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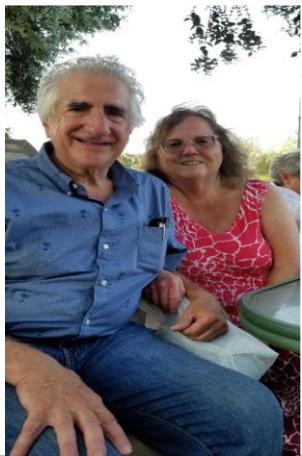


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Grand President's Message



**YOUNG MEN'S
INSTITUTE**



Greeting Fellow Brothers and Sisters,

I am honored and humbled to have been called upon to be your 2023 -2024 Grand President. When I first joined YMI, in 1990, it was at the encouragement or should I say with a bit of arm twisting by my father - along with the persuasion of Br. Chuck Elliot PGP – a dear friend of my dad. Who could say no to Br. Chuck may he rest in peace. I relented and became a member of Council 1 San Francisco.

I do recall sitting in the lower church of Notre Dame Des Victoires for their monthly meetings. That was the extent of it sitting and listening. Who knew at the time I would reach the pinnacle of the Grand President of the Young Men's Institute.

At some point I decided to transfer to South San Francisco Council #32, primarily to be closer to where I lived. It was early on our Council President Dave Novi pulled me aside and asked me to help with the calendar of business meetings and social dinners. From that simple request I became involved with the Council in different activities including social dinner events that became quite popular. Eventually, I served in various Council positions, including a three-year term as Council President.

The next thing I attended the Grand Council Sessions as a delegate. Boy was that an eye opener. There was a lot to learn about the YMI. There was a time when I thought if your name was Mike, you automatically became the next Grand President. The "Mikes" had a nice run for a while. Each time I hear first time delegates talk about their impressions of the Sessions I can relate to everything they say. I am sure many of you feel the same way and had the same experience.

Truly by being at the Convention you realize what this organization has to offer to its members. To a further extent non-members such as students, parents of students, families in need, and seminarians have seen and benefited from our dedication and hard work over the many years of our existence.

For those of you who maybe not considered going to Grand Council please think it over and perhaps next year we will see you in South Lake Tahoe as a "first-timer".

When I completed my duties as Council President it was over to the Board of Directors, Chairman of the Board, Second Vice President, and

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First Vice President leading to the Grand President position. Of course, along the way I was helped and supported by so many people. I want to acknowledge a few of them – PGP's Amato #613, Dimech #613, Franceschine #54. Special thanks to Br. Fourie #32 PGP and Br. Bartoli #32 PGP who I could always call for answers and advice.

Br. Fonseca #99 PGP really set the groundwork for me. I enjoyed our visits to the various Councils throughout your term. You are certainly someone I admire and will try to do my best in following in your footsteps.

For those who may know little about me I want to share a few details of my life outside the YMI. I was born in San Francisco to Nino and Diane Cresci. I have a younger brother, Dennis, who yes, I had to coerce to join the YMI for many years. It goes to show it usually takes more than one invitation for someone to join.

I attended St. Anne of the Sunset grade school and Sacred Heart High School San Francisco. I loved playing sports but didn't make any of the teams in High School. I went on to play a lot of recreational basketball, softball, and running until my knees weren't up to it anymore. My lunchtime recreational basketball ironically started after I joined the YMI in a building that was owned by the YMI on Oak Street in San Francisco that had a basketball court for our pickup games. Can't remember who from the YMI told me about that gym with a swimming pool too but I am ever thankful.

After high school I drifted away from the Church. It was until after I was married and we had our first child, Megan, that I began to realize the importance of God in my life. There was health, family, and work to be thankful for the Lord's presence. He has helped me through difficult times, as I know everyone can attest.

My wife, Linda, and I have been married for 44 years and were blessed with two more children, Justin, and Danielle our youngest daughter – recently married in 2022.

