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GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Grand President's Message

Although it has only been a few weeks since the 2016 Session took place, still I can't help but reflect on the three days spent in Santa Rosa; a productive and fun time. First and foremost, I was honored to be nominated and elected to the position of Grand President for the coming year. I feel privileged to be chosen as your Grand President and to have the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of the great Brothers who have preceded me in this role.

Before going any further, I would like to thank the Grand Council Session Planning Committee and Santa Rosa Council # 40 and Sebastopol Council # 54 for the great work putting on the three-day session. The session meetings themselves were well run by Br. George Terry, the delegates

were well prepared and the Brothers who gave reports to the delegation provided a clear summary of the information. The Session went off without a hitch thanks to all the planning and hard work of many Brothers and it was clear that a good time was had by all.

The time spent outside the actual Session also provided some true highlights to the week such as the Opening Mass and Remembrance Ceremony at St. Rose Catholic Church and the BBQ dinner at Dominic Cairnall's vineyard in Sebastopol. Thanks to Dominic and his crew, we all enjoyed a delicious meal outdoors at his beautiful vineyard.

On day two of the session, many of the Brothers and their wives and friends went to dinner at the beautiful White Oak Saddle Club. The dinner was outstanding and was held outside on the veranda overlooking the polo field. Definitely an evening to remember!

On day three, the last of the business end of the Session was completed and then we all headed to the Installation Mass of the Grand Council Officers at Star of the Valley Catholic Church. I will always remember the ceremony, especially the traditions that have been passed on for many years.

Sharing the celebration with my family and the other YMI members was very special. The overwhelming support offered by our Brothers and their families was very much appreciated and gives me comfort as I begin my year as Grand President.

Our session this year ended with the Grand Banquet. I will remember the banquet not only for the brotherhood and fraternalism that I witnessed throughout the evening, but also for the two awards that were given out. The "Council of the Year" award was presented to Santa Rosa Council # 40. This was a well-deserved recognition to an outstanding council that

adheres to the virtues of the YMI mission statement by providing goodwill to their community and devotion to the Catholic Church. The list of accomplishments that Council #40 has completed over the last few years was extensive and the hard work within their parish and community in the name of the YMI was impressive. I would like to personally thank them for their effort!



The second award presented during the banquet was the annual "Man of the Year" award. This award was presented to a very deserving YMI Brother and Past Grand President, Frank Hepburn #2. The award, which is the YMI's most prestigious award, is given to the YMI Brother in consideration for his service to his parish, involvement in the community, and active participation in Council and Grand Council activities. Although the previous sentence could describe many Brothers, what really separated Frank from the group was the sheer magnitude of his involvement in a variety of causes that were clearly very dear to his heart. I was so impressed by Frank's dedication to not only the activities within the YMI and his parish, but also to his keen eye to the needs of the community. Frank was a great choice for this award and I feel honored to count him as one of my Brothers.

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After leaving the YMI convention in Santa Rosa, I traveled to Anaheim, California the following week to join the Young Ladies Institute at their annual convention. The approximately 120 ladies in attendance gave me a warm welcome and offered me some time on their agenda to speak to them about my program and what I would like to accomplish this year as the Grand President. Among the topics discussed was their continued support and sponsorship of young students in our annual Pro Patria Essay Contest. I enjoyed my time at the convention and I left with a better understanding of the YLI's mission and future goals. In addition, while traveling home, I could not help but think that it would be great to have a joint YMI/YLI event during the next year. We have similar goals and I believe combining forces for a social or community event would be enjoyable for all. What that event is I am not sure of at this time, but I would like to explore this thought with the Grand Officers at an upcoming Grand Director's meeting.

While June was a nonstop month, July turned out to be equally as full with a variety of activities. To start off the month, I also attended Council #32's Business Meeting and witnessed the Installation of their new president, Brother Paul Larsen and their officers for the coming YMI year. I also had the opportunity to touch base with all of our District Deputies and I spent some time reviewing their role and the information that was provided to them at the June session. Moving forward, each District Deputy will be responsible for filling out a questionnaire on a quarterly basis. The information on the questionnaire pertains to the Council visits made by each District Deputies during the quarter. At the end of the quarter, the summary will be sent to me so that the information can be shared with the Grand Officers at each Grand Directors meeting.

To close out July, I was honored with a reception on July 23rd at St Cecilia's Church in San Francisco. Council #613 prepared a delicious meal for approximately eighty YMI members and their families. I was grateful for this wonderful evening and for the time to share a meal and talk to the many people in attendance.

