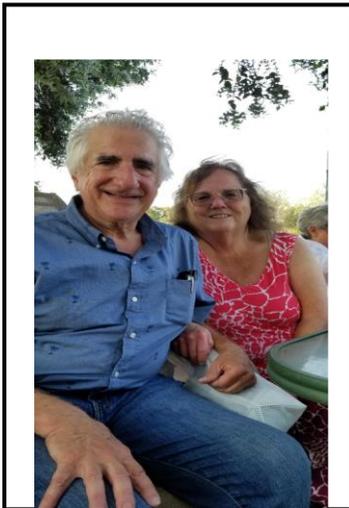


## Grand President's Message



**YOUNG MEN'S  
INSTITUTE**



## Greeting Fellow Brothers and Sisters,

Warm Greetings YMI Brothers,

My term as Grand President kicked off with a telephone meeting with Chairman of the Board – Br. Tommy Figueira #573. The purpose being to discuss the appointments of directors to the various committees. A day or so later it was time to hold a Zoom Meeting with Grand Officer's and District Deputies. It was a great opportunity to plan for the year.

August was filled with outdoor activities. The first being the St. John Bosco Council #613 picnic Junipero Serra Park in San Bruno. Didn't have to travel very far for that one – only about 10 minutes away from my home. It was a nice afternoon with barbequed steak and all the fixings. And always, topped off with a fantastic raffle.

Then it was off to another picnic in San Jose later in the week. San Jose Council #2 picnic was a catered event with tasty, barbecued ribs and chicken. Br. Alex Preciado presided over the event with the distribution of checks to Seminarians and deserving scholarship students.

To make sure I got my fill of barbeque I headed to Sebastopol Council #54 annual get together at Carinalli Vineyards. A beautiful evening spent with the brothers of Council #54 and others. It was also the celebration of Council #54 100th Year Anniversary.

To close out the month of August it was YMI Day At the Ball Park. On a hot Sunday afternoon about forty total of Brothers, friends, and family members attended the Oakland Athletics vs Baltimore Orioles baseball game. Although, the home team lost we were able to see the Orioles team that did make it to the American League Playoffs. It may have also been the last time for us to take in a major league ball game in Oakland. All in all, it was a great get-together bringing in folks from the East Bay, South Bay and even Central Valley.

September was a month of Zoom meetings such as the Seminarian Educational Foundation and the State of the Institute Committee, there was also my Council #32 business meeting that I had attended.

This year was also the return of the Bocce Ball Tournament hosted by

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Bosco Council #613 and held at the Orange Park Bocce Ball Courts in South San Francisco. It was nice to have the tournament again after a few years with no

tournament. It was well organized and a YMI event that I hope will grow in popularity again.

The Italian Heritage Parade on October 8th was really a highlight for me and my wife Linda. We rode in a classic blue 1961 Impala in the lead car. Great recognition for the YMI as the entry in the parade came in third in its division. Once again, many thanks to St. John Bosco Council #613 for having the sponsorship in the parade. I hope this tradition will continue for years to come.

On October 21st I was invited and attended the Red Shirt Breakfast of American Council #2 Oakland. Great conversation with the brothers of Council #2 but no one seemed to recall the origin of the red shirt. We may have to have a look at the archives for the answer!

Wrapping up the month of October, I attended the Zoom meeting of the Education Foundation. On Saturday 10/28 I visited Sadoc Council #59 for their luncheon to award the "Woman of the Year". A tradition they started in 2019. I do hope they will continue this very special event. This is the type of thing that shows how the YMI can be a shining light in their Parish community.

Finally, did you know that the YMI has a Facebook page? If you spend any time on the social network of Facebook, you may want to check it out. Be sure to follow the YMI page. If you have any upcoming or past events and you wish to share the news with photos or details of an event, please send them to me for posting.

Let's connect. It is a great way to know what the various councils are doing from Hawaii to Indiana.

Concerns, questions, or even if you are interested in getting more involved with the YMI I can be reached at [scresci16@gmail.com](mailto:scresci16@gmail.com) or by phone at 415-297-5816.

May you have a Happy Thanksgiving and Blessed Christmas!

Br. Steve Cresci

Grand President 2023-2024

# 139th Grand Council Session of the Young Men's Institute

I am pleased to announce that 139th Grand Council Sessions will be held on June 17-18- & 19th 2024. Once again, we will hold the Sessions at beautiful South Lake Tahoe.

