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GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President's Message

Greetings Brothers,

Winter 2014

Where do I begin, well we begin 2014 just as busy as we left 2013. With Holidays past us, it is now time to get back to business. I hope you are still trying to get your memberships up, and if your Council is having an upcoming drive, I will make every effort to be there and help.

My official visits continued with St. Augustine Council #497 in Huntingburg, Indiana and

Gonzaga Council #612 in Richmond, Indiana. What an awesome time and truly a great experience. Br. Tom and I were blessed with great weather, we beat the cold and actually took the warm weather with us. Our first day started with a beautiful Mass, and after Mass we were treated to a great breakfast that was prepared by Council #497. I spoke about the importance of membership. We were given a tour of the facilities, had great fellowship and a great lunch. Our journey continued as we were blessed to meet the 7th and 8th graders from Holy Family Catholic Elementary School in Jasper, Indiana, where Brother Tom explained the benefits of participating in the Essay Contest. We ventured off to Louisville, Kentucky and we visited the Louisville Slugger Bat Factory, awesome experience. Our next visit was with Gonzaga Council #612 in Richmond. We started with a morning Mass at St. Andrew's Catholic Church with faculty and students of Seton Catholic High School. After Mass I spoke about the values of a Catholic education, the opportunity that it gives students to nurture their spiritual and moral values. We enjoyed a great dinner with our Brothers of Council #612. It was an honor having a bull named after me: his name is "Rain Maker Joe", so fitting for us here in California. We ended the evening with some great fellowship with the Women's Auxiliary, who were fantastic. We were delighted to

miss the blizzard on the way home but I did enjoy my first visit to Indiana.



I was home a few days and then my wife and I were off to Council #613 for their annual Christmas Party at Dominic's at Oyster Point in South San Francisco. Great dinner and fellowship, it was a turnaround for us but we had a great time. Thank you Br. Mike Amato, your family and Council #613 - what a great way to end 2013. The New Year started with a visit to South San Francisco Council #32 at All Souls and it was an adventurous trip as I was lost for about 40 minutes, I enjoyed sightseeing. I finally arrived at my destination and had a great evening with Council #32; it was a short turnaround trip. I love this job.

We, the YMI, have some exciting events coming up. Please make sure to check the website for all the dates. The website has a lot of information; in my last article I

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asked that you use this as a tool to recruit new members. It's just an added extra to sell what we are all about. Good luck in your recruiting, maybe the most new members award might go to another Council this time around or does it stay with Santa Rosa?

Let's get busy Brothers.

Spring 2014

This has been a busy few months and it started with my official visit to Hilo, Hawaii – Francis Council #573. As I arrived in Hilo, I was informed that there was a tsunami warning due to the earthquake that had just happened. This was my first trip to Hawaii and I was surprised by the humidity, but none the less it was Hawaii. Day two started off with a great breakfast shared with Br. Jimmy Souza and his lovely wife, Janet. We had a beautiful day at the volcano, sightseeing and learned some history about the Big Island. That evening I was picked up by Br. Wendell Serrao and we were off to their Council Meeting. It truly was an honor to meet Br. Eric D'Almeida and Council #573 – they were awesome. I shared my visions of Building for our Future and reminded them of the importance of their continuation of recruiting new members to keep this great organization going for generations. Day three was a true blessing as Council #573 celebrated YMI Day. This was an Hawaiian potluck with stories, jokes and the sharing of what YMI had done for them. I had a great spiritual visit that will never be forgotten, thank you Br. Jimmy, Br. Wendell, Br. Eric and Council #573.

My next journey was to Pioneer, California, at Our Lady of the Pines Council #137. My wife and I attended Mass and I spoke to the congregation about the benefits of joining YMI and how much it has truly blessed me and my family. I also added if they wanted to learn more about our organization they could find all the information on our YMI website. I had a short visit with Br. Ron Burns, President and Br. Phil Fondale and Council #137 and then my wife and I were off to Br. Phil's home for a BBQ. Thank you Council #137 for an awesome afternoon, great food and fellowship. Council #137 and your wives were great, thank you for making us feel so welcome. Look forward to visiting with you all again very soon.

Brothers please let me once again remind you to use our YMI website. It is always current and it's a great tool to recruit those new members. Gook luck with your recruiting, God Bless, and see you in South Lake Tahoe.

