

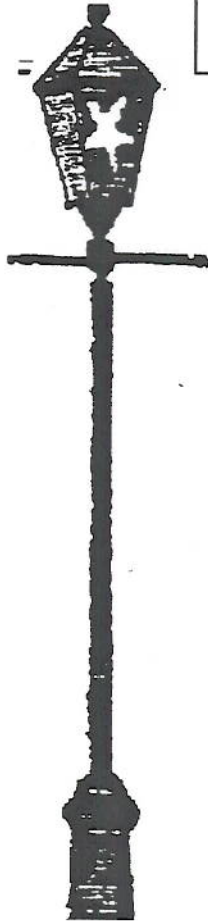
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Pro Deo Pro Patria

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GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President's Message

Dear Grand Officers and Brothers,

I first would like to thank all my Brothers for your support at the Grand Council Sessions in Reno, Nevada. My family and I will always look forward to such a well-planned event, great job to the Committee. I am humbled and pleased to accept the honor of

being your Grand President. This will be an exciting year for the YMI and I am looking forward to the challenges that will come to me during my term in office.

With the help of my fellow Brothers, Grand First Vice President Luther Evans and Grand Second Vice President George Terry, we will be there to help all Councils in establishing your recruiting committees. I look forward to the upcoming Council visits and would like those visits to be focused around your membership drives, so we may extend our hands in Brotherhood. Remember to utilize your District Deputy Grand Presidents, they are there to guide and assist you. Yes, they may have other duties, but they are there for support of new membership always.

The goals set for this year are not out of reach, if we all try, there is no stopping YMI from



doing or attaining any goals we set. As I said in my program, "it was our Savior Jesus Christ who cast his net to catch men during times when it was impossible". Nothing is impossible with Faith, Hope and Love. It's time to *Build our Future* and catch a few good men.

Yours for God and Country,

Joseph Reza
Grand President

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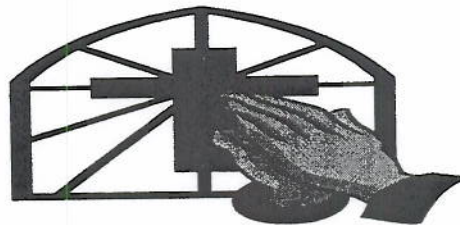
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San Damiano Retreat

Grand Second Vice President George Terry,
together with Past Grand President Pete Padron,
provide the following information for Brothers who
might wish to attend this Retreat:



FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY A POPE NAME FRANCIS: THE MESSAGE OF ST. FRANCES FOR THE CHURCH TODAY

Presented by Br. Bill Short, OFM
October 4-6, 2013

When Cardinal Bergoglio of Buenos Aires was elected Pope, he took the name "Francis" in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. He recalled the words of Pope John XXIII, who said he wanted a "poor Church and a Church for the poor". He also recalled Francis as a man of peace and one who loved this created world. How can the example of St. Francis in the 13th century inspire and challenge us today to be a Church with similar concerns? We will explore ways in which this can happen.

Cost: \$220/\$195. Dollar amounts for each retreat are donations for "Private Room/Double Occupancy".

Call San Damiano Retreat
Reservations at (925)837-9141
PO Box 767

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or register online at www.sandamiano.org.

**FROM THE PODIUM - 128TH GRAND COUNCIL SESSION
FRANK HEPBURN #2, JPGP**



Greetings to you all from San Jose,

May I say thanks and God bless to all of you who have reached out and touched me during my presidential service to the Young Men's Institute. There have been so many friends and occasions encountered in the past three years, I can dream about it forever. All of those moments add up to a lifetime of joy. So I not only thank you, but whole heartedly encourage any and all who might not have considered service to the Grand Council, to be not afraid, or even hesitant, to go forward and meet the challenge. You cannot imagine how much you will gain, or, how many wonderful people who will assist you.

