



## GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Grand President's Message

Dear Brothers,

It has been an honor to serve as your Grand President. I was able to accomplish a great deal with the help of many of you. I met many new friends and strengthened existing friendships during my travels. I want to thank my Brothers of Council #80 for their support, especially PGP Luther Evans, Brother Gary Frago and Brother

Billy Pimentel. These three were my constant companions during my travels. I also enjoyed the companionship of GSVP Mike Thissen on several of my journeys.

Additional thanks go out to my Brothers who volunteered to serve as District Deputies. They are the eyes and ears of the Grand President and I asked much of them this year. Also, former Grand Presidents, the current Board of Directors, Grand Council Officers, and especially, Brother Tom Fourie, who provided me with guidance and support when I reached out to them.

I also want to thank my wife Sylvia and my children for their support during the past year.

My year started as the week after we were in Lake Tahoe, I traveled to Reno to attend the Young Ladies Institute Convention. I was warmly received as your representative. I spoke on the need for partnerships, especially between the YMI and the YLI. I ended my remarks by encouraging us all to reach out to groups we haven't traditionally reached out to such as our youth and young adults, as well as various ethnic groups in our parishes. After all, we are all working to

glorify God through our activities and the more we support each other, the more we will all succeed.

I started my visits by attending the Holy Rosary #44 member picnic in August. Brother Manuel Drumonde and the Hilmar crew always put together a good feed.

Sylvia and Brother Gary Frago and his wife, Kris, joined me as we attended the St. John Bosco #613 member picnic in August. The location was great, and I was fascinated by the view of San Francisco Airport.

The good memories of the Sebastopol #54 BBQ in August were tempered a few weeks later by the horrible fires that devastated the Santa Rosa area. Please continue to keep our Northern California Brothers in your prayers. My first Official Visit was to San Jose #2 in September.

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I was warmly greeted by the Brothers, especially Brother Butch Romano. May he rest in peace.

The Bocce Ball Tournament in September is always a great time to visit with Brothers from throughout the California Districts. While not officially on a team, Sylvia and I did help out by filling in on a few teams that were short.

The Italian Day parade in San Francisco was quite an event. Brother Bob Fiorito and his daughter drove us through the parade, which was well attended. We were able to see San Francisco from a different perspective.

Official Visits were made to both Dos Palos #99 and Holy Rosary #44 in October.

The YMI Pasta Bingo Dinner in November was another successful event although my traveling party wasn't as successful in the raffle as they have been in the past.

November brought a change of scenery as Sylvia and I traveled to Indiana with Brother Tom. The weather cooperated with us, no snow or rain and moderate temperatures. I enjoyed the rural nature of the state and entertained thoughts of living there. But then I remembered that, unlike Central California, Indiana does actually have a winter season. Our Brothers at both St. Augustine #497 and Gonzaga #612 were very gracious and accommodating and I look forward to their attendance at the Grand Council Session in Reno.

I finished up 2017 with the Official Visit to my own Council, St. Christopher #80 in Atwater. PGP Luther Evans and Yosemite Institute #117 of the Young Ladies Institute provided a good setup for my visit. Brother Bill Effinger did his usual good job on the ribs.

2018 started off with the Official Visit to St. John Bosco #613, SSF #32 and SF #1. I appreciated the joint meeting and the hospitality.

February saw us visiting Francis #573 in Hilo. Brother Tommy Figuiera and his wife Roseanna spent a considerable amount of time showing us around the island and the best local places to eat. We also conducted a YMI Remembrance Ceremony at the gravesite of Brother Wendell Serrao. Brother Wendell's wife, Erlinda, Brother Jimmy Souza and Brother Tommy and Roseanna were very appreciative of the gesture.

GSVP Mike Thissen and the Brothers of St. Columba #94 are to be congratulated for their work on the Red & White Mass in March. The turnout was good thanks to our Bay Area Brothers who brought a busload.

