



GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Grand President's Message



Grand President Official Visits

Following my June 22 installation at St. Theresa's Church in **South Lake Tahoe** and Inaugural Banquet at **Stateline**, Nevada, my first trip was to speak at the Young Ladies Institute Convention on June 27. I thanked the YLI delegates for their institute and individual support of the YMI's annual Essay Contest and Raffle. Our sister organization is thriving. They convened in **Glendale**. Here I met with their parish priest who had never heard of the YMI but expressed interest. I was part of a media conference on July 14 which resulted in considerable news coverage for the YMI. On July 26, PGP Mike Nelson and I traveled to **Three Rivers** to present stipends to the Seminarians studying for the priesthood. Most had little knowledge of the YMI. It seems that we have a lot of promotional work to do. Then I participated in some obligatory meetings and services: Education Foundation on July 26, the funeral of longtime YMI member on July 27 from **Casa Grande, Arizona**, Grand Board of Directors on July 30, Convention Planning research visits to **Fresno** and **Santa Nella**, and committee on August 1. On August 2, **Dos Palos** Council #99 honored me with a Homecoming and I presented \$2,000 in scholarships to local students. Next, GSVP Billy Avery joined me for a dinner meeting with St. Columba Council #94 in **Chowchilla**. Council President Ralph Perry is leading this active council well and District Deputy Gene Espinola is a great asset. On August 7, my wife and I attended a Picnic at St. Junipero Serra Park in **San Bruno**. Here we joined a gathering of members from **South San Francisco** Council #32 and St. John Bosco #613 **San Francisco**. On August 14, we enjoyed a barbecued lunch at Veteran's Park in **Atwater** with a large number of members and wives from St. Christopher #80. On a sad note, my next function on August 18 was to lead the Vigil Service for PGP Frank Hepburn in **Fremont**. We learned much from his "can do, never give up" style. On August 24, met with members of **Santa Rosa** Council #40. This council has had a lot to deal with but President Harry Licursi's work to get them back on track is appreciated. Then we were off to neighboring **Sebastopol** Council #54 for a fine barbecue at the Carinalli's joined by PGP's Tom Fourie, Mike Amato, and Nick Franceschine and GFVP Steve Cresci.

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Next, it was time for a "Red Shirt Breakfast" in **Alameda** on September 10, with American Council #8 **Oakland**. Another Grand Board of Directors meeting on September 17. On September 22, we joined with Holy Rosary Council #44 **Hilmar** for a family bowling night in **Turlock**. On October 1 we enjoyed a picnic lunch at Chichibu Park in **Antioch** with Sadoc #59 **Pittsburgh**. PGP Frank DiMaggio and Council President Robert Laxner are working hard to recruit new members. On October 16, we attended a funeral in **Capitola** for the wife of a charter member. We had lunch with their parish pastor, who also had never heard of the YMI but said our organization would fit well with his parish. On October 18 we attended a meeting and lunch with the members and wives of **San Jose** Council #2. I called in to the Educational Foundation meeting on October 25. Thank you to everyone for welcoming my wife and I to your councils. We are now planning visits to the remaining councils in California and those out of state. Darrell Fonseca #99, Grand President 2022-2023.



CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS...

Is there an individual or organization that you would like to have recognized by our Fraternal Brotherhood? The YMI Resolutions Committee is seeking nominations of persons or groups, worthy of commendation for committee consideration pursuant to our YMI By-Laws, Article IV, Section 15.

Typically, these are closely guarded until promulgated at the Grand Council Session and once submitted for approval by the Board of Grand Directors.

Act today and contact the Committee if you have any nominations.

Pro Deo, Patria
Brother Alexander Schmitt #8, GD, DDGP
Committee Chairman
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510-706-0899

Forty-Ninth Annual Essay Contest is Underway

Brothers:

By now you have received the Entry Form for the 2023 YMI Essay Contest. Is your form sitting on the kitchen table beneath a heap of mail? I hope not.

