

# UNDER THE LAMP POST



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## Grand President's Message



**YOUNG MEN'S  
INSTITUTE**



### Travels of the Grand President

Brothers of the YMI, first let me thank all those who have worked with me on my visits to YMI Councils and welcomed me. As I travel to Councils and visit, I can see how much we are alike as brothers, and how we feel that we are different. It takes me back to when I grew up with my 3 brothers, and no sisters. I see how much we think that things must be different in other places based on concepts in our human way of thinking, when in reality, life is very similar in more ways than we think.

As part of the journey to becoming a long term YMI brother, I have learned much about the YMI and even more about myself. With the opportunity to visit councils large and small, I see that many brothers think that things must be different in other places, but the only real difference is location. I have found that each council has a few brothers who take on much of the responsibility of keeping the council up to date. At times a daunting task, but we won't quit because we believe in our motto Pro Deo, Pro Patria, for God and for Country. We do it for our Brothers.

My program is to promote the use of technology to keep the YMI connected with our brothers of the YMI. Not that anyone needs to take a computer class or completely change the way we live our lives, but maybe by taking a first step. It's hard today to not have a smart phone or a computer at home just to pay the utility bills. And statements and receipts are now also digital documents sent by email, and we have to print them ourselves if we want a paper copy. We don't learn what we need to know all at once, but with time we do find out what technology we really need to use and what is optional.

Following the Baseball event, I traveled with G1VP Br Walls to St Anthony Retreat Center in Three Rivers CA where the Seminarians a.k.a. the future Clergy were working on their studies. It was my second year having the privilege to meet the future priests and pass out the stipends that are part of the support from YMI Grand Council to let them know that there is support for the great work that they are doing. I'm standing next to Francisco who I also met recently at St Patrick's Parish in Merced where he spent some weeks as part of his path toward his ordination.

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## YMI AT THE ITALIAN HERITAGE PARADE

On October 13th the YMI participated again in the San Francisco Italian Heritage Parade (the oldest Columbus Day celebration parade in America). Led by the efforts of YMI Inside Sentinel Bob Fiorito (YMI #613 President) and Grand Director Mike Amato (YMI #613's Board Chairman & Past President), St. John Bosco Council #613 partnered with a local auto club to provide 7 beautiful American classic cars from the late 1950's/early 1960's. Each vehicle was adorned with large signs prominently bearing our YMI name and logo, as well as decorated with American/Italian flags. Each vehicle also had several bags of hard candy, which the YMI Brothers shared with the many children that viewed the parade.

YMI Grand President Billy Avery and his wife Melody led this year's parade delegation that included Br. Amato, Grand Secretary Mike Dimech, and Grand Director Mario Balistreri. In addition, the following YMI #613 Brothers either attended or rode in the parade: Brothers Cosmo & Chris Amato, John & Jack Kavanagh, Joe & Kevin Soracco, Dave Allan, Chris McGovern, and George Totah. All the YMI participants reported having a wonderful experience, while witnessing thousands of people cheering the YMI entry as they traveled along the parade route beginning in Fisherman Wharf and ending in North Beach at Saints Peter & Paul Church.

This year's Italian Heritage Parade was also noteworthy as Mia Soracco served prominently in parade festivities as the 2023 Queen. Mia is the daughter of Br. Joe Soracco (YMI #613 1st VP) and the granddaughter of our Br. Cosmo Amato (YMI Past Grand Officer). 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. Not surprisingly, Mia performed her role as outgoing Queen magnificently! YMI #613 is thrilled that she was named the 2023 Queen and is proud to be one of the Italian Heritage Parade Sponsors.



Then in July, I attended Holy Rosary #44 and was delighted to see the installing new brothers. I have visited Hilmar many times as a brother of YMI because they are in the Central Valley near my council, and many of my council brothers have been attending Hilmar meetings for more years than I have been a member of YMI. My Father used to love going the Hilmar picnic on the river, a tradition that has not been active for some time. I looked to PGP Manual Drummond as a legacy of the YMI and he is a brother you can count on for help with fundraising, family events, and just overall any type of help you need. When I visit with Hilmar, they always welcome me and treat me like a brother. I typically visit with other brothers from my home council #80, and G1VP Bill Walls is always ready to go with me, so I never have to travel alone. There's a lot of support in Holy Rosary #44 and if you come to one of their meeting, you will be as impressed as I am to see the work that they do for the community, the Parish, and the YMI.



