

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

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Grand President's Program

YOUNG MEN'S
INSTITUTE

Pro Deo



Pro Patria

“Getting Back Together”

Steve Cresci
Grand President
2023 - 2024

Faith ~ Patriotism ~ Fraternity

YMI MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the YMI is to provide for the mutual aid and good will, the moral, intellectual and social improvement of its members, devotion to the Catholic Church, and loyalty to our country in accordance with its motto:

“Pro Deo, Pro Patria – For God, For Country”.

To achieve this mission, the YMI dedicates itself to the education of its members in things Catholic, in things American, and in all things that will lead all men to their ultimate salvation.



The Mission Statement was approved by the YMI Board of Grand Directors May 4, 2002

Grand President's Program 2023-2024

As corny as it may sound it is time to get back in the pool. Remember when you were a kid and had so much fun on summer days, cooling off in the pool with your friends. How about as you became older, perhaps in high school or later on - swimming laps at the local YMCA. Remember how invigorated you felt when you finished your swim?

What I am saying is if you have drifted away, it is time to get back and be a part of our wonderful organization. It can happen and I believe you will experience a certain satisfaction that only comes when you truly become a part of the brotherhood of the YMI.

There are reasons we as an organization have struggled with declining membership and lack of growth. Number one of one of course has to be we are getting older. Attrition is only natural in an organization that is nearly 140 years old.

Another reason is that the percentage of Americans who attend religious services is now "significantly lower" than before the Covid -19 pandemic, especially among young people and other groups identified as less likely to regularly attend according to 2022 American Religious Benchmark Survey on behalf of the American Enterprise Institute.

There is a correlation between the impact of the pandemic on our everyday lives. Perhaps we are no longer going to Council meetings or in some cases no longer meeting on a regular basis. Even the social events we enjoyed so much in the past have taken a hit. Just last year, the Bocce Ball Tournament, which always was well attended (pre-pandemic) had to be cancelled for lack of interest.

Perhaps there is another underlying reason, one that is more serious to consider and that is apathy. That can lead to not caring about the YMI and eventually a member dropping out. For those who may be uncertain about the YMI and the benefits of being a member one must ask, "Why did I join the YMI? Is it no longer relevant for me? Do I really get anything out of the YMI anymore?"

I truly believe these questions can be answered by the principle you can only get what you put into something. How have you contributed your time and resources to your Council? Do you serve as an officer or on a committee or volunteer when called upon?

Part of my message to all of you is let us get back and become involved. It only takes a little time and effort.

From the social side there are YMI picnics, Golf and Bowling Tournaments, Bocce Ball, Christmas Dinners and in August a YMI Day At the Ballpark.

From my visits to various Councils in the past year I do hear of wonderful and successful events within the individual Council such as community dinners and drive-up BBQ prepared dinners. I am encouraged by these social and outreaching events and the success of each event. They can have such a lasting impact in our local communities.

MEMBERSHIP & GROWTH

We all can see the struggle in retaining membership and growth. There are other organizations within our Churches that are also looking to expand their membership. In my parish church alone, there are six organizations from the Fil-Am Society to the Knights of Columbus. There are also 15 different ministries including a Young Adult Ministry. We can co-exist with the various organizations and not be threatened but work beside them.

At Mass we can continue to usher, be hospitality ministers, lead bible study, be a reader, and minister Holy Communion. The list goes on. The more we can do the better for shining a light on the YMI.

I ask for each Council to see that their members are actively participating in the weekly mass.

If your Parish has a school, then there is an opportunity to reach out to new members. Sports programs, Back to School Nights, sponsoring a movie or gaming night are all ways to bring the YMI to the forefront. It hasn't been easy, and we have all heard the reasons why we don't get new members – people don't have time, they are involved with other things, - and I think we must accept that, but it doesn't mean we stop trying.

