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GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President's Message

Dear Grand Officers and YMI Brothers,

I would like to thank the entire family of YMI Brothers and their respective Councils for choosing me to represent them as 2014-2015 Grand President and for all your support at the Grand Council Session held in South Lake Tahoe. I know everyone enjoyed the well planned event, especially the dinner boat ride and dance which was blessed with the vision of a gorgeous rainbow.

It is such an honor to be elected as your new Grand President. I am humbled that you would place your faith and trust in me.

This is a responsibility that I do not take lightly, and I will endeavor to represent you with the utmost transparency and boldness. I would like to thank all the Past Grand Presidents for opening my eyes to so many new perspectives regarding this office. I would like to thank all of my Brothers from St. Christopher Council #80 whose wisdom and knowledge help me achieve this accomplishment. But most of all, thank you Brothers for using your voice, your vote, to express your confidence in me.

We are living in a world of new ideas, the inclusion of different types of people, cultures and economies. Knowledge and attitudes that foster unity in diversity must be nurtured among our leadership and the faithful in general. We must be able to see with our own eyes that all men are equal, Catholic and non-Catholic, people are people, all placed on this earth by someone greater than us. With the growth of the Young Men's Institute we must open our hearts, open our minds and

open the doors, placing no barriers on our membership. Now I ask that you not walk for me, but with me, and together we will open the doors to the future of the Young Men's Institute.



With the help of my fellow Brothers, Grand First Vice President George Terry and Grand Second Vice President Michael Dimech, we will be there to help all Councils in recruiting new members and to gain more members participating within each Council, because all Councils' members are the committees.

I am looking forward to the upcoming Council visits and would like these visits to be focused around your membership drives and extending our hands in Brotherhood, Faith, Patriotism
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and Fraternity. Since our gathering in South Lake Tahoe a few months ago, I along with many Grand Council officers have attended Council meetings, Council social events and Council fundraisers. These Councils include: Sebastopol #54, San Jose #2, American #8, Vallejo #13, Santa Rosa #40, Holy Rosary #44, Gustine #93, Dos Palos #99, Diablo Valley #111 and Sadoc #59. We are off to a great start; let us keep the spirit moving forward.

Get to know your District Deputy Grand Presidents; they are the root for this tree of ours to grow. They may have other duties but without them our goal will not be reached. The ocean is wide, the ocean is deep, yet many ships and vessels cross it each day. I am not asking for specific goals to be made, rather just the best of each member's help – and we will be successful with the growth of membership and members beyond our expectations. THANK YOU, Brothers for the opportunity to visit and see firsthand your hard work. THANK YOU, Brothers for the opportunity to lead and serve you as your Grand President for our 2014-2015 year. Pro Deo, Pro Patria...For God, For Country. And may God bless America.

Luther Evans
Grand President



Dear Brothers,

The YMI Seminary Educational Foundation has two openings on their Board of Directors. If you are interested I participating on this worthy committee, please contact me, Chairman John West, by phone at 510-305-1144. Thank you.



YMI RIDES IN ITALIAN HERITAGE PARADE

The YMI celebrated the 146th Italian Heritage Columbus Day Parade on October 12th in San Francisco's North Beach by riding in the annual parade through Fisherman's Wharf and along Columbus Avenue into 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 rode in the parade in style aboard seven magnificent antique cars (circa late 1920's to the early 1960's), including a few Model A Fords.

Grand President Luther Evans #80 and his wife **Emily** led the YMI delegation in the parade sitting in the rumble seat of a beautiful maroon red Model A.

Grand Second Vice President Mike Dimech #613 and **Grand Secretary Mike Amato #613** also participated in the parade, along with several other YMI #613 brothers, including our parade chair **Br. Bob Fiorito (1st VP #613)**, **Br. Joe Soracco (2nd VP, #613)** and **Fr. Joe Landi (Chaplain #613)**. As we recently expanded our parade participation to include the standing **YMI Man of the Year**, we were elated to also have our 2014 honoree of that award, **Br. Tom Fourie (PGP & Business Mgr. #32)**, as well as his wife **Pat** and their adorable grandchildren **Megan** and **Katelyn** in the YMI delegation.