My insurance profession started back in 1978. I have continued to work in the insurance industry as an independent insurance broker since I started my agency in 1986. Linda retired from the South San Francisco Unified School District in food services in 2008.

I am excited about the next 10 months or so as Grand President. There really is a great group of Brothers who will be serving as officers, directors, and committee members. The one committee I am quite encouraged

by is the Membership Committee. The committee will work toward the goals of bringing in new members and retaining membership. I look forward to working with the committee and seeing positive results.

The committees that have been formed will have a much easier time to meet together. For committees to meet in the past, one would have to travel – sometimes great distances. Now with various chat and meet applications, such as Zoom, you can conduct meetings over the computer and phone. Embrace the technology and use it to your advantage.

Likewise, Resolutions Committee, Man/Council of the Year, State of the Institute Committee can meet throughout the year without the hassle of travel and its associated costs. If anyone needs help with setting up online meetings let me know. By the way our 1st VP Br. Bill Avery knows a thing or two in the cyber field. I know I have had to get some help from Br. Bill on some tech issues – he had the answers.

The other key to success this year will be the work of the District Deputies. I will rely on the assigned District Deputies to attend Council meetings in their jurisdiction on a regular basis. There are still two spots to be filled – San Joaquin District Tracy #92 and Stockton #5 and Indiana South District St. Augustine #497. If there is anyone interested within those Councils to serve as District Deputy, please let me know.

The District Deputies will be asked to attend the Board Meetings when held and provide a report of the Council activities in their district. Let us keep all lines of communication open including email and phone.

The YMI is also looking for a legal advisor either from within the organization or outside. It is important that whenever we have a legal matter that may need to be reviewed or just a question that may require outside legal counsel, we have someone to call. Let's put the word out.

I want to visit as many Councils as possible within my work schedule. I do ask that Councils remain active and meet on a regular basis.

Rather than go into more depth of what I see for the future of the YMI and how we can get there I am going to ask that if you have some time, no – make the time to do the following:

1. Go to the YMI website <http://ymiusa.org/index.html>
2. Open up the tab Lamp Posts
3. Click on the Summer/Fall Issues
4. Read the Grand President's Message for that issue
5. Even go back to the Archives all the way back to 2012.

Perhaps just read a President's Message once a day. You will see our Grand Presidents all had a vision. They spoke of ways to nurture and grow our fine organization. There were ideas shared and common themes throughout these messages.

The messages should not be put by the wayside because a year or two, or ten has passed. If we can incorporate a fraction of the proceeding messages that resonate today, then we have made an important step forward.

The direction of where we are headed, and our success depends on us all.

For the incoming Grand 1st Vice President Bill Avery #80 and Grand 2nd Vice President Bill Walls #80 I extend my hand to both of you for whatever help you may need.

In closing, I am always open to suggestions and feedback from my YMI Brothers. Feel free to reach out me by phone/text 415-297-5816 or scresci16@gmail.com.

For God & Country,

Br. Steve Cresci

Grand President 2023-2024



Summary of the 138th YMI Grand Council Session *From the Podium by Grand President Darrell Fonseca*



Thank you to all of my YMI Brothers who participated in the Young Men's Institute Grand Council Session held June 19-21, 2023 at Bally's Hotel & Casino in Stateline, Nevada and at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in South Lake Tahoe, California. It was a privilege to preside and I appreciate your help in making this Convention one of the best!

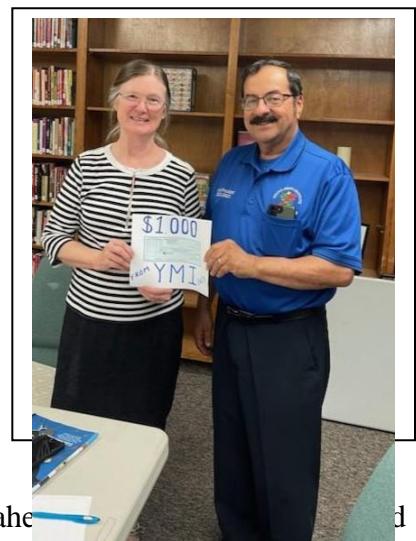
The convention week began on Monday with arrivals obtaining their credentials and conference information in the hotel lobby from Brothers Cosmo Amato GIS and Mike Dimech GS/PGP. The nearby chairs filled quickly as many brothers and their ladies socialized.

