

UNDER THE LAMP POST



Pro Deo Pro Patria

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Grand President's Message

It was an honor to serve you as your Grand President. I met many new friends and strengthened existing friendships during my travels. If I did not visit your Council, I had good intentions, but the current times do not permit travel. I want to thank my Brothers that supported me during some of my travels: Brother Gene Espinola #94, Luther Evans #80, PGP, Mike Nelson #80, PGP and Bob Bartoli #32, PGP.

GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Additional thanks go out to my Brothers who volunteered to serve as District Deputies. They are the eyes and ears of the Grand President. Also, former Grand Presidents, the current Board of Directors, Grand Council Officers and especially, Business Manager Tom Fourie #32, PGP, who provided me with guidance and support when I reached out to them.

I also want to thank my wife Toni for her support during the past year.

I started my year out by visiting San Jose #2's picnic in August, the Brothers were very gracious. Then onward to St. John Bosco #613 members' picnic. It was great day, and the fellowship was great. To complete the month of August, the BBQ at Sebastopol #54 at Carinalli vineyard where we had a great steak meal and I did not get lost this year. It was nice to see the Brothers interacting in a social setting.

In September, I officially visited Holy Rosary #44 and St. Christopher #80 and dropped in on these Councils some months later. The Bocce Ball Tournament was a great time, as it was a great time to visit with Brothers throughout the California Districts. I did not play; I am not into sports.

I started out the month of October with an official visit to Santa Rosa #40 during their membership drive meeting. PGP Mike Nelson and PGP Luther Evans traveled with me to this meeting. Although this year they had no new prospects for membership at this time, they still had a good gathering and dinner. Also went and met with Brothers from Bakersfield #100. Hopefully this Council will restructure and strengthen.

November, I met for breakfast with Brothers from Oakland-American #8 together with Sadoc #59. I visited Our Lady of the Pines # 137. The YMI Pasta Bingo Dinner was a successful event. After Thanksgiving, off to Indiana with Brothers Business Manager Tom Fourie PGP, Bob Bartoli PGP, and Luther

GRAND COUNCIL CONVENTION UPDATE

The Board of Grand Directors of the Young Man's Institute, being well aware of the health of the general population due to Covid-19, will have a special meeting on April 13, 2020 via conference call to determine the current and if necessary, future plans for this year's Grand Session. All Councils will be notified of their decision.

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Evans PGP. It was nice to see a state that has water. We hit some rain but no major Midwest storms. Our Brothers at both St. Augustine #497 and Gonzaga #612 were very gracious and accommodating. Hope to see them at the next Grand Council Session in Reno. Brother Jim Rohe gave me a tour of his farm and equipment shed. I was impressed as some of you know that growing and operating farm equipment are two of my passions. Thanks again for the tour.

December was my official visit and reception dinner at my Council, St, Columba #94. Thanks to all my Brothers who attended. Also, thanks to DDGP Daryll Foncesca, Brothers form Dos Palos #99, St Christopher #80 and Holy Rosary #44 for attending.

I started out 2020 with an official Visit to St. John Bosco #613 who hosted, SSF #32 and SF #1. I appreciated the joint meeting and the hospitality.

February saw us visiting Francis #573 in Hilo. Brother Tommy Figuiera spent a considerable amount of time showing us around the island, especially his favorite lunch stops. His wife Roseanna gave my wife Toni several recipes so that we now eat spam in our house. Let us remember DDGP Jimmy Souza, who passed away just prior to my visit.

The month of March; we now are in a state of uncertainty due the Covid 19. The Red and White Mass had to be cancelled. I was looking forward to this event and fellowship. GSVP Nick Franceschine and Brothers of Sebastopol #54 went through a lot of hard work of planning and preparing. Thank you for your efforts. The 135th Grand Council Session is currently scheduled for June 22-24 2020 at the Silver Legacy hotel in Reno. At this time, as the ever-changing events surrounding Covid 19, the Grand Convention Committee, Grand Council Officers and Board will review the actions that need to take place after Easter.

While having this in mind (Covid-19), lets pray for those who are infected with virus and that our Father will show us mercy and heal us. Let us take this time to reflect upon the blessings the Father has bestowed on us and give Him thanks. Hope this all passes soon and look forwarded to meeting up again soon.

