directors.

Current Language:

(e) SUPPLY: This Committee shall be composed of three (3) Grand Directors appointed by the Chairman of the Board, who shall designate its Chairman. The Committee shall prepare all necessary blanks, forms, and books required by the laws and rules of the Order, and which are approved by the Board. With the approval of the Board, the Committee shall direct the purchase of all necessary supplies required to conduct the business of the Order, including the printing of the Grand Council Constitution, the Grand Council By-Laws, the Councils' By-Laws, and their amendments and revisions.

Proposed Revised Language

(e) SUPPLY: This Committee shall be composed of two (2) Grand Directors appointed by the Chairman of the Board, who shall designate its Chairman. The Committee shall prepare all necessary blanks, forms, and books required by the laws and rules of the Order, and which are approved by the Board. With the approval of the Board, the Committee shall direct the purchase of all necessary supplies required to conduct the business of the Order, including the printing of the Grand Council Constitution, the Grand Council By-Laws, the Councils' By-Laws, and their amendments and revisions.

Rationale:

This by-law proposal would simply reduce the number of Grand Directors overseeing YMI Supplies from three to two brothers. With a reduced level of inventory at YMI headquarters, there is no need for three Grand Directors to complete an inventory.

Article III, Duties of Grand Officers; Section 4 Grand Treasurer:

Current Language:

The Grand Treasurer shall be an ex officio member of the Board, shall attend their meetings with the necessary records of his office, and shall perform such other duties as they may direct. He shall give receipt for all moneys received and make deposit in the bank, or banks, approved by the Board. He shall pay all bills approved by the Board and presented to him by the Grand Secretary. He shall keep his accounts in such a manner as will show the source and amount of receipts, the amount of disbursements and to who paid, and present a monthly report to the Board. He shall close his annual report on March 31 of each year and submit it for inclusion in the Advance Proceedings. He shall be allocated a yearly expense account not to exceed the amount approved in the Grand Council's budget. At the expiration of his term of office, he shall deliver to his successor all moneys, records, and other property in his hands, or under his charge, belonging to or held in trust for Grand Council.

Proposed Revised Language:

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Rationale:

This by-law proposal corrects a by-law deficiency in not specifying the responsibility for handling the important task of tax compliance. Although tax forms have been submitted in past years, there has been some ambiguity over which Grand Officer is responsible for ensuring this important task is completed. With increasing government oversight of non-profit organization, it is essential that we correct this deficiency and clarify that the Grand Treasurer serves as the primary contact for the organization's tax compliance as he would be the most knowledgeable of the amounts reported in the books that are subsequently used in the tax forms.



YMI Funds Scholarships!!!! Mercy ~ Burlingame, Serra, Notre Dame



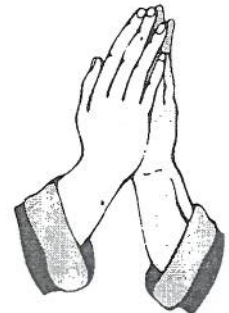
In 2012 the YMI Grand Council was notified by the trustees of the Noel Miller Trust Fund that the YMI was named as one of several beneficiaries of the Fund. Upon completion of several months of the legal process, the YMI received its share of the Trust. Based on the specific wording of the Trust, the YMI was instructed to use the monies solely in support of the youth of San Mateo County.

The YMI's Board of Grand Directors voted to fund scholarships at the three Catholic High Schools on the San Francisco Peninsula – namely, Junipero Serra High School in San Mateo, Mercy High School in Burlingame and Notre Dame High School in Belmont.

On May 8, 2013, YMI Grand Council Representatives Br. George Terry, Br. Jack Albrecht and Br. Tom Fourie presented \$25,000 checks to the administrators of each of the three schools. Each year for 10 years, each school will award a \$2500 scholarship to a deserving 11th grader towards their Senior year tuition. The schools will determine the recipients based on financial need. The students must be Catholic and a resident of San Mateo County. The schools were most appreciative and thankful for these scholarships and thanked the YMI for their generosity.

Educational Foundation Memorials

- Joe Amarant:* Holy Rosary Council #44, Christopher and Sandra Freeberg and Family
- Rueben Arruda:* Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family
- Walter J. Azevedo:* Jimmy and Janet Souza, Esther Pratt, Ann Medeiros
- Dan Cortez:* Frank Hepburn
- Charles Ferreira:* Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family
- Willie T. Ferreira:* Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family, Salter and Christine Azevedo
- Gus Gatto:* Frank Hepburn
- Brother Mike Grof, OFM:* James and Helen Mullen
- Henry Mattos:* Frank Hepburn
- John Mendes Jr.:* Holy Rosary Council #44
- Eric A. White:* Holy Rosary Council #44
- Frank Zocchi:* South San Francisco Council #32
- Get Well Soon Tom De La Torre:* Frank Pignati, Harold and June Boyd
- Get Well Ralph Giancaspro:* Frank Pignati

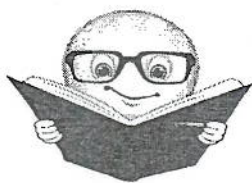


All YMI Brothers, family members and friends are thanked for their generous contributions to the Educational Foundation. We also acknowledge everyone's minimum donation of \$10 towards the requested Mass.

