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Grand President's Message





## GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### A Visit to Every Council!

Brothers, I have now had a visit with every YMI Council as your Grand President! When I set this goal at the last convention, I hadn't anticipated the difficulty of this task. I'm not speaking of travel. The real challenge was scheduling. Many councils have only begun to meet for the first time in years since the Covid Virus shut down. I'm pleased to say, every council welcomed me. Since my last journal report, many visits took place. In November, accompanied by my wife Maria and Business Manager Br. Tom Fourie, we flew via Denver, Colorado to Indianapolis, Indiana. On November 27, 2022, I served as Lector at Mass, (my 50th Anniversary as a Lector) followed by breakfast, audit, and social time at the YMI Club with the brothers of St. Augustine Council #497 in Huntingburg, Indiana. That night we dined in Jasper, Indiana with friends who had moved to Indiana from Merced, California. On November 28 we attended morning Mass and toured the Benedictine Monastery in St. Meinrad, Indiana then drove to Louisville, Kentucky. On November 29, led by Br. Scott Vogelgesang and other officers of Gonzaga Council #612 in Richmond, Indiana, we spoke to the Student Body of Seton Catholic High School in Richmond, Indiana, here, we presented YMI Essay Contest winner awards. We toured Veterans Park in Richmond, Indiana guided by Br. Robert Crowe, drove to Cedar Springs, Ohio, saw beautiful farmland, and had supper with more members of Gonzaga Council #612 at the Old Richmond Inn. On November 30, we attended Mass at St. Mary's Church, then toured the adjacent Seton Elementary School. We drove to New Paris, Ohio and discovered that it has a restaurant called "The Lampost." We paid respect to YMI brothers resting in peace at two local cemeteries. Br. Jim Rohe took us on a farm tour of corn, soybean, and wheat fields, and beef cattle, in Centerville, Indiana. We concluded this official visit with an hour of memory with Gonzaga Council #612 followed by dinner from Mercurio's Pizza. YMI Br. Mercurio resides in Cincinnati, Ohio. Rising early on December 1, we drove to Indianapolis, and flew back directly to California. On December 2 my wife and I attended the funeral of a 30 year YLI Recording Secretary. On December 5, I participated in the State of the Institute Committee meeting by Zoom. On December 15 we drove almost 300 miles South to have a business lunch and Official Visit with brothers from Bakersfield Council #100. Unfortunately, this council has struggled with a lack of leadership ability and a lack of member initiative. Again, I participated in a State of the Institute Committee meeting by Zoom, on January 3, 2023. On January 12, I made my Official Visit to South San Francisco Council #32. Members of St. John Bosco #613 of San Francisco also attended. The following morning, on January 13 we flew to Honolulu, Oahu. Seeing the Pearl Harbor Battleships memorial was a poignant experience. On January 14, we attended Mass,

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dinner, and had our Official Visit with Francis Council #573 in Hilo, Hawaii. GFVP Steve Cresci also attended. Courtesy of Br. Tommy Figueira, we toured the entire Big Island of I Hawaii, had many good Hawaiian meals, interspersed with Filipino and Portuguese culture. We saw whales, beautiful blue ocean scenes, green hills, a coffee plantation, macadamia nut processing, and the amazing **Volcano** during the day and at night. We then returned to California. On January 24 I called in to the **Educational Foundation** board meeting by Zoom. On February 1 we lunched in **Ione** with At Large Council #900 District Deputy Phil Fondale of Pioneer and his wife Cindy Fondale, copy editor of the Lamp Post bulletin. I called in to the Seminarian Foundation board meeting on February 2, and the Grand **Board of Directors** meeting on February 4, both by Zoom. On February 7, we visited Vallejo Council #13 at the home of Br. Jim Mullen. On February 15, we had a reorganizational meeting with Dos Palos Council #99. On February 21, Br. Steve Cresci GFVP and I met with the brothers of **Stockton Council #5**. This was followed by a week of judging 25 Essays. On March 1, I had a dinner meeting with the brothers of St. Columba Council #94 in **Chowchilla**. The following night on March 2, GFVP Cresci and GSVP Billy Avery joined me for a lively evening and steak dinner with 40+ members of **Tracy Council #92**. Then another week of reading and judging, this time 50 Essays. On March 11, we attended the **Red & White Mass** at St. Anthony Church in Atwater. Impressive music! Good liturgy. 12 YMI Councils were present and several YLI members also. Great job GSVP Avery. This was followed by an outstanding dinner of barbecued tri-tip, chicken, green beans, and scalloped potatoes prepared by Br. Gene Espinola of Council #94 and his wife. Next GFVP Cresci conducted the **Pro Patria Raffle** well. I assisted with my home Dos Palos Council #99's successful St. Patrick's Raffle on March 12. On March 13, I called in to another **Convention Planning** Committee meeting. Grand Convention reservation forms are now out. On March 25, I attended Mass and made a Pilgrimage at the newly designated Shrine of St. Jude **Thaddeus in Livingston**. Thousands are visiting this Shrine and small miracles are happening. I continue to pray for our Institute, our Councils, our Brothers, including Br. I Manuel Drummonde #44 and his wife, for Br. Phil Fondale #900, for our departed Brothers and family members. On April 6, GFVP Cresci and I met with Madera Council #60. On April 11 the funeral of PGP Rudy I Albritton, April 24 Education Foundation meeting, May 4 Seminarian Foundation meeting, May 20 YMI Grand Board of Directors, May 21 YMI Bowling Tournament in Stockton, and June 4 YMI Golf Tournament in Santa Rosa. I'm looking forward to seeing you all again at the June 19-22 Grand Convention in Lake Tahoe. Yours for God and Country, Br. Darrell Fonseca #99, GP CXXXII 2022-2023.