Pro Deo, Pro Patria

Brother Joseph Reza #100
Grand President



The Young Men's Institute
South Lake Tahoe, California
129th Grand Council Session
Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel

Brief Timeline of Events

Monday, June 16, 2014

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ~ Registration in Hotel Lobby
6:00 p.m. ~ Opening Mass and Remembrance Ceremony
St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church
Hwy 50 & Lyons Avenue, South Lake Tahoe
(ten minutes drive from the hotel)

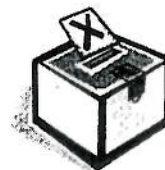


Tuesday, June 17, 2014

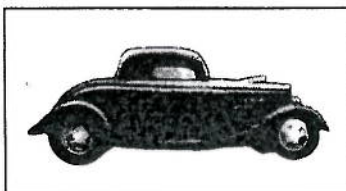
7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. ~ Breakfast in the Atrium of the Hotel
9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. ~ Registration in Hotel Banquet Room
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ~ Session Begins ~ Hotel Banquet Room
12:30 p.m. ~ Delegates Lunch ~ Hotel Banquet Room
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. ~ Cocktails in the Atrium ~ Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel
5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. ~ Emerald Bay Dinner/Dance Cruise

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. ~ Breakfast in the Atrium of the Hotel
8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. ~ Voting ~ Hotel Banquet Room
9:00 a.m. ~ Session Continues ~ Hotel Banquet Room
4:00 p.m. ~ Celebration Mass with Installation of Grand Council Officers for
2014-2015
St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church
Hwy 50 & Lyons Avenue, South Lake Tahoe
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. ~ Cocktails in the Atrium ~ Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel
6:30 p.m. ~ Grand Banquet ~ Hotel Banquet Room ~ Lake Tahoe Resort
Hotel



Thank you for coming - have a safe trip home





YMI 2014 PRO PATRIA ESSAY WINNERS

Grades 7-8

<i>Prize</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
\$500	1st	Sophia Cullinan	St. Gregory Catholic School, San Mateo, CA	#1
\$350	2nd	Patrick Monreal	St Joachim Catholic School, Madera, CA	#60
\$300	3rd	Shawn Heinz	Holy Rosary Catholic School, Antioch, CA	#5
\$200	4th	Jonathan Abad	Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School, Daly City, CA	#32
\$150	5th	Shirin Steward	Notre Dame Elementary School, Belmont, CA	#1
\$100	6th	Josh Lloyd	St Anthony Catholic School, Manteca, CA	#88
\$75	7th	Leann Brenneke	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$75	8th	Sophia Rodriguez	Sacred Heart Catholic School, Turlock, CA	#44
\$75	9th	Vincenzo Li	Good Shepherd Catholic School, Pacifica, CA	#32
\$75	10th	Kateliën Blumenthal	St. Robert Catholic School, San Bruno, CA	#32
\$75	11th	Sofia Almeida	All Souls Catholic School, South San Francisco, CA	#32
\$75	12th	Aubrie Haley	Holy Rosary Catholic School, Antioch, CA	#5
\$75	13th	Grace Reyes	St. Anthony Catholic School, Atwater, CA	#80

Grades 9-12

\$1,000	1st	Rosie Chimenti	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$800	2nd	Natali Gonzalez	Mercy High School, Burlingame	#32
\$600	3rd	Sarina Wyrick	St. Joseph, Hilo, HI	#573
\$400	4th	Kelsey Martin	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$300	5th	Catherine Bigelow	Mercy High School, Burlingame	#32
\$200	6th	Celeste Tapia	St. Joseph, Hilo, HI	#573
\$100	7th	Arianna Inferra	Mater Dei Catholic High School, Chula Vista, CA	#2
\$100	8th	Claire Linginfelter	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$100	9th	Julia Hurley	Mercy High School, Burlingame	#32
\$100	10th	Christopher Siino	Woodbridge High School, Irvine, CA	#59
\$100	11th	Cassandra Miller	Mercy High School, Burlingame	#32
\$100	12th	Neil Wade	St. Elizabeth High School, Oakland, CA	#8
\$100	13th	Hannah Lahey	Mercy High School, Burlingame	#32

Congratulations

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Brothers,

The following proposal for changes to the Grand Council By-Laws will be presented on the floor of the 129th Grand Council Session this June. All Brothers and in particular, all voting delegates, should review this proposal prior to the secret ballot vote.

Yours for God and Country,

Frank Hepburn #2, JPGP

Committee Chairman

Proposal #1

Article VII: Membership, Organization, Suspension, and Dissolution of Councils

Current Language:

Section 2 ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE: Upon the written application of not less than *fifteen (15)* eligible applicants to form a Council under the jurisdiction of Grand Council, the Grand President shall require the Grand Secretary, or other organizing officer, to inquire into the character and qualifications of the applicants and to proceed as follows:

- (a) No Council shall be organized unless and until the organizing officer is satisfied with the number and qualifications of the applicants, and all application forms have been completed and signed. No less than *fifteen (15)* applicants must be eligible as Benefit Members, Associate Members, or a combination of the two.

Section 5 MINIMUM NUMBER OF BENEFIT MEMBERS: if the Benefit members in any Council should fall below *fifteen (15)* in number, the Council shall be permitted to continue in existence and accept additional Associate and Benefit members. The Council will also be given assistance by Grand Council in the recruitment of additional members. However, it is the duty of the Council to notify Grand Council and ask for this assistance.

Section 6 SURRENDER OF CHARTER; No Council shall voluntarily surrender its Charter if *fifteen (15)* members in good standing object to its surrender, nor shall any of its funds be divided among its members or disbursed in any other way, but, upon dissolution, all funds, books, and property shall immediately be delivered to the Board of Grand Directors.