I ask that each Council, no matter how big or small, have a membership committee. There should be a concentrated effort to put together a plan

for bringing in new members. **I further ask that there be a goal of 5% membership for bringing in new members beginning in July.**

As I make my visits throughout the year, I look forward to hearing from your Council on what has worked for membership recruitment.

PATROTISIM

Although I did not serve my Country in the military service, I am proud of my father who served time in Korea. He too was a member who encouraged me to join the YMI. Ever since I became a member, I have come to know those Veterans who are in my Council and others as well. These men are an integral and vital part of the YMI. I can't imagine the YMI without them and their devotion to their Country.

As my President's message I encourage each Council to have at least one meeting, or one month honoring the Veterans who served our Country. Ideally, in the Month of November – Veteran's Day or May - Memorial Day, Armed Forces Weekend.

Consider having your Council participate in a Parade such as a 4th of July or Veteran's Day parade. What better way to show our patriotism and be recognized in our local community.

FAITH

There is a lot of noise in the world today. Wars rage on, there is tension between borders of Countries, and a sense of general discontent in the United States no matter where you stand on the political side. Closer to home there is homelessness, drug crisis, social unrest. Technology can overwhelm us and there is something very unsettling concerning artificial intelligence.

Our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is just important today as it was back in 1883 when the YMI was founded. We must continue to look for guidance, from Jesus Christ, and keep our spiritual life alive by prayer. Attend Mass, receive the sacraments, pray for our Brothers & Sisters.

Jesus Christ did not work alone; He had His apostles to spread the good word. There are also Saints who have had carved a way for us to live a

Christian Life. From St. Augustine to St. Joseph, the YMI Patron Saint, to St. Xavier.

In closing I would like to have as part of my Grand President's Program the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. A few reasons, being born in San Francisco (the Patron Saint of San Francisco) and at St. Francis Memorial Hospital, and of course our Pope Francis, I thought it would be appropriate.

Let us all live each day by following the words of the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

For God & Country.

Br. Steve Cresci

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be
consoled as to console, to be understood as to
understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that
we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life.



Grand Council Committee Assignments

General Guidelines

1. Committee members shall be receptive to any/all input provided by any Brother of the Young Men's Institute.
2. All committee work shall be directed toward providing a service(s) to all Councils and Brothers.
3. The committee shall stay focused on its purpose, as stated in the By-Laws, and strive to achieve its goals in a timely manner.
4. A written summary report of the committee's activities and recommendations shall be submitted to the Grand President by April 15, 2024. The Grand President shall be responsible for submitting the report to the Grand Secretary by April 30, 2024 to be included in the Advance Proceedings of the 2024 Grand Council Session.
5. All committee members shall work cooperatively with each other showing mutual respect.

Thank you to all Committee members for your service to the YMI!



AUDITING COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE GOALS

- To assist Councils by auditing and examining their records and accounts as needed.
- To review and evaluate our financial procedures and processes considering the continuing yearly federal and state filing requirements.
- To conduct an annual physical audit of all books and funds of Grand Council, that are furnished to the Board of Grand Directors and all members of the Young Men's Institute and to certify as to the correctness by March 31, 2024.

Chairman:

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BUDGET COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE GOALS

- To prepare a written preliminary budget (2024-2025) for publication in the Spring, 2024 for inclusion in the Advance Proceedings for the 2024 Grand Council Session.
- To work in conjunction with the Reserve Fund Committee reviewing and re-evaluating both Fixed and Customary Funds of Grand Council so as to reflect the needs of servicing all Councils.

Chairman:

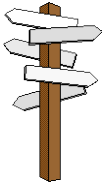
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INSTITUTE JOURNAL COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE GOALS

- To edit, manage, and publish four issues of the Institute Journal during the 2023-2024 year.
- To provide a quality and appropriate publication that can be used by Councils in their recruitment of new members.
- To solicit articles from the members at large of the Young Men's Institute that will highlight the positive activities and efforts of the Councils.
- To solicit articles from Grand Officers on the works and activities of the Grand Council on a quarterly basis.
- To distribute the Institute Journal by email to Councils and post the Journal on our YMI website.