In August, my council #80 hosted our annual YMI-YLI picnic at Veterans Park in Atwater. Our own Br Billy Pimentel has always brought melons for all since as long as I can remember. This year we were honored for PGP Mike Thissen from Chowchilla Council to attend our event again. He has a garden at home and always brings fresh fruits and vegetables to share.

Then a visit with San Jose Council #2. Br Alex Preciado invited all brothers and wives to attend Scholarship awards for local students. Thanks to Br Alex for a great meal and allowing me to pitch the YMI to your awardees. I also thank you for providing left-overs to take home, my wife and myself really appreciate having a great meal twice.



September was a family night event for Holy Rosary #44 and they invited me and my wife for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Holy Rosary Bowling night. I tried to tell as many brothers as I could, because they also invited any YMI brother who wished to attend. It is a great way to spend time with YMI brothers and family while enjoying Pizza, Beer, and Bowling at the 10 Pin Fun Center in Turlock



Next I traveled with the G1VP to Dos Palos #99 for a meeting, and of course another great meal. Things are busy in Dos Palos because the Sacred Heart church just turned 100 years old! PGP Br Darrell Fonseca and his council are very active in keeping up the parish and also arrangements for the great celebration.

"Bishop Myron Cotta, Bishop of the Diocese of Stockton, celebrated this special Mass! Bishop Cotta gave a heartfelt homily on his life growing up in Dos Palos, attending Sacred Heart Church and being ordained a priest in the Diocese of Fresno to now Bishop of the Diocese of Stockton!" As per their Instagram page-

[https://www.instagram.com/diocesoffresno/p/DChU68TSW6L/?img\\_index=2](https://www.instagram.com/diocesoffresno/p/DChU68TSW6L/?img_index=2), this link is available for the full story.





After that I attended the Italian-American Heritage Day Parade with brothers from San Francisco Councils. The event was in Downtown near Pier 39, and the streets of SF were closed to traffic for the event. Br Mike Amato made arrangements for Food and beverages for YMI brothers, as this is a tradition for Grand Council. It was a parade day with Great food, Great Company, and Classic Cars. My wife and I got to ride in a 55 Chevy Impala Convertible for the Parade and the car got more attention than us giving out candy.



Next I traveled with the G1VP to meet with the brothers for America Council #8 Oakland. Being a Bay Area City, it was fitting to meet with them at the Pier 22 restaurant where they periodically hold some of their meetings. We arranged our trip with Br Alex Schmitt and Br Christopher McCann, and President Stuart Macintyre, aka Stu. It was an honor to meet a 70 Year member of the YMI, Stuart joined the YMI when he was 30 and is now in his 100<sup>th</sup> year. It was truly amazing to listen to his stories of the YMI and how much he has done for his local parishes over the years.



Then it was back to the Central Valley to visit my brothers of St Columba #94 Chowchilla and attend the Christmas Party. PGP Mike Thissen and Former GD Gene Espinola are always working on events for many community organizations as well as the Chowchilla parish. Once again, another YMI meeting with Great food and Great Company. The Dinner also included the Ladies of the St Columba Alter Society and the support of Rev Fr John Fluetsch.



Most Recently was my visit to Tracy Council #92 with the G1VP. I met these guys before with PGP Darrell Fonseca when he was GP and he told me that this council has a lot of 'energy'. Well I really do agree with Br Darrell, these guys just don't stop. They have many groups that they support and are very successful at raising money for St Bernard's parish. Especially for the Parish school that many of the brothers can tell you stories from when they attended. Well, they say you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but I would have to say that this old dog has picked up plenty of new tricks. In an attempt to not waste my time as GP, I have used email, text messaging, and pots (plain old telephone system) to setup visits with my brothers of the YMI, and I still have six months to go before I become one of the Past (PGP's) but I will keep the friends and brothers I have met along the way, and continue to learn ways to use new technologies to communicate, meet and plan to attend events that I could not without the assistance of electronic technologies.

