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Pro Deo Pro Patria

GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Grand President's Message

Brothers, Friends and Family,

As a child, we all dream of adventures in our lives. Even over 60 years of age, I still have that little kid in me looking for adventures and new things to explore and learn. Being your Grand President has given me the opportunity to relive some of these dreams. I THANK YOU for this revitalization of childhood dreams and the time to truly revel in the joy of travel and community.

As the 2015 year has come to a close and the 2016 year awaits us, may your year be filled with the same joy and happiness.

This year, my duties have taken me to a vineyard in Sebastopol, a cheese factory in Hilmar, a winding drive through the mountains to Pioneer, past the huge turbine windmills of the Altamont Pass, a parade through North Beach in San Francisco, a parched car-ride through sunny Silicon Valley to San Jose, and the broadened horizons of Indiana. To wrap this all up with a joyous Christmas with the family, I couldn't feel more blessed.

My latest adventure was to the state of Indiana. Traveling with me on this adventure were Brothers Tom Fourie, Bob Bartoli and all the way from Las Vegas was Brother Rich Guaraldi. It was an honor to travel with Brothers and Past Grand Presidents who have knowledge in all the aspects of the YMI and fond memories of past visits to Indiana. The flight heading there was "interesting". It was the first time I have ever been brought back to the gate to re-arrange luggage before take-off. Who knew that weight not being distributed correctly was that big of a concern? As the bible says, "His eye is on the sparrow." We were blessed to come through all our flights safe and sound.

Our first night in Huntingburg was different from the norm, as we headed straight to St. Augustine Council #497 to enjoy dinner with the Brothers. They even invited us to play a little Liars Dice and enjoy their restaurant and bar facilities.

Our next day started off with Sunday Mass. The Brothers prepared a delicious breakfast and we were joined by their lovely, welcoming families. They took us on a sightseeing tour to the ballpark where they filmed the movie "A League of Their Own". We even saw some of

the Brothers' names and businesses on the outfield wall.



On our travel day, we went to Mass with the Benedictine Monks at the Abbey in St. Meinrad. Truly a beautiful setting to quiet one's self and focus on "Pro Deo, Pro Patria"! After Mass we went to the Gold Room Chapel for a little reflection and prayer. Before we left the grounds, we got a little shopping in at Abbey Press to buy some religious gifts.

As we drove toward Richmond, Indiana we made a slight detour into Louisville, Kentucky for lunch and a little shopping at the famous Louisville Slugger factory/store. That night we met with Brother Scott Vogelgesang, the District Deputy Grand President for Northern Indiana. He brought us up to speed on Gonzaga Council #612 and what to expect over the next few days.

Tuesday morning, we attended Mass with the students at Seton Catholic High School. I had the opportunity to speak with the students on the value of a Catholic education. My children went to Catholic school and our conversations really helped guide my presentation with the high school students. Brother Tom spoke
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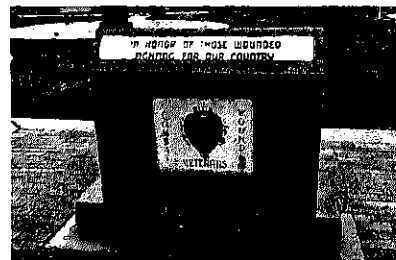
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about the Pro Patria Essay Contest, thanked the students on their involvement and congratulated the winners. After Mass, we got to tour the school grounds. We were allowed to go into some of the classrooms and see the students hard at work.

Later that day, we went to the Richmond's Veteran War Memorial Park. I will never forget that moment and the pride that shook me to the bone. The devotion of Richmond to the survival and strength of our great nation was clear to see. That evening we sat down for dinner with the members and their wives for a beautiful meal. A great chance to unwind after such an amazing day.



Mass the next day was great at St Mary's Catholic School. It's rare to see such young Catholics attending Mass and engaging with Christ. Later, Mrs. Kim Becker, School Principal, walked us through both of her elementary schools. We saw the pre-school to 3rd grade students really light up whenever she brought us into a classroom. The 4th-6th graders at Holy Family Catholic School were involved in many activities, some were even in the hallways working on projects that were too big to do in the classrooms. It was an honor to see all the hard work people put into the education of our youth.