Michael Thissen, Grand President

**135th Grand Council Session of the Young Men's Institute
Silver Legacy Resort Casino
5407 N. Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada 89501
June 22-24, 2020
Registration Form**

Member's Name: _____ Council #: _____ Tel. # _____ E-mail _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Names of all other Guests: _____
* * * * *

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 22, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. – Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 2900 North
McCarran Blvd, Sparks, NV – Opening Mass/Remembrance Ceremony/ Welcome Dinner (Prime
Rib) - \$20 per person **Number Attending:** _____ **Total:** _____

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 – 8:00 a.m. – Grand Breakfast – Silver Baron 4, 5 and 6 Banquet Rooms -
Silver Legacy Resort Casino – Silver Legacy Classic Buffet - \$20 per person
Number Attending: _____ **Total:** \$ _____

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 – 12 Noon - Delegate's Lunch
Box Lunch - \$15 per person (only for YMI Brothers) **Total:** \$ _____

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. – Optional Event
Louie's Basque Corner, 301 E. 4th Street, Reno, NV – complete Basque dinner – walking distance
from the hotel - \$40 per person
Number Attending _____ **Total:** \$ _____

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 2900 North
McCarran Blvd, Sparks, NV - Celebration Mass/Installation Ceremony
Number Attending: _____

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 – 5:30 p.m. – Cocktails; 6:30 p.m. – Grand Banquet at the Silver
Legacy Resort Casino – Silver Baron C, D and E Banquet Rooms - \$50 per person
Number Attending: _____
Entrees: Filet Mignon ___ Chicken Marsala ___ Salmon Picatta _____ **Total:** \$ _____

Order a YMI Navy Blue Polo Shirt \$30.00
 Sizes (Circle One) M – L – XL – XXL – XXXL **Total:** \$ _____

Order a YMI Baseball cap \$20.00
Grand Total for Registration, Events and Orders: **Total Submitted:** \$ _____

**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE IN THE GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 2020.
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO YMI GRAND COUNCIL. NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 1, 2020.**

**DON'T FORGET TO MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS....CALL 1-800-687-8733 AND USE THE CODE:
YMI620 BY
MAY 15, 2020.**

DECLARED CANDIDATES FOR 2020-2021 GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE...THUS FAR!!

Brother Michael Amato
Announces His Candidacy For
Grand president
Nominated by the Brothers of
St. John Bosco Council #613

SAN FRANCISCO COUNCIL #1
ANNOUNCES ITS SUPPORT FOR
BROTHER JACK ALBRECHT
GRAND TREASURER
\$

St. John Bosco Council #613
Proudly Sponsors
Brother Michael Dimech
"A True Veteran Brother"

St. Christopher Council
#80
Presents
Brother Billy Avery
For the Office of
Grand Director

Brother Christopher McCann #8
For
Grand Outside Sentinel
Knowledgeable of Council Efforts.
Youth as his calling card....

BROTHER BOB FIORITO
Announces His Candidacy for the Office of
Grand Marshal
With the unanimous support of
St. John Bosco Council #613

Brother Nick Franceschine
For
Grand First Vice President
Experienced with Grand Council and Council
workings...
Unanimously supported by
the Brothers of Sebastopol Council #54

Brother Jim Rohe
For
Grand Director
Experienced in Grand Council Operations..
Knowledgeable of Council Efforts..
Respected by All....
**Strongly Backed by the Brothers of Gonzaga
Council #612**

STATE OF THE INSTITUTE REPORT – 2020

One proposal was presented to the State of the Institute Committee this year for consideration and to be voted on at the June 2020 Grand Session. The proposal was accepted and is presented as follows:

Proposal #1

Current

Article VI, Section 1, DEATH BENEFIT: Effective June 22, 2016, upon the death of a Benefit Member, who is in good standing in his Council as defined in this Article, his beneficiary shall receive the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) from Grand Council within thirty (30) days after notice and proof of his death has been submitted to the Grand Secretary by the Council and upon the approval of the Board of Grand Directors. This sum shall be the exclusive and total Death Benefit to be paid to the beneficiary of a Benefit Member of the Young Men's Institute.