I have loved every minute of this experience. Those minutes that taught me to be prepared, and those minutes when pride became a tear in my eyes. And when you love something, or someone, you can't wait to charge on to see what is ahead. So you will continue to see me, being proud to be Catholic, and a YMI Brother, as we reach out to others, and each other. So God bless us as we charge forward.

For more info on the past year, your delegates have reports from the proceedings in Reno this past month; ask them to share them with you. They would be interesting topics for your Council meetings.

Yours for God and Country,
Br. Frank Hepburn #2, JPGP



Highlights from the 128th Grand Council Session

(a partial list)

- Beautiful Opening Mass at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church including a moving Remembrance Ceremony for all deceased Brothers and special eulogies for seven Past Grand Officers
- Grand Breakfast highlighted by Grand Second Vice President Luther Evans' speech "Spicing Up the Order"
- Smooth Grand Council Session meetings conducted by Grand President Frank Hepburn featuring:
 - election of a full slate of Grand Council Officers for 2013-2014, passage of the Grand Council Operating Budget for 2013-2014, passage of all three State of the Institute Proposals, informative workshop by the Grand Council Office on this year's nuts and bolts
 - An increase of 18% in delegates over last year's participating Brothers
 - Announcement of 2013 Grand Council Bowling Tournament results
 - A fun night of baseball at the Reno Aces ballpark
 - A charity box collection for Immaculate Conception Church totaling \$1025.00
 - A great welcome dinner prepared by the Sons of Italy in Sparks, Nevada
 - A very pleasant Grand Banquet
- Announcement of the 2013 Man of the Year Award – Br. Domenic Carinalli #54



“New Student in School”

Gabriela Sosa ~ 8th Grade, St. Robert Catholic Elementary School ~ San Bruno, California
(First Place Winner in Pro Patria Essay Contest, Grades 7-8)

Being the new student in school can be a very difficult and challenging time for any young individual. Teachers should make students aware of some of the difficulties new students face. Not knowing the layout of a campus, what their new classmates are like, what sort of activities take place on campus can be extremely stressful and frustrating for new students. Teachers can make a difference in the transition by letting the class know in advance of the incoming student. This can be done by having the incoming student write a letter to the class introducing themselves and what their background and hobbies are. The classroom students can also do the same by writing a letter to the new student introducing themselves. This way the incoming student will have an idea of what his/her new classmates are like.

Parents and the school Principal play a huge role in making sure that the incoming student is well prepared for his/her surroundings. The Principal should contact the family of a student in the class that they consider to be reliable and trustworthy. The chosen student and his/her family should do their part by contacting the new family and getting together so that the future classmates have an opportunity to get to know each other. Depending on the age and sex of the new student, I suggest the mall is a great place for the students and their moms to meet and get to know each other. It's a neutral place and what teenage girl doesn't like going to the mall? The park is another wonderful place for younger students and their parents to meet and introduce themselves.

On the new student's first day of school, teachers can ask the students in their class to stand up and introduce themselves. This way the new student can put a face to the letters he/she received in advance from the class. Teachers should always make sure that the new student is welcomed by his/her new classmates. This can be done by keeping a vigilant eye on his/her students and make sure the new student is asked by his/he classmates to participate in class projects. Teachers should also take notice of how the new student is treated during recess and lunch hours. Many times, a new student will be left out of games or conversations because his/her classmates are not familiar with their like or dislikes. Constant encouragement by the teachers and other school staff members should be made to the regular students to help them involve the new student in their activities.

Finally, it's a good idea if after the first week of school, the teacher or Principal ask the new student about their experience so far. This gives the teacher an opportunity to correct or congratulate the class on how they did in helping the new student fit in.

These are the steps I followed in welcoming a new student to our school and she is now one of my best friends.

A PRINCIPAL SAYS THANKS...

To the YMI,

Thank you so much for the matching funds from the Education Foundation and Manteca #88. We appreciate your kindness more than you realize. May God bless you and your families. Please know you are all remembered in our prayers.