A few days after the reception I attended the YMI Educational Foundation meeting on July 26th in San Leandro.

Moving forward, there are lots of fun things on the calendar. Given the favorable response to the initial Grand Council Pasta Bingo Dinner this past April, I am in the process of trying to schedule another Pasta Bingo Dinner for later this year or possibly in January. I will place this item on the agenda for the July 30th Grand Director's meeting to obtain input from our Grand Officers.

Finally, I am also gearing up for the 9th annual YMI Bocce Ball Tournament that my Council, St. John Bosco # 613, puts on. The event will take place in South San Francisco on September 24th. If you are interested in participating, please let me know.

Looking ahead, I can see that the next year will be a fairly busy time for me; however, I look forward to making the rounds to all the Councils, meeting with Brothers at their home parish, and sharing a meal and some conversation. As I make my rounds to the Councils, I hope to share some of my goals with all of you and in turn I hope to hear about your own Council's goals for the coming year.

Over the next year, I will do everything I can to make the YMI a strong fraternity, organization and brotherhood.

Until next time, Yours for God and Country,

Brother Michael Dimech # 613
Grand President



From the Podium - 131st Grand Council Session
By Brother George Terry #32, J.P.G.P.

As I look back and reflect on the 131st Grand Council Session of the Young Men's Institute, the first thing that comes to mind is that if you were not there, you my Brothers, missed out on what I believe was one of the best Grand Council Sessions ever. The tremendous effort put forth by the Grand Council Session Planning Committee and the Brothers of Sebastopol Council 54 and Santa Rosa Council 40 put this Grand Session on an even higher bar to come up to, to compare, or to compete with in the future. So in saying this, I would like to THANK YOU for all the hard work and time you put forth to make this one of the best ever.

The Opening Mass and Remembrance Ceremony was held at St. Rose Catholic Church in Santa Rosa, after which we gathered at the Carinalli Vineyard for a BBQ, hosted by the Brothers of Council #54 and our hosts Domenic and Linda Carinalli. The food and surroundings were outstanding and the steaks were cooked to perfection. There were over 120 in attendance who gathered for this event, what a beautiful way to start our Session. The location provided a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and families and friends to unite together for food and hospitality.

Tuesday, as we gathered for the Grand Breakfast before we attended our Session, we were honored to have Brother Mike Nelson #80, GSVP speak. His health was a concern due to the fact he came down with a bug the night before, but thank you Brother Mike for being strong to attend and enlivening us.

The gavel finally fell at 10:00 a.m. After the Opening Prayer and Song, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by our VETERANS. Roll call was taken and we were honored to have 66 delegates representing 15 Councils. Our delegates included seven who were first time attendees which represented 10% of the group and this tells me that new faces are coming in to learn the inner workings of the YMI. It was a great honor to appoint two Brothers to the Election Committee, who had traveled the farthest to be able to attend, namely Brother Wendell Serrao #573 of Hilo, Hawaii and Brother Jim Rohe #612 of Richmond, Indiana. The monies raised by our 50/50 raffles were evenly divided between the YMI Educational Foundation and the Seminarian Educational Foundation of the Young Men's Institute.

Nominations were held for the new incoming officers and we are lucky to have Brothers who will be dedicated in their duties to carry the flag of the YMI to greater heights and to lead us into the next generation of YMI Brothers. All the Brothers were elected unanimously.

Under the State of the Institute, two proposals were brought to the floor: the first to raise the death benefit from \$750.00 to \$1500.00 and the second was to clarify eligibility of delegates. As we continued throughout the day with different committee reports, it was my honor to recognize our District Deputies for all the hard work they had done throughout the year. We recessed for the day with peace and harmony prevailing.

After some time at the pool and renewing friendships, we gathered for probably one of the best and most relaxing dinners ever, planned and hosted by Br. Mike Keefer and his crew from Santa Rosa #40 at the White Oaks Saddle Club. This event will be talked about for years with its setting, fellowship, scenery and the bonding of the brethren that may have never been seen before. Each and every person enjoyed this wonderful location, food and fraternity.

Wednesday morning, we resumed the final day of Sessions, the passing of two resolutions, Brother Tom speaking to the Brothers on the importance of the Semi-Annual Reports and other topics which were intended to help resolve many questions which Councils seem to be struggling with annually. The sports awards were presented, and thanks were acknowledged to all the participants.