Proposed Rewrite:

Article VI, Section 1, DEATH BENEFIT: Effective June 23, 2020, upon the death of a Benefit Member, who is in good standing in his Council as defined in this Article, his beneficiary shall receive the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) from the Grand Council within thirty (30) days after notice and proof of his death has been submitted to the Grand Secretary by the Council, and upon the approval of the Board of Grand Directors. This sum shall be the exclusive and total Death Benefit to be paid to the beneficiary of a Benefit Member of the Young Men's Institute.

Rationale:

The Grand Council Death Benefit reserve has grown since 2016 allowing to safely increase the Death Benefit. An increase of \$1000 can be done with minimal impact to future obligations. An increase in the Death Benefit will help attract and bring in new members and ensure that current members will remain active.

Submitted by Brother Michael Nelson #80, IPGP
Chairman, State of the Institute Committee

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Member	Sponsor	Council
Patrick Perlas	Harry Licursi	40
Ron Perotti	Angel Vera	40
Richard Murphy	Ken Stupi	32
Roderic Tosetti	Mike Mahoney	32
Lee Avila	Ron Krasko	80
Greg Ouse	Manuel Drumonde	44
Robert Holland	Darrell Fonseca	99
John Trujillo	Ronald Snyder	99
Joseph Lerner	Michael McGlynn	99
Jesse Castillo	Joseph Lerner	99
Rev. Anthnoy Iromenu	Darrell Fonseca	99
John McQuaid	Art Jimenez	613



PRO PATRIA RAFFLE RAISES OVER \$17,000!

I am pleased to report the YMI Pro Patria Raffle was hugely successful in collecting a record high amount of revenues this year. Although our goal was to raise \$12,000 this year after taking in almost \$10,000 last year, we significantly exceeded expectations by collecting \$17,060. (\$5060 more than expected)!

The new raffle ticket process that we adopted this year was well received. A few factors for our success can be attributed to the following:

- Eighteen of the 21 YMI Councils (almost 86%) bought raffle tickets, spending a total of \$2380! Of note, the following eight YMI Councils generously purchased \$100 or more in raffle tickets (i.e., Councils #32, #40, #44, #80, #92, #94, #612, & #613).
- Thirty-three of the 82 YLI Institutes (40%) procured over \$1000 worth of raffle tickets
- Six YMI Councils met my 25% participation goal in getting their Council Brothers to buy raffle tickets (i.e., Councils #1, #8, #32, #54, #99 & #613). Most notably, Council #99 attained an amazing 100% participation percentage, while Council #613 impressively hit 57%!
- The near 17% of the YMI Brothers that bought raffle tickets were quite generous in buying a whole sheet for \$40. The data showed that over 76% of the YMI brothers spent at least \$40 on raffle tickets and almost 10% were super charitable in purchasing at least \$80 worth of tickets!

I extend a sincere “thank you” to all my YMI Brothers and YLI Sisters that supported our Pro Patria Raffle this year, either financially by buying raffle tickets or through their personal efforts to help generate additional sales within their councils. We have much to be proud from this achievement! Please know the excess funds raised this year will go into the YMI Pro Patria Account for next year’s Essay Contest and may result in a larger contest prize fund for participating students.

Mike Amato, GFVP

IN MEMORIAM

Member	Date	Council
Frank Lamkin	09-11-2019	497
Salvatore Dominic Mutulo	05-16-2019	59
Adan Perez	12-28-2019	32
Joe V. Diniz, Jr.	10-30-2019	44
John Arcidiacono	09-12-2019	59
Edward De La Torre, PGP	01-07-2020	1
Frank Clyne	01-08-2020	1
Everist Romano	02-18-2020	2
Leonard Landi	02-06-2020	2
Bernard Souza, Jr.	02-18-2020	44
Jams S. Souza, PGO	01-07-2020	573
Albert Knies	01-03-2020	497



Educational Foundation Memorials/Donations

Frank Clyne: San Francisco Council #1

Edward De La Torre: Jim and Helen Mullen, Frank Weber, Past Grand President's Association, Larry Silva, Manuel and Celeste Drumonde, Jim and Noreen Ruane, San Francisco Council #1

Joe V. Diniz: Holy Rosary Council #44, Manuel and Celeste Drumonde

Rudy Eugenio: Jim and Helen Mullen

Gary Gates: Jim and Helen Mullen

Myron Lawler: Gonzaga Council #612

Pete Padron: John West, Larry Silva, Manuel and Celeste Drumonde, Jim and Helen Mullen

Adan Perez: South San Francisco Council #32

Arthur Pignati: Jack and Alice Albrecht

Jimmy Souza: Jim and Helen Mullen, Clement Gusman, Manuel and Celeste Drumonde, Larry Silva

Bernard Souza: Larry Silva

Maurice Stolle: Gonzaga Council #612

Get well Joe Milton: John West

In celebration of Br. Chris Ramos' 100th Birthday: Tom and Pat Fourie

Get Well Ron Hansen: John West

Get Well John Mugrove: John West

Get Well Thom and Kathy Thomson: 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.