The rest of our day was filled with visitations. We were able to make a stop by Brother Scott's house to visit his parents. Then, of course, it was off to see the Famous Bull "BB2" (aka Big Bob II). Later that evening we gathered for the official visitation to Gonzaga Council #612, which was the real reason you all sent me to Indiana.

During the meeting, I reported out on the general health of the YMI and our membership. Brother Rich put forth his proposal to have our Grand Council Session in Las Vegas in the near future. Brother Bob spoke about our Educational Foundation and Brother Tom followed us all up to make sure we said everything correctly.

In all honesty, I was about as nervous about this trip as a guy feels about meeting his girlfriend's family for the first time. Knowing no one besides my traveling companions was nerve-wracking. But the Brothers welcomed me into their Councils and communities with open arms. Our Brothers in Indiana were the definition of Hospitality and Family.

And still the adventure continues....

As I continue on my visitations throughout the coming year, I look forward to a journey to Hawaii (sorry, just part of the job), the Red and White Mass in Atwater, legendary feats of golfing in Manteca and bowling in Stockton and our epic quest down the I-5 to Bakersfield. I will boldly go wherever the wind blows the banner of the YMI.

Yours for God and Country
George Terry #32
Grand President



Red and White Mass

Saturday, March 5, 2016
Immaculate Conception Church
2889 N. Buhach Rd., Atwater, CA 95301

4:30 p.m.

Banner Procession of YMI Councils and Ceremony Honoring Past/Present YMI Brothers

5:00 p.m.

Mass, Fr. Agnel de Heredia, Grand Chaplain, Celebrant

Dinner Following Mass

St. Anthony Parish Hall, 1801 Winton Way, Atwater, CA

Dinner Menu

Roast Pork Loin and BBQ Chicken, Green Salad, Seasoned Corn, New Potatoes, Rolls, Cake

RSVP by February 26, 2016

For more information, contact:

Br. Mike Nelson (209) 769-7460 or mnelson935@reagan.com

*****Reservation Form Below: Cut along dotted line, complete and mail with payment.*****

Red and White Mass Dinner Reservation Form

Name: _____ Council # _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of adults attending dinner _____ @ \$20 each: \$ _____

Number of children (12 and under) attending dinner _____ @ \$10 each: \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: YMI Council #80

Mail this completed section and payment to: YMI Council #80
P.O. Box 1264
Atwater, CA 95301

RSVP by February 26, 2016

September Bocce

On Saturday, September 26th YMI Council # 613 hosted their 8th annual Bocce Ball Tournament at Orange Park in South San Francisco. Under sunny skies 18 teams representing 6 YMI Councils (#1, #32, #40, #80 #137 #613) competed in this year's tournament. This by far was the largest tournament ever held with 72 players participating with many family members and friends in attendance.

As with prior tournaments many of the games were very competitive in the double elimination format. In the finals of this year's tournament Council# 32's On a Roll (Dominic Franco, Fernando De Alba, Norm Faria and Danny Marcucci) faced off against Team South City, a team made of YMI Members (Rick Ochsenhirt and John Campus). In the end the team On a Roll defeated the Team South City to win the 8th 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:

3rd Place - Council # 613 Team Mosta - Angel Dimech, Donna Dimech
Alvaro Bertucchi

4th Place - Council # 613 YMI # 613 - Mike Amato, Kevin Soracco,
Bob Firito, Mike Dimech

5th Place Tie - Council # 32 Four Pisanos' - Bill Green, Ron Guaraldi,
Ken Colombo, Andy Baldi

5th Place Tie Council # 40 Santa Rosa Four - Gene Vannetti, Lorraine Vannetti,
Don Becchetti, Loudean Becchetti

6th Place Tie Council # 32 Pall Bearers - Alan Patrick, George Terry,
Dave Carelli, Bob Bartoli

6th Place Tie Council # 32 Klan Gunn - Bill Gunn, Will Gunn, April Gunn
Jim Gunn, Janna Gunn

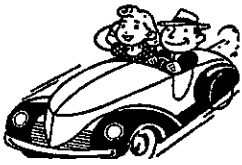
We also want to extend Honorable Mention to a new bocce ball team representing Council # 80. A team made up of Matt Nelson, Stephanie Nelson, Jesus Bravo & Sarah Nelson. Grand Second Vice President Mike Nelson put this team together and was in attendance to cheer the team on.

