



GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Brothers,

My Council visits have been coming along. If I haven't visited your Council yet, give me a call so we can set up a date to visit. One of the recurring themes in my visits is the lack of communication with Grand Council. I hear you as I had the same concerns when I was my Council's President. If you feel your voice isn't being

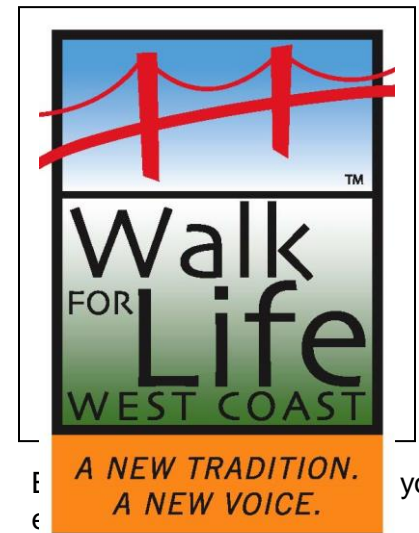
heard, please give me a call directly so we can discuss it. My cell number is 209-769-7460.

As part of my Council visits, I am encouraging your members to get involved in Grand Council activities. The more they participate, the better able they are to explain to other men why they should become members of the YMI. I am also encouraging Councils to send more members to the annual convention. Your participation and voice are what is going to keep YMI going.

As I pointed out in the Grand President's Program, I am also encouraging Councils to become partners with other parish groups. This includes the parish pastor, the school principal, and yes, even the Knight's of Columbus. In many parishes, all parish organizations are suffering from membership declines. Working together not only helps each organization thrive but also helps the parish. Talk with your pastor and offer your Councils support to the parish.

Another aspect of the Grand President's Program is the Coordinating Committee. One of the points that is in there is support for the annual West Coast Walk for Life. The event

this year is January 26, 2019 and will start at 12:30 at Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco. Many parishes come by bus and I encourage you to be part of this event.



you of (SAN FRANCISCO) but we need to remember our Brothers who are still in need of our prayers. Please take time from your endeavors to focus on what really is important and remember that Jesus is the reason for the season.

Pro Deo, Pro Patria

Mike Nelson

Grand President



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TAKE NOTICE

Brothers

Included in this edition of the Lamp Post on pages 6 and 7 are applications for the YMI Man of the Year and The Grand Director's YMI Council of the Year Award. Please consider nominating a Worthy Brother for this prestigious award or a YMI Council that has met or exceeded the criteria suggested on our YMI Council of the Year application. Brothers, we want to make these presentations next June at the YMI Grand Session in Lake Tahoe but we need nominations.

Brother Bob Bartoli PGP
Brother Michael Amato GSVP
YMI Man of the - Council of the Year
Committee



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 15, 2019 – Pro Patria Essays due
March 8, 2019 – Pro Patria Raffle Tickets due
March 9, 2019 – Red and White Mass
April 28, 2019 – Grand Council Bowling
Tournament
June 17-19, 2019 – 134th Grand Council in
South Lake Tahoe

YOUNG MEN'S
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YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL #613

THE YMI RED AND WHITE MASS

CELEBRATING 136 YEARS OF BROTHERHOOD

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

Where: **St. Cecilia's Catholic Church**
2555 17th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94116

When: **Saturday, March 9, 2019**
4:30 pm - YMI Banner Procession
5:00 pm - Mass (Celebrated by Fr. Agnel de Heredia
YMI Grand Chaplain)
6:00 pm - No Host Bar
7:00 pm - Dinner (Menu includes Chicken Marsala,
Salmon and Pasta)
7:45 pm - Pro Patria Raffle

Cost Dinner Prices: Adults \$20 | Children (17 and under) \$15

RSVP by February 26 2019

For more information, please contact: Br. Mike Amato, GSVP

Tel: 650.296.6297 E-Mail: mamato871@aol.com



YMI Red and White Mass | Saturday, March 9, 2019

Name		Council	
Telephone		Email Address	
Number of Adults			\$20
Number of Children (17 and Under)			\$15
Total Enclosed			

Please make checks payable to **YMI #613** by **February 26th** and mail to:
Br. Mike Amato, GSVP, 2600 Fleetwood Dr., San Bruno, CA 94066

SEPTEMBER BOCCE

On Saturday, September 29th YMI Council # 613 hosted their 11th annual Bocce Ball Tournament at Orange Park in South San Francisco. Under Sunny Skies 16 teams representing YMI Councils (#1, #2, #32, #40, #54, and #613) competed in this year's tournament.