In the afternoon, we attended the opening Mass at St. Theresa's, celebrated by Father Agnel Heredia, Grand Chaplain. Br. Tom Fourie PGP and Br. Bob Bartoli PGP conducted the annual Remembrance Ceremony during which the names of our Brothers who died in the past year were read solemnly and the PGP's who died were eulogized.

Tuesday morning began with an 8:00 am buffet breakfast with our wives and guests. The first (Red) 50/50 Raffle was held. At 10:00 am, as the 132nd Grand President, I called the 138th Grand Council Session to order. The opening ceremonies were conducted, with opening prayer, opening song which was the official YMI song, pledge of allegiance, and roll call. There were 48 voting delegates present. As Immediate Past Grand President Nick Franceschine was unable to attend taking care of his wife who was ill, I appointed the previous PGP, Br. Mike Amato to fill the duties of IPGP. With two absences on the Grand Board of Directors, I appointed Brothers Mario Borba from Council #44 (Holy Rosary/Hilmar) and Rich Murphy from Council #32 South San Francisco as Acting Board members. I appointed PGP Mike Nelson #80 to serve as Parliamentarian. First time delegates were introduced. GS Michael Dimech PGP read the rules of the convention, and the rules were approved. I announced that this year's Charity Box donations will be distributed with the first \$1,000 to United for Life, a non-profit, 501c3 organization that is pro-life and supports expectant mothers and their children; and the balance going to Seminarian Education Foundation. Our Grand Chaplain, Fr. Agnel, who we learned has a doctorate!, gave an inspiring 35 minute talk about the Shroud of Turin.

Grand Officers were nominated, accepted, seconded, and elected as follows:

Grand Director	Br. Nick Franceschine #54
Grand Director	Br. Mario Balistreri #613
Grand Director	Br. Mike Amato #613
Grand Director	Br. Rich Murphy #32
Grand Chaplain	Father Agnel Heredia #32
Grand Outside Sentinel	Br. Bob Fiorito #613
Grand Inside Sentinel	Br. Cosmo Amato #613
Grand Marshal	Br. Phil Fondale #900
Grand Treasurer	Br. Jack Albrecht #32
Grand Secretary	Br. Michael Dimech #613
Grand 2 nd Vice President	Br. Bill Walls #80
Grand 1 st Vice President	Br. Billy Avery #80
Grand President	Br. Steve Cresci #32



Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht gave the Treasurer's Report. As we were ahead of schedule, we decided to allow the Seminarian Foundation led by Br. Larry Andreatta to conduct their annual meeting. We then recessed for a very good in-house box lunch.

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At 1:00 pm, we re-convened for the State of the Institute Committee Report which included four items to be considered and voted on later. For the first time ever at a convention, Committee Chairman Br. Nick Franceschine participated virtually via Zoom. Following a lengthy report and discussion, the YMI recessed. When recalled to order, Br. Duarte Monteiro led the annual meeting of the Educational Foundation. Following the meeting, the YMI re-convened and I asked, "With the exception of the Membership Committee, does any Committee Chair have any clarifications to make or have any late information not included in the written reports?" There were none. I then asked, "With the exception of the Membership Committee, does any Delegate have any questions to ask or any additional information regarding any of these reports?" There were none. I then opened comment on the Membership Committee and yielded time to Br. Manuel Drummond #44 PGP to address the delegates. Br. Drummond spoke about various aspects of Membership recruiting, provided an historical perspective, and offered many suggestions. Following his comments, I asked if any delegate had any other comments or questions regarding this or any other committee. There were none. I then entertained a motion to accept and approve all Committee Reports as presented. It was moved and seconded and passed unanimously.