Pro Deo  
Pro Patria  
Br. Billy Avery  
Grand President 2024-2025



## THE YMI RED AND WHITE MASS



**CELEBRATING 142 YEARS OF BROTHERHOOD**  
**Saturday March 1, 2025**



315 Walnut Ave SSF, CA, 94080  
4:45 pm – YMI Banner Procession  
5:15 pm – Mass at All Souls Church  
6:15 pm – Dinner at All Souls Hall

Dinner Prices - \$25 | Adults \$15 | Children (17 & under)

Please make checks payable to: YMI #32

Deadline to purchase tickets: February 21, 2025

**Mail to:** YMI Council #32 c/o Richard Murphy  
PO Box 1161, SSF, CA, 94080

**To RSVP Contact Richard Murphy | (415) 602 – 0469 | [mur53phy@comcast.net](mailto:mur53phy@comcast.net)**

**YMI RED AND WHITE MASS | Saturday, March 1, 2025**

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Council or Parish** \_\_\_\_\_ **email address** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Adult Tix** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$25 | # of Child Tix** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$15 | TOTAL ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

## September Bocce

On Saturday, September 14, 2024 YMI Council # 613 hosted their 14th annual Bocce Ball Tournament at Orange Park in South San Francisco. Under sunny skies 14 teams including Brothers from Council # 32, #59 & 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, Norm Faria and Danny Marcucci faced off against the Ball Bearers a team of friends brought in by Council # 613. 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 Ball Bearers to win the 14th annual YMI Council #613 Bocce Ball Tournament. Both finalist received trophies.

Many YMI Grand Officers were in attendance this day including Past Grand Presidents, Steve Cresci, Phil Oberst, current Grand Director Chairman and former Grand President, Mike Amato, past Grand President, Joe Reza (who came with his wife from Bakersfield), current Grand Secretary and past Grand President, Mike Dimech and Brother Frank DiMaggio from Sadoc Council # 59.

I want to thank 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, Jeanne Dimech, Laura Thomas and Grant Thomas for organizing the tournament, running the raffle and providing a great lunch. I also want to thank the Brothers who donated prizes for our raffle.

Look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Br. Mike Dimech, GS, PGP,





# YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

## YMI GRAND COUNCIL PASTA BINGO DINNER TO BENEFIT THE YMI 51ST ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

**When:** Saturday, January 18, 2025  
Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner: 7:00 p.m. followed by  
Bingo and a Raffle

**Where:** St. Cecilia's Lower Church  
2555 17th Ave. San Francisco, CA 94116

**Cost:** \$40.00 per person  
**Includes:** Pasta dinner, salad, dessert  
2 Bingo cards



**Reservations by: Jan 11, 2025**  
Make your check payable to:  
**YMI Grand Council**

Mail your check and form to:  
**Young Men's Institute**  
**c/o Br. Mike Dimech**  
P.O. Box 281047  
San Francisco, CA 94128

### YMI Grand Council Past Bingo Dinner

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending dinner @ \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children (13 and under) attending dinner @ \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Questions: Br. Mike Dimech Tee. 650.922.2667 | Email: [mdimech7@gmail.com](mailto:mdimech7@gmail.com)

# Grand Director Board Meeting Recap

The YMI Board of Grand Directors met via Zoom on Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>. The meetings were led by the Board Chairman (Br. Mike Amato #613), and many YMI Grand Directors and Officers participated. The following list provides highlights of the meetings:

- Grand President (GP) Billy Avery shared travel plans for his official visits, including a trip to Indiana after Thanksgiving.
- Grand Second Vice-President Richard Murphy #32 announced that the Red & White Mass would be scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup> at All Souls Church in South San Francisco. GP Br. Avery #80 was going to investigate arranging a bus charter from the Central Valley for the event. More details to come.
- Br. Danny Avila #44 was named by GP Avery as a new Grand Director to replace Br. Steve May #40, who requested to resign from the Board for personal family reasons. The Board unanimously approved Br. Avila at the November Board Meeting.
- The Laws & Revisions (L&R) Committee chaired, by Br. Nick Franceschine #54, implemented appropriate language revisions to the YMI Grand Council By-Laws to reflect the four By-Law proposals that had been approved by YMI delegates in June 2024. The Board subsequently approved the revised By-Laws at the November Board Meeting. The revised By-Laws have been posted to the YMI Website.
- Technology Assessment Committee, chaired by Br. Gus Solidum #94, proposed recommendations to improve the stability and safety of YMI social media accounts, including setting up a new Gmail e-mail account and linking that new account to our Zoom, Facebook and YMI website accounts. The Board approved the recommendations at the November meeting.
- YMI finances look to be in good shape under Grand Treasurer Bob Bartoli's #32 oversight. The approved per capita increase has helped reduce the YMI budget shortfall, while YMI investments are doing well thanks largely to a robust stock market.
- The YMI Pasta Bingo fund-raising event has been scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Cecilia's Church in San Francisco. The event co-chairs are both past Grand Presidents: Br. Steve Cresci #32 and Br. Mike Dimech #613.
- YMI Golf Tourney was announced to be on April 27<sup>th</sup> in Castro Valley. The event co-chairs are YMI Sentinels: Br. Bob Fiorito #613 and Br. Paul Larson #32.