### **Thoughts While Thinking????**

Have you ever thought about taking a more active role in the YMI? Something beyond the Council level? Did you know there are opportunities to serve as a director or officer on the YMI Grand Council? It would be a really great opportunity to learn more about the YMI, its history, as you work toward the future success of the YMI.

As I take the next step toward becoming the Grand President, I encourage you to join me on my journey. Please consider serving as an officer or director on the Grand Council. It is so important these positions be filled, why not you?

Often, we depend on others, is it now your time to become more involved with the YMI on a grander scale? Grand President Darrell Fonseca spoke throughout his tenure of being an active participant in the YMI. So often, we rely, on others to take on the tasks necessary to keep an organization like ours going. Yes, it takes time and a willingness to work together. We all have it in us to do possibly a little more for the greater good.

There are also committees, on the Board of Directors, the Grand Council, the Education Foundation, and the Seminarian Education Foundation who are always looking for members to serve.

Please give it some thought and prayer and consider serving the YMI in a greater capacity.

Questions about serving on the Grand Council or on Committees...just feel free to reach out to me.

For God and Country, Br. Steve Cresci #32, GFVP 415-297-5816 Scresci16@gmail.com





### **Reflecting on My Term as Grand President**

### Summary of the 137<sup>th</sup> YMI Grand Council Session

The theme of my Grand President's Program for 2022-2023 was titled **"Make a Difference".** I believe we did. Big projects are nice, but my intent was to show that we can all make a difference every day with small efforts. It's report card time, so let's take a look at whether any of my goals were fulfilled.

- 1. **As your Grand President, I will attempt to visit every Council.** Completed. I visited with everyone, some twice, some social, some more formal, but all worthwhile. I learned a lot about our Institute and the YLI too. Some of our YMI Councils are big, some are small, some more active than others, but almost all accomplish something locally.
- 2. **Use technology to improve communication among members.** We made progress but have a long way to go. Many members lament not reading, receiving or seeing the Lamp Post Journal. It is available on the website and from your Council President or Recording Secretary. Kudos to Br. Dimech for updating the website frequently, and to Br. Amato for posting recent event photos on Facebook.
- 3. Work to modernize our organization, its rules, and titles. A massive amount of work and comprehensive by-laws review was done by the State of the Institute committee led by hard working Chairman and Immediate Past Grand President Nick Franceschine, and, there's more to come!
- 4. **Encourage meeting in person again if possible.** Almost every Council did but we need to keep meeting in person regularly.
- 5. Acknowledge local projects from the Councils. Local actions are the strength of our Councils. They were acknowledged at many of my official visits.
- 6. Ask each Council to do something Patriotic. Pro Patria! Most of you have, I plan to acknowledge the best at the Convention. Please email your Council's effort to me now if you haven't yet.
- 7. **Have our Athletic events this year**. We must break the cancellation trend caused by the virus. We have a bowling tournament scheduled for May, a golf tournament scheduled in June, and a Bocce ball tournament planned for September.

- 8. **Expand the scholarship program and support the essay contest.** We did. We made more prize money available and promoted the contest to more schools, parishes, and the YLI.
- 9. Seek new members from among Mass attendees. We promoted this by attending and speaking at Mass after many of our Official Visits. Sadoc Council #59 deserves honorable mention as Mass greeters and YMI promoters.
- 10. **Practice our Catholic faith, pray daily, receive the sacraments**. Thank God for Reconciliation! I encouraged our members to pray, attend Mass, and receive the sacraments at almost every official visit. Some Councils have group communions and have Masses said for our departed Brothers. Sebastopol Council #54 is a standout.
- 11. **Strive to be responsible fathers, brothers, sons, husbands in the example of St. Joseph, our patron**. I spoke about this at almost every visit and to the news media. Gonzaga Council #612 in Richmond, Indiana presented me with a statue of St. Joseph which I will bring to the podium of our nest Grand Convention for our intercession.
- 12. **Involve our parish priests**. Fr. John Fluetsch is a prime example of supporting the YMI at St. Columba Council #94 in Chowchilla. Brother Nelson and I spoke to many seminarians about the YMI and I made a point to speak with local pastors at almost all of the churches nearest my official Council visits, and at the YLI convention. Many had never heard of or knew little about the YMI. Some showed interest in learning more.
- 13. **Consider all reasonable ideas, potential members, and mentor future leaders.** We heard at least one good idea from every Council, encouraged many to join, and are strongly grooming a pool of capable leaders to serve our future.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as the 132<sup>nd</sup> Grand President of the Young Men's Institute.

Brother Darrell Fonseca, #99

Welcome



# Red and White Anniversary Mass and Banquet!!

Greetings Brothers of the Young Men's Institute,

The Young Men's Institute celebrated its 140th anniversary with the annual Red and White Mass and Banquet in Atwater, California at St Anthony's Church. The event was well attended by brothers from 11 Councils, including San Jose Council #2, American Council Oakland #8, South San Francisco #32, Hilmar Holy Rosary Council #44, Sebastopol Council #54, Madera Council #60, St. Christopher Council Atwater #80, St. Columba Council Chowchilla #94, Dos Palos Council #99, Bakersfield Council #100, and St. John Bosco Council #613. Also in attendance were 9 Past Grand Presidents and members of the YLI.