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**The Young Men's Institute  
Reno, Nevada  
133rd Grand Council Session  
El Dorado Resort and Casino  
345 North Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada 89501**

**ARE YOU COMING?????**  
**MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW!!!!!!**  
*CALL 1-800-687-8733 (USE IEYMI18 AS YOUR CODE)*

*SEND YOUR EVENT REGISTRATION TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE*

*Timeline of Events*

**Monday, June 18, 2018**

2:00 p.m. ~ 5:00 p.m. ~ Registration in El Dorado Resort Lobby  
6:00 p.m. ~ Opening Mass and Remembrance Ceremony  
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
2900 North Mc Carran Blvd. Sparks, NV  
(Ten minute drive from El Dorado Resort)  
7:00 p.m. ~ Welcome Dinner prepared by the Sons of Italy  
Immaculate Conception Church Hall

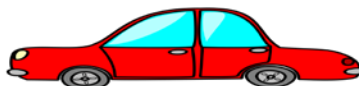
**Tuesday, June 19, 2018**

8:00 a.m. ~ Grand Breakfast ~ Banquet Rooms  
El Dorado Resort and Casino  
9:15 ~ 9:45 a.m. ~ Registration ~ Banquet Rooms  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. ~ Session Begins ~ Banquet Rooms  
12:00 Noon ~ Delegates Lunch ~ Banquet Rooms  
6:00 p.m. ~ Special Optional Event  
Dinner at Louis' Basque Corner  
3-1 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Reno, NV  
(within walking distance of the hotel)

**Wednesday, June 20, 2018**

9:00 a.m. ~ Session Continues ~ Banquet Rooms  
4:00 p.m. ~ Celebration Mass with Installation of Grand Council Officers for 2018-2019  
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (ten minute drive from Hotel)  
2900 North Mc Carran Blve. Sparks, NV  
5:30 p.m. ~ No-Host Cocktail Party ~ Banquet Rooms  
6:30 p.m. ~ Grand Banquet ~ Banquet Rooms

*Thank you for coming ~ have a safe trip home.*



**. 133rd Grand Council Session of the Young Men's Institute  
El Dorado Resort and Casino  
345 North Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada 89501  
June 18-20, 2018  
Registration Form**

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Council #: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of all other Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

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Participating as a Delegate (check one): Council Delegate \_\_\_ Grand Council Officer \_\_\_ District Deputy \_\_\_ Past Grand President \_\_\_ Alternate \_\_\_

**Delegate Registration Fee- \$40                      Total: \$40.00**

**Event Reservations:**

*Monday, June 18, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. – Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 2900 North McCarran Blvd. Sparks, NV – Welcome Mass/Remembrance Ceremony - followed by Welcome Dinner in Church Hall (prepared by Sons of Italy) - \$25 per person*

*Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_                      Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Tuesday, June 19, 2018 – 8:00 a.m. – Grand Breakfast – Banquet Rooms, El Dorado Resort and Casino – The Classic Breakfast - \$20 per person*

*Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_                      Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Tuesday, June 19, 2018 – 12 Noon - Delegate's Lunch  
Box Lunch - \$15 per person (only for YMI Brothers)*

**Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*Tuesday, June 19, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. – Optional Event  
Louis' Basque Corner – 301 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Reno, NV – Traditional Basque Family Style dinner with choice of Steak, Lamb or Shrimp for main entrée (choose that night) - \$40 per person*

*Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_                      Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Wednesday, June 20, 2018 – 5:30 p.m. – Cocktails; 6:30 p.m. – Grand Banquet – El Dorado Resort and Casino – Banquet Rooms - \$50 per person*

*Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Entrees: Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_                      Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Order a YMI Blue T-Shirt \$20.00*

*Sizes (Circle One) M – L – XL – XXL – XXXL*

**Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Grand Total for Registration, Events and Orders:                      Total Submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE IN THE GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 2018. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO YMI GRAND COUNCIL. NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 1, 2018.**

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# YMI 2018 ESSAY WINNERS

## Grades 7-8

<i>Prize</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
\$500	1st	Michael Bourdet	St. Robert Catholic School, San Bruno, CA	#32
\$350	2nd	Catherine Azevedo	Sacred Heart Catholic School, Turlock, CA	#44
\$300	3rd	Katelyn Quon	Good Shepherd School, Pacifica, CA	#32
			Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires, San Francisco, CA	
\$200	4th	Sara Ramelot		#1
\$150	5th	Cassidy Nicole Ravelo	St. Robert Catholic School, San Bruno, CA	#32
\$100	6th	Kathryn Orozco	Our Lady of Guadalupe School, Bakersfield, CA	#100
\$75	7th	Emma Prchik	Monterro Middle School, Oakland CA	#8
			Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires, San Francisco, CA	
\$75	8th	Madeleine Saint James		#1
\$75	9th	Grace Perryman	Our Lady of Loretto Catholic School, Novato, CA	#900
\$75	10th	Christina Bragg	St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, Petaluma, CA	#54
\$75	11th	Vy Le	St. Dominic Catholic School, Benicia, CA	#16
\$75	12th	Jessica Chen	St. Joseph Catholic School, Hilo, HI	#573
\$75	13th	Brenda Gonzalez	Holy Angels Catholic School, Colma, CA	#32