All Bocce Ball players received a commemorative Navy Blue 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.

Finally, many thanks go to Mike Dimech, Mike Amato, Cosmo Amato, Ryan Casey, Jeanne Dimech, Mara Amato, Yvonne Soracco and the other Brothers of Council # 613 for organizing and running this event.

Look forward to seeing everyone next year.
Br. Mike Dimech



YMI RIDES IN ITALIAN HERITAGE PARADE



The YMI celebrated the 147th San Francisco Italian Heritage Columbus Day Parade on October 11th by riding in antique cars 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's parade consisted of eight fabulous antique cars including a few Model-A's (circ late 1920's-early 1940's).

Grand President George Terry #32 and his wife Kimberly and his granddaughter Nevaeh led the YMI delegation sitting in the back seat of a beautiful blue 1928 Model-A Ford. Our 2015 Man of the Year & Grand First Vice President Mike Dimech #613 and Grand Secretary Mike Amato #613 were on hand riding in a stunning maroon 1938 Chevy. In addition, several other YMI #613 Brothers, including our parade chair Br. Bob Fiorito (GD, 1st VP #613), Br. Joe Soracco (2nd VP, #613) and Fr. Joe Landi (Chaplain #613) either drove or participated in the parade. Not surprisingly, Fr. Landi was a crowd favorite having served as a priest in San Francisco for many years. All YMI participants reported having an awesome experience witnessing thousands of people cheering the YMI entry and just enjoying the wonderful weather and the celebration of the day.

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 treats to the many young people along the parade route.

Having won the awards in the parade's Antique Car category for the past seven years, we are hopeful that the YMI will continue to be recognized for our stylish parade presence. **BREAKING NEWS... WE PLACED SECOND IN THE ANTIQUE CAR CATEGORY.** Special thanks to Br. Bob Fiorito #613 for organizing our involvement in the parade.

Educational Foundation Memorials/Donations

Edward P. Cullinane: Phyllis Helfand, Jim and Helen Mullen, Edward DeLaTorre, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Ohlemutz, Mary Ellen Hill

Steven Paul Duarte: Ann Medeiros

Charles Ferreira: "Happy 85th Birthday" from Beverly Ferreira

Janette Grialou: Frank Weber

Robert Jackowitz: Frank Pignati

Jarrett W. Karasakiu: Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family

Lynn Miles: Frank Pignati

Rick Ochsenhirt: South San Francisco Council #32

Lillian Perreira Schattauer: Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family

Rose Perry: Wendell and Erlinda Serrao & Family, Jim and Helen Mullen

Zia Fernanda Pignati: Frank Pignati

Richard Alan Rogers: Edward DeLaTorre

Ronald Sciandri: South San Francisco Council #32

Sam Sousa: Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Drumonde

Giordano Tassan: South San Francisco Council #32

Louis Vasco: South San Francisco Council #32

Get Well Joe Kramer: Frank Pignati

Get Well Patrick Kidd #32: 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.

**YOUNG MEN'S
INSTITUTE**



*The State of the Institute,
Brother Luther Evans PGP
(209) 600-9128*

***To all Councils of our great order;
this is a request for your ideas for improvement or change.
Please be aware you have an important role in the future of our YMI.***

Next June is coming sooner than you can imagine, the Grand Council is seeking ways to improve our operations. Perhaps you have an idea, old or new, that will make YMI better. The "State of the Institute" is the place to divulge your secret. We will accept any idea, examine it and if worthy, present it to the membership at the next meeting.

Talk about this!

You should talk about this at your meetings, almost everyone has an idea of something, You always hear "we oughta" but we seldom do anything... but anything is possible, so talk talk talk it over, maybe make your own committee.