The event kicked off with the Red and White flower ceremony in remembrance of YMI Brothers past and present.



Next on the Agenda, the YMI councils attended Mass together with Fr. Paul Kado, the local congregation, and members of the YLI



After Mass, it was a short walk to the Hall where the brothers and guests enjoyed a tri-tip Banquet meal with Chicken, potatoes, and dessert.





The event was enjoyed by all, even the Bay Area Bus Load of brothers and Family who were put to work soon after arrival with setting up tables and chairs for the dinner.

And in keeping with YMI Tradition, Brother Steve Cresci (G1VP) conducted the Pro Patria Raffle during the Dinner with Cash and Food prizes. Whole tri-tips were available to raffle and were well appreciated by the brothers who got to take one home.

And the Meal was great success thanks to the many people who helped. I would like to give special Thanks to my Wife and Family who made themselves available to assist with setup and serve the meal.





Also a Large Special thanks to Brother Gene Espinola and Brother Wike Thiessen of St Columba Council 94 Chowchilla for doing the cooking and providing farm fresh vegetables for the meal and the Salad.

Pro Deo Pro Patría Billy Avery #80 Chaírman



### 2023 Pro Patria Essay Winners..... Congratulations!!! Brother Steve Cresci #32, GFVP is pleased to announce the winners of this year's Pro Patria Essay Contest!



Grades 7-8				
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$1000	Makayla Arca – 8 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Angels Catholic School - Colma, CA	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$500	Isabella Pain-Reyes – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Good Shepherd Catholic School – Pacifica, CA	
3rd	\$500	Francesca Manalastas - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Angels Catholic School – Colma, CA	
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$400	Katelyn Dunbar – 8 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Family Catholic School – San Jose, CA	
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$200	Giuliana Magni – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sacred Heart Catholic School – Turlock, CA	
6 <sup>th</sup>	\$200	Joely Ladesma – 7 <sup>th</sup>	St. Robert Catholic School – San Bruno, CA	
7 <sup>th</sup>	\$100	Emmett Colline – 7 <sup>th</sup>	St. Robert Catholic School – San Bruno, CA	
8 <sup>th</sup>	\$100	Avery Goggins – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Seton Catholic High School – Richmond, IN	
9 <sup>th</sup>	\$100	Domenico Ferrario – 8 <sup>th</sup>	Cesar Chavez Middle School – Union City, CA	
10 <sup>th</sup>	\$100	Laura Lenny – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Good Shepherd Catholic School – Pacifica, CA	
11 <sup>th</sup>	\$100	Alyssa O'Connor – 7 <sup>th</sup>	St. Robert Catholic School – San Bruno, CA	
12 <sup>th</sup>	\$100	Jayden Cortez – 7th	All Souls Catholic School - South San Francisco, CA	
13 <sup>th</sup>	\$100	Eli Brown – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Seton Catholic High School – Richmond, IN	
14 <sup>th</sup>	\$100	Vincent Gepieon – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Daly City, CA	
15 <sup>th</sup>	\$100	Ethan Bihl – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Seton Catholic High School – Richmond, IN	
Grades 9-12				
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$2000	Matt Blake – 11 <sup>th</sup>	St. Ignatius College Prep – San Francisco, CA	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$800	Kaylin Smith – 12th	Cardinal Newman High School – Santa Rosa, CA	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$800	Megan Dunbar – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Notre Dame High School – San Jose, CA	
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$600	Brett Brewer – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Novato High School - Novato, CA	
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$500	Chloe Leotta – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Archbishop Riordan High School – San Francisco, CA	
6 <sup>th</sup>	\$500	Maximilian Reese – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Archbishop Riordan High School – San Francisco, CA	
7 <sup>th</sup>	\$200	Makayla Means – 9 <sup>th</sup>	Seton Catholic High School – Richmond, IN	
8 <sup>th</sup>	\$200	Marcus Romero – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Cardinal Newman High School – Santa Rosa, CA	
9 <sup>th</sup>	\$200	Samantha Fenske – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Cardinal Newman High School – Santa Rosa, CA	
10 <sup>th</sup>	\$200	Izabella Chan – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Archbishop Riordan High School – San Francisco, CA	
11 <sup>th</sup>	\$200	Wyatt Ricci – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sacred Heart Cathedral High School – San Francisco, CA	
12 <sup>th</sup>	\$200	Sophia Coyner – 11th	Seton Catholic High School – Richmond, IN	
13 <sup>th</sup>	\$200	Lauren Ryan – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Terra Nova High School – Pacifica, CA	
14 <sup>th</sup>	\$200	Melissa Hua – 12th	St. Ignatius College Prep – San Francisco, CA	
15 <sup>th</sup>	\$200	Destiny Arnold – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Seton Catholic High School – Richmond, IN	

# 2022- 2023 Pro Patria Essay Contest

This year there were nearly 500 Essays submitted for the Pro-Patria Essay Contest.

The question for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders was "Jesus spoke in Parables and performed Miracles. You have been asked to make a movie about one of His Miracles or one of his Parables. Which one would you choose? Why would you choose that Miracle or Parable?"

