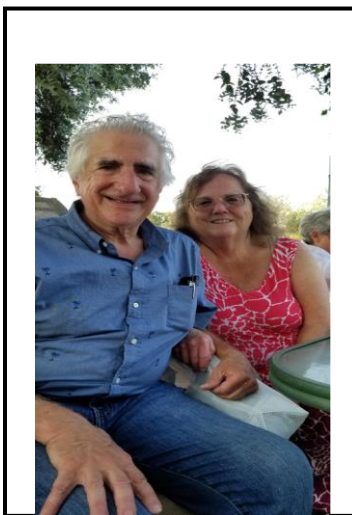




## Grand President's Message



### Greeting Fellow Brothers

Dear Brothers,

As I sit down to write the President's message, I realize how fast time can go by. Nine months ago, I stepped into the role of the Grand President and now we are less than 90 from days away the Grand Sessions in South Lake Tahoe.

Before, I share with you some of what I have been doing as G.P. since last June. I want to mention a very special day in May – which is right around the corner. Memorial Day May 27th. Perhaps, your Council has made plans to honor those who served our Country in the armed services. I ask that your Council find a way honor active and veteran servicemen and women. If you have a monthly dinner meeting recognize those men and women. Maybe have a free dinner for them.

If there are events that commemorate Memorial Day such as picnics, visits to cemeteries, or parades is your Council participating? Or at a minimum members who will attend proudly displaying the YMI emblem in their community?

Maybe even a special Mass on that Sunday before Memorial Day in recognition of our motto of Patriotism.

I would love to hear how your Council chose to observe Memorial Day in the month of May. I invite you to share any videos or photos of any YMI related events. Fundraisers, sporting events, barbeques, cemeteries visits, parades, and special commemorations and dinners. When you send me these photos/videos I can post them on the YMI Facebook page. It extends the outreach to a wider audience. It is also great to see what the other Councils are doing.

Sometimes, I think that as an organization we lack in connecting with one another as a whole. What better way to connect than through social media. Other than the Grand Convention in June how often do we have opportunities to interact with all Council members. Because the convention is only once a year, I believe that we can become a stronger organization when we continue to share our successes on a more frequent basis.

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Members tell me that we should embrace social media with live streaming, and You Tube as well. I am a strong supporter of widening our reach within the YMI and beyond. Having the Board of Directors meeting and committee meetings via Zoom has shown how much can be accomplished with far less travel.

Speaking of travel, although my feet did not touch down on the beaches of the State of Hawaii I did take a trip to the Hoosier State – Indiana.

Following a summer/fall of outdoor activities:

- San Jose Council #2 Picnic
- YMI Day at the Ballpark Oakland Athletics
- 100 Year Anniversary Sebastopol Council #54 Steak BBQ
- Council #613 Summer Picnic San Bruno
- Bocce Ball Tournament

I made visits to many of the Councils. Unlike my predecessor, Br. Darrell Fonseca I was not able to visit all the Councils, though.

Visiting Indiana Councils **St. Augustine #497** and **Gonzaga Council #612** were highlights for me. Accompanied by world traveler Br. Tom Fourie we flew from SFO to Indianapolis on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Br. Tom was an excellent guide who stuck to our itinerary day and night. (Though there was a short trip over State lines to Kentucky so I could get to the Louisville Slugger Bat 'Factory').

Br. Tom, I should also mention, has a knack for driving without the need for stopping for caffeine or a bathroom break. Not sure how he does but there were times I had to convince him to stop at the next service station or Starbucks. He relented.

Greeted warmly and graciously by St. Augustine Council President Br. Scott O'Brien Sunday morning was with an early mass, followed by a delicious breakfast, a bit of business, and top off the visit with dice and adult beverages in the afternoon.

The morning mass was attended by Council #497 members and their families.

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That Monday morning Br. Tom and I attended mass at the beautiful Saint Meinard Archabbey. We then walked along the very peaceful grounds of the St. Benedictine Monastery. It was then onto Richmond, Indiana.

The next stop was Gonzaga Council # 612. There we would spend two days and two nights. I am going to give details of the visit to Council # 612 in the Advance Proceedings. So, stay tuned!

