



Grand President's Message

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE



A Welcome from the Grand President

Brothers of the YMI,

I want to thank all the members of the Young Men's Institute Brothers for electing me as Grand President for the 2025-2026 term and for all your support at the Grand Council Session held in South Lake Tahoe. I am humbled that you place your faith and trust in me. This is a responsibility that I do not take lightly, and I will endeavor to represent you with the utmost transparency. Thanking all the Past Grand Presidents for opening my eyes to so many new perspectives for this office. I would also like to thank all my Brothers at St. Christopher Council #80 whose wisdom and knowledge help me achieve this accomplishment. In addition, following the Past Grand President, Billy Avery, opened my eyes to the different councils and how they are doing business.

One fateful day when a young Catholic priest had taken on the responsibility of helping his parishioners in 1883, he called a meeting. One of the things that came of this was a way to communicate with a published paper called the Lamp Post. It was many years later that the Educational Foundation was implemented on March 18, 1958. This led to support the education of children of deceased members through continuing education. The other foundation was the YMI Seminarian Education Foundation. It allows the YMI to support seminarians. To promote camaraderie, the YMI has instituted sporting events. These include several sporting events, including baseball, bocce ball, golf, and bowling. My granddaughter was the first female to participate in golf last year.

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As a new Grand President, my first duty was to go to Three Rivers and pass out 23 scholarships to our current seminarians. We went to Mass with them, ate lunch and passed out the scholarships. We then took a group picture. My next event was a baseball game between the San Jose Churros and the Modesto Nuts. I had a good time with several YMI members. The next major event was the Young Ladies Grand Institute in Reno, Nevada. I spoke for 10 minutes in front of 110 ladies. I had about 20 minutes of questions. It went very well, the ladies enjoyed it and I will provide you with a copy of my speech.

We were talking about communication earlier. Zoom is the application that the YMI now uses for communication. This new technology allows members to communicate from anywhere to participate in meetings, for example committees or foundations. The YMI has purchased a commercial copy so there are no time limits. I look forward to more members communicating over the internet. I have assigned several committee chairmen to communicate and I am looking forward to committee chairs setting up meetings. If you need members please contact myself at wallsdude@yahoo.com or 209-604-6407. If I do not recognize a phone number, please leave me a message and I will get back with you.

Pro Deo
Pro Patria
Br. William Walls
Grand President 2025-2026

YMI Grand President's Speech

Young Ladies Grand Institute 2025-2026

Good afternoon, Grand Officers, Delegates and Visitors to the 121st Young Ladies Grand Institute. My name is William Walls and I am presently the Grand President for the Young Men's Institute. We just concluded our 140th Grand Session over in Lake Tahoe this June.

As many of the Brothers of the Young Men's Institute (YMI) are aware, our fraternal organization began in the early year of 1883 when a group of men in San Francisco had a discussion after a service had taken place at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Howard Street near Tenth. Not much is known of the discussion or the men who were in attendance, however, one detail that was born from this discussion was that an organization of Catholic Action should be formed.

I found myself reflecting on the enduring values that bound us together: our faith in God, our deep love for this great nation, and our commitment to one another as Catholic brothers. These principles have guided the Young Men's Institute since its founding, it is my goal to help renew and strengthen them for the future.

The first goal of my term is to use technology to help grow our membership and better connect with both new and current brothers. When we think about what membership means, it often begins with the tangible benefits, like the \$2,500 death benefit offered after five years of

membership. This is not only a financial help, but a respectful remembrance of the contributions each brother has made to our Institute and our shared mission.

Another powerful benefit is the educational support we provide for the minor children of deceased brothers. Though these cases are rare, YMI stands ready to help support a child's Catholic education, in elementary school, high school, and college. This is a testament to our enduring values of charity and support for family.

Membership, however, is more than just the benefits, it's about meaningful involvement. Camaraderie, a mutual trust and friendship among people who spend time together, is one of the most important values we have as parishioners. Our councils thrive when brothers come together to participate in local events. One example I'd like to share comes from my home council in Atwater, where I've proudly been a member for the past 15 years. Each year, we host a community picnic that brings brothers and their families together in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Planning involves reserving a local park, organizing a food committee typically serving burgers, hot dogs, and fresh homegrown fruits and vegetables from our members' local farms. Also coordinating with the Young Ladies Institute, our sister organization, graciously providing desserts and side dishes. It's a wonderful event that not only strengthens bonds among current members but also offers an inviting opportunity to introduce prospective members to the spirit and

fellowship of the YMI and YLI. In addition, various councils organize sporting events throughout the year. A bocce ball tournament in South San Francisco, a bowling event in Stockton, and even a golf tournament in Castro Valley open to brothers, wives, and community members this past year. In fact, my granddaughter became the first sister to play in a YMI tournament. These are opportunities not just for fun, but for outreach and growing our brotherhood.