Here is the thing there is over \$ 10,000 in cash prizes to be awarded to Catholic students grades 7 through grades 12. The contest has always been a great way to bring recognition to the Young Men's Institute. Beyond that, it is a perfect opportunity to attract and bring in new members. Winning students, sponsored by a YMI member and council is the key.

I encourage you to reach out to family – nieces, nephews, cousins, grand children – the list goes on and on. With Thanksgiving around the corner and families gather it is a great time to let everyone know about the contest. Christmas break, students will probably have some time to enter the contest with some encouragement.

Beyond that here are some other suggestions:

- Get an announcement in your church's bulletin
 - Bring the Essay Forms to your next business meeting, social event, membership drive
 - Ask your Parish priest if he can mention the contest during weekly mass announcements
 - Reach out to Religious Ed Confirmation teachers
 - Do you coach an athletic team? Consider passing out the contest form to the athletic students
- Here are some few key points to remember:

- Deadline January 19, 2023
- Open to Catholic Students (Private or Public school) Grades 7 through 12
- Be sure to include your name as sponsor and council number on the entry form
- Additional forms can be obtained from <http://www.ymiusa.org/>

An integral part of the Annual Essay Contest is the YMI Pro-Patria raffle. Without this fund-raising activity there would not be any cash prizes for the Essay Contest. Your support is greatly needed.

Be sure to carry the raffle tickets with you wherever you go. There is always going to be an opportunity to ask a friend, neighbor, co-worker to buy tickets. Having a function at church or hospitality table following a mass? Always have raffle tickets available for purchase.

I am always looking for feedback and your ideas on what has worked for you in the getting the word out about the Essay Contest. Feel free to reach me by phone 415-297-5816 if you have any questions, comments or by email scresci16@gmail.com.

For God and Country
Br. Steve Cresci #32
1st VP



Seminarian Foundation Initiates 2023 Grant Program

The specific purpose of this Foundation is to provide financial assistance to candidates for the priesthood of the Catholic Church. Any YMI Brother or Council, in good standing, may sponsor a seminarian for the 2023-2024 school year. The application form (2 pages) can be found in this issue of the Institute Journal as well as on the YMI Website at <http://www.ymiusa.org/>. Those applications need to be received by the Foundation on or before May 1, 2023 (must be sent to the Grand Council Office of the YMI). Financial awards will be based on the information provided on the completed application. Award amounts are based on the expected date of ordination of the seminarian (\$1000 for one/two years to ordination, \$500 for three/four years to ordination, \$200 for all others). The announcement and presentation of the award checks will take place at the Foundation meeting (June 20, 2023) during the 138th Grand Council Session.

The Foundation generates its funding source through donations from YMI Brothers and Councils as well as by prudent investments.

Recent Donations to the Foundation



Donation from Frances Council #573

In memory of Kim Swinkels by Frank Hepburn
In memory of Frank Hepburn by Michael and Mara Amato
In memory of Frank Hepburn by the Past Grand President's Association
In memory of Frank Hepburn by Richard and Gloria Guaraldi

Donation from the Past Grand President's Association

In memory of Nandina Bartoli by Michael and Mara Amato

Donation from Sadoc Council #59

In memory of Charles P. Gullo, Sr. by Charles P. Gullo, Jr.

In Memoriam

Barton Ramos	0-09-2022	44
Ben Souza	06-09-2022	44
Roger J. Craft	08-30-2022	612
Moses Pirotta	09-05-2022	2
Richard Murphy	08-14-2022	54
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YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

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SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Request for Financial Assistance

Date: _____

Sponsor: As a member in good standing of the Young Men’s Institute, I recommend that the Foundation’s Board of Directors financially assist the following named seminarian for the school year....from September through June (beginning of school year varies).

Member’s Name; _____ Council Number: _____

Name of Seminarian: _____

Name of Seminary: _____, located in _____

He is currently studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of _____

Member’s Signature

Date

Seminarian: As a registered Seminarian studying for the priesthood; I am attending the above named seminary as declared by my sponsor. My expected date of ordination is : _____

I find it difficult to meet all expenses for tuition, room and board, clothing, insurance, etc. My sources of income are from (i.e. personal, family, friends, etc.) _____. This income is not sufficient to cover all expenses.