The month of December included the following:

- Council #32 Louis P. Guaraldi Food Basket Drive
- Christmas Holiday Dinners Council #32 & Council # 613
- January, February, and March were filled with the following:
- Board of Directors Meetings
- Education Foundation Committee Meetings
- Seminarian Foundation Meetings
- Convention Planning Meetings
- Budget Committee Meetings all via Zoom
- Grand Council Visits to:
- Santa Rosa Council #40
- Holy Rosary Council #44
- St. John Bosco Council #613
- St. Columbo Council #94/Dos Palos Council #99
- Tracy Council #92
- Sebastopol Council #54 St. Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner Fund Raiser



Much appreciation to GVP Bill Avery and GSVP Bill Walls who were part of the visits to each of these Councils. Also, the planning and coordination of the Red & White Mass and Pro-Patria Pro Deo Essay Contest & Raffle.

I truly wish I could have made it to more of the Councils. It has been a challenging year for me with balancing family, work and the YMI. I feel blessed that I have been faced with these challenges always telling myself God never gives us more than we can handle. I hope I had some impact on the future success of the YMI.

I look forward to continuing my journey as Grand President at the 139th Annual Grand Sessions in June. Please join me, fellow officers, grand directors, past Grand Presidents, and delegates in South Lake Tahoe June 17th, 18th, and 19th.

I guarantee you will be glad you did!

**FOR GOD & COUNTRY**

**BR. STEVE CRESCI**

*The following flyers are included with this journal. Please take the time to open each flyer up and share with your friends.*

Golf Tournament ----May 19, 2024 at 1p.m.

Bocce Ball Tournament --- September 14, 2024 at 8a.m. registration

Night at the Ballpark --- July 13, 2024



**139th Grand Council Session of the Young Men's Institute  
Bally's Resort and Casino  
55 Highway 50, Lake Tahoe, Nevada 89449  
June 17-19, 2024  
Registration Form**

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Council #: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of all other Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*

Participating as a Delegate (check one): Council Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Council Officer \_\_\_\_\_  
District Deputy \_\_\_\_\_ Past Grand President \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate \_\_\_\_\_

**Delegate Registration Fee: \$50.00                      Total: \$50.00**

**Event Reservations:**

*Monday, June 17, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. – St. Theresa Catholic Church, 1041 Lyons Avenue, South Lake Tahoe, CA – Opening Mass/Remembrance Ceremony      Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Tuesday, June 18, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. – Grand Breakfast –Evergreen C/D Banquet Rooms – Bally's Resort and Casino – Tahoe Buffet - \$30 per person (Children under 15 - \$15)*

*Adults Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Children Attending: \_\_\_\_\_                      Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Tuesday, June 18, 2024 – 12 Noon - Delegate's Lunch  
Box Lunch – (only for YMI Brothers) - \$20 per person*

*Check sandwich choice: Roast Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_      Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Tuesday, June 18, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. - Optional Event –Tex - Mex Dinner (with wine included) – “Heavenly Social at Club Blu” – Bally's Resort and Casino - \$50 per person (Children under 15 - \$15)*

*Adults Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Children Attending: \_\_\_\_\_                      Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Wednesday, June 19, 2024 – 4:30 p.m. – St. Theresa Catholic Church, 1041 Lyons Avenue, South Lake Tahoe, CA - Celebration Mass/Installation Ceremony*

*Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Wednesday, June 19, 2024 – 6:15 p.m. – Cocktails - Dinner 7:00 p.m. – Grand Banquet at Bally's Resort and Casino – Evergreen C/D Banquet Rooms - \$60 per person (Children under 15 - \$20)*

*Adults Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Children Attending: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Entrees: Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Fingers (Children only \_\_\_\_\_*

*Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

**Grand Total for Registration and Events:    Total Submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE IN THE GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 2024. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO YMI GRAND COUNCIL. NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 1, 2024.**

**DON'T FORGET TO MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS....CALL 1-800-648-3353 AND USE THE CODE: STYMI4 BY MAY 15, 2024.**

***Parking: Daily Parking Fee of \$15.00 to park your car in the garage or in the outside lot.***

# 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 savvy 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.

# Aloha Brothers,

The Board met on March 23, 2024, via zoom. Members of the Board are: Brother Tommy Figueira #573 Chairman; Brother Dominic Carinalli #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.