Sincerely,
Mary Lou Hoffman, Principal
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School
Manteca, CA



“The Influence of Parents”

Mary Shaw, Seton Catholic High School ~ Richmond, Indiana
(First Place Winner in Pro Patria Essay Contest, Grades 9-12)



When it comes to a child's success in school, there are many factors which influence just how well he or she does. These factors include the influence of classmates, teachers, and parents. While all of these influences play a major role in how well a particular student does in school, I personally feel that parents are the biggest influence on their children's success. Because parents live with their children, they have the greatest access to them, and are able to encourage them to do their best academically.

Many people would argue that peers and teachers have the most influence on a student, because they are in the school setting all day with the child. However, these people are only influential during the day. As soon as a child comes home, it is up to their parents to make sure they're being successful with their studies and homework. Parents have the ability to check their child's grades, and to threaten discipline if they do not have acceptable scores. Aside from these things, they also have opportunities to help their children study, or to help them with assignments they do not understand.

Because of the help that parents give their children at home, their influence will also carry over in the classroom. When completing in-class work, or participating in class activities, a student will be constantly aware of their parents' rules on academics. If their parents do not insist on excellent grades, the child will slack off with their assignments because they know there will be no negative repercussions once their parents are made aware of their grades. On the other hand, a child whose parents are very strict academically will be afraid of the consequences that they will have to deal with if they let their grades fall.

Basically, a parent's attitude about something, or what they believe to be important will mold their child's attitudes and beliefs. Most of the time, exceptional students have parents who value education, while average, or below-average students usually have parents who are more lenient about grades. Some parents insist that their children have straight A's while other parents are perfectly fine with their child receiving C's and maybe a D or two as long as they are passing their classes.

How much the parents care, will determine how much the child cares. To ensure a child's success, parents need to be there pushing children every step of the way. A parent's help and encouragement will have a bigger impact on their child's progress than any other influence within the school. Friends and teachers may have an impact on a student while they are at school, but only a parent can have an impact that will last in every setting and situation. Teachers and peers can have a major influence on success, but without the guidance of parents, a student would be completely lost.

IN MEMORIAM

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Council</i>
James L. Dunphy, Jr.	03-05-2013	14/900
Eric A. White	02-28-2013	44
Gus R. Gatto	01-24-2013	2
Daniel Cortez	02-09-2013	2
Henry Mattos	02-12-2013	2
Donald M. Davis	03-13-2013	40
Frank Zocchi	03-30-2013	32
Daniel L. Merkel	01-28-2013	497
Antone Anthenien	03-15-2013	8
Frank Casagrande	04-16-2013	32
Joseph B. Amarant	04-10-2013	44
Vincent J. Kliegl	09-11-2012	60
Salvador Vizcarra Jr.	10-12-2012	60
Walter Azevedo	03-25-2013	573
Alex E. Serrano	02-20-2013	60
Albert S. Avila	08-24-2012	60
Frank E. Galli	04-15-2013	14/900
Duane L. Miranda	04-11-2013	99
Conrad Vios	05-06-2013	86/900
Peter Hill	06-14-2013	54
Virgil A. Vierra	05-24-2013	614
Del L. Reynolds	05-16-2013	8
Frank J. Silveira	04-22-2013	44

Educational Foundation Memorials

Joe Amarant: Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Drumonde
Peggy Archibold: Ed and Adele Cullinane and Family
Walter J. Azevedo: Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family
Frank Casagrande: South San Francisco Council #32
Alex Colonello: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cullinane
Duane Miranda: Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Drumonde
Leo Padredii: South San Francisco Council #32
Tony Rossi: Frank Pignati
Randy Royce: Frank Pignati
Get Well Hal Boyd: 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

Seminarian Foundation Moves Forward

Following a truly successful year (2012-2013), the Seminarian Foundation will hold its first meeting for the new year on September 5, 2013 at Harry's Hofbrau in San Leandro. It will include the election of new officers for 2014, review of current Council programs distributing this year's checks and plans for continued fundraising to help meet the growing demand of Seminarians to finish their education.