But you have to submit it!

And next March 1st seems so far away, but there are only two more meetings in reality. We need your submission sent in for consideration ASAP. You need to give us time to study your recommendation, and then we publish it in the "Institute Journal" so all of your friends can determine the next step to take, the opportunity to decide how they will vote on your idea.

So come on Brothers, think of something good!

Get together and come up with something for the good of the order.
Send it to our Committee at: Luther Evans PGP 182 E. Juniper Avenue Atwater, CA 95301
OR my e-mail address is: scentdogs@ymail.com

OR Grand Council. Attention Mike Amato GS mamato871@aol.com

OR Grand Council. Attention Tom Fourie PGP Young Men's Institute
PO BOX 281047 San Francisco, CA 95128-1047

***Together we can do anything! At least give it a shot! By March 1st.
God Bless us all!***

BINGO

Night

What: YMI Grand Council Pasta Bingo Dinner

When: Saturday, April 23rd
Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m. followed by Bingo

Where: St. Veronica Parish Cafeteria (Falcon Hall)
434 Alida Way, South San Francisco, CA

Cost: \$25.00 per person
Includes: Pasta dinner, salad, dessert
2 Bingo cards

RSVP with payment by April 18, 2016
For more information contact: Br. Mike Dimech
Cell - 650-922-2667
E-mail - mdimech7@gmail.com

YMI Grand Council Pasta Bingo Dinner

Name: _____ Council # _____

Number of adults attending dinner: _____ @ \$25.00

Number of children (13 and under) attending dinner: _____ @ \$12.00

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: YMI Grand Council
Return the attached to: Young Men's Institute c/o Br. Mike Dimech
P.O. Box # 281047 San Francisco, CA 94128



Grand Second Vice President Speaks....



Brothers,

Thank you for the honor of serving as your Grand Second Vice President. My role is to organize the Red & White Mass which will be held on March 5, 2016 in Atwater, CA. While details are elsewhere in the Lamp Post, you may wonder what the big deal is and ask yourself "Why would I travel all the way to Atwater for some YMI thing?" That's a good question and one I often asked myself before I was elected. As we recall in the Initiation Ceremony, the candidate and the YMI Brothers in attendance are asked to rise, raise their right hands and join in the Obligation of our Order: "In the presence of the members of the Young Men's Institute, I do solemnly promise to remain a practicing Catholic, to be loyal to my country, to love my fellow members, to observe the laws of the Young Men's Institute, and **to remember our departed Brothers in my prayers and at the altar in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.**" The Red & White Mass is another opportunity to not only remember our departed Brothers but also to join in the camaraderie that makes being a member of YMI special.

I would appreciate a timely response from all Councils to this important invitation from our Order.

Pro Deo, Pro Patria

Mike Nelson #80, Grand Second Vice President...209-769-7460



In Memoriam

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Council</i>
Alexander C. Youn	02-05-2015	573
Edward P. Cullinane	09-25-2015	6/900
Paul Lundy	08-04-2015	84/900
Joseph E. Wilson	09-14-2015	14/900
Rev. Austin Conterno	09-2015	613
Frank B. Piro	07-26-2015	1
Kenneth Tretter	03-01-2015	497
Harold Buechler	08-09-2013	497
Joseph W. Wehr	04-02-2015	497
John Neptune	10-27-2015	137
Rev. Tom Timmings	04-04-2015	80
Giordano B. Tassan	12-16-2015	32
Victor Steil	12-27-2015	609/900
Edward J. Muniz	11-25-2015	76
Louis J. Vasco	11-11-2015	32
Richard Ochsenhirt	12-06-2015	32
Ronald R. Sciandri	11-13-2015	32
Donald H. Brandt	12-18-2015	573
James L. Souza	01-2016	80
Rev. Gilbert DeRitis, MM	11/20/2015	573

**Y M I GRAND COUNCIL
BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

WHEN: Sunday, May 15th, 2016 1 p.m.

Captains report at 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Pacific Avenue Bowl

5939 Pacific Ave.

Stockton, CA (209) 477 -0267

COST: \$50.00 for five man team. Shoes and ball included. Family ,friends welcome to bowl.