The Board consists of eight Grand Directors and five ex-officio members, the Grand President, Grand First Vice President, Grand Second 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 because you are the “eyes and ears” of your Councils in your district. Our Business Manager always attends the board Meeting and gives us a complete report on the activities conducted at the Grand Council office. I would like to thank Brother Bob Bartoli #32 PGP for assuming the responsibilities of Business Manager while Brother Tom is on his vacations. A Job well done.

The consolidation of Madera Council #60 with St. Columba Council #94 is now complete as confirmed by Brother Bob Bartoli, at our last Board Meeting.

We now have 50 year and 25-year pins which can be purchased from the Grand Council Office. Cost of pins: 50-year pin - \$20.00; 25-year pin - \$10.00.

Thank you supplies committee Brother Mario Balistreri #613, chairman Brother Richard Murphy #32 and the staff of the Grand Council Office. And a Special thanks to Brother Phil Oberst #32 PGP, GS for your research and purchasing of YMI pins from a new vendor.

It’s good to see that we will have our sports resuming this year. The chairman of the sports committees made the following announcements:

Bowling: Brother Michael Sanzeri #59 – April 28, 2024, Sunday, at Pacific Avenue Bowl, 5939 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA.

Golf: Brother Bob Fiorito #63 – May 19, 2024, at the Valley of the Moon Golf Course in Santa Rosa.

Bocce Ball: Brother Mike Dimech #613 – Saturday, September 14, 2024, at Orange Memorial Park Bocce Ball Court, at West Orange Ave, San Francisco.

View all the sports fliers and entry forms, with additional details, on our website. Google: Young Men’s Institute. Click on Young Men’s Institute and it will take you to

Our webpage will inform you of all the YMI activities and get all the YMI forms necessary for you and your Council.



The Grand Council Planning Committee: Joining Brother Tom Fourie #32 PGP; Brother Bob Bartoli #32 PGP, GT, Brother Michael Dimech #613 PGP, GS and Brother Michael Amato #613 PGP, GP, with Brother Steve Cresci #32 Grand President.

Our 139th Grand Council Session – June 17-19, 2024.

Bally's Resort and Casino, 55 Highway 50, Lake Tahoe, Nevada 89449

The Registration Form can be found on our website. Hotel reservations no later than May 15, 2024. Use code STYMI4. Phone: 1-800-648-3353

Mahalo Brothers, for all you do for the Good of the YMI.

Mahalo,

Tommy Figueira

Brother Tommy Figueira

GD, Chairman



## 2024 Annual Grand Council Golf Tournament

When: Sunday, May 19, 2024

Shotgun starts at 1:00 pm

Where: Valley of the Moon Golf Course, 7025 Oakmont Dr., Santa Rosa, CA

Cost: \$100 per player of \$400 foursome

Includes golf cart, prize fund, and after golf banquet.

\$40 non-playing guest for banquet

Banquet: St. Rose Church

398-10th St.

Santa Rosa, CA

4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Reservations due by 5/5/2024



**See flyer on YMI website: [ymiusa.org](http://ymiusa.org)**

## In Memoriam

Gerhard E. Hackman Jr.	10-20-23	497
Gabriel Jimenez	11-19-23	900
Gilbert D. Verkamp	11-26-23	497
Robert Nocton	12-11-23	612
Donald Zipp	12-17-23	32
George Polley	12-22-23	54
Sam Bonanno	12-29-23	32
Marvin Boeglin	12-30-23	497
Adolph H. Mayorga	1-2-24	60
Arnold L. Souza	1-4-24	44
John Susa	1-15-24	32
Ernie Pinheiro	1-17-24	80
George T. Lambert	1-18-24	497
Richard Rezentes	2-3-24	573



I am pleased to announce the 139th Grand Council Sessions of the Young Men’s Institute will be held on June 17th through June 19th. The convention will be held once again at Bally’s Resort and Casino South Lake Tahoe. Registration form is available in this issue of “Under the Lamp Post.” It is also available from the YMI website. The deadline for registration is May 15th as well as hotel registration. Early registration is encouraged!

As a reminder, each YMI Council is entitled to elect delegates to attend. The number of delegates that can attend from a Council is based on the membership roll for that individual Council.