Next, I introduced my District Deputies and asked them to stand. I referred to them as my 12 Apostles and thanked them for their work in promoting my program and assisting me with setting up our official visits.

The 2nd 50/50 Raffle (White) was held. I then appointed Brothers Phil Fondale #900 (At-Large/Pioneer) and Jim Rohe #612 (Gonzaga/Richmond, Indiana) to serve as the Election Committee and ballots were distributed and collected. We recessed the Tuesday proceedings.

Tuesday evening we hosted a "Heavenly Social" at Club Blu in Bally's with our wives and guests and it lasted well into the night.

On Wednesday morning I called the Grand Session to order, following the usual opening ceremonies, prayer, flag salute, I asked all members who ever served in the military to stand and I thanked them for their service. About a dozen Brothers had served in the Armed Forces. Br. Rich Guaraldi PGP again led us in a song, fulfilling my request for, "America, the Beautiful." Roll Call and Communications followed. Then, Br. Phil Fondale, GM and Election Committee Chair announced the results of yesterday's voting. Item One to Eliminate District Deputy Grand Presidents Yes 19% No 81%, Item Two to Eliminate certain committees and reorganize others Yes 36% No 64%, Item Three to reorganize the duties of Grand Officers and Business Manager Yes 38% No 62 %, Item Four to codify changes of Grand Council #900 Yes 43% No 57%. A 2/3 favorable vote was required for passage. All four proposals were thus defeated.

I appointed Grand Chaplain Fr. Agnel, Business Manager Br. Tom Fourie PGP, Br. Bob Bartoli PGP, and Br. Phil Oberst PGP as the Installing Team for tonight's Installation Mass. We then opened the Workshop and Br. Fourie instructed the assembly on Council requirements regarding Taxes, Insurance, Beneficiary Forms, and Council Bylaws.

We then moved on to Sports Reports:

Br. Mike Dimech GS/PGP announced that a YMI Bocce tournament will be held in the fall.



Br. Mike Sanzeri announced the results of a very close YMI Bowling Tournament as follows:

1 st Place	Sadoc Council #59	2,998 points
2 nd Place	St. Christopher #80 Atwater	2,990 points
3 rd Place	Council #80 & St. Columba #94 Chowchilla	2,989 points
4 th Place	Dos Palos Council #99	2,954 points

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Br. Bob Fiorito announced that this year's Golf Tournament was cancelled with only four teams having applied but he will make a strong effort to hold one next year.

Br. Steve Cresci GFVP announced that he is leading a group to attend an Oakland A's Baseball game in August against the Baltimore Orioles.

Now it was my turn to give the Grand President's Report in which I covered my theme, "Make a Difference." I reported visits to all of the councils, asking councils to do something patriotic, expanding participation in the scholarship program and essay contest, encouraging us all to receive the sacraments, attending Mass regularly, striving to be responsible Fathers, Brothers, Sons, and Husbands in the example of St. Joseph, involving our parish priests, seeking younger members, and mentoring future leaders; and I thanked everyone for their help and support.

Grand First Vice President Br. Steve Cresci gave his annual report focusing on the success of the Pro Patria raffle and Essay contest.

Grand Second Vice President Billy Avery presented his annual report and highlighted the Red & White Mass and dinner that followed.

Chairman of the Board Tommy Figueira of Hawaii's Francis Council #573 reviewed the Board of Directors activities over the past year. Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht #32 provided the Annual Treasurer's Report and surprisingly, there were no questions. Grand Secretary Mike Dimech PGP gave his report. All were accepted and approved.