Players

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Please indicate who is captain with his phone number.

Contact: Mike Sanzeri

Any questions – call (925) 324-7403

Send checks and roster to Mike Sanzeri - 12 Waterberry Ct., Pleasant Hill ,Ca., 94523

LET'S ROLL!!!



**Young Men's Institute
Grand Council Golf**

Tournament
Sunday
Saturday, April 23, 2016
11:00 a.m.

Manteca Municipal Golf Course
**\$75.00 per person - includes
dinner**

**Make your reservations
by April 15, 2016**

Contact Br. Leo DeGroot
at 209-479-3061
Ldeg441@gmail.com

New Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Council</u>
Michael Bersaglieri	Rafael Guajardo	613
Diego Mortera	Matt Nelson	80
Daniel Murphy	Matt Nelson	80
Aaron Seng	Larry King	497
Geroge Nord	Dave Matthews	497
Ted O'Brien	Scot Blessinger	497
Antonio Gouveia	Alfred Medeiros	80
Mario Da San Martino	Joseph Da San Martino	32
Bill Benavides	Sam Bonanno & Luis Alvarenga	32
David Juricic	Jim Allen	32
Jake Killian	Mark Gasser	497
Houston Ramsey	Gary Bender	497
Brian Blessinger	Steve Blessinger & Scot Blessinger	497
Jeff Schipp	John Gasser	497
Frank Escamilla	Dick Rios	5
David Lozano	Dick Rios	5
Robert Boyd	Dick Murphy	54
Paul Christopher	Michael Amato	613
John Edgar	Richard Colombini	40
Don Mavestiti	Hank Righetti	40
Richard Auld	Harry Licursi	40
Graham Rutherford	Mike Keefer	40
Jack Tolin	Gary Bondi	40
Thomas Yost	Darrell Fonseca	99
Jeffrey Banks	Darrell Fonseca	99



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Sunday-Thurs Group Rates: \$129/Superior Room, Single or Double Occupancy

Dates to Remember....

- Now...until March 5, 2016..return Pro Patria Raffle Tickets - Everyone!!!*
- March 5, 2016 - Red and White Mass*
- April 1, 2016 - Matching Funds Application due*
- April 23, 2016 - Grand Council Golf Tournament*
- May 1, 2016 - Seminarian Applications due - see YMI Website*
- May 15, 2016 - Grand Council Bowling Tournament*
- June 20-22, 2016 - Grand Council Session, Santa Rosa, CA*



**YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM APPLICATION
(2015-2016)**

1. Name and number of requesting Council: _____
2. Description of your Council's scholarship program. Please submit a written plan describing what the scholarship program consists of and how the money will be distributed.
3. Amount of Matching Funds requested (maximum amount per each Council is \$500.00):

4. Date of General Membership vote: _____ Number of votes: _____ YES
_____ NO
5. Signature of Council President: _____
6. Signature of Executive Committee Chairman: _____
7. List the recipient of the Matching Funds Check below. ****PLEASE NOTE****
Checks will not be made payable to individual Councils and therefore cannot be deposited into the Council's regular checking account. The checks MUST be issued to a Council's scholarship program (which is a separate account), directly to a school, or directly to an individual student.

8. Where Matching Funds check is to be mailed:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

9. Submit completed application form and requesting Council check payable to:

YMI Educational Foundation
P. O. Box 281047
San Francisco, CA 94128-1047

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED AND POSTMARKED NO LATER
THAN APRIL 1, 2016.**

ALL CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED ON APRIL 30, 2016

Any questions please call 1-800-964-9646

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A Tradition Continues

During the recent Grand President's Official Visit to Indiana, Brother Jim Rohe of Gonzaga Council #612 invited the Grand President and his party to his farm to be properly introduced to BBII (aka Big Bob 2). This red angus bull, seen in the picture to your right, is named after Past Grand President Bob Bartoli who began naming the bulls during his Presidency. The current bull is very healthy and performing well with his responsibilities in the herd.



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