The planning committee has selected Bally's Resort and Casino for the meeting sessions, hotel accommodations and banquet dinner. As prices continue to rise in the hotel service industry, it is important to keep the costs of attending a number one priority. Bally's has always offered a very competitive rate for rooms and other amenities. At this time details are being drawn up and of course will be available to you in the coming year.

We are hoping to have a surprise or two to entice you to attend.

The important thing is to plan ahead, mark your calendars to attend our annual Sessions.

Councils can even start thinking about delegates that they would like to send to the Sessions.

Let's make it the largest and greatest Grand Council Sessions ever!

For God & Country

Br. Steve Cresci #32

GP 2023-24



**GRAND COUNCIL  
YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE  
MEMBERSHIP DEATHS 2023 – 2024  
For the Institute Journal Publication, Dec. 2023**



1.	Anthony Dutra	08-01-2023	44	Benefit
2.	John Lopes	07-31-2023	44	Benefit
3.	Philip D. Hickman	09-08-2023	8	Benefit
4.	Patrick G. Aiona	07-08-2023	573	Benefit
5.	Joseph J. DeGregori	08-08-2023	80	Benefit
6.	Joseph T. Pund	08-04-2023	497	Benefit
7.	Edwin F. Shideler	07-26-2023	54	Benefit
8.	Michael Dolce	11-27-2023	54	Benefit
9.	George Venezia	11-09-2023	613	Benefit
10.	Lewis Borg	11-10-2023	2	Benefit
11.	Brendan Coyne	09-16-2023	13	Benefit
12.	John Kaufman	10-13-2023	80	Benefit
13.	Rebel Freitas	10-12-2023	80	Benefit
14.	Tom O'Brien	11-09-2023	8	Benefit
15.	Joseph R. Machado	11-15-2023	99	Benefit



**YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE**  
**EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**  
**BROTHER FRANK PIGNATI**  
**MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM 2024**

Once again, the YMI Educational Foundation is proud to announce our Matching Funds Program for 2024. The intent of this program is to enhance and support YMI Councils, which have viable student scholarship programs in existence or are planning to have one during this school year.

All YMI Councils are encouraged to participate in this beneficial educational program. A cherished hallmark of the YMI has been to provide for the continued education of our young people.

Each Council may request any amount up to \$1,250.00 in Matching Funds. Upon approval of the submitted request, the Educational Foundation will in turn write a check of any amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 to the educational institution selected or the Council scholarship program as designated by the requesting Council. The requesting Council's general membership must vote for the request of Matching Funds during a regular business meeting, prior to submitting the Matching Funds Application, which is printed in this issue of the Institute Journal.

To participate in this program a Council must be participating or planning to participate in a scholarship program during this school year. A description of this participation is required on the application form that must be completed, submitted and postmarked not later than April 1, 2024. Barring a special circumstance request, Matching Fund checks will all be issued and mailed on April 30, 2024. PLEASE NOTE: Checks cannot be made payable to individual councils, they MUST be issued to a Council's scholarship program, directly to a school, or directly to an individual student. All checks will be mailed directly to the participating council's official address.

Yours for God and Country,

Brother Bob Bartoli #32, PGP

Brother Tom Fourie #32, PGP

Educational Foundation Directors



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



1. Name and number of requesting Council: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Description of your Council's scholarship program. Please submit a written plan describing what the scholarship program consists of and how the money will be distributed.
3. Amount of Matching Funds requested (maximum amount per each Council is \$1,250.00)  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Date of General Membership vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of votes: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO
5. Signature of Council President: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Signature of Executive Committee Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_
7. List the recipient of the Matching Funds Check below. **\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\***

Checks will not be made payable to individual Councils and therefore cannot be deposited into the Council's regular checking account. The checks **MUST** be issued to a Council's scholarship program (which is a separate account), directly to a school, or directly to an individual student.

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8. Submit completed application and check payable to YMI Educational Foundation

YMI Educational Foundation

P. O. Box 281047

San Francisco, CA 94128-1047

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED AND POSTMARKED**

**NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2024**

**ALL CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED ON APRIL 30, 2024**

Checks will be mailed directly to the participating council's official address.