**Pro Patria Raffle
2012-2013
Final Membership Sales**

Council	Members Purchasing	Total Members	Percent
1*	21	96	21.88%
2*	23	91	25.27%
5*	13	32	40.63%
6*	3	10	30.00%
8*	16	41	39.02%
9	1	46	2.17%
13*	5	17	29.41%
16*	2	15	13.33%
32*	60	281	21.35%
40	10	117	8.55%
44*	23	193	11.92%
54	8	53	15.09%
59	11	53	20.75%
60*	7	109	6.42%
65*	0	11	0.00%
76*	3	44	6.82
80*	33	126	26.19%
83*	11	41	26.19%
84	4	48	8.33%
88	8	73	10.96%
92*	1	78	1.28%
93	2	41	4.88%
94*	6	46	13.04%
99	3	26	11.54%
100*	7	16	43.75%
111	3	7	42.86%
137*	5	31	16.13%
497	9	229	3.93%
573*	13	83	15.66%
609	1	7	14.29%
612*	12	69	17.39%
613*	48	96	50.00%
614*	0	7	0.00%
900	6	72	8.33%
Total	378	2306	16.39%

*Council Purchase



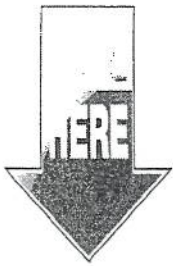
***Seminarian Education
Foundation Announces Grants***

On Monday, April 29, 2013, the Board of Directors of the YMI Seminarian Education Foundation met to review applications submitted by seminarians for financial assistance with their studies towards ordination to the priesthood. Seventeen applications were approved. These seminarians are studying for the Diocese of Fresno, the Diocese of San Jose, the Diocese of Oakland, the Archdiocese of San Francisco and seminarians studying at the Salesian seminary. The Board sincerely thanks all the Brothers, as well as Councils, for their continued financial support. We need these seminarians to be successful in their preparation for the priesthood as we all know how important their life choice is to all of us. May God bless all of them. Sponsoring Councils will receive the checks at the 128th Grand Council Session in June.

Thank You

Thanks from the Grand Council Office...

Since the close of the YMI year on March 31, 2013, there has been a great deal of paperwork flowing between the Grand Council Office and the Council Officers. Assessments, Semi-Annual Reports, Membership Lists, Participation List for the upcoming Grand Council Session, Credentials, etc. have all been part of our life. It is very time consuming and we appreciate all the time and effort put in by the Council Officers to get this work done. There is a specific reason to have deadlines for all this business. We have much to do before Reno in June, we need to satisfy all our friends in the IRS and the State Franchise Board and of course we must plan for the 2013-2014 YMI year. So again thank you very much.

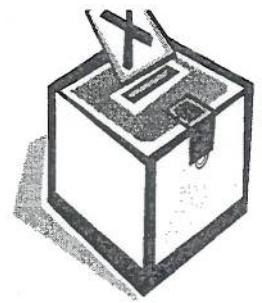


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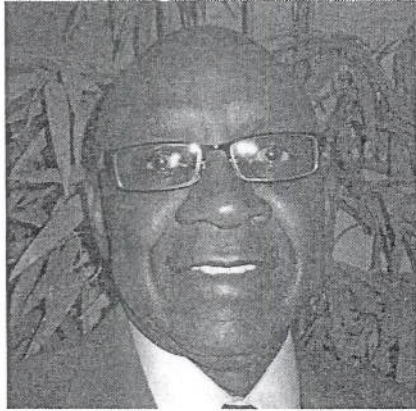
Brother Joseph Reza

- A man of integrity.....**
- A man of spirituality.....**
- A man of honesty.....**
- A man of family.....**

for
Grand President




Brother Luther Evans
For
Grand First Vice President




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

Brother George
Terry
Announces His Candidacy for the Office of
Grand Second Vice President



With the unanimous support of
South San Francisco Council #32

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

South San Francisco Council #32

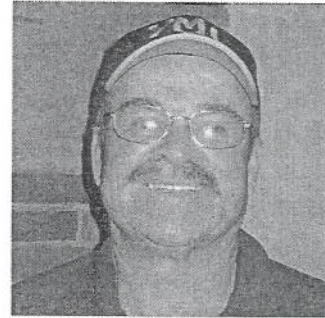
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For Grand Director

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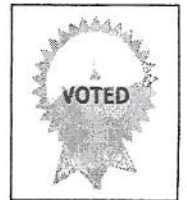
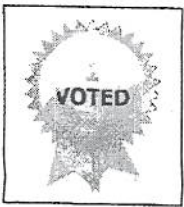
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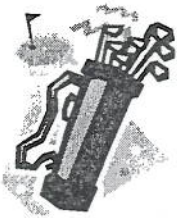
Grand Inside Sentinel

*Experienced in Grand Council
Operations..*

*Knowledgeable of Council
Efforts..*

Respected by All....