I understand that this application is for the school year; beginning in September through June (traditional) and that I must apply for funds each year. My application for the school year must be completed and submitted before May 1st of each year.

As the intended beneficiary of this request, I affirm that all facts declared herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also acknowledge that I have read and understand the Internal Revenue Service requirements on the backside of this application.

_____/_____/_____

Seminarian Signature

Date

E-mail address

Rector of the Seminary or His Delegate:

As a duly appointed and responsible official of the seminary named above, I declare that I have read the foregoing request and that the above-named seminarian is in good standing and has appropriate academic grades to continue his studies and to the best of my knowledge, vouch for the accuracy of information provided by the above named seminarian.

_____/_____/_____
Name Position Date

Seminarian Educational Foundation: Committee Members Only

Name: _____ Approved: _____ Declined: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Approved: _____ Declined: _____ Date: _____

Young Men’s Institute –Seminarian Educational Foundation

Acknowledgement Agreement for the Internal Revenue Service

If your application is approved by the Seminarian Educational Foundation’s Board of Directors, funds granted are to be used by you for educational purposes; our Foundation is required, on the advice of counsel, to submit to you a grant agreement to assure compliance with the Internal Revenue Code.

The scholarship is to be used for your academic endeavors and are tax-free. (Other uses may result in taxation). The scholarship may be used in connection with any other scholarship, or financial aid received by you.

You agree to utilize these funds only for the purposes noted above, and hereby agree to furnish to the Foundation written reports, or other documentation, to verify that the scholarship has been used for its intended purpose, and also; including but not limited to, verification of completion of the classes in which you were enrolled for the academic year to which this scholarship applies, (i.e. transcripts).

Applicant hereby agrees to the terms and conditions of the above “Acknowledgement with the Internal Revenue Code”.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

Please print your name: _____

**Return this application to the following address
Seminarian Educational Foundation of the**

**Young Men’s Institute
P. O. Box 281047
San Francisco, CA 94128-104**

**YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
BROTHER FRANK PIGNATI
MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM 2023**

Once again, the YMI Educational Foundation is proud to announce our Matching Funds Program for 2023. 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 **\$1,000.00** in Matching Funds. Upon approval of the submitted request, the Educational Foundation will in turn write a check of any amount not to exceed **\$2,000.00** 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, 2023**. Barring a special circumstance request, Matching Fund checks will all be issued and mailed on **April 30, 2023**. 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's official address.**

Yours for God and Country,

Brother Bob Bartoli #32, PGP

Brother Tom Fourie #32, PGP

Educational Foundation Directors

**GRAND COUNCIL YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE
NEW MEMBERS
2022-2023**

Michael Cooley	Michael Amato	613	08-09-2022	Benefit
Michael Baglin	Dominic Panina	613	10-11-2022	Benefit
Livio Rossi	Dennis Cresci	32	11-10-2022	Benefit

WELCOME

**YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
BROTHER FRANK PIGNATI
MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM APPLICATION 2023**

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 **\$1,000.00**):

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. 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, 2023**

ALL CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED ON APRIL 30, 2023
Checks will be mailed directly to the participating council's official address.

Any questions please call 1-650-871-7878

State of the Institute Committee

Brothers: The State of the Institute Committee is the group within the YMI that reviews our rules and By-Laws each year, trying to find ways to improve our organization, for the benefit of our Brothers and their families. Last year, this Committee recommended extending our Death Benefit program to all dues-paying Brothers, and that change was adopted at our 2022 convention.

This year, we are again discussing many different ways in which the YMI can be improved – and we want to hear from you! If you have an idea about something we could be doing better, or a way that the YMI can be more efficient or effective, please let me know. You can reach me by email at: nick@northbaypensions.com or by mail at: 550 Du Franc Ave., Sebastopol, CA 95472. Thanks!