Any questions please call Brother Bob Bartoli 1-650-871-7878

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

NAME MEMBERSHIP	SPONSOR		COUNCIL	DATE
Ian Terpstra	Thomas Figueira	573	10-24-2023	Benefit
Dennis Lee	Thomas Figueira	573	10-24-2023	Benefit
Michael Mendoza	Dominic Panina	613	10-03-2023	Benefit
Josh Fleck	Barson Person	497	05-10-2022	Benefit
Bradley Kramer	Scott O'Brien	497	03-14-2023	Benefit
Jay Giesler	Scott O'Brien	497	07-15-2023	Benefit
Masen Cooper	Ryan Cooper	497	07-15-2023	Benefit
Brody Falmian	Kurt Kuczynski	497	05-05-2023	Benefit

Welcome New Members

## Grand Council Wish List /Check List

Any successful company relies on reports, record keeping, and compliance with set guidelines. From accounting to human resources to payroll, various departments have certain obligations to provide the necessary reports and maintain records.

Not unlike a company, the Young Men's Institute also relies on the individual Councils to provide essential information to the Grand Council. There is also an obligation to maintain certain records of the Council. The Grand Council By-Laws address these various items, but it may be helpful to have a checklist. It is not all inclusive but here are a few things to keep in mind.

- ✓ Semi- Annual Reports turned in on a timely basis.
- ✓ Assessment fees paid when due.
- ✓ Council By-Laws kept up to date.
- ✓ Membership roster kept up to date.
- ✓ Beneficiary designation kept current for members.
- ✓ Reporting to the Grand Office of any deceased member on a timely basis.

How does your Council stack up? Remember we are here to help you. Have questions reach out to your District Deputy or me.

Steve Cresci #32 Grand President 2023-24



## RETIREMENT ARRIVES

During the recent Board of Grand Directors Meeting on November 18, 2023, Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht #32, announced his decision to retire as Grand Treasurer effective immediately. For more than twenty years he has served as the Grand Treasurer of the Young Men's Institute and has performed a most admirable task. He has now decided to move on. Each and every member of the YMI has benefited from his tireless work and dedication. Thank you Brother Jack.

In accordance with the Grand Council By-Laws, when a vacancy occurs in a Grand Council Office, the Grand President is required to nominate a replacement. Therefore, Brother Steve Cresci #32, GP nominated to the Board of Grand Directors the name of Brother Bob Bartoli #32, PGP as the new Grand Treasurer to complete the current term for this YMI year. The Board of Grand Directors accepted the nomination and voted unanimously to elect Brother Bartoli as the new Grand Treasurer. Brother Bartoli accepted the position. Thank you and congratulations Brother Bob and we all know you will do a great job.

Thank You Jack  
Happy Retirement

Thank You Bob as new Treasurer



# From the Board of Grand Directors

## November 27, 2023

Aloha Brothers,

The Board met on September 16, 2023 and November 18, 2023. The Board is meeting via zoom. Members of the Board are: Brother Tommy Figueira #573 Chairman; Brother Domenic Carinall #54 Vice Chairman; Brother Alex Scmitt #8; Brother Paul Larson #32; Brother Michael Amato #613 PGP; Brother Nick Franceschine #54 PGP; Brother Richard Murphy #32 and Brother Mario Balistreri #613. I am happy to say that all Brothers of the Board attend every zoom meeting.

The Board of Grand Directors shall consist of eight Grand Directors and ex-officio members with voice only, the Grand President, Junior Past Grand President, Grand Vice President, Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall also be the ex-officio Secretary and Treasurer of the Board. The Grand President shall cast the deciding vote in a tie vote of the Board. All District Deputy Grand Presidents are encouraged to attend the Board Meetings.

If any Brother has a question and concern, contact your District Deputy. A list of District Deputies can be found on the Young Men's Institute web site. Click on Grand Council, then Officers/Directors, or call or e-mail the Grand Council Office: Telephone (650) 588-7762 (local); 1-800-964-9646 (long distance); E-mail [ymius@aol.com](mailto:ymius@aol.com), to get the District Deputy of your district's phone number or e-mail address.