As with prior tournaments many of the games were very competitive. In the finals of this year's tournament, Council # 32's On a Roll, a team made up of Dominic Franco, Hando DeAlba, Norm Faria and Danny Marcucci faced off against fellow Council #32 team and second-time finalists, the Pallbearers, a team made of Alan Patrick, Bill Albera and George Terry. As in last year's final, On a Roll defeated the Pallbearers to win the 11th annual YMI Council #613 Bocce Ball Tournament. Both Finalists received trophies.

Other teams who deserve honorable mention during the tournament were the two teams who tied for third place:

3rd Place - YMI Council #613 - Mike Amato, John Kavanagh, Mike Dimech, Donna Dimech

3rd Place – Wine Country #40 - Max Vera, Aprille Vera, Jorge Gonzalez, Bushan Khaleck

All Bocce Ball players received a commemorative Black T-shirt with the YMI emblem and also took home many prizes from the lunchtime raffle.

We also want to thank Council # 32 and the Garden Chapel for supplying hot coffee and donuts in the morning and to Council # 613 for serving a delicious BBQ lunch.

Many YMI Grand Officers and Directors were in attendance this day including current Grand First Vice President, Mike Thissen; Grand Second Vice-President, Mike Amato; Past Grand President's George Terry, and Mike Dimech, current Grand Directors Steve Cresci and John Kavanagh and District Deputy, Cosmo Amato.

Finally, many thanks go to Mike Amato, Cosmo Amato, Joe Soracco, Kevin Soracco, Jeanne Dimech, Mara Amato and Richard Pisciotta and the other Brothers of Council # 613 for organizing and running this event. Look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Br. Mike Dimech, PGP



Membership Corner

If you are of certain age you may remember the Yellow Pages tagline – “Let your fingers do the walking.” Then again, some of our younger members may not even know what the yellow pages were. It does stick in my memory. I digress, and you may be asking what it has to do with membership. Well, if your Council emails out a monthly newsletter to its members why not expand the list of recipients. Is your newsletter just going out to current members- what about the following?

- Past members
- Prospective members
- Parish priests and staff
- Different organizations in the Parish
- School principal and staff

I am sure you can add to the above list. Next time you send your Council’s newsletter just type in the added email address’ and click. There you go. Doesn’t cost a dime more to expand the list. All it takes is a few finger strokes and a couple of clicks. How easy is that?!

Spotlight on Council 44:

Br. Manuel Drumonde, PGP relays that his Council’s Summer picnic was recently held on the parish grounds. Why is that newsworthy? According to Br. Manuel, in the past, the annual summer picnic was held off grounds at a local park. Some thought and planning went into this year’s picnic. It was decided to change things up and hold the BBQ picnic at the Parish and invite the parishioners to the picnic. Also, invited were the ladies of the YLI.

Br. Manuel says it was really a way of giving back to the church for the support the Parish had given to the Council over the years. It was also a great way to attract new members. The result was two new members were brought into Council 44, that day, with a potential for more in the future.

A little thought and planning can go a long way to spreading the word of YMI. I am sure the BBQ tri-tip didn’t hurt either!

Let the GC membership committee know what has worked for your Council in bringing in new members. We would love to hear from you.

Yours for God and Country,
Steve Cresci #32 GD Membership Committee

NEW MEMBERS

<i>Member</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Council</i>
Rafael Centeno	Luis Alvarenga	32	Tony Pedreiro	Richard Rezendes	94
Richard Silva	Manuel Drumonde	44	David Barroso	Eugene Espinola	94
Timothy Silva	Manuel Drumonde	44	Gary Gargano	Tony Machado	94
Robert Jellison	Virgil Pacheco	44	Frederick Dayoan --		
Christopher Schulte	Christopher Freeberg	44		Rev. Joseph Landi	613
Mike Echon	John Kavanagh	613			
John Madrid	John Kavanagh	613			
Dennis Cresci	Steven Cresci	32			
John Mori	Steve Azevedo	40			
Larry Gallegos	John Diaz	2			
Austin Egloff	Scott O’Brien	497			
Joshua Ecret	Ben Steckler	497			
Joseph Hayden	Colby Lagenour	497			
Manzo Luciano	Richard Rezendes	94			



**Grand Council – Young Men’s Institute
Man of the Year 2019**

The 2018-2019 Man of the Year Grand Council Committee has met and is now accepting nominations for the 2019 Man of the Year. Any YMI Brother, group of Brothers, or YMI Council is invited to submit a nomination. Criteria to be considered:

- ***Council Activities (Fraternalism)***
- ***Service to the Parish (Faith)***
- ***Service to the Community (Patriotism)***
- ***Grand Council Activities***
- ***Any character references for the nominee would be appreciated***

Date: _____ Man of the Year Nominee: _____

Council # _____ Council Location: _____

Council activities nominee is involved in: _____

Nominee’s service to his Parish: _____

Nominee’s service to the community: _____

Grand Council activities nominee participated in or is involved in: _____

Please attach any additional information or character references for the nominee, should more space be needed.