Pro Deo, Pro Patria

Nick Franceschine, chair of the Committee

Meet our First Lady



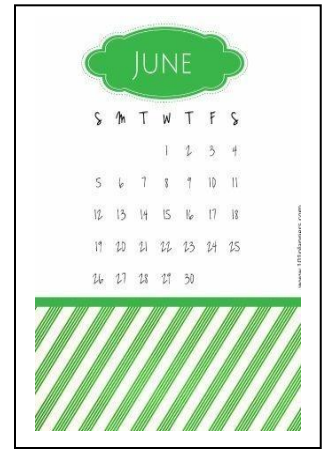
Many of you have had the opportunity to meet this year's First Lady, my wife Maria.

She is an extraordinary woman. Maria immigrated to the United States 43 years ago from Porto, Portugal. She is the mother of three, with two daughters and a son: the grandmother of eight, with six granddaughters and two grandsons, and one great grandson. She worked in various jobs, became a successful Realtor, opened, and operated a chain of three Dry Cleaners stores, was named 2017 Businessperson of the Year in Los Banos, California, attended college while working, obtaining an Associate of Science, then a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Colorado Technical University. She is a past president of the Women's Improvement Club. She has served as a local past president and Institute Deputy for the Y.L.I. She serves our parish as a Eucharistic Minister and as a Bible Study leader. She is an outstanding cook, crafts maker, is fluent in Portuguese, Spanish, and English, and has a strong interest in politics and world affairs. On September 25, she and I met the President of Portugal on his U.S. tour. Maria has accompanied me on many of my official visits. Her love, advice, and support are very important to me.

All of us have had an important woman in our lives. The Blessed Mother Mary has a significant role in the life of our Church and that of our Lord Jesus Christ. In our personal lives, no one has a greater influence than our own Mother. Even though I lost mine many years ago, she continues to influence me. In my travels as Grand President, I have noticed that the YMI councils which have family activities and the involvement of wives, significant others, or girlfriends, seem to have the most energy. In closing, I recall John Lennon's lyrics, "Woman, I will try to express, my inner feelings and thankfulness, for showing me the meaning of success."

Plan to attend the Grand Convention

“You need to go the Grand Council Convention.” These were the words that Brother Billy Pimentel said to me several years ago. I had been a long-time member who served locally as an active member. Yet, something was lacking. I didn’t see the connection to the Grand organization. So, I took his advice. Wow, my eyes were opened! Here I met members from across the nation who, like me, worked hard to give something back, had the same concerns, but were working at a higher level. The YMI is a great organization. Participating in a Grand Convention helps one to really understand the magnitude of our reach and the opportunities that await us.



As a Grand President from the “Big Valley” I wanted to showcase our area and its agricultural leadership. Unfortunately, a convention here would be considerably more expensive. It was the planning committee’s collective thought that higher room rates would discourage members from attending. Further, many of our nearby members commented that they would commute rather than stay at a closer convention. To achieve maximum social success, members need to be at the convention, not merely attending meetings. So, a decision was made to return to reasonably priced Lake Tahoe.

Please plan now to attend the 2023 Grand Council session. It will be **Tuesday, June 21, Wednesday June 22, and Thursday, June 23**. Some arrive on Monday and some leave on Friday or stay the weekend. Every council has delegate positions available. We will be voting on many important matters. Our meeting sessions will be efficient not long. You will make many new friends. Our social events are fun, the ladies are invited. The food is good. The hotel is nice. The area is beautiful. Let’s all have a great time together. Darrell Fonseca #99, Grand President 2022-2023.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION MEMORIALS/DONATIONS