## GRAND COUNCIL YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE NEW MEMBERS 2024

NAME	SPONSOR	DATE	MEMBERSHIP
Mason Drumonde	Manuel Drumonde Jr. 44	07-25-2024	Benefit
Joseph Schoneman	Manuel Drumonde Sr.44	07-25-2024	Benefit
Derek Delgado	Michael Amato 613	10-8-2024	Honorary



## Grand Council – Young Men’s Institute Man of the Year 2025

The 2024-2025 Man of the Year Grand Council Committee has met and is now accepting nominations for the 2025 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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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, 2025** 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)**

## 2025 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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3. Did your council have an increase in membership for the period from 4/1/2024 through 3/31/2025? 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 2024 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, 2025**



## GRAND COUNCIL YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE MEMBERSHIP DEATHS



1.	Donald B. Nelson	08-08-2024	32	Benefit
2.	Anthony Costanza	12-14-2022	59	Benefit
3.	John P. Souza Jr.	07-18-2024	44	Benefit
4.	Seniado Lopez	07-08-2024	76	Benefit
5.	Salvatore C. Enea	05-20-2024	59	Benefit
6.	James O'Sullivan	08-24-2024	613	Benefit
7.	Ernest O. Braun	09-19-2024	32	Benefit
8.	Joseph Da San Martino	09-16-2024	32	Benefit
9.	Barney Gonzales	09-19-2024	94	Benefit
10.	Peter Massaro	12-13-2023	94	Benefit
11.	Cornelius P. Cronin	08-27-2024	900	Benefit
12.	Joseph A. Betz	09-18-2024	497	Benefit

## *Educational Foundation Memorials*

<b>Daniele Bartoli:</b>	Manuel and Celeste Drumonde, South San Francisco Council #32
<b>Annette Fagundes:</b>	Manuel and Celeste Drumonde
<b>Bridget Avery:</b>	Manuel and Celeste Drumonde
<b>Salvatore C. Enea:</b>	Sadoc Council #59, Marilyn Myers and Frank Dimaggio
<b>Albert A. Mattos:</b>	Francis Council #573
<b>John P. Souza:</b>	Holy Rosary Council #44
<b>Lloyd Fantazia:</b>	Holy Rosary Council #44
<b>Mark Edward Schwery:</b>	David and Mary Borg
<b>Donald Nelson:</b>	South San Francisco Council #32
<b>Edward Braun:</b>	South San Francisco Council #32
<b>Joseph Da San Martino:</b>	South San Francisco Council #32
<b>Margaret Archibald:</b>	Thomas Figueira
<b>Patrick Gomes Figueira:</b>	Thomas Figueira
<b>Michael Gomes Figueira:</b>	Thomas Figueira
<b>Get Well Thomas Figueira:</b>	Manuel and Celeste Drumonde
<b>Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cosmo Amato:</b>	Victoria and Randy Delucchi



**“Thank YOU” to all my YMI Brothers and Families for all your prayers towards my speedy recovery:**  
Thomas Figueira



**YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE  
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION  
BROTHER FRANK PIGNATI  
MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM 2025**

Once again, the YMI Educational Foundation is proud to announce our Matching Funds Program for 2025. 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 and is also available on the YMI Website.

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, 2025** Barring a special circumstance request, Matching Fund checks will all be issued and mailed on **April 30, 2025**. 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 2025**

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.**  
  
\_\_\_\_\_
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, 2025**

**ALL CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED ON APRIL 30, 2025**  
**Checks will be mailed directly to the participating council's official address.**

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

# State of the Institute Committee Report

The State of the Institute Committee 2024-2025 has begun their work with several Zoom meetings. For those who are not familiar with what the purpose of the committee is here are some bullet points:

- The committee considers all recommendations it receives for the improvement of the order.
- The committee may initiate recommendations of its own for submission to the Grand Council.
- It may also examine the reports and recommendations of the Grand Officers, the Grand Council committees and of the Board, which it may include in its recommendations.
- This may be changes and updates to the YMI By-Laws and Constitution.
- The proposals are then presented at the Grand Convention to be voted upon by the delegates in attendance

Some of the recent past proposals that were approved were:

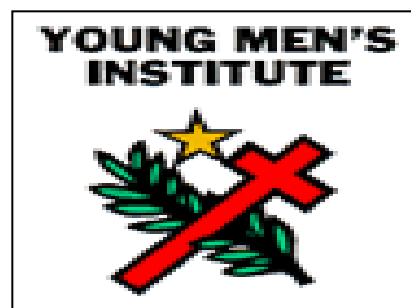
- An increase in the death benefit.
- Extend the death benefit to current Associate Members
- Eliminate the designation of "Associate Member"
- Eliminate the fixed amount attendees pay for the Grand Council allowing for adjustment whenever necessary in the future.