Editor:

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LAWS AND REVISIONS COMMITTEE

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- To review and approve/disapprove any/all amendments to the By-Laws of YMI Councils in a timely fashion throughout the year.
- To examine and consider proposed amendments to the Grand Council Constitution or Grand Council By-Laws it receives that have been adopted by at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote at the Grand Council Sessions and incorporate appropriate revisions into those documents for approval by the Board.

Chairman:

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MAN/COUNCIL OF THE YEAR

COMMITTEE GOALS

- The Committee will meet to determine the qualifications for candidates & YMI Councils for the 2024 Man/Council of the Year Award and develop a timeline for submissions and final selection.

- Prior to January 1, 2024, the Committee will notify each YMI Council and publish in the Institute Journal the desired qualifications and process for submitting the nominees for the two awards.
- The Committee will assist with the presentation of the Man/Council of the Year Award during the Grand Banquet at the 2024 Grand Council Session.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE GOALS

- The Committee will be responsible for providing a variety of tools and ideas to Councils to attract and maintain members, including Junior YMI members.
- The Committee will assist those Councils seeking advice on developing a Council membership plan.
- The Committee will encourage each Council to designate a Brother or committee of Brothers to be the Membership lead for their Council and to promote the goal that each Council achieves membership gains during the 2023-2024 year.

Chairman:

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ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

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COMMITTEE GOALS

- The Committee will follow up on leads to establish new Councils.
- The Committee will offer assistance to Councils which require help during periods of re-organization or when “merging” of Councils is being considered.

- The Committee will review and update the YMI History booklet and make the document available to all YMI Brothers so all can know our roots.

Chairman: **Michael Dimech #613, GS**
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PRO DEO COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE GOALS

- The Committee will continue the tradition of the “Red and White Mass” celebrating the anniversary of the Young Men’s Institute in March 2024 and remembering our deceased members.
- The Committee will address Brothers at the Grand Breakfast of the Grand Council Sessions in June 2024 with comments reflecting the Pro Deo theme of our motto.
- The Committee will review, update, and make recommendations for the continued success of spiritual events sponsored by the YMI.

Chairman: **TO BE DETERMINED**



PRO PATRIA COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE GOALS

- The Committee will continue working on the annual student essay contest and raffle; re-evaluating the prize structures of the contest and raffle, and in doing so provide an additional tool for Councils in their attempt to educate the youth in their community.
- The Committee will promote civic and charitable programs for the participation of all Councils.

Chairman: **Bill Avery #80 GFVP**

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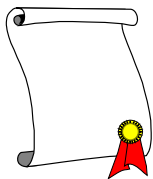


RESERVE FUND COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE GOALS

- The Committee shall continue to oversee the prudent investment of the funds of the Grand Council (both the Reserve and Death Benefit Accounts) on behalf of all members of the Young Men's Institute.
- The Committee will monitor the Death Benefit Account to assure sufficient funds exist to pay families of deceased brothers.
- The Committee will collaborate with the Budget Committee in setting the future direction of the operating budget of the Young Men's Institute.
- The committee will meet at least once a year with our investing representatives.

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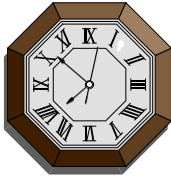
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE GOALS

- The Committee shall consider and/or prepare appropriate Resolutions for the approval of the Grand Council or the Board of Grand Directors to be issued to those individuals or groups deemed worthy of commendation.

Chairman: **Alex Schmitt #8, GD**

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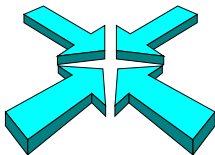
STATE OF THE INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE GOALS

- To seek By-Law proposals using the Institute Journal and YMI website to solicit ideas from YMI Brothers.
- To meet and consider the merits of submitted proposals to improve the YMI Order and whether to present them at the 2024 Grand Council Session.
- To provide the Committee's recommendations to the Grand Council by April 15, 2024, so that it can be communicated to all Councils via the internet and published in the Spring 2024 issue of the Institute Journal.