## Grades 9-12

\$1,000	1st	Patrick Monreal	San Joaquin Memorial High School, Fresno, CA	#60
\$800	2nd	Sarah Sarlatte	St. Vincent de Paul Catholic HS, Petaluma, CA	#54
\$600	3rd	Kayla Dowd	Whitney High School, Rocklin, CA	#613
\$400	4th	Kimberlee Lichtenberger	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$300	5th	Leann Brenneke	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$200	6th	David Edwards	Hilmar High School, Hilmar, CA	#44
\$100	7th	Kaitlyn Marumoto-Torres	St. Joseph Catholic School, Hilo, HI	#573
\$100	8th	Joseph Lahmann	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$100	9th	Maria Sermersheim	Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, IN	#497
\$100	10th	Amanda Aquilio	Mercy High School, Burlingame	#2
\$100	11th	Lillian Salvador-Smith	St. Joseph Catholic School, Hilo, HI	#573
\$100	12th	David Sequeira Jr.	Moreau Catholic High School, Hayward, CA	#8
\$100	13th	Mary Campbell	St. Joseph Catholic School, Hilo, HI	#573

## Always Supporting our Future Priests

The YMI Seminarian Education Foundation enjoyed another year of success. Through the hard work of the Foundation and the generous support we have received from fellow YMI Brothers, their families, and many others, the Foundation was able to award \$23,000 to 35 worthy Seminarrians looking to enter the priesthood. These young men are studying for the Dioceses of San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Rosa, Fresno, Stockton, Indianapolis, IN, Evansville, IN and the Salesian Order of priests.

We look forward to continued success.

Brother Michael McGlynn #99  
President, YMI Seminarian Educational Foundation



# STATE OF THE INSTITUTE

Brothers

The committee reviewed all the proposals and voted to present the following two proposals to our Brothers at the 133rd Grand Council Session.

## State of the Institute Proposals Recommended Changes

### Proposal #1

#### Current

#### ARTICLE I: DELEGATES TO GRAND COUNCIL

##### Section 1: DELEGATES NUMBER

Councils shall be entitled to elect Delegates to Grand Council in accordance with their respective net membership as shown by their Semi-Annual Report to Grand Council for the term preceding the Session, excluding Honorary Members from the count. A Council organized following the closing date for Semi-Annual Reports shall have its representation based on its net membership on the date that Grand Council convenes. Councils shall be entitled to Delegates as follows:

50 or less Members	2 Delegates
51 to 100 Members	3 Delegates
101 to 150 Members	4 Delegates
151 to 225 Members	5 Delegates
226 to 300 Members	6 Delegates
301 & Over Members	7 Delegates

#### Proposed Rewrite

#### ARTICLE I: DELEGATES TO GRAND COUNCIL

##### Section 1: DELEGATES NUMBER:

Councils shall be entitled to elect Delegates to Grand Council in accordance with their respective net membership as shown by their most current and complete Semi-Annual Report to Grand Council for the term preceding the Session, excluding Honorary Members from the count. A Council organized following the closing date for Semi-Annual Reports shall have its representation based on its net membership on the date that Grand Council convenes. Councils shall be entitled to Delegates as follows:

<i>50 or less Members</i>	<i>3 Delegates</i>
<i>51 to 100 Members</i>	<i>4 Delegates</i>
<i>101 to 150 Members</i>	<i>5 Delegates</i>
<i>151 to 200 Members</i>	<i>6 Delegates</i>
<i>Over 201 Members</i>	<i>7 Delegates</i>

#### Rationale

By increasing the number of delegates eligible to attend the Session we would enhance greater participation of YMI Councils and their delegates at the Grand Council Session.

**Proposal #2**

**Current**

**ARTICLE I: DELEGATES TO GRAND COUNCIL**

**Section 7: ATTENDING GRAND COUNCIL**

To help defray the expense of attending Grand Council, each Delegate and Grand Officer shall receive from the funds of his Council a reasonable allowance as set by the Council. A Council member attending Grand Council as a Past Grand President or a District Deputy Grand President should also be given consideration for such an allowance.