- 50 or less Members – 3 Delegates
- 51 to 100 Members – 4 Delegates
- 101 to 150 Members – 5 Delegates
- 151 to 200 Members – 6 Delegate
- Over 201 Members – 7 Delegates

Other eligibility criteria are covered in the By-Laws which can be found on the YMI website under the tab “Grand Council” pages 1 & 2 under the heading "Article 1 Delegates to the Grand Council Sessions.” Be sure to reference that section before selection of delegates within your Council.

Of course, you can attend as a non-delegate (no vote) and participate in the events and sessions. Either way, please consider attending the Grand Council Sessions this year. You will be glad you did.

I look forward to seeing you there.

**BR. STEVE CRESCI #32**

# Candidates running for office 2024-2025

**BROTHER BILL AVERY**

For  
Grand President  
**Experienced with Grand Council**

*Supported by the Brothers of  
St. Christopher Council #80*

**Brother Bill Walls**

For  
Grand First  
Vice President

Sponsored by the Brothers  
Of St. Christopher Council

St. John Bosco Council #613  
Proudly Sponsors

**BROTHER MICHAEL  
DIMECH**  
For the office of Grand  
Secretary

South San Francisco  
Council #32  
*Announces Its Support For*

**BROTHER  
BOB BARTOLI**  
For  
Grand Treasurer

*Brother John Cleary*  
For  
Grand Marshal  
*Supported by the  
Brothers of Council  
#613*

**Br. Bill Mc Neany**

*Announces his  
Candidacy*

For

**Grand Director**

Supported by the  
brothers of  
Council #40

**BROTHER  
PAUL LARSON**  
FOR  
**Grand Outside Sentinel**  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF  
THE BROTHERS OF  
COUNCIL #32

**Brother Bob Fiorito**  
For  
Grand Inside Sentinel

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

Grand Second  
Vice President  
And  
two openings for  
Grand Director  
are available

**Brother  
Domenic Carinalli**

**Announces His Candidacy  
For  
the Office of**

***Grand Director***

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS! YMI RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

Is there an individual, or organization, that you would like to have recognized by our Fraternal Brotherhood?

The YMI Resolutions Committee is seeking Nominations of persons, or groups, Worthy of Commendation,

for Committee Consideration - pursuant to our YMI By Laws, Article IV - Section 15.

Typically, these are closely guarded until Promulgated at the Grand Council 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 & contact the Committee post haste!

Pro Deo/ Pro Patria,

Alexander Schmitt, Committee Chairman

YMI Oakland American #8, GD, DDGP

CalAlejo@AOL.com

510-706-0899

## GRAND COUNCIL YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE NEW MEMBERS

### 2024

NAME MEMBERSHIP	SPONSOR	COUNCIL	DATE	DATE
Robert Maloney	Michael Amato	613	1-6-2024	Benefit
Maisa Faltei	Harvey Chong	573	1-21-2024	Benefit
John Leslie	Thomas Figueira	573	1-21-2024	Benefit
Fr. Stephen Machedo	Thomas Figueira	573	1-21-2024	Benefit
Eliseo Acosta Jr.	Donovan Treolo	92	1-24-2024	Benefit
Kevin Coppa	Frank Di Maggio	59	2-6-2024	Benefit
Jamar Robinson	Frank Di Maggio	59	2-6-2024	Benefit
Estacio Bobby	Manuel Drumonde	44	2-8-2024	Benefit
Mike Van Guilder	Manuel Drumonde	44	2-8-2024	Benefit
Michael Udovic	Thomas Figueira	573	2-18-2024	Benefit
Robert Jepsen	Paul Larson	32	3-14-2024	Benefit

**Welcome New Members**

# PRO PATRIA RAFFLE

The 2023-24 Pro Patria Raffle was successful taking in **\$14,880 in total proceeds**.

The raffle proceeds directly benefit the Pro Patria Essay Contest Prize Fund. This year 32 students were able to earn contest prizes totaling \$11,000. In addition, the raffle proceeds fund \$2500 in raffle prizes and the administrative expenses (mailing, printing, supplies) to operate the contest and raffle. With an estimated breakeven point of \$14,700 to pay off all contest and raffle prizes, as well as administrative expenses, we managed to eke out a modest profit as a result of the generosity of the YMI and YLI.