Although the weather was quite warm that day, all reported having a great experience riding in the parade with thousands of people cheering as we past by. The antique cars were adorned with signs prominently bearing the YMI name and logo. In addition, the cars were decorated with several American and Italian flags, as well as many red, green and white balloons. All the cars were loaded with large bags of candy and the YMI delegation enjoyed tossing the treats to the many young people in the cheering crowd.

Having won the first place award in the parade's Antique Car category in past parades, 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.

YMI MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the YMI is to provide for the mutual aid and good will, the moral, intellectual and social improvement of its members, devotion to the Catholic Church, and loyalty to our country in accordance with its motto: "Pro Deo, Pro Patria – For God, For Country". To achieve this mission, the YMI dedicates itself to the education of its members in things Catholic, in things American and in all things that will lead all men to their ultimate salvation.



"My Role Model"

Sophia Cullinan ~ 8th Grade, St. Gregory's Catholic Elementary School ~ San Mateo, California
(First Place Winner in 40th Pro Patria Essay Contest, Grades 7-8)

Every time children are faced with difficult decisions, they can observe their adult role models for inspiration and learning experiences. My role model, Michelle Obama, inspires me to make courageous choices, and she provides excellent examples of support, generosity, and bravery.

First of all, Mrs. Obama is extremely supportive of her family and her beliefs. When I watch her on television, I learn about her unconditional support of her husband during his presidential campaign. She walked along side President Obama down the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on the fiftieth anniversary of the "I Have a Dream" speech. Mrs. Obama also spoke about her hopeful future for our country during President Obama's first campaign. Hopefully, other children around the globe can watch and copy this trait of support from their own adult role models.

As well as being supportive, I have learned through observing Mrs. Obama that generosity is important. Although she is an accomplished attorney, Mrs. Obama has put her own career on hold to fulfill her duties as First Lady. She generously gives her time to children's organizations including those that focus on ending childhood obesity. Programs such as the "Day of Play" and the national Geographic "Move" program encourage youth to eat better and exercise more. Mrs. Obama continues to give her time in her hectic life for the well-being of others.

Finally, through observing Mrs. Obama, I have learned what it means to be brave. Mrs. Obama became the first African American woman to become the First Lady of the United States. Some people do not agree with her or her husband's politics. She ignores all comments from those who are racist. Mrs. Obama keeps her head held high no matter what others say about her or her family. She also spoke out against her own husband's health and pushed him to quit smoking. I greatly admire her bravery and self-confidence during difficult times.

Through watching Mrs. Obama, I gain important life skills and examples of behavior that I incorporate into my everyday words, actions and decisions. Where did Mrs. Obama learn these admirable life skills? She too observed examples of family support and hardworking values from her own parents. Although children can absorb information in many ways and from several sources, they truly learn best by watching their own adult role models.

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Have you bought your Pro Patria Raffle Tickets yet????

The student writers for 2015 are waiting for your support.

This contest is the largest outreach Program for the YMI!!!

Every Brother's help is needed. Please don't disappoint the students.

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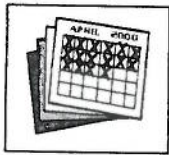


"A True Peer Leader"

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

"A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent." Douglas MacArthur flawlessly states what it means to be a leader. All leaders need to possess these characteristics in order to be successful. The fine thing about being a leader is that they aren't born leaders. They are made. This leaves endless opportunities for people who want to be leaders. Just like anything else, putting in time and effort leads to results. Leading other people is not easy, but it is achievable and desired. There are many peer leaders in our world. The person that immediately comes to my head when I hear the word leader is Gracie. Gracie is my twenty-two year old sister. She has all of the characteristics that a leader must have. She exemplifies all of the qualities that Douglas MacArthur mentioned and then some.