Chairman:

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WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE GOALS

- The Committee will prepare and present educational programs at the request of Councils for their benefit and improvement.
- The Committee in conjunction with other Grand Council Committees will present an educational program during the 2024 Grand Council

Session or any time during the year as recommended by the Grand President.

Chairman: **Staff of the Grand Council Office**

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DISTRICT DEPUTY

The District Deputy position is responsible:

- to articulate the Grand President's program to Councils,
- keep the Grand President apprised of the conditions of Councils,
- visit their respective Councils at business and/or social gatherings,
- assist Councils (e.g., installing new officers, preparing for annual audits, etc.)
- assist Grand Council by following up on matters impacting Councils in their Districts shall seek to assist in the organizing of new Councils.

Each District Deputy shall submit by e-mail a brief quarterly report to the Grand President in reference to their assigned District. The report should cover activities being planned by the Councils in the assigned District, as well as sharing noted successes and challenges encountered during the quarter. The reports are due 7 days after the close of the quarter (i.e., Oct 7th, Jan 7th & April 7th). With these reports, the Grand President can provide a summary of the District Deputy reports at Grand Director meetings. Each District Deputy Grand President will also send in a written summary report of their activities during the year to the Grand President by April 15, 2024, which will be published in the Advance Proceedings.

For your efforts, each District Deputy will be awarded with voting privileges to be a Delegate at the 2024 Grand Council Sessions and will receive high gratitude from the Order for their commitment and support.

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"Thank you for your past, present and continued commitment to the YMI"

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Mrs. Mary Musgrove 14698 Saturn Drive San Leandro, CA 94578	So. San Francisco #32 2012-2013	510-351-4063
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THE OFFICIAL YMI PRAYER

O God, who has created all men to know, love, and serve you through the intercession of St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family and Patron of the Young Men’s Institute, grant us the grace and strength, by our prayers, works and example to draw ever closer to you. Guide and assist us to spread among our fellow men the kingdom of your truth and love and peace. Amen

Prayer to St. Joseph, the Worker

Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all who are dedicated to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in the spirit of love and to faithfully place my responsibilities above my own desires.

Help me to work with joy and gratitude.

Let me consider it an honor to use and develop the gifts I have received from God.

Aid me to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience.

Help me to work above all for the glory of God and the coming of his kingdom.

May I remember that I am to give an account of the gifts and talents I have received.

THE INVITATION

TO THE YOUNG MEN WHO TALKED ON THE STREET CORNER LONG AGO, THE LIGHT FROM THE LAMP POST SEEMED TO EXTEND INTO THE DARKNESS FIFTY OF A HUNDRED FEET.

BUT IF, ON THEIR WAY HOME, THEY HAD HAPPENED TO LOOK BACK WHEN THEY WERE TWO BLOCKS AWAY, THEY WOULD HAVE SEEN THE LIGHT EASILY. AND IF BY CHANCE THEY HAD CLIMBED TO THE TOP OF TWIN PEAKS AND LOOKED DOWN, WHEN THERE WERE NO OTHER LIGHTS IN THE CITY, THEY STILL COULD HAVE SEEN THE LIGHT. A MAN WITH A TELESCOPE COULD HAVE SEEN IT FROM EVEN FARTHER. WE DO NOT KNOW, IN FACT, HOW FAR THE LIGHT ACTUALLY EXTENDED. ONLY GOD KNOWS.

IN LIKE MANNER, AND FOR LIKE REASONS, ONLY HE KNOWS THE LIMITS OF POTENTIAL INFLUENCE OF THE YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE. TO HIS KNOWLEDGE AND TO HIS GUIDANCE THE ORDER COMMENDS ITS FUTURE.