We have had many recent donations and we thank the following: Hal and June Boyd #1, John West #32, Richard and Gloria Guaraldi #32, St. Christopher Council #80, San Francisco Council #1, Bakersfield Council #100, St. John Bosco Council #613, South San Francisco Council #32, Michael Amato #613, Frank Hepburn #2, Chuck Gullo #2, San Jose #2 and its many members, Madera Council #60, and the many anonymous donations.

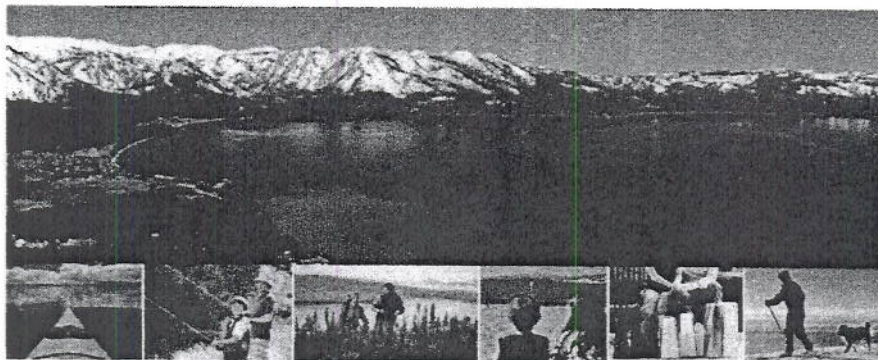
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NEW MEMBERS

<i>Member</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Council</i>
Vernon Shick	Juan Hidalgo	40
Ronald Misasi	Corbin Goin	40
Michael Tinney	Domenic Carinalli	54
Edward Shanahan	Art Jimenez	613
Jay Mikesell	Scott Vogelgesang	612
Raymond Naseman	Scott Vogelgesang	612
Rev. Joseph Landi	Michael Amato	613
Joseph Rygelski	Bob Vogelgsang	612
Roger Lavaysse Oberst	Rev. Agnel & Phil	32
Gabriel Castillo	Tomas Tomayo	40
Carlos Rizo	Tomas Tomayo	40
Mike Mahoney & Robert Hanke	Larry Andreatta	32
Ronald Rattaro	Mark Schwery,	32
Glenn Williams & Larry Andreatta		
Nicholas Vavuris	James Vavuris	613
Andrew Vavuris	James Vavuris	613
Daniel Sooy	Larry Trahey	137
Ruben J. Almeraz Jr.	Ruben Almeraz Sr.	40
Robert J. Brown	Steve Routt	137
George Rehnet	Roderick Ordon	613
Frank I. Maciel	Manuel Drumonde Sr.	44
Dominic Soares	Joseph Soares	32
Emilio Alvarenga	Luis Alvarenga	32
David Barry	Mark Schwery,	32
	Glen Williams,	
	Larry Andreatta & Ron Rattaro	
Rich Murray	Mary Schwery,	32
	Glen Williams,	
	Larry Andreatta & Ron Rattaro	