Please submit your nomination with supporting documentation **by May 1, 2019**. Please send to:

Brother Bob Bartoli #32, PGP
675 Pine Terrace
South San Francisco, CA 94080
650-871-7878

2019 Grand Directors' Council of the Year Award Application

Date: _____

Council # : _____ Council Location: _____

Council President: _____

Recording Secretary: _____

Applicant's signature: _____

1. Number of inter-council events attended by members of Council _____

List of events: _____

2. If charity work was performed by the Council, please provide a brief description of the work performed, the number of council members in attendance, and amount of hours worked.

3. Did your council have an increase in membership for the period from 4/1/2018 through 3/31/2019? If so, what was the percentage increase from the previous year: _____

4. Did your Council participate in any fund raising events? If so, how many? _____

List of events: _____

5. Did your council participate in the Pro Patria Raffle. If so, what was the percentage of members who purchased raffle tickets? _____

6. Was your Council represented at the 2018 Grand Council Sessions? ____ Yes ____ No
If so, how many delegates did your Council send? _____

7. Participation at Grand Council /events – Circle all that apply: 1. Bocce Ball
2. Red & White Mass
3. Bowling
4. Golf

Send to Br. Bob Bartoli, 675 Pine Terrace, South San Francisco, CA 94080
Deadline: May 1, 2019

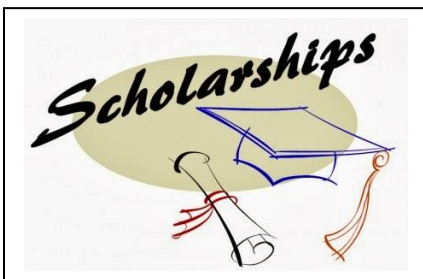
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BROTHER FRANK PIGNATI MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM 2019

Once again, the YMI Educational Foundation is proud to announce our Matching Funds Program for 2019. The intent of this program is to enhance and support YMI Councils, which have viable student scholarship programs in existence or are planning to have one during this school year. All YMI Councils are encouraged to participate in this beneficial educational program. A cherished hallmark of the YMI has been to provide for the continued education of our young people.

Each Council may request any amount up to **\$750.00** in Matching Funds. Upon approval of the submitted request, the Educational Foundation will in turn write a check of any amount not to exceed **\$1,500.00** to the educational institution selected or the Council scholarship program as designated by the requesting Council. The requesting Council's general membership must vote for the request of Matching Funds during a regular business meeting, prior to submitting the Matching Funds Application, which is printed in this issue of the Institute Journal.

To participate in this program a Council must be participating or planning to participate in a scholarship program during this school year. A description of this participation is required on the application form that must be completed, submitted and postmarked not later than **April 1, 2019**. Barring a special circumstance request, Matching Fund checks will all be issued and mailed on **April 30, 2019**. PLEASE NOTE: Checks cannot be made payable to individual councils, they **MUST** be issued to a Council's scholarship program, directly to a school, or directly to an individual student. All checks will be mailed directly to the participating council.

Yours for God and Country,
Brother Bob Bartoli #32, PGP
Brother Tom Fourie #32, PGP
Educational Foundation Directors



Educational Foundation Memorials/Donations

Walter Capella: South San Francisco Council #32
David De Luz, Jr.: Thomas and Rosanne Figueira
Eleanor Enea: Manuel and Celeste Drumonde
Eleonore Fourie: John West
Louise Isherwood: Thomas and Rosanne Figueira
Esther Pratt: Jim and Helen Mullen
Peter Quarello: John West
Wendell Serrao: Jim and Helen Mullen
Janet Souza: Jim and Helen Mullen
Irene Texeira: 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.



**YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE
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BROTHER FRANK PIGNATI
MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM APPLICATION 2019**

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 **\$750.00**): _____
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.

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8. 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, 2019.
ALL CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED ON APRIL 30, 2019
Any questions please call 1-800-964-9646***

A Little Pasta and Bingo

On November 17th, members of the Grand Council along with some of their family members put on the 4th Pasta Bingo Dinner at St. Veronica Parish in South San Francisco. Once again, the event was very successful and well attended by YMI Brothers and their families. We had Brothers from Councils #1, #32, #80, #94 and #613 including Grand First Vice President, Mike Thissen and Grand Second Vice President, Mike Amato in attendance. Many friends and several parishioners from St. Veronica Parish were also present.

The success of this event is due to the help of many individuals who work behind the scenes. For the past four dinner events, our kitchen staff has been manned by Council #32's Joe Ortisi, Alan Patrick, and Larry Andreatta. George Terry has helped out in prior years but was unable to attend this year's event. Joe has also performed double duties at the Pasta Bingo dinners as he has also managed all of our bingo games by being our bingo caller.