With great honor, I introduced our next Grand President and presented Br. Steve Cresci with a polo shirt emblazoned "Grand President 2023-2024." He introduced his District Deputies. We asked each of the First Time Delegates to give their impressions. During Good of the Order, four upcoming events were announced. We had our Closing Prayer, Collection of the Regalia, I handed the Gavel to Br. Steve who adjourned the meeting.

At 4:00 pm we all participated in the Installation Mass at St. Theresa's Catholic Church. For our final event, we joined for a sirloin steak or grilled halibut dinner at the Grand Banquet back at Bally's. I distributed copies of a 35 page photo booklet of my visits. I gave my simple Farewell Address by asking, "Is the world a better place because you were here? Did you make a difference? I hope you can answer Yes!" I thanked my First Lady Maria for accompanying me on many of my Official Visits. I thanked all of the ladies who helped to make us men successful. I thanked everyone for their help and support. I became the Immediate Past Grand President.

Br. Steve Cresci, now Grand President gave his Inaugural Address, "Getting Back" encouraging us all to get back to meeting regularly and getting back to work.

Then, it was the *Bob and Mike Show* back by popular demand as Br. Bob Bartoli and Br. Mike Amato took to the stage telling jokes and entertaining the crowd. The (3rd) Blue 50/50 Raffle was held, and many other prizes were raffled.

The convention was a success! Plan to attend next year.

Darrell Fonseca IPGP, Dos Palos Council #99.



ALOHA! FRANCIS COUNCIL #573 IN HILO HAWAII IS AWARDED GRAND DIRECTORS' COUNCIL OF THE YEAR FOR 2023

Congratulations to Francis Council #573 on being awarded the Council of the year for 2023 a well-deserved award. Council #573 continues to bring new members and is an active council along with supporting the Saint Joseph parish community.

Francis Council participates in the YMI Grand Council essay contest and has had several winners from Saint Joseph's High School and have supported the Pro Patria Raffle every year. Council #573 is one of several councils applying for the YMI Educational Foundation's Matching Funds program to assist students at Saint Joseph High School.

Currently our Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors Brother Tommy Figueria is a member of Francis Council who also serves a Council President. Brother Tommy and Brother Clement have made the trip to the mainland to attend Grand Council Sessions.

Brothers of Francis Council #573 keep up the good work in bringing in new members and supporting your parish your community and keeping the YMI strong
IN HILO HAWAII.

Educational Foundation Memorials/Donations

Sophia Aleman: John West

Antonio F. Cabral: Manuel and Celeste Drumonde

Rudy Albritton: Manuel and Celeste Drumonde, Philip Oberst

Helen Macedo: Manuel and Celeste Drumonde

Jose S. Machado: Manuel and Celeste Drumonde

John Lopes: Holy Rosary Council #44

Anthony Dutra: Holy Rosary Council #44

Patrick G. Ajona, Sr.: Francis Council #573, Clement Gusman, Thomas and Rosanna

Arnold DeLima: Clement Gusman

Donald Bisagno: South San Francisco Council #32

Robert Donaldson: South San Francisco Council #32

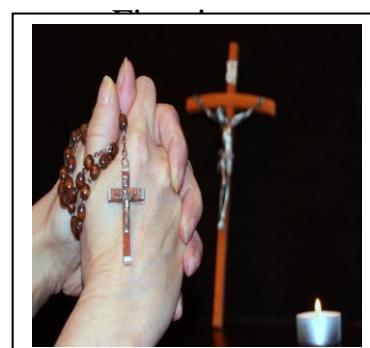
William Albera: South San Francisco Council #32

Get well Celeste Drumonde: John West

Get well Joe Reis: Manuel and Celeste Drumonde

Get well Carl E. West: John West

Get well Kathy and Thom Thomson: John West



All YMI Brothers, family members and friends are thanked for their generous contributions to the Educational Foundation. We also acknowledge everyone's minimum donation of \$10 towards the requested Mass.