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June 15-19, 2014

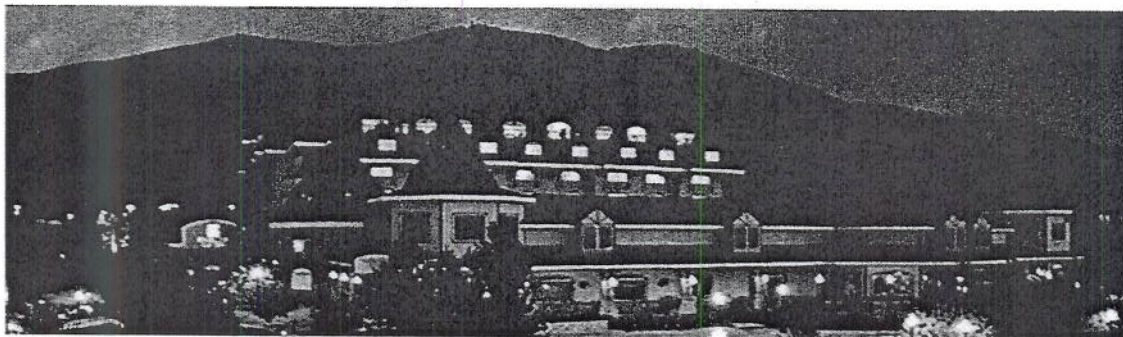
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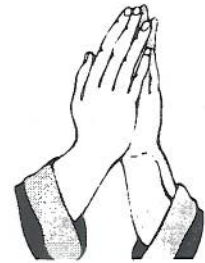
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- One Bedroom Suite with microwave, refrigerator, wet bar, coffeemaker
- Free Breakfast Buffet
- An evening happy hour with your favorite beverages (Subject to State and Local laws.)





FAITH



Authored by Pete Padron #88, PGP

FAITH AS A SIMPLE TRUST IN GOD: Faith is a way of life. When a mother sends her children to school every day, her faith tells her that they are going to be safe there. Otherwise she will be watching the children in school all day long, but no. She trusts in God that they will be safe.

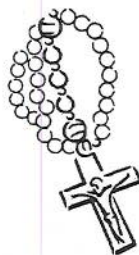
FAITH AS FAITHFULNESS: Peter and some of the disciples were on a boat during a storm. Peter saw Jesus walking on the water. Jesus called Peter. Peter went off the boat walking towards Jesus. When he realized that he was walking on the water he started to sink. Peter said "Lord, Lord, save me and Jesus said O man of little faith".

FAITH AS ASSURANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR: The apostle Thomas was an unbeliever. When Jesus first appeared to the apostles they said to Thomas they saw their Master. He did not believe them until Jesus appeared the second time and said to Thomas, "come and put your fingers in my side and in my hands". Jesus said to Thomas, "you believe because you see. Happy are those who believe without seeing."

FAITH AS AN ASCENT OF THE MIND TO ETERNAL TRUTHS: This is a famous definition of St. Thomas Aquinas. This meaning of faith is already found in the Acts of the Apostles where the faithful believed in eternal truths like the Resurrection and the Second Coming.

FAITH AS THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION: The doctrine of Justification was a bone of bitter contention between the Lutherans and Catholics. By faith alone as we find in Paul and the other view based on the letter of James that faith without works is dead. The Lutherans believed that by reading the scriptures they will be saved. It is not so. For example, when you are eating a baked potato without salt or butter, it has no flavor. You must add something to it to make it taste better.

When I pray, I go to my room alone and pray to God. I ask God to listen to me. There, I tell the Lord to "talk to me, your servant is listening". I have faith that Our Lord listens to me. My wife used to tell me to have faith. I pray the Rosary at home, when walking or driving alone. I am always praying the Rosary and having faith in God. Our late Pope John Paul II always said "pray the Rosary". The Rosary tells about the life of Jesus. Remember always have faith and your life will be much better.



YMI Grand Council Bowling Tournament ~ 2013 Final Results

San Jose #2 – Team #1 – 3348 Pins
St. Christopher #80 – Team 1 – 3281 Pins
Sebastopol #54 – Team 1 – 3242 Pins
Manteca #88 – Team 1 – 3230 Pins
South San Francisco #32 – Team 1 – 3224 Pins
Stockton #5 – Team 1 – 3218 Pins
St. Christopher #80 – Team 3 – 3215 Pins
St. John Bosco #613 – Team 2 – 3202 Pins
Stockton #5 – Team 2 – 3197 Pins
Holy Rosary #44 – Team 1 – 3196 Pins
Holy Rosary #44 – Team 2 – 3196 Pins
St. Christopher #80 – Team 2 – 3136 Pins
Sadoc #59 – Team 1 – 3131 Pins
American #8 – Team 1 – 3126 Pins
St. John Bosco #613 – Team 1 – 3079 Pins
Stockton #5 – Team 3 – 3046 Pins
Holy Rosary #44 – Team 3 – 3012 Pins