Worthy Grand Present Elect Michael Dimech was introduced to a rousing applause and he introduced and swore in his newly elected District Deputies and then discussed his message for the upcoming year.

The gavel fell one last time for me as your now Junior Past Grand President and it is with sadness and fondness to be stepping down. However, I leave relaxed and thankful for all the support the Brothers have given me this year and it was my HONOR TO SERVE YOU and I thank my FAMILY for their support.

For God and Country ~ Pro Deo, Pro Patria

Dan Casteline #5, Past Grand President

On June 5, 2016, Past Grand President Dan Casteline was called to his eternal reward. He was initiated into the Young Men's Institute on July 25, 1953 at the young age of 22. He was a member of Stockton Council #5 which was chartered in 1885. Dan was a very loyal member of Stockton Council #5 and worked for many years to see that the Council flourished and provided his time and effort to serve the Stockton area. Over many years he achieved the status of a Council Officer, including President and his favorite job, that of treasurer and financial secretary. His role with Grand Council began in 1998 when he was elected to the Board of Grand Directors. In 1999 at the Grand Session in Modesto he was chosen as Grand Second Vice President, in 2000 in Millbrae he became the Grand First Vice President and in 2001 in Reno, Nevada he was elected as Grand President. Brother Dan's theme as Grand President was "New Faces, New Ideas". Following his term as Grand President he continued his work with the YMI as a member of both the Educational Foundation and the Seminarian Foundation. He served continually as a member of the Board of Directors of Casa Manana. Dan was an unassuming, yet resourceful individual. He was very respectful and inspiring when he exercised his office as Grand President. He was always there to help. He was a true YMI Brother.



May he rest in peace



From the Archives of YMI, courtesy of Br. Ed DeLaTorre #1, PGP

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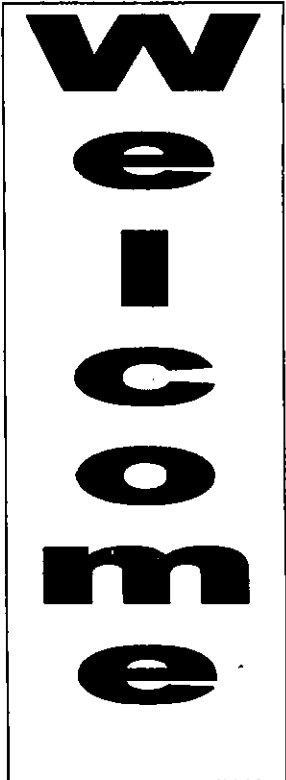
Of a member of the Young Men's Institute

- I BELIEVE that God made me to know, to love and to serve Him, which should guide my every action – to live "PRO DEO";
- I BELIEVE in the Young Men's Institute and the principles for which it stands; mutual aid and benevolence and the moral, intellectual and social improvement of its members;
- I BELIEVE that the need of this Catholic fraternal organization is as necessary today as when it was founded in 1883;
- I BELIEVE that even though I cannot see God, I can with His help, learn to see him in my fellowman;
- I BELIEVE that through the intercession of St. Joseph, our patron, that God will assist me to spread among my fellowmen the kingdom of His truth and love and peace – to live "PRO PATRIA";
- I BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit enkindles in our hearts the fire of the love of God so that we will relish what is right and happily rejoice in His consolations;
- I BELIEVE that I must ever strive to grow in my faith in God, in my loyalty to Country, and that special love for my brothers in the Institute;
- I BELIEVE that the cross in our emblem, a symbol of our holy religion, is also a symbol of my personal cross fashioned individually for me so that with the aid of the Holy Spirit I can carry it manfully;
- I BELIEVE that the peace that comes from restraining selfish desires so that God can use me more efficiently for his holy will, and that the victory of this union with Christ is symbolized in the palm branch of our emblem;
- I BELIEVE that the star in our emblem is the star of Bethlehem, a guiding reflection of the image of Christ, Who waits in Person for me at the end of the road of my following Him.