For High School students the question was "Do you support the idea of lowering the voting age to 16 years old for local, State, Federal elections? Give your reasons why or why not?"

Although a good number of students participated in the Essay Contest it was disappointing to see that only 9 Councils sponsored students. I do not know why less than half of the total number of 19 Councils did not sponsor students. An opportunity missed to broaden the outreach of YMI in our local communities. It is my hope that in the future we have 100% participation of Councils.

Also, I want to mention the time and dedication of our judges. Each essay was read three times and graded on a scale of 1 to 10. Three judges were needed for each packet of 20 essays. For the occasional ties, Br. Agnel, with perhaps divine intervention, made the tough decision, of the eventual winner(s).

But that is not the end of it as all students who participated will receive a certificate of appreciation. For those Councils who sponsored students – and had a winner(s) they will receive the award checks to distribute.

For your Council this will be a great opportunity to present the award to the deserving student. It will also maximize the effort in getting the name of the Young Men's Institute out in your community. It will also bolster the strive for new members.

These young men and women and their parents will appreciate the recognition. Perhaps, you want to also announce the student in your Church Bulletin or at the school at a special assembly.

Much appreciation to Br. Tom Fourie for all his help in coordinating the overall contest from start to finish. Special thanks to all the judges for their time in judging the essays as well.

Br. Steve Cresci 1stGVP Pro Patria Essay Contest Committee Chair



# 2022 – 2023 Pro Patria Raffle Ticket Sales

I am pleased to report that we had a successful overall sale of Pro-Patria Raffle Tickets purchased. The goal of \$ 11,000 was surpassed and helped by a last-minute surge of ticket purchases at the Red & White Anniversary Mass in March.

Once again, the Young Ladies Institute outpaced the Young Men's Institute in terms of an average percentage of Council & Member purchases of tickets. Along, with individual sales by YLI members.

The strong support of the YLI is greatly appreciated.

Noteworthy, for another year in a row, Dos Palos Council #99, led by Grand President Darrell Fonseca had 100% of its members who purchased tickets. Outstanding!

Aside from Council #99 the percentage range of ticket sales broken down by Council member purchases ranged from the low of 1.27% to the high of 29.27%. Council purchases were 63.16% (12 of 19) commendable but below a goal of 100% anticipated.

Thank you to all who bought a raffle ticket, a sheet of tickets, or multiple sheets. As the saying goes – we couldn't have done it without your support.



In Memoriam



07-26-2022	40
10-27-2022	40
12-10-2022	613
11-11-2022	44
10-10-2022	44
08-25-2022	497
09-03-2022	60
12-15-2022	32
12-18-2022	32
12-30-2022	60
01-14-2023	44
11-17-2022	13
	10-27-2022 12-10-2022 11-11-2022 10-10-2022 08-25-2022 09-03-2022 12-15-2022 12-18-2022 12-30-2022 01-14-2023

### 138th Grand Council Session of the Young Men's Institute Bally's Resort and Casino 55 Highway 50, Lake Tahoe, Nevada 89449 June 19-21, 2023

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#### **Grand Total for Registration and Events:**

Total Submitted: \$\_\_\_\_\_

#### <u>REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE IN THE GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE NO LATER THAN MAY</u> 15, 2023. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO YMI GRAND COUNCIL. NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 1, 2023.

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### DECLARED CANDIDATES FOR 2023-2024 GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE - THUS FAR

#### South San Francisco Council #32

Announces Its Support For

### **Brother Jack Albrecht**

Grand Treasurer

### BROTHER COSMO AMATO For Grand Inside Sentinel

With the support of the Brothers from St. John Bosco Council #613

#### St. John Bosco Council #613 Proudly Sponsors BROTHER MICHAEL DIMECH

"A true veteran Brother" For the Office of Grand Secretary

### BROTHER PHIL FONDALE For

**Grand Marshal** Experienced with Grand Council and Council Workings

Unanimously supported by the Brothers of Council #900

### BROTHER BILL AVERY

For Grand First Vice President

Experienced with Grand Council Supported by the Brothers of St. Christopher Council #80

South San Francisco Council #32 Presents

### **Brother Steve Cresci**

For the Office of

### **Grand President**

Experience, dedication and more!!!

### **BROTHER BOB FIORITO** For

### **Grand Outside Sentinel**

With the support of the Brothers from St. John Bosco Council #613

### **Brother Nick Franceschine**

Announces His Candidacy For the Office of

### Grand Director

With the unanimous support of Sebastopol Council #54

# STATE OF THE INSTITUTE

#### Brothers,

I am pleased to present the proposals that have been unanimously approved by the members of the State of the Institute Committee. It is our understanding that these proposals will be published in this issue of the Institute Journal and in the Advance Proceedings for consideration by the delegates at this year's Grand Convention.

Our committee considered a wide range of issues, many more than are indicated here. We are generally agreed that more work needs to be done in subsequent years, but these are the matters that we felt were of the highest importance.

There is a lot to digest here, but at a high level this is what the proposals are about:

- Proposal 1 eliminates the institution of District Deputies.
- Proposal 2 eliminates unnecessary committees, adds 2 new ones (which already exist) to the By-Laws.
- Proposal 3 makes needed changes to the description of duties of certain Grand Officers, the Board and the Business Manager.
- Proposal 4 provides rules for the operation of Council #900.