Individual Award to Kevin Folan #613 – High Game Scratch – 286 Pins
Individual Award to Tim Pimentel #80 – High Game Handicap – 292 Pins
Next Year's Tournament is set for April 6, 2014

Congratulations to all the Bowlers!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

40th Annual Pro Patria Essay Contest

Grand First Vice President, Brother Luther Evans, announces that the 40th Annual Pro Patria Essay Contest is open for your writing pleasure. On page 11 of this issue of the Institute Journal is the official entry form for all our student writers. This entry form was also distributed at the 128th Grand Council Session. **Brothers...it is your responsibility to get the information out to your own children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, parish school teachers, local Catholic high school teachers, Religious Education Programs at your parish, etc.** Students from 7th thru 12th grades are invited to participate and they can start to write now. Don't wait until the last minute!!!! Last year over 1700 students wrote, why not surpass that number this year??? It is up to you.



Young Men's Institute
Fortieth Annual
Essay Contest

Entry Form

(Please type or print clearly)

NAME _____

Last

First

AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

Number and Street

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Cash Prizes to be Awarded:

	Grades 7-8	Grades 9-12
Grand Prize	\$500.00	\$1000.00
2 nd Place	\$350.00	\$ 800.00
3 rd Place	\$300.00	\$ 600.00
4 th Place	\$200.00	\$ 400.00
5 th Place	\$150.00	\$ 300.00
6 th Place	\$100.00	\$ 200.00
7 th - 13 th Place	\$75.00	\$ 100.00

Contest Rules:

1. Topics

7 & 8 Grades - Describe how children learn best from adults who serve as their role models. Provide specific examples.

9 - 12 Grades - In life there are leaders and followers. Write about someone you know personally among your peers who you consider a leader. Identify their leadership qualities and narrate incidents to illustrate.

2. Contest is open to any Catholic student (Private or Public School).

3. A Young Men's Institute member or Council must sponsor each student entry.

4. The essay must be original and not more than 500 words.

5. The essay can be word processed, typed, or neatly hand printed.

6. The essay must be accompanied by the information requested by the Entry Form. (See "Entry Form" section)

7. All entries will be received by January 15, 2014.

8. All entries will be judged on content, neatness, grammar, spelling, and adherence to contest rules. A panel of impartial persons will conduct judging for the Grand Award. The decision of the judges is final. All entries become the property of the Young Men's Institute and a list of winners will be published in the Institute Journal.

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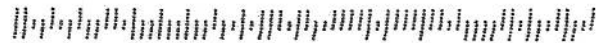
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Education Foundation Begins New Year

Brothers, it is with great pleasure to announce the election results for the Officers of the Education Foundation 2013-2014: Secretary: Christopher Freeberg #44, PGD ~ Treasurer: Bob Bartoli #32, PGP ~ Vice President: Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP ~ and President: Eddie Mello #80, PGD. I would also like to thank and welcome Past Grand President Larry Silva to the Educational Foundation Board, it is great to have him back. There have been many questions as to who is eligible for Educational Benefits. We, as a Board, would like to remind all Brothers that only children of members in good standing are eligible for the Education Foundation Benefits. Contrary to popular belief, the YMI Death Benefits are not part of the Educational Foundation, they are part of Grand Council only, so make sure your beneficiary designation is up to date with the Grand Council Office. We, as a Board, also encourage members to continue to make donations to the Educational Foundation or send in Memorials in honor for loved ones or friends.

Yours for God and Country,
Eddie Mello #80, PGD
President

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