**Proposed Rewrite**

**ARTICLE I: DELEGATES TO GRAND COUNCIL**

**Section 7: ATTENDING GRAND COUNCIL**

To help defray the expense of attending Grand Council Session, each elected Council Delegate and current Grand Officer shall receive from the funds of his Council a reasonable allowance as set by the Council. A Council member attending Grand Council Session as a Past Grand President or a District Deputy Grand President should also be given consideration for such an allowance *as they also have a vote. Each Council who sends one or more delegate(s) to the Grand Session shall receive from the Reserve Fund up to \$500.00 per Council to help defray the expense of sending delegate(s) to the Grand Session. The amount will be determined by a vote of the Board of Grand Directors at the January Board of Grand Director's meeting and each Council will be notified of the availability of such funds.*

**Rationale**

For some YMI Councils, the costs of attending the Grand Council Session is too costly and no delegates are sent. By paying a portion of the fees to attend Grand Council Session using the surplus Reserve Funds, this action may enhance greater participation of YMI Councils at the Grand Council Sessions.

Yours for God and Country,

Michael Dimech, # 613 JPGP  
Committee Chairman



**IN MEMORIAM**

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Council</i>
Richard Romano	10-16-2017	2
Joseph T. Saitz	12-02-2017	613
Lawrence C. Carinha	10-2017	573
Joe A. Machado	11-21-2017	80
Joseph M. Fantazia	10-05-2017	44
.Egidio M. Almeida	12-13-2017	44
James A. Brindeiro	12-09-2017	44
Larry Trahey	01-22-2018	137
Gary J. Gualco	02-09-2018	1
Paul D. Nelson	12-16-2017	59
Angelo L. Stagnaro	02-02-2018	5
Joseph R. Quesada	11-08-2017	59
Manuel Rangel	08-30-2017	94
Charles "Jack" Schroeder	10-2017	612
James A. Silveira	09-08-2017	80
Vincent Petrucci	12-27-2016	60

*St. Christopher Council #80  
Proudly Presents and  
Unanimously Supports*

***Brother Michael Nelson***

**For the Office of  
Grand President**

***Brother  
Mike Thissen***

*Council # 94 Announces His  
Candidacy for the Office of  
Grand First Vice President*

***BROTHER MICHAEL  
AMATO***

*Council # 613 Announces His  
Candidacy For  
Grand Second Vice President*

**St. John Bosco Council  
#613  
Presents**

**Brother Michael  
Dimech**

**For the Office of  
Grand Secretary  
Experience. And more!!!!**

***San Francisco Council #1  
Announces Its Support For***

***Brother Jack Albrecht***

***Grand Treasurer***



*St. Christopher Council #80  
Presents  
Brother Billy Avery*

*For the Office of*

***Grand Marshal***

*A most loyal YMI  
Brother!!!!*

**Sebastopol Council #54**

**Proudly Sponsors**

***Domenic Carinalli***

***For Grand Inside Sentinel***

***A Proven Leader!!!!!!!!!!***

*Brother Nick Franceschine  
For  
Grand Outside Sentinel*

***Experienced with Grand  
Council  
and Council workings...***

***Unanimously supported by the  
Brothers of  
Sabastopol Council #54***

*Brother Bob Fioito  
For  
Grand Director*

*Experienced in Grand Council Operations.  
Knowledgeable of Council Efforts.  
Respected by All...*

***STRONGLY BACKED BY THE  
BROTHERS OF ST. JOHN BOSCO  
COUNCIL #613***

*St. Christopher Council #80  
Presents  
Brother Matt Nelson  
For the Office of*

***Grand Director***

*Experience, youth,  
And more!!!!*

***San Francisco Council #1***

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**For the Office of  
Grand Director**