BROTHER EDWARD SILVA Council #54 2023 YMI MAN OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT

The “Man of the Year” Award is the YMI’S most prestigious individual award which is based on the YMI’s three-fold purpose: Faith, Patriotism and Fraternalism. The award is presented annually during the Grand Council session to a worthy brother.

Brother Ed is a twenty-three member of Sebastopol Council #54. He is the first one to arrive at council functions and the last to leave. Ed serves on the council’s executive board and other council committees. He is always helping at council fundraisers and council dinner meetings and is one of the friendly bartenders at the Council #54 annual corned beef dinner. Brother Ed is getting more involved in Grand Council activities. We may have a future grand officer.

With regard to faith, Brother Ed serves as an usher at Saint Sebastian’s Church. Brother Ed also helps with maintenance around Saint Sebastian’s from fixing light fixtures in the church to repairing cooking equipment in the parish hall. Brother Ed leads the annual Holy Ghost Parade on Corpus Christi Sunday.

With respect to patriotism, Brother Ed honorably served in the United States Navy and has supported his city and our community organizations in Sebastopol.

CONGRATULATIONS



GRAND COUNCIL YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE MEMBERSHIP DEATHS 2023 - 2024

1.	Anthony Bertholf	4-8-2023	94	Benefit
2.	Donald Bisagno	6-29-2023	32	Benefit
3.	William Albera	7-25-2023	32	Benefit
4.	William J. Alessini	7-07-2023	60	Benefit
5.	James K. Moretti	7-06-2023	54	Benefit
6.	John Herkert	04-27-2023	80	Benefit
7.	Carmen Bernal	05-10-23	2	Benefit
8.	Augustus R. Albritton	03-10-23	80	Benefit
9.	Alex Espinosa	03-02-23	13	Benefit
10.	Robert Donaldson	12-29-2022	32	Benefit
11.	Wilfred Begle	10-29-2022	497	Benefit
12.	Tom Riehle	01-19-2023	497	Benefit
13.	Timothy Misfud	01-27-2023	92	Benefit
14.	Bernard Messmer	01-03-2023	497	Benefit

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

NAME	SPONSOR	COUNCIL	DATE	MEMBERSHIP
Harvey Chong, Jr.	LeRoy Andrews	573	04-16-2023	Benefit
Derek Foster	Bill Baier	92	02-02-2023	Benefit
Rod Chambra	LeRoy Andrews	573	04-16-2023	Benefit
Peter Ryza	Mike Bacchetti	92	05-01-2023	Benefit
Ronald Henderson	Mike Bacchetti	92	05-01-2023	Benefit
Christopher McGovern	Mario Balistreri	613	06-13-2023	Benefit
Richard Aicardi	Dennis Aicardi	613	05-15-2023	Benefit
James Aicardi	Dennis Aicardi	613	05-15-2023	Benefit
Michael Aicardi	Dennis Aicardi	613	05-15-2023	Benefit
Robert Aicardi	Dennis Aicardi	613	05-15-2023	Benefit
Nuno Maio	Marcus Drumonde	44	06-08-2023	Benefit
Cameron Buechler	Kerry Pfaff	497	03-15-2023	Benefit
Corey Oser	Luke Mundy	497	02-16-2023	Benefit
Tim Moeller	Kurt Kuczynski	497	01-10-2023	Benefit
Ben Meyer	Kurt Souders	497	01-01-2023	Benefit
Shayne Guinn	John Mundy	497	01-01-2023	Benefit
Jesse Bolte	John Mundy	497	01-01-2023	Benefit
Vince Sermersheim	Snapper	497	09-29-2022	Benefit
Adam Boeglin	Scott O'Brien	497	01-01-2023	Benefit
Leon York	Ryan Cooper	497	06-28-2022	Honorary
Leandro Calingasan	Cosmo Amato	613	08-08-2023	Honorary
Joseph McIntire	Bob Fiorito	613	08-08-2023	Honorary
David Mees	Cosmo Amato	613	08-08-2023	Honorary
Jerick Rea	Michael Amato	613	08-08-2023	Honorary
Careron Sellers	Mario Balistreri	613	08-08-2023	Honorary
Maurice Tokay	Cosmo Amato	613	08-08-2023	Honorary
Alphonse Tolenga	Mario Balistreri	613	08-08-2023	Honorary
Kyle Laluces	Cosmo Amato	613	08-08-2023	Honorary
Joshua Mello	Eduard Mello	80	07-26-2023	Benefit
Albert Hernandez	William Walls	80	07-26-2023	Benefit