At this time, I want to warmly thank the members of the State of the Institute Committee, all of whom participated in our deliberations and provided valuable insights. In no particular order: Past Grand President Mike Thissen, Board Chairman Tommy Figueira, Grand Director Alex Schmitt, Grand Marshal Phil Fondale, Grand First Vice President Steve Cresci and Grand President Darrell Fonseca. Brothers, your many long hours of service are justly commended and appreciated.

### Brother Nick Franceschene #54, IPGP, Chairman

The Proposals are as follows:

#### Proposal #1

Purpose: Eliminate the institution of District Deputies.

All references to documents below are to the Grand Council By-Laws of the YMI, except for item 1, which refers to the Grand Constitution.

1. The Grand Council Constitution of the YMI shall be amended by restating Section 1 of Article III to read as:

Section 1 **HOW COMPOSED**: Grand Council shall be composed of the Delegates duly elected by the Councils, the elective incumbent Grand Officers, the Grand Chaplain, and all Past Grand Presidents.

2. Section 7 of Article I shall be amended by restating the second sentence to read:

A Council member attending Grand Council as a Past Grand President should also be given consideration for such an allowance as they also have a vote.

3. Section 9 of Article I shall be deleted in its entirety.

4. Section 10 of Article I shall be re-numbered as Section 9, and its last sentence shall be restated as:

Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents shall register with their credentials, which have been properly signed and attested to by their Council.

5. Section 11 of Article I shall be re-numbered as Section 10, and its first sentence shall be restated as:

Each Delegate, Grand Officer, and Past Grand President, upon registering with the Grand Secretary, shall pay a registration fee of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) as authorized annually by the Board of Directors.

6. Section 12 of Article I shall be re-numbered as Section 11, and its sentence shall be restated as:

The members of Grand Council entitled to a vote shall be all properly seated Delegates of Councils, all elective incumbent Grand Officers, the Grand Chaplain, and the Past Grand Presidents.

7. Section 1(a) of Article III shall be amended by restating the last sentence to read:

Within thirty (30) days of the Grand Council Convention, he shall meet with all Grand Officers to explain to them their duties, how to conduct an official visit, and how to promote his program.

- 8. Section 1(b) of Article III shall be deleted in its entirety. Sections 1(c) through 1(g) shall be renumbered as 1(b) through 1(f), respectively.
- 9. Section 3 of Article III shall be amended by restating the last sentence of the first paragraph to read as:

He shall see that the Business Manager provides each Council, each Delegate, each Past Grand President, and each retiring and incoming Grand Officer with a copy of the Final Proceedings within (90) days of adjournment of the Grand Council Convention, regardless of incomplete or missing reports.

- 10. Section 7 of Article III shall be amended in the fourth paragraph, in the description of the duties of the Business Manager, by eliminating the words "District Deputy Grand Presidents" from the second bullet.
- 11. Section 7 of Article III shall be amended in the fifth paragraph by deleting the last two sentences of that paragraph, beginning with "The Board shall set and regulate the number ..." and ending with "... prior to effective date".
- 12. Section 8 of Article III shall be deleted in its entirety.
- 13. Section 9 of Article III shall be renumbered as Section 8, and shall be restated to read:

Section 8 **COUNCIL DEPUTIES**: The Grand President may appoint a Council Deputy to a Council which, in his judgment, is in need of special assistance. The Council Deputy shall attend the meetings of the Council, assist the Officers and members with their programs, and install the Officers, as needed.

- 14. Section 10 of Article IV shall be amended by deleting the sentence: "District Deputy Grand Presidents shall be ex officio members of the Committee with voice only."
- 15. Section 4 of Article VII shall be amended by restating the second sentence to read:

Under the direction of the Board, the Grand President or his designee shall meet with a committee from each Council involved to draw up a memorandum of agreement in principle given the number of members, assets, and benefit responsibility of each Council.

#### **Reasons for this Change**

Actually, we don't need a formal network of District Deputies any longer. With instant emails, it's easy for Grand Officers to "get the word out" quickly to all the Councils, committees, etc. The Grand President can stay up-to-date with all the activities of the Councils, just by communicating directly with Council representatives. He can also appoint Brothers to coordinate activities among nearby Councils. All the important and essential things that District Deputies were once indispensable for can now be readily accomplished in other ways.

#### Proposal #2

Purpose: Simplify and streamline our many committees, by removing certain committees and adding some others.

All references to documents below are to the Grand Council By-Laws of the YMI.

1. Section 10 of Article I, "Credentials", shall be amended by restating the first sentence to read:

Upon the convening of Grand Council, each Delegate or Alternate shall register with the Grand Secretary, presenting his credential properly signed and attested to by his Council that he is a member in good standing and certifying that he was elected in accordance with the provisions of the Grand Council By-Laws.

2. Section 1(c) of Article III shall be restated to read as:

Appoint the members of the following Grand Council Committees as indicated by the membership requirements for each Committee: Auditing, Budget, Laws and Revisions, Man/Council of the Year, Pro Deo, Pro Patria, and State of the Institute.

3. Section 1(g) of Article III shall be restated to read as:

Appoint an Arbitration Committee as needed.

4. Section 1 of Article III shall be amended by adding the following paragraph to the end thereof:

The Grand President may appoint Brothers to other tasks which in his judgement are required for the well being of the Order. These may include:

- Preparation of resolutions for consideration at the Grand Council Convention.
- Assisting Councils with membership recruitment.
- Review of proposed or adopted changes to Grand Council or local Council by-laws.
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- Suggested changes to the ceremonials of the Order.
- 5. Section 3 of Article III shall be amended by deleting the first sentence and restating the second sentence to read as:

The Grand Secretary is responsible for the Grand Council Office and shall be assisted by the Business Manager.