- Nandina Bartoli:** Thomas and Patricia Fourie, Jack and Alice Albrecht, Steve and Linda Cresci, John West, Manuel and Celeste Drumonde
Dominador “Don” Coloma: Clement A. Gusman, Thomas and Rosanna Figueira, Francis Council #573
Frank Hepburn: Richard and Gloria Guaraldi, Jack and Alice Albrecht, John West, Manuel and Celeste Drumonde
John H. Dutra: Holy Rosary Council #44, Manuel and Celeste Drumonde
Eudoxia Sousa: Manuel and Celeste Drumonde
Joe A. Duarte: Holy Rosary Council #44
Arturo H. Romero: Manuel and Celeste Drumonde
Roger J. Craft: Gonzaga Council #612
Marilyn Cooper: Gonzaga Council #612
Richard Irli: South San Francisco Council #32
David M. Carelli: South San Francisco Council #32
Mary Vogelgesang: Gonzaga Council #612, Thomas and Patricia Fourie
Get Well to the Agloro Family: John West
For all deceased members of the Young Men’s Institute: The Past Grand Presidents Association.

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.

2023 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 the number of hours worked.

3. Did your council have an increase in membership for the period from 4/1/2022 through 3/31/2023? If so, what was the percentage increase from the previous year: _____

4. Did your Council participate in any fundraising 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 2022 Grand Council Sessions?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, how many delegates attended? _____

**Send to Br. Bob Bartoli, 675 Pine Terrace, South San Francisco, CA 94080
or via email at: bbartoli@pacbell.net
Deadline: May 1, 2023**

Grand Council – Young Men’s Institute Man of the Year 2023

The 2022-2023 Man of the Year Grand Council Committee has met and is now accepting nominations for the 2023 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, 2023* 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

Let's Keep CHRIST in Christmas!



In this happy season, many religious authorities will encourage us to “Keep Christ in Christmas”. This is a great idea – and here are some practical ways that we can all do this:

- Christmas cards – when you buy Christmas cards (if you haven't already), pick ones with a religious theme.
- Postage stamps – by tradition, every year the US Postal Service offers two stamps for the holidays: a secular one (Santa Claus or a wreath, etc.) and a religious one (usually a reproduction of a famous painting showing the Madonna and Child). The government has to be careful not to officially endorse any particular religion, but they know we want religious Christmas stamps, so this is their compromise.
- Say an Advent prayer before dinner, together, as a family. This can include lighting candles on your Advent wreath.
- Put a nativity scene in a prominent place in your home. Everyone who visits you will see it! And be sure to:
- Hide the Baby Jesus – then bring Him out with a flourish on Christmas eve or morning. Sing a carol, maybe read the Christmas story from the gospel of St. Luke with a candle burning. And all this before we all open gifts for each other. This will especially impress the children, so they will see what Christmas is really all about.
- Give God a special gift, just from you to Him. No one else needs to know about it. This should be a sacrifice of some kind. Some ideas: forgiving someone that you need to forgive, or praying for someone who has wronged you.
- Sing Christmas carols in a nursing home or hospital with friends (check with the facility first to make sure it's ok, and when it will be convenient for them). This is much easier than it sounds. Afterwards you can have lunch together somewhere, make a day of it.
- Compliment businesses and stores that publicly display a nativity scene. This used to be much more common than it is now. Scenes showing a mythical Santa Claus are considered ok, even Muslim symbols are accepted, but anything explicitly Christian seems to evoke hatred. These days, it takes courage for a business to show a nativity scene.
- Greet people with “Merry Christmas” instead of Happy Holidays or Seasons Greetings.
- At your Christmas dinner, set a place for the Guest of Honor. It's His birthday!

Merry Christmas

From the Desk of the Chairman of the Board

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My Brothers of the YMI,

It is with great sadness and sorrow that the Board has lost a true and faithful Brother of the Young Men's Institute, by the passing of Brother Frank Hepburn #2, PGP.

Brother Darrell Fonseca #99, GP, recommended that Brother Alex Preciado #2 fill the opening on the Board of Grand Directors. Brother Preciado is from the same Council, San Jose Council #2, and has participated in Past Grand Directors meetings as a District Deputy Grand President. It was approved unanimously by the Board to have Brother Alex replace Brother Frank Hepburn #2, PGP. Brother Alex, it is an honor to have you on the Board of Grand Directors. Brother Alex will fill Brother Hepburn's committee assignments going forward.