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

GOALS



Committee Corner



The Grand President has various committees that help advance his program as well as serve the Grand Council. Some of these committees are the Auditing Committee, Budget Committee, Laws and Revisions Committee, State of the Institute Committee and Man/Council of the Year Committee.

In this issue of Under the Lamp Post I want to focus on one of the committees. The Membership Committee. I had the pleasure of serving on this committee for a number of years.

The committee goals are outlined in the Grand President's Program and are listed below.

- The Committee will be responsible for providing a variety of tools and ideas to Councils to attract and maintain members, including Junior 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.
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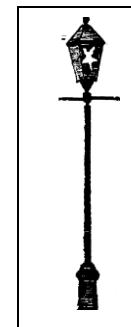
This year the Chairman of the Membership Committee is Br. Robert Laxner #59. On the committee will also be Br. Frank DiMaggio #59 PGP, Br. Manual Drumonde #44 PGP, Br. Mike Sanzeri #59, and from the Board of Directors, Br. Mike Amato #613 PGP, and Br. Alex Schmitt.

I trust these men will do a great job on this committee as there is a lot of experience in the group. They will work on developing ideas on how the YMI grow and just as important maintain membership. I look forward to working with them so we can have a very successful year with the membership. We may not be able to grow by leaps and bounds but our efforts toward growing our organization will have their rewards.

In future issues of the Institute Journal the Membership Committee will share their ideas on how we can increase and maintain our membership. I will also focus on one of the other Committees of the Grand Council.

For God and Country,

Br. Steve Cresci GP





**Young Men's Institute
Fiftieth Annual
Essay Contest**

Cash Prizes to be Awarded:

	Grades 7-8	Grades 9-12
Grand Prize	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
2nd Place	\$500.00	\$800.00
3rd Place	\$500.00	\$800.00
4th Place	\$400.00	\$600.00
5th & 6th Place	\$200.00	\$500.00
7th-15th Place	\$100.00	\$200.00

Contest Rules:

1. Topics:

7 th & 8 th Grades

God gave Moses 10 written commandments. Which of the 10 Commandments do you think matters the most today in modern America? Explain why you chose that commandment and why you think it matters the most.

9th – 12th Grades

Young people typically try to behave the way people they respect behave. What Leaders do you respect the most? How will your future plans make a you good role model for future generations?

2. Contest is open to any Catholic Student

(Private or Public School)

**3. A Young Men's Institute member or
Council must sponsor each student entry.**

4. The essay must be original and not more than 500 words.

**5. The essay can be word processed, typed, or
neatly hand printed.**

**6. The essay must be accompanied by the information
requested by the Entry Form.(See "Entry Form" section)**

**7. All entries must be received by
January 19, 2024.**

**8. All entries will be judged on content, neatness, grammar,
spelling, and adherence to contest rules. A panel of
impartial persons will conduct judging for the Grand Award.**

The decision of the judges is final. All entries become

the property of the Young Men's Institute.

Entry Form

(Please type or print clearly)

Name: _____
Last , First

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____
Number and Street

City or Town State Zip code

Telephone Number (_____) _____

School Name: _____

Grade: _____

School Address:

Street Address

City State zip

Sponsor _____
YMI Member's Name or Council's Name

Council# _____

Return Essay to:

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