Our Business manager, Brother Tom Fourie PGP, always attends the Board Meetings and gives a complete report on the activities conducted at the Grand Council Office, and business brought up at our Grand Directors meeting. Brother Tom Fourie PGP reports that several Councils are late in making their Assessment payments from the past year. Brother Eugene Espinola #94 brought all officers up to date on the consolidation of Madera Council #60 with Columba Council #94. January 2024 is the consolidation goal.

Grand President Brother Steve Cressci offered a suggestion that Councils might consider an afternoon of Skills Competition of young school children, sponsored by YMI, that could attract parents to get interested in the YMI.

Brother Jack Albrecht #32 Grand Treasurer, after his report, told us that as of the meeting (November 18, 2023) he is resigning as the Grand Treasurer, due to age and family. We thank Brother Jack for all of the years he has done a splendid job, not only keeping our books, but his dedication that all of our investments and money were watched over by a Brother who loves the YMI. Thank you Brother Bob Bartoli #32 PGP for accepting the position of Grand Treasurer for the remainder of the term.

St. John Bosco Council #613 sponsored eight (8) new members to their Council, who were all seminarians that they sponsored this year. They are all Honorary Members. This is a good idea these young men can be in the loop with the YMI so when they become priests, they will know the YMI. Also, make you Priest an Honorary Member.

Mahalo,

*Tommy Figueira*

Brother Tommy Figueira



## YMI AT THE ITALIAN HERITAGE PARADE

As has become a tradition for nearly twenty years, the YMI participated again in the San Francisco Italian Heritage Parade (the oldest Columbus Day celebration parade in America) that held on October 8th. Led by the efforts of YMI Outside Sentinel Bob Fiorito (YMI #613 President) and Grand Director Mike Amato (YMI #613's Past President), St. John Bosco Council #613 partnered with a local auto club to provide 8 beautiful 1960 era American classic cars. Each vehicle was adorned with large signs prominently bearing our YMI name/logo, as well as decorated with American/Italian flags and red, green, and white balloons (the colors of the Italian flag). YMI Grand President Steve Cresci and his wife Linda led the YMI parade delegation that included Br. Fiorito, Br. Amato, Grand Secretary Mike Dimech, and Grand Director Mario Balistrieri. In addition, the following YMI #613 Brothers either attended or rode in the parade: Cosmo & Chris Amato, John & Jack Kavanagh, Joe & Kevin Soracco, Dave Allan, Mike Baglin, Nick Bruna, Chris McGovern, and George Totah. All the YMI participants reported having a wonderful experience witnessing thousands of people cheering the YMI entry as they traveled along the parade route that began in Fisherman Wharf and ended in North Beach by Saints Peter & Paul Church. The YMI classic car entry impressed the parade judges and earned a 3rd place award in the Antique/Vintage Vehicle Division!

This year's Italian Heritage Parade was extra special in that Mia Soracco was named the 2023 Parade Queen. Mia is the daughter of Br. Joe Soracco (YMI #613 1st VP) and the granddaughter of our Grand Inside Sentinel Br. Cosmo Amato. For those who have previously attended YMI Grand Council Sessions, Mia is the young lady that has helped us with the raffle at many YMI Grand Banquets over the years. As the Queen, Mia had a prominent role in the parade riding on the main float, as well as speaking at various events connected to the parade. Not surprisingly, Mia performed her role magnificently! YMI #613 is thrilled that she was named the 2023 Queen and is proud to be one of the 2023 Italian Heritage Parade Sponsors.

# 2024 Grand Directors' Council of the Year Award Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Council #: \_\_\_\_\_ Council Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Council President: \_\_\_\_\_

Recording Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Number of inter-council events attended by members of Council \_\_\_\_\_

List of events: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. If charity work was performed by the Council, please provide a brief description of the work performed, the number of council members in attendance, and the number of hours worked.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Did your council have an increase in membership for the period from 4/1/2023 through 3/31/2024? If so, what was the percentage increase from the previous year: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Did your Council participate in any fundraising events? If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

List of events:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Did your council participate in the Pro Patria Raffle. If so, what was the percentage of members who purchased raffle tickets? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Was your Council represented at the 2023 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](mailto:bbartoli@pacbell.net)***

***Deadline: May 1, 2024***

# Grand Council – Young Men’s Institute Man of the Year 2024

The 2023-2024 Man of the Year Grand Council Committee has met and is now accepting nominations for the 2024 Man of the Year. Any YMI Brother, group of Brothers, or YMI Council is invited to submit a nomination. Criteria to be considered:

- **Council Activities (Fraternalism)**
- **Service to the Parish (Faith)**
- **Service to the Community (Patriotism)**
- **Grand Council Activities**
- **Any character references for the nominee would be appreciated**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Man of the Year Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Council # \_\_\_\_\_ Council Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Council activities nominee is involved in: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s service to his Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s service to the community: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Grand Council activities nominee participated in or is involved in: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please attach any additional information or character references for the nominee, should more space be needed.