—Thomas P. Brady, PGP

NEW MEMBERS

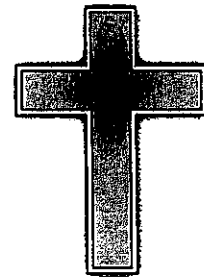
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Loren Migliazzo	Matt Migliazzo	80
Ivan Garcia	Steve May	40
Chris Young	Gary Vice	40
Elijah Reza	Joe Reza	100
Ricky Vannetti	Eugene Vannetti	40
William Ivancovich	Harry Licursi	40
David Harris	Gary Bondi	40
Anthony DiGiovanni	Angel Vera	40
Pedro Barba	Angel Vera	40
Rev. Briccio Tamoro	Bob Bartoli	32
Liam Reidy	Art Jimenez	613



Educational Foundation Memorials/Donations

- Gary Arbasetti:** South San Francisco Council #32*
- Ador Arcalas:** South San Francisco Council #32
- Jim Devincenzi:** Frank Pignati
- Lee Fields:** Jim and Helen Mullen
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Gullo, Sr.:** Charles P. Gullo Jr.
- Jack Murray:** South San Francisco Council #32, Ron and Gina Thomson
- Frank Novello:** Joseph Soracco
- Esther Pratt:** Manuel and Celeste Drumonde, Jim and Helen Mullen, Salvatore and Eleanor Enea, Beverly Ferreira
- Frank J. Silveira:** Holy Rosary Council #44
- Get well Don Benedetti:** 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.



IN MEMORIAM

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Council</i>
Dan Casteline	06-05-2016	5
Lawrence Marella	01-11-2016	13
Francis Loughan	05-21-2016	1
Frank J. Silveira	05-14-2016	44
Ador Arcalas	03-31-2016	32
Jack Murray	04-29-2016	32
James Devincenzi	05-02-2016	1
Daniel O'Sullivan	04-08-2016	1

“Longing for the Past”

*Cameron Kalagayan ~ 8th Grade, Saint Robert Catholic School ~ San Bruno,
California*

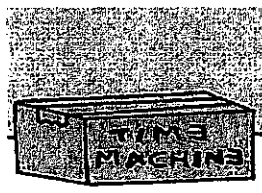
(First Place Winner in 42nd Pro Patria Essay Contest, Grades 7-8)

Ever since I was a little boy, I wanted to travel back through space and time. There are many moments in history that still have plenty of guesses as to what really happened. For instance, how was the universe really created? Or how did humans actually evolve? Or a favorite, are aliens truly real? If I was able to travel back during any of those times I question, I could help determine the actual truth since I was there. Although these are great times to choose from, there is only one that holds the greatest and deepest to my heart. And that time would be more recently, when my maternal grandfather and paternal grandparents were living. You see, all three passed away before I was born so I was never given the chance to build memories with them. I often imagine what it would have been like to have them in my life. And now that I am able to expand my imagination and hop into my imaginary time machine, I plan to go full force with that.

My maternal grandfather, Henry Herbert III, passed away on July 20, 1996 of cancer. I was born six years later on July 31, 2002. I'm one of the youngest of his eleven grandkids so I've heard lots of great stories from my older cousins who were lucky enough to share memories with him. We call him "Grandpa Pops." He loved sports, especially baseball and basketball. He was one of their biggest fans, always cheering them on, every chance he had. If I could travel back in time, I imagine that when I'm playing a sport that he's in the stands cheering me on. I imagine afterwards, we'd have lunch at a Japanese restaurant, as I learned we both love Japanese food. I imagine that he and I are fishing together. I love fishing and he did, too. I fish with my dad today and it would have been so fun if all three of us did it together. Even though my grandpa Pops isn't here today, I live through his memories shared.

My paternal grandparents also died before I was born. On June 20, 1999, they were tragically killed in a car accident. Like Grandpa Pops, I've always longed to meet my Grandpa Ben and Grandma Mele. I don't have first cousins on my dad's side of the family so I've heard wonderful memories of them through my dad and his siblings. Grandpa Ben was a veteran of World War II. He also loved watching sports. I can imagine how proud he would have been seeing me play at my games. My Grandma Mele was a registered nurse. I heard she loved to laugh. I imagine us spending a lot of quality time together, laughing while watching funny movies or even going to Hawaii together as I learned that was their favorite place to vacation, as it is mine. I often imagine them spoiling me and my brother since we are their only grandkids.

There's no doubt that if I were to travel to my grandparents time, we would have amazing and fun times together. I imagine that all of us would often go to the park and the beach where they would tell me great stories of them growing up. I could finally get to know them as real people and not just through pictures and stories. I would hold them so dear to my heart and would never take our time together for granted. Although they aren't here today, I'm so grateful for them. After all, I wouldn't be here today if it weren't for them.