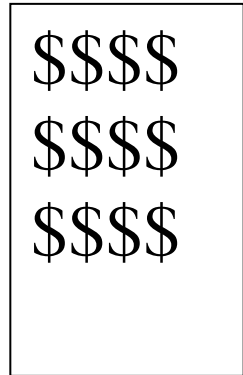
Overall, 209 YMI Brothers purchased raffle tickets, which is 15.85% of the total YMI membership of 1319. While we would hope for broader YMI support, we are very grateful to all those who donated. In addition, it should be noted that:

- 71 YMI Brothers bought at least \$80 worth of tickets (very generous!).
- 14 of 18 active YMI Councils contributed to the raffle \$1540.
- 23 of 50 YLI Institutes contributed to the raffle \$1170.
- The YMI Educational Foundation contributed \$300.
- YMI South San Francisco Council #32 provided the most support with 45 Brothers buying tickets.
- Dos Palos Council #99 had the highest ticket sales percentage of 100% (in other words all #99 YMI Brothers purchased tickets).
- Honorable mention to St. John Bosco Council #613 for finishing second in both membership support and percentage (41 Brothers & 40.59%).

**Great work guys! A complete summary of YMI Council Support for the raffle is provided below:**

**PARTICIPATION RATES:**

<u>YMI COUNCILS</u>	<u>MEMBERS BUYING TICKETS</u>	<u>TOTAL MEMBERS</u>	<u>MEMBERS PARTICIPATION %</u>	<u>YMI COUNCILS BOUGHT TICKETS</u>
2	4	32	12.50%	YES
5	1	31	3.23%	
8	5	20	25.00%	YES
13	4	12	33.33%	
32	45	183	24.59%	YES
40	6	69	8.70%	YES
44	13	183	7.10%	YES
54	15	42	35.71%	YES
59	8	24	33.33%	
60	3	50	6.00%	YES
80	14	98	14.29%	YES
92	3	83	3.61%	
94	5	50	10.00%	YES
99	18	18	100.00%	YES
497	3	233	1.29%	YES
573	8	39	20.51%	YES
612	4	17	23.53%	YES
613	41	101	40.59%	YES
900	9	34	26.47%	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>1319</b>	<b>15.85%</b>	



# Essay Contest Winners

	YMI			
PLACE	COUNCIL	NAME	SCHOOL	PRIZE
<b>Grades 9-12</b>				
1st	32	Dunbar, Katelyn	Notre Dame: San Jose	\$2,000
2nd	40	Rodnick, Konnor	Cardinal Newman: Santa Rosa	\$800
3rd	40	Lashinski, Presley	Cardinal Newman: Santa Rosa	\$800
4th	613	Lum, Mason	Riordan: San Francisco	\$600
5th	80	Doras, Audrey	Atwater High School: Atwater	\$500
6th	32	Dunbar, Megan	Notre Dame: San Jose	\$500
7th	612	Brady, Lyla	Seton High School: Richmond, IN	\$200
8th	613	Johnson, Julian	Riordan: San Francisco	\$200
9th (tie)	612	Coyner, Sophia	Seton High School: Richmond, IN	\$200
9th (tie)	613	Gutierrez, Bobby	Riordan: San Francisco	\$200
9th (tie)	613	Mueguz, Juliana	Riordan: San Francisco	\$200
12th	612	Gisa, Keith	Seton High School: Richmond, IN	\$200
13th	612	Miller, Leah	Seton High School: Richmond, IN	\$200
14th	40	Ranney, Theodore	Cardinal Newman: Santa Rosa	\$200
15th (tie)	613	Ureta, Sasha	Riordan: San Francisco	\$200
15th (tie)	612	Clemente, Jana	Seton High School: Richmond, IN	\$200
<b>Grades 7-8</b>				
1st	612	Scheiban, Carson	Seton: Richmond, IN	\$1,000
2nd	612	Reitzler, Rex	Seton: Richmond, IN	\$500
3rd	32	Buonrosto, David	St. Robert's: San Bruno	\$500
4th	32	Tabalno, Ryan	Holy Angels: Colma	\$400
5th	32	Fernandez, Mia	St. Robert's: San Bruno	\$200
6th	32	Tangitan, Faustina	Holy Angels: Colma	\$200
7th	44	Brasil, Luke	Sacred Heart: Turlock	\$100
8th	32	Shgair, Jenna	Holy Angels: Colma	\$100
9th	32	Bojarski, Sophia	St. Robert's: San Bruno	\$100
10th	32	Fernandez, Isabella	Holy Angels: Colma	\$100
11th (tie)	44	Acevedo, Sandra	Sacred Heart: Turlock	\$100
11th (tie)	32	Juarez, Glanmarco	All Souls: So. San Francisco	\$100
13th (tie)	612	Davis, Virgil	Seton: Richmond, IN	\$ 100
13th (tie)	612	Goggins, Avery	Seton: Richmond, IN	\$100
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15th (tie)	32	Gumina, Monty	St. Robert's: San Bruno	\$ 100