Section 8 SUSPENSION AND DISSOLUTION OF COUNCILS; Any Council failing to maintain a minimum membership of *fifteen (15)* members, to hold meetings for four (4) consecutive months, or failing to remit the Per Capita Tax for six (6) months after date of levy, or failing to remit the Death Benefit or Educational Assessments for sixty (60) days after date of levy, or failing to submit any required report, may be suspended or declared in a State of Reorganization by the Board, upon failure, after proper notice of at least twenty (20) days is given to show cause why such action should not be taken. Upon suspension, the Council's Charter and all funds and property shall be forfeited to the Board of Grand Directors. The suspended Council may appeal to Grand Council, but pending the outcome of the appeal the action of the Board shall stand. Councils suspended or in a State of Reorganization may be dissolved only upon the recommendation of the Grand President and the approval of Grand Council.

Proposed Revised Language:

Section 2 ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE: Upon the written application of not less than *six (6)* eligible applicants to form a Council under the jurisdiction of Grand Council, the Grand President shall require the Grand Secretary, or other organizing officer, to inquire into the character and qualifications of the applicants and to proceed as follows:

- (a) No Council shall be organized unless and until the organizing officer is satisfied with the number and qualifications of the applicants, and all application forms have been completed and signed. No less than *six (6)* applicants must be eligible as Benefit Members, Associate Members, or a combination of the two.

Section 5 MINIMUM NUMBER OF MEMBERS: if the Members in any Council should fall below *six (6)* in number, the Council shall be permitted to continue in existence and accept additional Associate and Benefit members. The Council will also be given assistance by Grand Council in the recruitment of additional members. However, it is the duty of the Council to notify Grand Council and ask for this assistance.

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Rationale:

We are well aware of the grand story of the YMI's birth on March 4, 1883, when six (6) young men (i.e., McDade, Smith, Sheehan, Ryan, Gagan & Maxwell) gathered under a single lamppost in front of St. Joseph Parish Hall to form a society for the moral, social and intellectual betterment of Catholic laymen. Ironically, if these same six men came before the YMI today to seek authorization for a new Council, we would have to deny them per the above by-laws,

It is a harsh reality that the number of Councils in the YMI has been shrinking steadily, as has been our overall membership. In the past decade (if not longer), we have seen only one new Council emerge. As such, we must consider ways to make it easier for new YMI Councils to form and new areas of membership to grow. If we don't, we will continue to shrink. The current 15 applicant basis for forming a new Council appears to an arbitrary number and likely originated during a time when new Councils were forming regularly. Changing to the six applicants would go back to our roots and honor our founding fathers.

CANDIDATES FOR GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE

2014-2015

(thus far)



Grand President - Luther Evans #80

Grand First Vico President - George Jerry #32

Grand Second Vico President - Michael Dimech #613

Junior Past Grand President - Joseph Ross #100

Grand Secretary - Michael Amato #613

Grand Treasurer - Jack Albrecht #1

Grand Marshal - Richard Burke #5

Grand Inside Sentinel - Nick Franceschini #54

Grand Outside Sentinel - ?

Grand Director - Alan Patrick #32

Grand Director - Michael Infusio 3613

Grand Director - William Effinger #80

Grand Director - Peter Pasini #2



YMI WEBSITE IS BACK!

The YMI Grand Council Office proudly reports that the YMI website is back in operation with an improved look and more useful content! The new YMI website went back in service on November 8th, less than a month after the YMI selected its new webmaster, Ms. Mary Beth Wilson. As before, you can still access YMI officer, membership and event info at www.ymiusaorg. In addition, you can now download:

- Man of the Year Info, including a history of past recipients;
- YMI Constitution and By-Laws
- Variety of YMI business Forms, including a new YMI Donation Form
- 2-year library of YMI Lamp Posts editions;
- Listing of Past YMI Grand Presidents
- Info about our Educational & Seminarian Educational Foundations;
- Council Directory with Officer Names & Council Locations;
- Council Newsletters – we currently have four Council newsletters posted on the website (#8, #32, #40 & #613); to get your Council added, please send your newsletter via e-mail to mamato871@aol.com so we can post news activity in your Council.



If you have any suggestions for website content, please contact our Grand Secretary, Br. Mike Amato at mamato871@aol.com

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Martin J. Procaccio PGP

As 2014 entered its second month, Past Grand President Martin J. Procaccio #84/900 was called home by Our Lord. A native of Chicago, Illinois, he and his wife Mary relocated to Santa Clara, California in the early 1960's. They raised their family in the Santa Clara Valley and Brother Marty was initiated into the YMI on March 2, 1968. He was a hard working member of Santa Clara Council #84, serving in all the Council Offices on more than one occasion. He was elected as Grand Director in 1989 at the Grand Council Session in Oakland, and became Chairman of the Board in 1990. He moved to Grand Second Vice President in Sacramento (1991), Grand First Vice President in Santa Nella (1992) and the Grand President in 1993 presiding at the Grand Council Session in Palo Alto, California. He will always be remembered for his musical talent (the accordion) and his vocal efforts to get every YMI Brother to learn and sing the YMI song.

May he rest in peace.

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