“Community Service – Not Mandatory”

*Kiley O'Brien ~ Mercy High School ~ Burlingame, California
(First Place Winner in the 42nd Pro Patria Essay Contest, Grades 9-12)*

I am fortunate enough to live in a stable home and go to a private school, where my biggest worry is turning this essay in on time. None of my concerns include where I am sleeping tonight or how I am getting my next meal, which is more that I can say for the majority of the world. I believe that giving back to those in need is the key to a well maintained society, but requiring all students in California by law to complete two hundred service hours before they graduate is not taking into account anyone other than privileged families and students who have time and resources to spare.

I plan my week down to the minute. Between sports, hours of homework, an involved social life and a myriad of other stressors, I can't even imagine trying to fit two hundred hours into my schedule. Most nights I barely have time to do my schoolwork, and I am often stressed to the point of tears. As I say this I realize my greatest worries and fears are nothing compared to what other people my age go through on a daily basis. *“Nationwide, about 15 percent of Americans and 22 percent of children under the age of 18 – more than 16 million children – are living in poverty, according to the National Center for Children in Poverty.”* It is absurd that this law would require all high school students, even those with disabilities or who live in poverty, to complete these hours of service. So many people my age are struggling to complete school or to support their families, and while this law would help those in need, it would also hurt the students that are working to make a better life for themselves. Especially in situations of low income, much pressure is put on children to take care of their families and become successful, well rounded adults. The expectations and goals of high schoolers to maintain straight A's, participate in extracurricular, have a healthy social life, and get into a good college is nearly impossible for the average teen to achieve, and twice as hard for underprivileged teens. Shouldn't we be finding a way to make it easier for students who are struggling, not piling on more commitments? These two hundred hours would only make it more difficult for teens to complete high school, and is almost cruel to those who are already at a disadvantage.

Every student who is able should be working in some way to better our community. However, making a law applying to all high schoolers in California requiring them to complete two hundred hours of community service would do much more harm than good. Underprivileged students need to be helped just as much as others in need, and this law overlooks them. If it is instated, this requirement would inhibit teens, especially the disadvantaged, from fulfilling their commitments and achieving their goals. Volunteer work should not be detrimental to students who are already struggling. It should be encouraged to those who have the resources to help those in need.



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BR. FRANK HEPBURN, #2 (PGP) WINS 2016 MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The YMI "*Man of the Year*" Award is the YMI's most prestigious individual award which is based on the YMI's three-fold purpose: Faith, Patriotism and Fraternalism. The award is bestowed annually during the Grand Council Session to a worthy YMI brother in consideration of the following criteria:

- **Faith** as defined by one's service to the parish;
- **Patriotism** as shown by one's service to the community;
- **Fraternalism** as demonstrated by one's efforts supporting YMI Council & Grand Council Activities.



**For the 131st Grand Council Session in Santa Rosa , the YMI recognized
Br. Frank Hepburn of San Jose Council #2 (Past Grand President)
as the YMI Man of the Year for 2016.**

With regard to Faith, Br. Hepburn has been an active member supporting his parish with fundraising activities for many years. In addition, he has actively supported Catholic pro-life beliefs by participating and encouraging others to attend "Walk for Life" demonstrations in San Francisco over the past several years.

With respect to Patriotism, Br. Hepburn has served his country proudly in the United States Navy and has dedicated service time supporting his city and community organizations such as the Italian Catholic Federation and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Moreover, Br. Hepburn often volunteers his free time to visit hospitals, rest homes and rehabilitation centers in order to care for the sick.

Finally, in support of Fraternalism, Br. Hepburn has been very active at both the YMI Council and Grand Council levels since joining the YMI back in 1982. With regards to YMI San Jose #2, Br. Hepburn has been a leading force for his council over the years organizing social events and retreats, while getting them involved in community events such as parades and softball games. He has also served in various leadership positions for Council #2 including a term as its president. He currently serves as Council #2's secretary, where he publishes his council's monthly newsletter faithfully. With respect to the YMI Grand Council, Br. Hepburn has served dutifully from 2004 first as a Grand Director and thereafter in various Grand Officer positions, including a term as Grand President in 2012-13. Br. Hepburn has also served on the Educational Foundation, chaired the YMI Membership Committee, and is currently working as the secretary of the Seminarian Educational Foundation. As a result of his efforts and those other dedicated brothers on the Seminarian Education Foundation, 33 seminarians were able to receive financial support this past year.

Congratulations

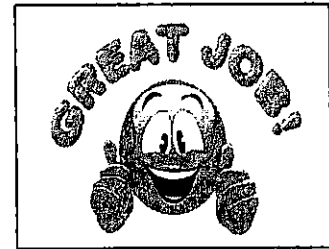
Br. Hepburn on your well-deserved award!