This past year, a lot of different things in my household have changed. Last year, on Halloween morning, my mother was driving to work. She had a meeting early in the morning so one of my Mom's friends drove my siblings and I to school. It was around 7:30 a.m. when my Mom got into a very serious car wreck and was CareFlighted to Miami Valley Hospital. Gracie was attending IU Bloomington at the time of the accident. When Gracie received the call about the accident, she threw a few clothes into a suitcase and rushed to the hospital. My Mom was in the hospital for three and a half months and then in a nursing home/rehab facility for another two to three months. Gracie moved back to help watch over us, due to my Dad being with my Mom or in meetings for my Mom all of the time. Luckily, Gracie's professors were all very kind and understanding. She continued to take her classes online instead of having to drive to Bloomington and back every day. Gracie selflessly gave up hanging out with her friends and actually going to college to take care of her little siblings. She acted as our mother and father some days. While my Dad was away she would take us to practices, school, pick us up from practices and school, make dinner, clean the house, work on weekends, do her schoolwork, and take us to see our Mom. She, as a twenty-one year old, did what some parents combined don't do. Gracie did all of this without complaining even once. She ignored her own needs to do what's best for our family. She is always fair and always hears both sides of the story. Gracie does what she believes is right even when people don't agree. She has given up some of the best years of her life to come back and take care of her little siblings. If Gracie isn't a peer leader, I don't know who is.



SAVE THESE DATES:

Saturday, March 14, 2015 – 132nd Birthday Anniversary of the YMI

"The Red and White Mass" – 4:30 p.m. – St. Veronica Catholic Church

South San Francisco – Dinner and Pro Patria Raffle to follow Mass

130th Grand Council Session – June 15-17, 2015 – Silver Legacy Hotel

Reno, Nevada – more info to follow



**From the Podium - 129th Grand Council Session
Joseph Reza #100, JPGP**

Greetings Brothers,

I was honestly honored to have been your Grand President this past 2013-2014 YMI year. It was very rewarding and I learned so much and hope to continue my learning in all aspects of the YMI. I enjoyed every event I participated in, every visit I made, meeting new members and their families, experiencing their parishes, listening to their concerns and feeling their great fellowship. Visiting Indiana and Hawaii were an experience in itself, blessed times that will stay with me and my family for a lifetime. This was truly a spiritual journey.

The 129th Grand Council Session started off on Monday afternoon by celebrating our YMI Opening Mass and Remembrance Ceremony with Father Agnel, Father Landi and Father Gobbo at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in beautiful South Lake Tahoe. Our meetings started with an emotional opening; first order of business was to appoint a Grand Marshal to replace our Br. Richard Burke #5 who had suddenly passed away days before. Br. Alex Schmitt #8, PGO, stepped up to the plate and accepted the duties of Grand Marshal. Thank you Br. Alex.

The Credentials Committee reported a roll call of 64 delegates which included 12 first time delegates. This fact leads me to believe that we are building for our future. For the Charity Box, I designated 50% of the funds would go to the YMI Educational Foundation and 50% to the YMI Seminarian Educational Foundation in memory of our past Grand Marshal, Br. Richard Burke #5.

The Proud to be Catholic Award this year will go to Huntingburg, Indiana for an awesome job. The Bowling Trophy went to Sebastopol #54, and I am happy to say I was part of their team. The Golf Tournament award went to Bakersfield #100 for the second consecutive year. Br. Tom Fourie was finally given the Man of the Year Award, well-deserved for all the hard work he has done over the years and all the help he provided me. We had a great turnout for the dinner cruise to Emerald Bay; it was a great evening with beautiful weather, dining, dancing and super fraternalism.

All of our Grand Council business was conducted in a timely fashion: passage of the Grand Council Operating Budget, passage of the State of the Institute proposal, election of the 2014-2015 Grand Council Officers, a detailed workshop presented by the Grand Council Office, three resolutions adopted and may committee reports.

Keep getting those new members; you never know your Council might be the next recipient of the Proud to be Catholic Award. Remember our YMI website, we have so much information there to help you, please make sure to utilize it. Thank you again for this honor.