6. Section 3 of Article III shall be amended by adding the following sentence after "He shall be responsible for the preparation and distribution of the Advance and Final Proceedings of the Grand Council." :

The Grand Secretary shall examine the Credentials of members registering for the Grand Council Convention, collect the registration fees, provide each member with identification and information, and shall submit a full report to Grand Council.

7. Section 7 of Article III shall be amended by restating the second paragraph to read as:

Upon the adjournment of each Grand Council Convention, the Grand Directors shall immediately meet with the Grand Secretary and shall organize as a Board. At this meeting the Grand Secretary shall preside and the Grand Directors shall select a Chairman of the Board from their membership. At the first regular meeting of the Board, the Chairman shall appoint Grand Directors to and designate the chairmen of the following Committees of the Board: Charters and Finance. The Chairman of the Board shall also appoint a Grand Director to each of the following Grand Council Committees: Budget, Laws and Revisions, Pro Deo, Pro Patria, and the State of the Institute. The Chairman shall also appoint at least one Grand Director, and other members as needed, to the Long Range Planning Committee, and shall appoint members to the Convention Planning Committee. The Chairman shall appoint such other committees which, in his judgment, are required for the well being of the Order, or which may be established by the Board.

- 8. Section 7 of Article III shall be amended by eliminating these words from the first sentence of the seventh paragraph: "and the Organization Committee".
- 9. Section 7(c) of Article III shall be restated to read as follows:

LONG RANGE PLANNING: This Committee shall be chaired by the Grand Second Vice President. Its other members will include the Grand First Vice President, at least one Grand Director and other members as needed. All Committee members will be appointed by the Chairman of the Board. The Committee shall be charged with the duty of updating the Order's Long Range Plan, in accordance with directives of the Board and the Grand Council Convention. The Board has sole authority to approve the Long Range Plan. The Committee's final report to the Board must be made no later than December 31 following the close of the Grand Council Convention, so that the Grand First Vice President may incorporate the Long Range Plan into his program for the upcoming year.

10. Section 7(d) of Article III, "Councils' Activities", shall be deleted.

- 11. Section 7(e) of Article III, "Supply", shall be deleted.
- 12. Section 3 of Article III shall be amended by adding the following paragraphs:

The Grand Secretary shall prepare all necessary blanks, forms, and books required by the laws and rules of the Order, and which are approved by the Board. With the approval of the Board, he shall direct the purchase of all necessary supplies required to conduct the business of the Order, including the printing of the Grand Council Constitution, the Grand Council By-Laws, the Councils' By-Laws, and their amendments and revisions.

The Grand Secretary shall edit, manage, publish and distribute the Institute Journal, the official organ of the Young Men's Institute, and shall have it distributed to all members on the rolls of the Councils. He shall not change or enter into any contract in relation to the Institute Journal without the prior approval of the Board.

13. Section 1 of Article IV shall be restated to read as:

Section 1 **GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEES**: The Grand President shall appoint members of the following Grand Council Committees as indicated by the membership requirements for each Committee: Arbitration, Auditing, Budget, Laws and Revisions, Man/Council of the Year, Pro Deo, Pro Patria, and State of the Institute.

- 14. Section 6 of Article IV, "Ceremonials Committee", shall be deleted.
- 15. Section 7 of Article IV, "Credentials Committee", shall be deleted.
- 16. Section 8 of Article IV, "Institute Journal Committee", shall be deleted.
- 17. Section 9 of Article IV, "Laws and Revisions Committee", shall be re-numbered as Section 6.
- 18. Section 10 of Article IV, "Membership Committee", shall be deleted.
- 19. Section 11 of Article IV, "Organization Committee", shall be deleted.
- 20. Section 12 of Article IV, "Pro Deo Committee", shall be re-numbered as Section 7.
- 21. Section 13 of Article IV, "Pro Patria Committee", shall be re-numbered as Section 8.
- 22. Section 14 of Article IV, "Reserve Fund Committee", shall be deleted.
- 23. Section 15 of Article IV, "Resolutions Committee", shall be deleted.

- 24. Section 16 of Article IV, "State of the Institute Committee", shall be re-numbered as Section 9.
- 25. Section 17 of Article IV, "Workshop Committee", shall be deleted.
- 26. Section 1 of Article X shall be amended by deleting the third paragraph.
- 27. A new Section 10 shall be added to Article IV to read as:

Section 10 **CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE**: This Committee shall consist of the Grand First Vice President, who shall be its chair, and other members as needed, who will be chosen by the Chairman of the Board. The Committee shall plan the following year's Grand Council Convention, which shall include the location and logistics of the meeting, reservations for hotel rooms and meals, proper locations for Masses, and other desired activities. The Committee shall present its recommendation to the Board for its approval no later than March 31 prior to the current year's Grand Council Convention.

28. A new Section 11 shall be added to Article IV to read as:

Section 11 MAN / COUNCIL OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE: This Committee shall consist of at most seven (7) members, to be appointed by the Grand President, who shall designate the Chairman. The Committee shall conduct the annual Man of the Year and Council of the Year programs, and shall recommend award winners to the Grand President. The Grand President will make the final decision as to the award winners, and his decision shall be final. Presentations to the award winners will be made at the Grand Council Convention, or at another time and place if the Grand President so decides.