# Winning Essays

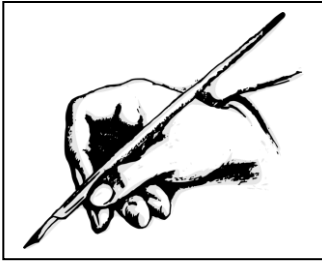
Amanda Gorman and me  
*Katelyn Dunbar, Notre Dame, San Jose*

The leader I respect is Amanda Gorman. She is a well known American poet and activist who is an advocate for Black identity, feminism, marginalization, and environmental justice. As a young girl, she struggled with an auditory processing disorder and took to writing poetry. Now, she is the youngest inaugural poet in United States history, an award-winning writer who has written for the New York Times, has published two books, and has spoken at events and venues across the country, including the Library of Congress and the Lincoln Center.

For the majority of the American population and world at large, Amanda Gorman was an unknown entity until Joe Biden's inauguration in January of 2021. Using excerpts from her published book, *The Hill We Climb*, Amanda spoke about how far we've come as a country in striving to work together to reach a goal of ongoing improvement. Facing and working to solve our problems with society and injustices is often a long process, but it's not impossible.

Seeing what Amanda Gorman was able to accomplish as a young woman of color is a reminder that gender and age shouldn't hold me or anyone else back from chasing dreams or making change. Amanda is inspiring because she exemplifies the change, leadership, and global impact that can be made by someone who isn't in a position of power. As I am only 14, I still do not know what the future holds for me. I hope to expand my leadership horizons and become someone whose powerful voice is utilized to speak up for others who can't speak up for themselves. As Amanda Gorman stated in her poem, "There is always light. If only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it." Personally, this means that I have to become the change I hope to see in the world in order to become an inspiration for others, especially those who feel like they can't stand up or make a difference.

Amanda helps encourage young people to continue working to be leaders in whatever way they can. For me, this is an important lesson to remember that leadership can be behind the scenes and not everyone is going to become discovered by television or social media. Rather, any change we are able to make, no matter how small it may seem, has value. In the future, wherever I am and whatever I choose to do, I hope it allows me to be able to do my part in making a difference. Even if I don't make a large-scale global impact, I know that my leadership skill set, drive, and voice can help empower others. I want to show the coming generations that you don't need to be elected to high positions, but rather change can simply be made by everyone on a daily basis. Showing a generation of future leaders and changemakers that change is important and necessary, even if the path isn't always clear.



Middle School: 1st Place Essay -  
Carson Scheiban, Seton, Richmond, IN

“The truth hurts for a little while. A lie hurts forever” (Bigge). People lie for various reasons, but being honest is always the best path to take. God gave Moses ten written commandments to help strengthen our relationship with God and fellow humans. The one commandment that matters most today in America is the eighth commandment. “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.” If today’s Americans follow this commandment, it can truly change the actions and attitudes of its citizens. There are three major liars in America today: government, media, and individuals.

Today’s Americans should be able to depend on and trust their government leaders. As a result of political parties bearing false witness against each other, they have become more divided and untrusting of each other. This leads to protest and violence across the country. Government leaders set a poor example and create division among American citizens when they do not act like Christ directed in the eighth commandment. During election time, political leaders spend more time and resources slandering their opponents than they do speaking the truth about their goals. Those actions snowball after the election into more hatred and suspicion among politicians and citizens.

News coverage and media reports in modern America do not consistently share unbiased truths. Some report untrue information before verifying the accuracy of the story. Bearing false witness against neighbors does not have to be an outright lie. It also includes purposely leaving out the whole truth to hurt someone or someone’s reputation. Occasionally, catchy headlines do not tell the truth and lead readers to jump to conclusions without reading the full article. Media outlets that do not abide by the eighth commandment set a precedent that their viewers then expand upon.