At the bar Council # 613's Bob Fiorito and Joe Soracco did a great job pouring our beverages. In prior years Council # 32's Mark Schwery has helped out. We have also received a lot of help from Brs. Mike and Cosmo Amato who have always worked the door signing in guests and selling additional Bingo Cards. In addition, Cosmo always brings focaccia bread from the North Beach section of San Francisco for the attendees to enjoy.

Along with pasta and bingo we also have an excellent raffle that everyone enjoys. This year our Business Manager, Br. Tom Fourie and his wife Pat sold raffle tickets at the door. In prior years, Br. Richard Pisciotta and his wife Connie have performed these duties.

Besides our Brothers many of our wives have helped out. In addition to Pat Fourie and Connie Pisciotta, Jeanne Dimech, Mara Amato and Terri Ortisi and some of our children provide valuable assistance before, during and after the dinner making sure the night runs smoothly.

One person who needs to get mentioned is Council # 32's Sam Bonanno. Sam has prepared all of the pasta sauce that we have used for of our dinners.

Finally, I also want to thank Br. Jack Albrecht of Council # 1 and Steve Cresci of Council # 32 who helped with setting up the hall for our Pasta Bingo event the night before. I am sure there may be a few individuals who I have forgotten to mention who helped out make this dinner event a success.

It just goes to show you what we can achieve if we all work together for a common purpose. I thank everyone for all of your support and look forward to next year's Pasta Bingo dinner event.

For God and Country,

Br. Mike Dimech, JPGP



Italian Heritage Parade

We are very thrilled to report that YMI Council #613 earned the 1st place award in the antique car division of this year's Italian Heritage Parade in San Francisco. The entry this year featured four classic antique cars, as well as a restored 38 Geary Muni Bus (circa mid 1950's). Each vehicle was decorated with Italian and American flags as well as balloons of red, white and green. Congratulations to St. John Bosco Council for their continued presence in the San Francisco District of the YMI with Brother Bob Fiorito for chairing the event.

*The State of the Institute
By Michael Dimech*

To all of our Brothers of our Great Order

We all have an important role and share in the direction of our Brotherhood. Along with the Grand Council, I am seeking suggestions from all of our Brothers on how to improve our fraternal organization. If you have a suggestion(s) please send it to the Grand Council, Attention Br. Tom Fourie at P.O. Box 281047 or send me an e-mail at Mdimech7@gmail.com.

It is important that all of our Brothers seek ways to better our Fraternal Organization. All suggestions and ideas are welcome and need to be received for consideration by March 1, 2019. Once your suggestion or idea has been received, the Grand Council will review and determine if the proposal will be published in the Institute Journal and subsequently presented to the Delegates at the June 2019 Session in South Lake Tahoe.

Last year I only received one suggestion from a fellow Brother to be reviewed for the State of the Institute. What I am hoping for this year, is for each Council to discuss how we can improve our fraternal organization at one of their future Business Meetings, and to send in one suggestion to the Grand Council or to me by March 1, 2019.

Let's work together to make our organization stronger and keep this important fraternity in place for our children and our grandchildren. Now is the time to get involved.

In God and Country

Br. Michael Dimech, PGP

IN MEMORIAM



<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Council</i>
Rudolph Gutierrez	07-31-2018	100
Walter Capella	07-10-2018	32
Joseph Todd	02-2018	612
Daniel Sooy	04-10-2018	137
Thomas Yost	03-22-2018	99
Gary W. Carpenter	03-20-2018	54
Joseph Onorato	01-28-2017	54
Gilbert Dorame	03-15-2018	40
Thomas Pierce	03-04-2018	32
Romolo Braschi	01-16-2018	32
Roy Uccelli	01-11-2018	32
Richard Lai	02-14-2018	2
Rocco Furia	01-26-2018	2
Joseph Vargas	01-01-2018	2
Donald Rohe	2017	612
Ezio Magiantini	2018	40
Anthony Martino	09-23-2018	2
Charles Scheller	07-01-2018	2
George T. Woodall	04-26-2018	54

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Who will be the next Grand Council Officer???

Each year for the past several years it has become a challenge to find Brothers willing to step forward and serve as a Grand Council Officer. At one time, several Brothers ran as candidates for each position and the campaigning during the Grand Council Session was something to behold. Not anymore. Yes, it is time consuming and at times serious work must be completed, but, isn't the YMI worth it??? Have you ever considered any of the positions? Why not you? In the Spring of 2019 we will be seeking candidates for the 2019-2020 YMI year. Consider this opportunity, help the Order into the next decade, and be proud of your efforts. Pro Deo, Pro Patria
Tom Fourie, #32, PGP

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Spring 2019

**Due Date: MARCH 31, 2019 ~ Please submit articles, pictures, etc. to
YMI Business Manager: YMIUS@aol.com**