29. A new Section shall be added to the end of Article I, to read as:

Section 13 **RESOLUTIONS** The Grand President or his designee shall consider all Resolutions he receives, and may initiate Resolutions for the approval of Grand Council or the Board. No Resolution proposed shall become official nor be published unless and until approved by Grand Council or the Board.

30. The following paragraph shall be added to Section 4 of Article III:

The Grand Treasurer, with the prior approval of the Board, shall have authority to invest the surplus funds of Grand Council for the benefit of Grand Council, and shall report to the Board concerning its actions and condition of the funds. The Grand Treasurer shall make a full report on the condition of the funds at each Grand Council Convention.

31. Section 4 of Article II shall be amended to read as:

Section 4 **INSTALLATION**: The Convention Planning Committee shall determine the manner, the time, and the site for the most appropriate installation of the Grand Officers.

#### **Reasons for this Change**

Many of the "committees" that are mentioned in our By-Laws don't actually operate as committees, and can be eliminated. Some of the functions of those committees are necessary and are already being handled by certain Grand Officers or appointed Brothers. This proposal also makes some needed changes to the Long Range Planning Committee and adds two existing committees to the By-Laws: Man/Council of the Year Committee and the Convention Planning Committee.

#### Proposal #3

Purpose: Make more clear the duties and responsibilities of Grand Officers, Board members and the Business Manager.

All references to documents below are to the Grand Council By-Laws of the YMI.

32. Section 3 of Article II shall be amended by restating the first sentence to read:

Nominations and elections of Grand Officers shall be held as provided for in the Order of Business at Grand Council and in a manner deemed most expedient by the Grand President.

33. Section 9 of Article II shall be amended by replacing the last sentence with:

The Grand President shall notify the Board of any vacancies that he fills for Grand Officers, Grand Directors or Committees. These appointments of Grand Officers and Grand Directors are subject to approval by the Board. Appointments to Committees are not subject to approval by the Board.

34. Section 1 of Article III is amended by adding these sentences after the heading "Grand President":

The Grand President is the executive officer of the Young Mens' Institute. Except where otherwise indicated in the Grand Council Constitution or these By-Laws, the Grand President is vested with the authority to execute all matters concerning the Young Mens' Institute.

35. Section 1(a) of Article III shall be amended by deleting the sentence which reads:

Official visits to Councils in the states of Hawaii and Indiana may be made only with the approval of three-fourths (3/4) of the Board of Grand Directors.

36. Section 7 of Article III shall be amended by adding the following sentence after the first sentence thereof:

The six ex officio members may not vote, make motions or second motions.

37. The fourth paragraph of Section 7 of Article III, which describes the duties of the Business Manager, shall be moved to a new section 10 of Article III, to read as:

Section 10 **BUSINESS MANAGER** The Board of Grand Directors will hire a Business Manager to assist the Grand Secretary in his duties. The Business Manager shall be an employee of the Young Mens' Institute. He shall be a member of the Young Mens' Institute and his duties shall be as follows:

- Operate and maintain the Grand Council Office, under the direction of the Grand Secretary.
- Provide operational, clerical or technical assistance as required or requested to Grand Council Officers, Grand Council Committees, Council Officers, and YMI members at large.
- Establish, maintain and administer a YMI electronic data-base to be used for ongoing communication (e-mail groups and Web page) among Grand Officers, YMI Committees, individual Councils and YMI members at large.
- Serve as clerk to the Grand Secretary during the Grand Council Convention.
- Serve as clerk to the Board of Grand Directors.

The Business Manager shall receive a yearly compensation set by the Board of Grand Directors. His contract shall be continuous and at the pleasure of the Board of Grand Directors. The Business Manager is not a Grand Officer and has no authority to make decisions on behalf of the Young Mens' Institute.

#### **Reasons for this Change**

This proposal makes a few minor changes to the responsibilities of certain Grand Officers to reflect how our meetings are actually run. The Grand President is given responsibility for dealing with any non-routine matters that may happen, which are not already covered elsewhere in the By-Laws. The proposal also makes it clear that Board Members who are not Directors may not make or second motions or vote, and also clarifies the duties and responsibilities of our Business Manager.

#### Proposal #4

Purpose: Set forth rules for Council 900.

All references to documents below are to the Grand Council By-Laws of the YMI.

1. Section 2(e) of Article VII shall be amended to read:

Any YMI member or prospective member residing permanently outside of the area of any Council may apply for "at large" membership in YMI Council #900, which will be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Secretary. Any YMI member in good standing may sponsor an applicant to Council #900. Initiation of such new member will be performed by the Grand Secretary or his appointee.

The amounts of initiation fees and dues will be set by the Board of Grand Directors and shall be paid by each member of Council #900 directly to the Grand Council Office. Dues will be based on the YMI individual yearly assessment sent to each other YMI Council, plus 10% to cover any additional cost incurred by the Grand Council Office in handling the affairs of YMI Council #900, rounded to the nearest dollar.

Being composed of "at large" members, Council #900 will not have a fixed meeting place, elected officers, meetings, or its own by-laws. Each member will be treated as a full member of the YMI with all the rights and priveleges that entails. The Grand Secretary will communicate with all Council #900

members as to dues notices and Grand Council information. The Grand Secretary will provide a copy of the Institute Journal to each member of Council #900, as that publication is periodically released. At least once per year, the Grand Secretary will provide each Grand Officer, each Grand Director and each member of Council #900 a list of the members of Council #900, with contact information for each person.