**Here are the Candidates so far**



# FRATERNALISM AT ITS BEST!!!!!!! 135<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE YMI!

Saturday, March 10, 2018 was a very good day for the Young Men's Institute. Celebrating its 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary at St. Columba Catholic Church in Chowchilla, California where over 120 Brothers and family members gathered for the Red and White Mass and Dinner was a joyful experience. St. Columba Council #94 demonstrated the true YMI spirit in planning the Mass and hosting an outstanding dinner in their parish hall afterwards. Brother Mike Thissen #94, GSVP and his large contingent of fellow Brothers, wives and family members created an atmosphere of true Brotherly Love. They are all to be thanked and congratulated for a fantastic job in both planning and executing all the details. Eleven YMI Councils (San Francisco #1, San Jose #2, American #8, South San Francisco #32, Holy Rosary #44, Sadoc #59, Madera #60, St. Christopher #80, St. Columba #94, Dos Palos #99 and St. John Bosco #613) sent their representatives to participate in the banner procession, red and white flower ceremony and Mass celebrated by Grand Chaplain Fr. Agnel De Heredia #32 and Fr. Joseph Landi #613. The menu for dinner was well planned and the food tasted great. The Pro Patria Raffle was conducted during dessert with many winners in the audience. Everyone considered the entire event a great YMI success and all left with a good fraternal sprit having met so many fellow YMI Brothers and their families.

Congratulations and thank you to Br. Mike Thissen and St. Columba Council #94

## Educational Foundation Memorials/Donations

**Egidio Almedia:** Holy Rosary Council #44

**Romolo Braschi:** South San Francisco Council #32

**James Brindeiro:** Holy Rosary Council #44

**Ron Ennis:** San Francisco Council #1

**Vincent Mac Evilly:** John West

**Paul Nelson:** Sadoc Council #59

**Thomas Pierce:** South San Francisco Council #32

**Frank Pignati.:** San Francisco Council #1

**Marlene Prouty:** John West, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Amato

**Wendell Serrao:** John West

**Else Silva:** Manuel and Celeste Drumonde

**Steve Silvers:** Tom and Pat Fourie

**Janet Souza:** Ann Medeiros

**Roy Uccelli:** South San Francisco Council #32

**Myrna West:** Mr. & Mrs. Michael Amato, John West, John and Mary Musgrove, Christopher and Sandra Freeberg, Manuel and Celeste Drumonde

**Get Well Ron Hansen:** John West



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.

# YMI Council # 613 2018 Bocce Ball Tournament

**When:** Saturday, September 29, 2018



**Where:** Orange Memorial Park Bocce Ball Courts  
1 West Orange Ave. South San Francisco

**Registration** from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Games start promptly thereafter.

**4 players per team** (If you have less than 4 players, we will fill your team).  
**Limited to the first 16 paid teams.**

**Deadline:** September 6, 2018 or until filled (t-shirts are ordered on this date)

**Cost:** \$35.00 per participant or \$140.00 per team  
**Includes:** Breakfast: Coffee & Donuts  
 Lunch: Hamburger & Hot Dog Lunch  
 Raffle  
 T-Shirts provided to all participants

**In you are interested in having a team participate, please fill out the bottom portion of this flyer and send it back with a check payable to YMI Council # 613 to Mike Dimech at the following address:  
 205 Hazelwood Dr. South San Francisco, CA 94080.**

**For additional information contact Mike Dimech at (650) 922-2667 / mdimech7@gmail.com or Mike Amato at (650) 871-9164.**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	E-mail address	Shirt Size: Circle Size
_____	_____	S M L XL XXL
_____	_____	S M L XL XXL
_____	_____	S M L XL XXL
_____	_____	S M L XL XXL



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I attended the March meeting of Sadoc #59. Although the turnout was light, I was able to initiate a new member for them.

I also visited St. Columba #94 in Chowchilla several times throughout the year. These guys know how to put on a fish fry.

Additionally, I attended numerous Board of Directors, Seminarian and Educational Foundation meetings with conference calls.

It would be great to stop here and say that everything was wonderful, but I also had my share of failures as Grand President.

Most notable of these were that I did not fully open the lines of communication, in both directions, between all Councils and the Grand Council.

Also, I did not visit all the Councils as I intended to do, especially those in my own "backyard".

Additionally, because of the unforeseen challenges that faced our GFVP, the Pro Patria Raffle did not receive the attention needed for a successful conclusion. I did not step in soon enough to make a difference. My hope is that each of us individually will make an extra effort this year to ensure the success of the raffle as it is what funds the Pro Patria Essay Contest.

That being said, I want to thank each of you for placing your trust in me to serve as Grand President.

Pro Deo, Pro Patria  
Mike Nelson, GP

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**Summer 2018 issue**

**Due Date: *July 31, 2018* ~ Please submit articles, pictures, etc. to**

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