**Yours for God and Country,
Joseph Reza #100, JPGP**





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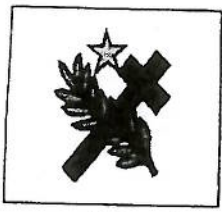


In Memoriam

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Council</i>
Sylvester Boeglin	12-20-2011	497
Glen Songer	02-25-2012	497
Louis G. Armanino	10-25-2013	613
Donald Zink	01-20-2012	497
James Mundy	01-19-2012	497
Russell Gerlach	02-11-2012	497
Harold Boyd, PGO	12-03-2013	1
Joseph J. Scholl, Jr.	11-22-2013	13
Charles Gullo Sr.	12-28-2013	2
Albert Puccini	12-06-2013	32
Thomas DeLaTorre	12-14-2013	1
Frank A. Bettencourt	01-02-2014	44
Anonio F. Mello Jr.	12-04-2013	99
Lucas Rapozo	03-26-2014	573
Bryce S. Giebeler	12-18-2013	80
Don W. Farley	02-08-2014	40
William Gillio	12-2013	614
Arthur L. Owens	06-04-2013	5
Joseph Faletti Jr.	02-12-2014	59
Bill Castillo	02-02-2014	88
Henry Lapachet	02-20-2014	2
Paul R.. Messmer	01-19-2014	497
Arthur L. Chaves	02-03-2014	609
Bernard J. Liberto	01-15-2014	32
John R. Gotelli	01-14-2014	1
Martin J. Procaccio, PGP	02-05-2014	84/900
Anthony Lopes	12-03-2013	93

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Council</i>
Ernest Prioste	04-24-2014	84/900
John Vaccaro	05-06-2014	84/900
Henry S. Leite	04-14-2014	573
Robert R. Kearns	04-22-2014	76
Ting Guggiana	04-13-2014	40
Emmett Faurest Jeffries	05-20-2014	497
Eugene Cunningham	03-28-2014	8
Mario Baffico	05-15-2014	1
Richard P. Burke PGO	06-08-2014	5
William W. Pisenti	06-11-2014	40
Jess A.Lopes, Jr.	06-09-2014	44
Thomas P. Cutino	07-2014	1
John T. Spillane	06-27-2014	54
Harold Ferreira	07-10-2014	573
Lenus J. Long	06-25-2014	40
James J. Gunselman	07-27-2014	497
James E. Cornett	08-26-2014	32
Brian E. Mayer	08-24-2014	32
John G. Fantazia, Jr.	07-23-2014	93
Dwayne Chappell	08-11-2014	497
Henry Metz	08-10-2014	40
Joe S. Lema	07-22-2014	80
Ronald J. Souza	08-04-2014	80
Aldo D. Fornesi	2014	32
Derek K. Sambueso	07-25-2014	60
Joseph T. Schalich	09-16-2014	40

November is the traditional month for all Councils to conduct their own Remembrance Ceremony. It is fitting that all deceased Council members from years gone by be also included in this ceremony.



New Members



<i>Member</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Council</i>
David Armstrong	Val Aggio	54	Ben Wesne	Phil Wesne	497
Donald Andreacchi	Angel Vera	40	John Schneider	Matthew Boeglin	497
John Hurt	Ruben Almeraz	40	Terry Tanner	Fred Souders	497
Chris Agrella	Tony Tamayo	40	George Lambert	Christopher Neu	497
Gary James	Ron Fertitta & Steve May	40	Leonardo Juarez	Peter Basilio	5
Bernardo Silva	Michael Amato	613	Thomas Sabbadini	Bob Hanke & Mike Mahoney	32
Ron Mertes	Michael Amato	613	Domenico DiStefano	Michael Vallelunga	2
James O'Brien Jr.	James E. O'Brien	13	Mark Krasko	Ron Krasko	80
Marcio Rocha	Matt Migliazzo	80	Jorge Ortiz	Luther Evans	80
Frank Dutra Jr.	Frank Dutra Sr.	80	Michael Silva	Luther Evnas	80
Joseph Dutra III	Frank Dutra Sr.	80	Michael Dolce	Domenic Carinalli	54
James Silveira	Richard Dodson	80	John Laurent	Ron Burns	137
Philip Williams	Harry Licursi	40	Keith Khaleck	Max Vera	40
Matthew Martin	Willie Tamayo	40	Blake Bascherini	Willie Tamayo	40
Michel Chisholm	Joe McNeany	40	Dean Belini	Joseph Bacchetti	92
Jeffrey Bertoli	Gary Vice	40	Gregry Selna	Michael Bacchetti	92
Robert Sanguinetti	Michael Amato	613	Leonard Joaquin	Joseph Bacchetti	92
Russell Vavuris	James Vavuris	613	Thomas Pereira	Joseph Bacchetti	92
Danny Avila	Manuel Drumonde Sr.	44	Alan Sordello	Robert Bacchetti	92
Philip Buening	Joe Buening	497	Rev. Lawrence Beck	Phil Fondale	137
Cory Ingram	Kenny Ingram	497	Robert Podjarsky	Rev. Joseph Landi	613
Brad Buechler	Kevin Buechler	497	John Kavanagh	Bill Gunn	613