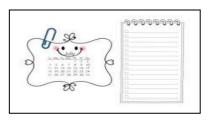
YMI Council #900 will be entitled to send delegates to Grand Council Sessions according to the requirements set out in Article I, Section 1. The Grand Secretary will send each member of Council #900 information concerning upcoming Grand Council Sessions including location, cost, and number of delegates allowed. Any member wishing to be a delegate will have a specified amount of time, as determined by the Grand Secretary, to respond. Any member responding must provide a short list outlining their qualifications for being a delegate. If there are more responses than delegate openings, the delegates will be chosen by vote of the Council #900 membership. The Grand Secretary will send all Council #900 members a list of delegate candidates, their qualifications and a time limit for voting. The vote totals will be kept secret and the Grand Secretary will announce the delegate will receive a proportionate share of funds allocated to Council #900, as outlined in Article I, Section 7.

#### **Reasons for this Change**

Council 900 is a "Council on paper only" that we maintain for the benefit of Brothers who wish to belong to the YMI but are not part of any active Council. There are lots of reasons why a Brother might find himself in this situation. The current By-Laws are too vague in describing how Council 900 should be operated and what the rights of those Brothers are. This proposal is a first attempt at rules to properly manage Council 900 – we fully expect that experience will indicate future changes which may be needed.

#### Brothers,

The deadline is getting close! If you know of a Worthy Brother or Council please submit an application for YMI Man of the Year or Council of the Year by May 1st. A previous Man of the Year or Council of the year recipient can be nominated again. The previous winners are listed on the YMI website.



### 2023 GRAND DIRECTORS' COUNCIL OF THE YEAR AWARD APPLICATION

Dat	e:
Cou	incil #: Council Location:
Cou	ıncil President:
Rec	ording Secretary:
Арр	olicant's signature:
1.	Number of inter-council events attended by members of Council
List	c 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	c 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 invo	olved in:
Nominee's service to his Parish:	
Nominee's service to the commu	
Grand Council activities nominee	participated in or is involved in:
	mation or character references for the nominee, should more space be needed.
Please submit your nomination w	ith supporting documentation <i>by May 1, 2023</i> Please send to: Brother Bob Bartoli #32, PGP 675 Pine Terrace South San Francisco, CA 94080

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

Paul Durancyk	Nick Franceschine	54	110-01-2022	Reinstated
Patrick Ferreira	Tommy Figueira	573	01-14-2023	Benefit
Mike Westerman	John Diaz	2	01-17-2023	Benefit
Darriel Hayes	Robert Bacchetti	92	12-01-2022	Benefit
Kevin Ornellas	Leroy Ornellas	92	12-01-2022	Benefit
Angelo Misfud	Robert Bacchetti	92	12-01-2022	Benefit



### Wakeup Call from the Resolutions Committee

Is there an individual, or organization, that you would like to have recognized by our Fraternal Brotherhood? The YMI Resolution 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 Sessions, once submitted for approval by the Board of Grand Directors but could be voted on instead at a regular Board Meeting before then. Act today and contact the Committee post haste!

Alexander Schmitt, Committee Chairman YMI Oakland American Council #8, GD, DDGP <u>calalejo@aol.com</u> 510-706-0899



### 2023 ANNUAL YMI GRAND COUNCIL GOLF TOURNAMENT

WHEN: Sunday, June 4, 2023 – 12:30 p.m. Players report at 11:30 a.m.



WHERE: Sugarloaf Golf Course @ (Valley of the Moon) 557 Oak Vista Court Santa Rosa, CA 95409

COST: \$100.00 per player Includes Golf, Cart, Prize Fund and (after golf) Banquet at Saint Rose Church, 398 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

\$40.00 for non-playing guest for Banquet (4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

#### **PLAYERS:**

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Please indicate who is captain of foursome. Non-playing Guest for Banquet: \_\_\_\_\_ Golf is open to Family and Friends

Contact/Questions: Bob Fiorito (650) 867-6702 or email <u>bmr850bob1@aol.com</u>

Deadline: May 29, 2023

Make check out to "YMI Grand Council" and mail completed form with check to: Bob Fiorito 1137 Hamilton Lane Burlingame, CA 94010

# YMI GRAND COUNCIL

### **BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

WHEN: Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Captains report at 12:30 p.m.

- WHERE: Pacific Avenue Bowl 5939 Pacific Avenue Stocketon, CA (209) 477-0267
- COST: \$75.00 FOR A FIVE MAN TEAM Shoes and ball available at lanes. Family friends welcome to bowl.



#### **PLAYERS ROSTER:**

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#### PLEASE INDICATE WHO IS CAPTAIN WITH THEIR PHONE NUMBER

CONTACT: Mike Sanzeri with any questions (925) 324-7403 or mikesanzeri@gmail.com

Send checks and roster to Mike Sanzeri, 12 Waterberry Court, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 and make checks payable to YMI Grand Council.

### LET'S ROLL!!!!

### **Educational Foundation Memorials/Donations**

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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.



DON'T FORGET......Due Date: The next issue of the Institute Journal will be the Summer Issue. All articles, pictures, etc. to be submitted to: The Business Manager by August 1, 2023. Send to YMIUS@aol.com