Individual Americans lie every day, and it makes them dislike and distrust each other. The scorn felt may then escalate into violence. Social media has made it simpler for individuals to spread rumors and lies. Not only is it easier for someone to lie when it is not done in person, but lies that are posted on social media spread much farther and faster. In Catholic Catechism it states, “Society has a right to information based on truth, freedom, and justice” (Millikan). If people would follow the eighth commandment, their overall instincts and behaviors would become Christlike.

Americans have grown accustomed to being lied to and lying to other people. The American government, media, and individuals should start practicing honesty to eliminate the anger and violence that continue to grow. The eighth commandment is not being practiced in modern America as it should. As a country that embraces lies, Americans will continue to deteriorate until they stop bearing false witness against each other. “Hurt me with the truth, rather than comforting me with a lie, because when I got to know, it will kill me from the inside” (Sharma).



## The Red and White Mass – 2024

from Grand Second Vice President Bill Walls.

This month marks the Red and White Mass. It took place on March 16, 2024.

We had a bus from the San Francisco area. People from San Jose and Sebastopol and the Valley.

There were members from Councils #2, #8, #32, #54, #80, #99, and #613.

I would like to thank Gene Espinola from Espinola's Awesome Eats for the wonderful food and his wife Leslie.

We had four servers from the Spielman family and my wife Cora Walls and Melody for serving deserts.

The Pro Patria Raffle was also a success.

The Mass was held at Immaculate Conception on Buhach Road. A recording was made of the mass.

There were 65 members present with children, servers, the cooks, and the bus driver bringing the total to over 78 people.

**The March 2024 Red and White Mass was a success.**



# YMI GRAND COUNCIL

## BOWLING TOURNAMENT

WHEN: Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 1:00 pm  
Captains report at 12:30 pm

WHERE: Pacific Avenue Bowl  
5939 Pacific Ave.  
Stockton, CA (209) 477-0267

Estimated

COST: \$75.00 for five-man team. Shoes and ball are available at lanes. Family and friends are welcome to bowl.

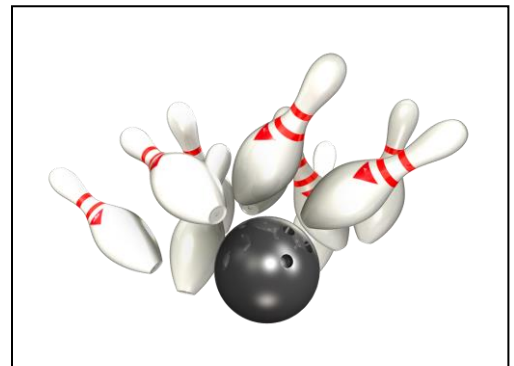
Players Roster

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Please indicate who is the captain with his phone number.

Contact: Mike Sanzeri for questions  
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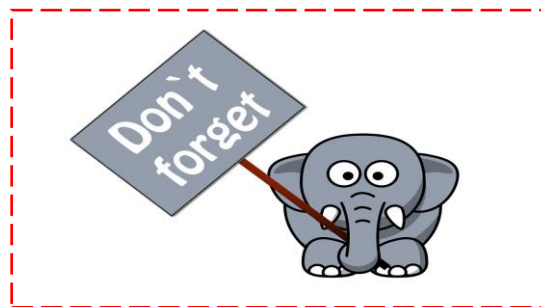
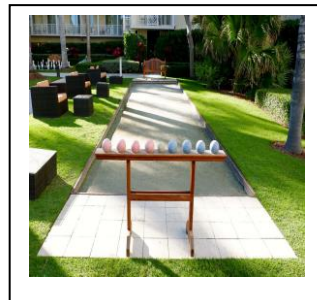
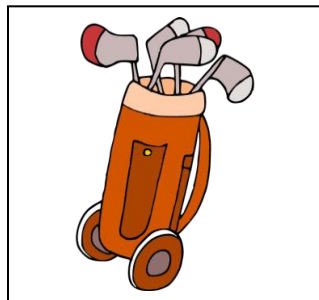
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and  
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