The Grand Council Planning Committee with Brother Fonseca, GP reporting that the committee has met three times to go over the bids from Fresno and Lake Tahoe. While the committee gave strong consideration to Fresno, the economics of the bids persuaded the committee to reach a consensus in selecting Lake Tahoe again. The committee is also looking at the 2024 Convention location. Brother Fourie informed us that he had contacted the Bally Hotel in Tahoe and we have reserved our 2023 Convention at the 2022 prices.

Brother Bill Avery #80, GSVP covered activities, including efforts to arrange the 2023 Red & White Mass at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Atwater on March 11, 2023.

Brother Fourie, Business Manager, reports of the need for the Grand Council to once again visit individual Councils (Business vs. Social Official Visits) in order to remind Council Officers of processes and protocols. He indicated this need, as he sees irregularities in Council reports (financial, membership counts).

I would like to thank all of my Brothers for your attending Zoom Meetings and all of your help in making my term as your Board Chairman successful. I would like to thank Brother Steve Cresci for his hard work for us to have our successful Zoom meetings.

**Yours for God and Country,
Thomas Figueira #573, GD**

Chairman of the Board



YMI Grand 2nd Vice President's Report



Brothers of the YMI,

First let me say Happy Holidays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's 2023 from the GSVP Billy Avery. For me 2022 has been a much better year than the previous two years. With the Pandemic of Covid-19 winding down and in person meetings starting back up, I am extremely optimistic that the YMI will have a great year for all councils in 2023. I was delighted to attend an in-person Grand Session in June and visit with brother from all over, it was great. I guess I didn't realize how much I missed getting together in person.

This August council #80 held its annual YMI/YLI picnic at Veterans Park in Atwater, and we were joined by the ladies of the YMI for the event. Our Grand President Darrell Fonseca was in attendance along with PGP Mike Thissen, PGP Luther Evans, PGP Mike Nelson, and PGP Larry Silva. It has been some time since we were able to enjoy an event with our sister organization and it was a great success.

As the newly elected Grand 2nd Vice President, it is my turn to make arrangements for the 2023 Red and White Mass. I am lucky to be a member of a council with multiple Past-Grand Presidents to look to for advice. Recently I met with Fr. Paul Kato, and PGP Mike Nelson and father has given us the go ahead to have the Red and White Mass at the 5:00 pm mass at St Anthony's church in Atwater. I am especially pleased about having the mass at St Anthony's because the church hall shares the parking lot with the hall so it's only a short walk from the church to the hall.

So please save the March 11, 2023 Date:

Where: Saint Anthony's Catholic Church

1799 Winton Way

Atwater, CA 95301

When: Saturday, March 11, 2023

I am working on the menu and pricing for the flyer and signup sheet, which I will have completed soon.



As we all know, Last June a by-law change was passed during grand session that eliminated the 'associate member' status from the YMI and all former associate members have now been redesigned as 'benefit members' and are now eligible for the survivor benefit. For my council, I have been designated to work with the former associate members to complete and gather beneficiary forms. This task has been more challenging than I expected. There are still a few brothers who need to complete a form. It's amazing how much has changed from Covid-19. It will take a while longer for my council to finish getting all the forms, but working this task has also made other brothers think about the beneficiary forms currently on file and I am also receiving updated forms because the change in the YMI by-laws and made people think about updating before something unexpected happens. The loss from the Covid-19 pandemic has affects that will be felt for many years to come.

Yours for God and Country,

Br. Billy Avery

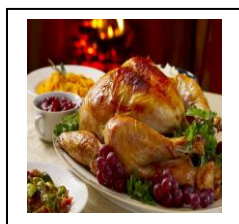
G2VP 2022-2023

YMI GOLF TOURNAMENT
SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2023
VALLEY OF THE MOON
GOLF COURSE
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SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND MERRY CHRISTMAS



DON'T FORGET.....Due Date:

The next issue of the Institute Journal will be the Spring Issue.

All articles, pictures, etc. to be submitted to the Business Manager by **April 1, 2023.**

Send to YMIUS@aol.com