Dates to Remember!!!

- Councils who are sponsoring Seminarians this year need to have the request for financial aid applications sent to the Grand Council Office no later than May 1, 2020 for consideration this year.
- All Councils must have their payment of Assessment #178 as well as their completed Semi Annual Reports turned into the Grand Council Office on May 1, 2020.
- Nomination forms for Man of the Year and Council of the Year need also to be submitted by May 1, 2020.

MAY 1, 2020 IS THE BIG DAY!!!



Grand Council – Young Men’s Institute Man of the Year 2020

The 2019-2020 Man of the Year Grand Council Committee has met and is now accepting nominations for the 2020 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, 2020.

**Please send to: Brother Bob Bartoli #32, PGP
675 Pine Terrace South San Francisco, CA 94080
650-871-7878
or email at: bbartoli@pacbell.net**

2020 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 4/1/2019 through 3/31/2020? 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 2019 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
- 5. Pasta Bingo Dinner



YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

2020 ANNUAL GRAND COUNCIL G O L F T O U R N A M E N T



When: TBD

Send to Br. Bob Bartoli, 675 Pine Terrace,
South San Francisco, CA 94080 or via email
at: bbartoli@pacbell.net Deadline: May 1,
2020

Where: Bennet Valley Golf Course

330 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa, CA

Cost: \$100 Per Player

Includes Golf Cart, Prize Fund and
(after golf) Banquet

\$40 Non-playing guest for
Banquet

Banquet: 4:30 pm – 7 pm

Meals include: Caesar Salad, Roasted Tri Tip,
Chicken Parmesan, Herb Roasted Potatoes,
Roasted Vegetables, Tiramisu



Just for May!!!

Lovely Lady Dressed in Blue By Mary
Dixon

Thayer Lovely Lady dressed in blue-----
Teach me how to pray! God was just
your little boy, Tell me what to say!

Did you lift Him up, sometimes, Gently
on your knee? Did you sing to Him the
way Mother does to me?

Did you hold His hand at night? Did
you ever try Telling stories of the
world? O! And did He cry?

Do you really think He cares If I tell
Him things---- Little things that happen?
And Do the Angels' wings

Make a noise? And can He hear Me if I
speak low? Does He understand me
now? Tell me-----for you know.

Lovely Lady dressed in blue---- Teach
me how to pray! God was just your little
boy, And you know the way. Submitted
by Br. Nick Franceschine #54, GSVP



Odds and Ends!!!!

The Grand Council continues to seek out candidates for 2020-2021 Grand Council Officers.

The search continues for a Grand Second Vice President, a Grand Inside Sentinel and two seats on the Board Of Grand Directors. Any Brother interested, please contact the Grand Council Office.

When Br. Bob Fiorito #613, GD has secured a confirmed date for the 2020 Annual Grand Council Golf Tournament, entry forms will be made available on the YMI website: www.ymiusa.org

Did you know that the birthday of the Young Men's Institute is recorded as Sunday, March 4, 1883. However, the first Grand Council Session was not held until Friday, July 3, 1885 in San Francisco. Five delegates from each of seven Councils were present. Officers were elected and on the following morning (Saturday, July 4, 1885) a Constitution and By-laws to govern Councils were presented and adopted. They closed their meeting with a banquet at Perier's Rotisserie in San Francisco.

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Bocce Ball Tournament

YMI Council #613's annual Bocce Ball Tournament is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at Orange Memorial Park in South San Francisco. Additional details regarding the tournament will be provided in the flyer which will be distributed this June.

Mike, Dimech #613, PGP, GS



DON'T FORGET

**DON'T FORGET
Summer/Fall 2020 Issue**

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**Due Date: August 31, 2020 ~ Please submit articles, pictures, etc. to
YMI Business Manager: YMIUS@aol.com**