SANTA ROSA COUNCIL #40 IS AWARDED GRAND DIRECTORS' COUNCIL OF THE YEAR FOR 2016

The 2016 Council of the Year Award was presented at the 131st Grand Council Session.

This award is based on the following criteria:

- Inter Council Visits
- Charity Work and Fundraisers
- Increase in Membership
- Participation in the Following:
 - Red and White Mass
 - Pro Patria Raffle
 - Grand Council Sessions
 - Bocce Ball Tournament
 - Bowling Tournament
 - Golf Tournament



Santa Rosa Council #40 not only met the criteria, but went well beyond all expectations.

Council #40 cooks two polenta dinners each and every year with well over four hundred in attendance at each dinner. The income from those two dinners sets the table for Council #40's many wonderful works of charity. They support Catholic Education by providing tuition assistance to St. Rose and St. Eugene grammar schools and Cardinal Newman High School.

Council #40 also supports Catholic Charities and the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the Santa Rosa area. They support the Social Advocates for Youth Program (SAY) which is a support program for older foster children.

In line with Grand President George Terry's pledge during this past year, Council #40 did not forget the veterans in need who reside in Sonoma County, by helping with a donation to the North Bay Veterans Center.

After the terrible Valley Fire in Lake County last year, who was there to help but Brothers from Council #40. The St Vincent de Paul relief program was most grateful for their support and concern.

At their two famous Polenta Dinners, they have instituted warm clothing and canned food drives and also help with the Toys for Tots program at Christmas.

In October 2015, Council #40 held a "New Member" drive, which resulted in ten new members.

Santa Rosa Council #40 has increased their participation in the various Grand Council events over the last several years, from the sporting events to the Pro Patria Raffle, and for the first time in many years they will have a Brother from Santa Rosa Council #40 on his way through the chairs to serve as the Grand President of the YMI.

All of the Brothers, their families and friends of Santa Rosa Council #40 should be very proud on being awarded "Grand Directors' Council of the Year for 2016."

Keep up the good work my Brothers.



43rd Annual Pro Patria Essay Contest and Raffle Too!

As the Grand First Vice President, I am responsible for the 43rd Pro Patria Essay Contest and Raffle this year. You will be receiving your raffle tickets in the mail in October. I encourage you to not only buy these but additional tickets as well. It is my intention to visit as many Councils as time allows to promote ticket sales. Some Councils are great supporters of this fundraiser for the Essay Contest and others, well, not so much. As you can see 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 131st Grand Council Session and is available on the YMI website.

We have come up with a couple of good questions this year as follow:

7th & 8th Grade: The motto "In God We Trust" is on the currency of the United States of America. Presently, there are efforts afoot across our nation to have that motto removed. Share your opinion as to whether, or not, our government should hold firm in keeping "In God We Trust" on U. S. currency.

9th - 12th Grade: When Catholics go to the polls to vote in local, state, and national elections, which factor should come first in selecting a candidate? Should our faith as Catholics take precedence or are political realities more important? Provide two examples to support your position.

As you can see, both questions are timely and require an effort on the part of the student to practice their critical thinking skills. The contest is open to any Catholic student. I challenge you to encourage your children, grandchildren, and/or great-grandchildren to participate. Also, contact your parish school teachers, local Catholic high school teachers and religious education programs at your parish. The financial reward for winning is well worth the effort.

Brothers - no organization, especially the YMI, can succeed without the support of its members. Promoting YMI through the Essay Contest and supporting our youth can be considered a corporal act of mercy. What is preventing you from doing your part?

Brother Mike Nelson #80, GFVP

Have
Faith
in
GOD



Young Men's Institute
Forty-Third Annual
Essay Contest

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 – *The motto "In God We Trust" is on the currency of the United States of America. Presently, there are efforts afoot across our nation to have that motto removed. Share your opinion as to whether, or not, our government should hold firm in keeping "In God We Trust" on U.S. currency.*

9 – 12 Grades – *When Catholics go to the polls to vote in local, state, and national elections, which factor should come first in selecting a candidate? Should our faith as Catholics take precedence or are political realities more important? Provide two examples to support your position.*

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, 2017.
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

Entry Form

(Please type or print clearly)

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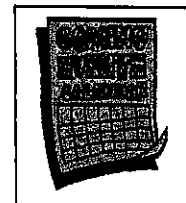
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April 30, 2017 – YMI Grand Council Golf Tournament, Manteca

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