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41st Annual Pro Patria Essay Contest

Grand First Vice President, Brother George Terry, announces that the 41st 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 129th Grand Council Session as well as included with the Pro Patria Raffle Tickets mailing. **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 1500 students wrote, why not surpass that number this year??? It is up to you. The deadline for submitting the essays is January 15, 2015.

September Bocce

On Saturday, September 27, 2014, YMI Council # 613 hosted their 7th Annual Bocce Ball Tournament at Orange Park in South San Francisco. Under sunny skies, 14 teams representing 6 YMI Councils (#1, #32, #40, #54 #137 #613) competed in this year's tournament.

As with prior tournaments many of the games were very competitive in the double elimination format. In the finals of the winner's bracket Council # 32's "Pall Bearers" (Alan Patrick, George Terry, Dave Carelli and Bill Albera) faced off against "Sonoma Bocce" (Tom Saska, Maximiliano Vera, Aprille Vera, and Angel Vera). In the end the Pall Bearers pulled out the win and faced Team Talponi in the championship matches. Team Talponi defeated the Pall Bearers in two games to win the 7th annual Bocce Ball Tournament. Each member of both teams that reached the finals received a bottle of wine.

Other teams who deserve honorable mention for playing well are:

- 4th Place - Council # 32 - On a Roll – Dominic Franco, Fernando De Alba, Norm Faria, & Danny Marcucci.
- 5th Place – Council # 613 - Team Gunn – Bill Gunn, April Gunn, Will Gunn & Rick Oschenshirt
- 6th Place – Council # 613 - Sangiovese – Bob Fiorito, Joe Soracco, Mike Amato, & Mike Dimech
- 7th Place Council # 54 - Sebastopol #54 - Bill Cole, Mike Merga, David Armstrong
- 8th Place Council # 40 - Santa Rosa Four – Gene Vannetti, Lorraine Vannetti, Don Becchetti & Loudean Becchetti



We also want to extend Honorable Mention to a new bocce ball team representing Council # 137. A team made up of Phil Fondale, Cindy Fondale, Stan Rasmusen & Charlene Rasmussen competed in this year's tournament.

All Bocce Ball players received a commemorative Forest Green T-shirt with the YMI emblem and also took home many prizes from the lunchtime raffle. We also want to thank Council # 32 for supplying hot coffee and donuts in the morning and to Council # 613 for serving a delicious BBQ lunch. We also collected approximately 40 cans of food that will go towards Council # 32's Thanksgiving Food Basket program.

Finally, many Thanks goes to Mike Dimech, Mike Amato, Cosmo Amato and to Ryan Casey and the other Brothers of Council # 613 for organizing and running this event.



**Young Men's Institute
Forty-First Annual
Essay Contest**

Entry Form

(Please type or print clearly)

NAME _____
Last First

AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

HOME ADDRESS _____
Number and Street

_____ City or Town State Zip Code

TELEPHONE NUMBER () _____

SCHOOL NAME _____

GRADE _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____
Number and Street

_____ City State Zip Code

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YMI Member Name or Council's Name

COUNCIL # _____

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 - *What personal trait have you learned about yourself that you will take into high school? Be specific and provide examples.*

9 - 12 Grades - *How has social media impacted the decisions you are making in high school? Provide specific examples.*

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 must be received by January 15, 2015.
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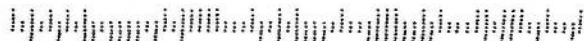
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