Please submit your nomination with supporting documentation *by May 1, 2024* Please send to:

**Brother Bob Bartoli #32, PGP**  
**675 Pine Terrace**  
**South San Francisco, CA 94080**  
**650-871-7878 or email at: [bbartoli@pacbell.net](mailto:bbartoli@pacbell.net)**

# State of Institute

YMI Brothers, your State of the Institute Committee has been busy at work. We took our job seriously, acting as a Grand Jury of sorts, gathering information, deliberating, and making positive recommendations. We then discussed the items in conference with various officers relative to the changes for their input. We started with 24 possibilities and have reduced that number to the following five measures. We will be voting on these measures at the next Grand Council Convention. Please take a look. If you have any questions, please contact any one of us for information. Thanks.

- Br. Steve Cresci #32, GP [scresci6@gmail.com](mailto:scresci6@gmail.com)
- Br. Phil Fondale #900, GM [pmfondale@netscape.net](mailto:pmfondale@netscape.net)
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## PROPOSAL A DISTRICT DEPUTIES

### Current Language

The title of District Deputy Grand President and/or District Deputy Grand Presidents is found in the YMI Constitution Article III, Section 1 and in YMI By-Laws Article 1, Sections 9, 10, 11 and 12; Article III, Sections 1a & b, 3, 7 and 8; Article IV, Section 10; and Article VII, Section 4.

### Proposed Change

***The title of District Deputy Grand President shall be changed to District Deputy; the titles of District Deputy Grand Presidents shall be changed to District Deputies.***

### Rationale

A District Deputy is not a Grand President. The District Deputy serves as a liaison between Local and Grand Councils. Use of the District Deputy Grand President title confuses members as to who holds which position. It is also confusing to non-members. Simplifying the title makes it clear to all. Insignia with the former title may be used until replaced by wear and tear.

## **PROPOSAL B CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEES**

### **Current Language**

Each annual Convention attendee pays a \$50 registration fee. The convention cost per attendee is actually higher and the amount varies per year. The rate however is fixed in the By-Laws.

### **Proposed Change**

**Article I, Section 11 GRAND COUCNIL FEES AND EXPENSES: Each Delegate, Grand Officer, Past Grand President and District Deputy Grand President, upon registering with the Credentials Committee, shall pay a registration fee as authorized annually by the Board of Directors.**

### **Rationale**

Eliminate the fixed amount (\$50) and allow the Board to set the amount at its actual cost.

## **PROPOSAL C GRAND COUNCIL CLARIFICATIONS**

### **Current Language**

The term Grand Council is used to describe all of the following: the annual Session or convention, the Grand Office, Grand Officers, and the Grand Board of Directors.

### **Proposed Changes**

**Within the Constitution and By-Laws, wherever:**

- a. Grand Council means Grand Council Office, it shall specify Grand Council Office.**
- b. Grand Council means Grand Council Officers, it shall specify Grand Council Officers.**
- c. Grand Council means Grand Board of Directors, it shall specify Grand Board of Directors.**
- d. Grand Council means Grand Council Session, it shall specify Grand Council Convention.**

### **Rationale**

When we read or say Grand Council it means different things. By adding a specification after, we will know to which one it refers and eliminate ambiguity.

## **PROPOSAL D GRAND COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **Current Language**

For many years, next year's convention site was determined by a committee made up of the Business Manager and two other current or former Grand Officers. In recent years, the Grand

President also participated. This year's convention location was determined with little time for advance planning.