The committee has some proposals that have been discussed. We are seeking recommendations for proposals from the Councils, Committees, or even an individual. A recommendation could be a change to a By-Law or an amendment to the By-Laws that is for the good of the order. The importance being as things continuously change, we need to chart the course for the future. We do have a deadline in January. Therefore, I am asking that if you wish to make a suggestion to contact me or one of our committee members. If you can, just email your recommendation with the subject line State of the Institute.

The Brothers, who serve on this committee are Bill Avery, GP, Bill Walls, G1stVP, Richard Murphy G2ndVP, Mike Amato, Chairman of the Board, Luis Alvarenga G.D., and Eugene Espinola DD. Feel free to reach out to anyone who is on the committee.

For God and Country.

Br. Steve Cresci #32 PGP  
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**YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE  
2025 ANNUAL GRAND COUBNCIL  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2025**

**Where: Redwood Canyon Golf Course**

17007 Redwood Rd  
Castro Valley, CA 94546  
Shotgun starts at 1 pm

**Cost: \$125 Per Player or \$500 Foursome**

Includes Golf Cart, Prize Fund and  
(after golf) Banquet  
\$50 Non-playing guest for Banquet

**Banquet: Redwood Canyon Golf Course**

17007 Redwood Rd, Castro Valley, CA  
4:30 pm – 7 pm  
Meals Include: Assorted Salads, Carving Station,  
Rosemary Garlic Herb Chicken and Rice.  
~No host cocktails~



<b>Reservations by: April 20, 2025</b>	Mail your check and form to:
<b>Make your check payable to:</b>	<b>YMI Grand Council, c/o Bob Fiorito</b>
<b>YMI Grand Council</b>	1137 Hamilton Lane
	Burlingame, CA 94010

**Questions:** Br. Bob Fiorito Tel: [650.867.6702](tel:650.867.6702) | Email: [bmr850bob1@aol.com](mailto:bmr850bob1@aol.com)

**Br. Br. Paul Larson Tel: [415.215.2297](tel:415.215.2297)**

## PLAYERS:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

(Please indicate the Captain of the group.)

Non-playing Guest for the Banquet: \_\_\_\_\_

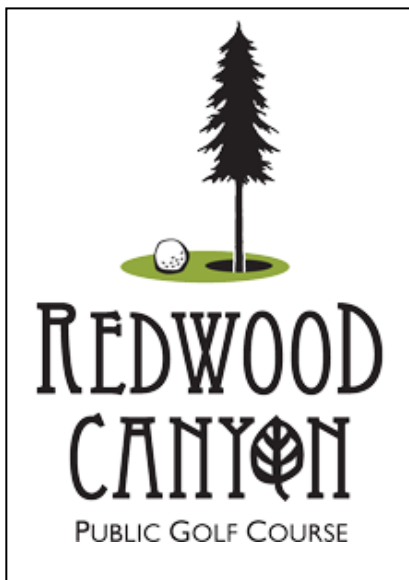
	<u># of Players/guests</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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<b>\$125 Per Player</b> -----	_____	_____
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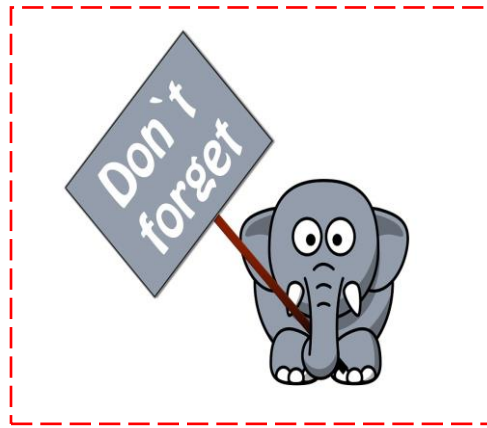
Includes Golf Cart, Prize Fund  
And after golf banquet

<b>\$50</b> Non-playing guest for Banquet	_____	_____
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<b>Total</b>	\$_____
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