*Especially his Brothers of St. Christopher
Council #80.....*



2013 YMI Golf Tourney



The YMI held its Annual Golf Tourney on April 28, 2013 at the magnificent Manteca Municipal Golf Course. Under blue skies and 90 plus degree temperature, 42 golfers from seven YMI Councils (#1, #5, #80, #88, #100, #137 and #613) battled sand traps, water hazards and the Central Valley heat with the hope of shooting spectacular rounds of golf. Although St. John Bosco Council #613 had won the championship four out of the past five years, other YMI Councils, including a new entrant from Bakersfield #100 led by Br. Joe Reza, GFVP, came to Manteca determined to capture the coveted YMI golf trophy featuring a golfer resembling Santa Claus.

Many of the YMI teams played quite well and several posted under-par scores in a best ball team format. At the end of the day, a new 2013 champion emerged. **Bakersfield Council #100 comprised of Brother Joe Reza, George Denney, Nick Vallejo and Alan Manning posted a very impressive score of 58, which is an astounding 14 under par!**

In addition to the team award, the following YMI Brothers won individual prizes for outstanding performances:

- Longest Drive (over 71 years old Division) – 81 years young **Br. Frank Pignati #1** tagged a drive estimated at 210 yards!
- Longest Drive (70 years and under Division) – 14 year old **Br. Stefano Fernando #613** launched his drive approximately 250 yards!
- Closest to the Hole – **Br. Les Basilio #5** – a beautiful shot landing just 6 feet, 6 inches from the hole!

After the tournament, the YMI golfers were refreshed with icy cold beverages and a delicious grilled chicken dinner. After exchanging stories of spectacular shots and near eagles, the event chairperson, **Br. Leo DeGroot #88**, announced that the YMI trophy would be memorialized to reflect Council #100 as the 2013 champion and that it would be presented to them at a later date. As has been the tradition in the NHL for the Stanley Cup, Br. DeGroot invited all YM Councils to come to Manteca in April 2014 to compete for the right to hold the YMI trophy for the ensuing year.



2013 YMI Bowling Tournament

On Sunday, April 7, 2013, the annual YMI Bowling Tournament took place at Pacific Lanes in Stockton followed by a Pasta Dinner at Casa Manana prepared by Stockton Council #5. Seventeen teams representing ten Councils participated. The team and individual winners will be announced at the 128th Grand Council Session in June.

**YMI Council # 613
2013 Bocce Ball Tournament**

When: Saturday, September 28, 2013

**Where: Orange Memorial Park Bocce Ball Courts
1 West Orange Ave. South San Francisco**

Registration from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Games start promptly thereafter.

4 players per team (if you have less than 4 players, we will fill your team)

Double elimination

Limited to the first 16 paid teams

Deadline: September 7, 2013 or until filled (t-shirts are ordered on this date)

Cost: \$30.00 per participant or \$120.00 per team

Includes: Breakfast: Coffee & Donuts

Lunch: Hamburger & Hot Dog Lunch

Raffle

T-Shirts provided to all participants

Trophies given to the two teams who make the finals

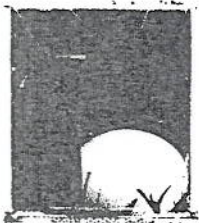
In you are interested in having a team participate, please fill out the bottom portion of this flyer with a check payable to YMI Council # 613, and send back to Mike Dimech at the following address: 205 Hazelwood Dr. South San Francisco, CA 94080

For additional information contact Mike Dimech at (650) 922-2667 / msdi9558@astound.net or Mike Amato at (650) 871-9164.

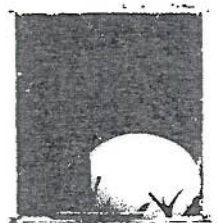
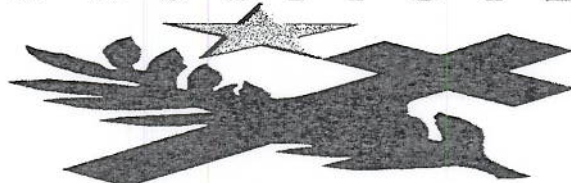
Please bring a canned good or toiletry item to benefit St. Bruno's Catholic Hospitality House.

Team Name: _____

Name	E-mail address or Phone Number	Shirt Size: Circle Size				
_____	_____	S	M	L	XL	XXL
_____	_____	S	M	L	XL	XXL
_____	_____	S	M	L	XL	XXL
_____	_____	S	M	L	XL	XXL



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