### Proposed changes

**The following language would become part of Article IV, as Section 18: GRAND CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE; This committee shall consist of the Grand First Vice President, who shall be its chair, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Grand Treasurer, the Business Manager, and a Past Grand President chosen by the Chairman of the Board.**

**The Committee shall plan the following year's Grand Convention, which shall include the location and logistics of the meeting, hotel reservations, meals, proper locations for Masses and other desired activities. The Committee shall present its recommendation to the Grand Board of Directors, no later than March 31 prior to the current year's Grand Convention.**

### Rationale

This would allow the Grand First Vice President to plan his convention the year before his term as Grand President begins. It also means the next convention location could be announced at this year's convention.

## **PROPOSAL E #900 COMMUNICATION**

### Current Language

The approximately 30 members of at large Council #900 are contacted only once a year by mail, to pay their dues. Many of Council #900's members are older and may not have access or adequate technical saavy to download a copy of the Lamp Post Journal.

### Proposed changes

**Section 2 (e) of Article VII shall be amended by adding the following sentence to the third paragraph as the second to last sentence, "The Grand Secretary shall provide a hard copy or e-mail copy of the Institute's Lamp Post Journal directly to each member of Council #900, as that publication is periodically released."**

### Rationale

Council #900 does not have regular council meetings and members are scattered across the country. This small effort will serve to keep our at-large membership in communication and up to date with YMI activities. The current Grand Secretary does this now voluntarily. This merely incorporated the function into the By-Laws.

# SEPTEMBER BOCCE

On Saturday, September 30, 2023, YMI Council # 613 hosted their 13<sup>th</sup> annual Bocce Ball Tournament at Orange Park in South San Francisco. Under sunny skies 12 teams including Brothers from Council # 32, #54 & 613 and several friends of the YMI competed in this year's tournament.

As with prior tournaments many of the games were very competitive. In the finals of this year's tournament, Council # 32's On a Roll a team made up Dominic Franco, Hando DeAlba, Bob S. and Danny Marcucci faced off against The Oddballs a team made of members from the Italian American Citizens Club. As with previous finals, the game was very competitive and was decided on the last few rolls of the bocce ball. On a Roll defeated the Oddballs to win the 13<sup>th</sup> annual YMI Council #613 Bocce Ball Tournament. Both Finalist received trophies.

Many YMI Grand Officers were in attendance this day including current Grand President, Steve Cresci, current Grand Director and former Grand President, Mike Amato, past Grand President, Joe Reza (who came with his family from Bakersfield), current Grand Secretary and past Grand President, Mike Dimech and Brother Mike Sanzeri from Sadoc Council # 54.

I want to thank Ed Morales and Manny Garcia from the Italian American Citizens Club for their support and assistance with this year's tournament.

Finally, many thanks go out to Mike Amato, Mario Balistreri, Jeanne Dimech, Laura Thomas and Grant Thomas for organizing and running this event.

Look forward to seeing everyone next year.

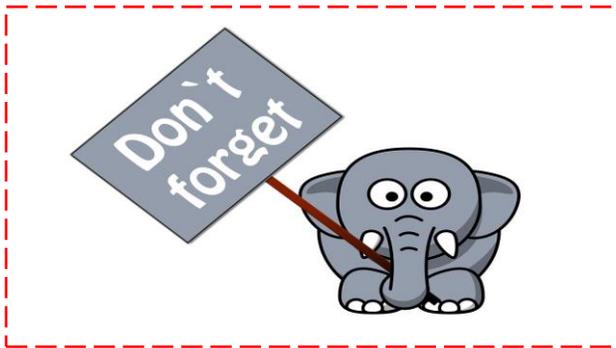
Br. Mike Dimech, GS, PGP,



## The Red and White Mass – 2024

The Red and White Mass – 2024

Grand Second Vice President, Brother Bill Walls #80, is pleased to announce that the annual Red and White Mass, celebrating the birthday of the YMI, is scheduled for March 1, 2024. The Mass will take place in the afternoon at Immaculate Conception Church in Atwater, California. There will be dinner served at St. Anthony's Hall in Atwater following the Mass. At the dinner the Pro Patria Raffle will be conducted. Brother Walls and his committee will be forwarding to each Council the reservation forms for attendance. Let us have a large turnout from all the Councils this year.



See Golf tournament information and application attached in this email

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

The next issue of the Institute Journal will be the Spring Issue. All articles, pictures, etc. to be submitted to the Business Manager by *March 1, 2024.*

Send to YMIUS@aol.com

**DON'T FORGET**