More importantly we have an exciting opportunity to provide the Junior YMI, open to young men ages 13 to 23. There are no dues or fees for Junior YMI members, and when they turn 24, they can easily transition into full membership. This is one of the most promising ways to cultivate future leaders within our organization.

As we embrace the tools of modern communication, platforms like Zoom have become essential for holding monthly and committee meetings. This allows more brothers to stay involved, even from a distance. It's also a key tool as we explore the possibility of forming new councils – a task that takes at least six committed members, requiring careful planning and teamwork.

Organizing all these events and programs takes dedication. But more than anything, it takes people. Brothers connecting with one another, sharing ideas, offering support, that's what keeps YMI strong.

Membership is probably the most important part of any organization.

The past two years, our council has had a Christmas party at Miggliazos Barn in conjunction with the YLI. This was the highlight of our year. We also have a YMI/YLI Picnic during the year to promote camaraderie.

When I was the First Grand Vice President last year, I had the pleasure of visiting the councils of YMI and I met Jim Mullen from Council #13 in Vallejo. Jim had these old panoramic pictures from the 1920's of YMI Councils and also YLI Institutes. These pictures were from an era where all the councils wore suits and the YLI had a white uniform. These are a reminder of the days when councils were an integral part of the community. There was even a picture of the YMI/YLI Band. Now, today we are down to approximately 1400 members.

We are using Zoom as a way to communicate with our fellow members for monthly meetings and we now have a technology committee. We have purchased a copy of Zoom to allow any committee to communicate with each other for meetings. It is very new to the YMI and we are teaching the members to use this program.

As you can see, we are trying to make the YMI learn to enter the 21st century.

Do you have any questions?

Thank you very much for this opportunity today.

From the Podium

YMI Brothers, I would like to share my experience at the 140th Grand Council Sessions held in beautiful South Lake Tahoe in June 2025. However, first I would like to thank all my brothers who have long done the work of the YMI, to keep the organization active and performing work for all the things that make the YMI the Organization that it continues to be, In keeping with our Motto; Pro Deo, Pro Patia. Serving Our God, and Serving our Country, especially our fellow brothers and families we love.

From 1884 when the YMI was created, into the future, whatever that future may bring.

This Year our sessions were held from **Monday June 16, 2025** through Wednesday June 18th. We start by checking in with Sessions registration and picking up a delegate packet from the credentials committee (Brother Mike Dimech) at a table near the hotel registration desk.



From there we all meet at St Theresa's for Mass with Fr Agnel De Heredia, Celebrant. This offers the brothers a chance to attend mass together and wind down after the trip up the mountain to get to South Lake Tahoe. Getting to the Hotel and checking in for Sessions sounds fairly simple, but some brother's travel for days to attend from places like Indiana and Hawaii and all parts of California, so it actually can be a rather long day.

On Tuesday June 17, 2025, our second day of sessions, we began with the Grand breakfast at the hotel in one of the Hotel's downstairs Meeting Rooms, next to the room where we hold sessions. The meal was prepared and served by hotel staff and was served fresh and hot, and hosted by Grand Second Vice President Brother Richard Murphy. After breakfast and a short break, Delegates, Grand Officers, and Guest Brothers were instructed to return to the Evergreen 'B' room to start sessions.

It was my privilege to call the Meeting to order as the Grand President and preside over the 2025 Grand sessions. Grand Sessions are conducted according to the meeting manual of the YMI, in the same way our local councils conduct business. The chamber was prepared with banners, credo, and the American Flag.

Father Agnel started us with an inspirational prayer and Grand Marshall John Cleary lead the pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

The Grand Secretary then called the roll for all registered attendees, and after roll call was performed by the Grand Secretary, first time delegates were asked to introduce themselves and provide some of their expectations while attending sessions. They would be given more time later to update their thoughts near the end of our meetings.

Special appointments were made to:

- ❖ Br Tom Fourie #32, PGP as assistant to the Grand Secretary
- ❖ Br Mike Nelson #80, PGP as Parliamentarian
- ❖ Br Tom Fourie #32, PGP for the Remembrance Ceremony
- ❖ Rev. Agnel De Heredia #32, GC for Installation of Officers

The 'Rules of the Session' were included on page 17 of the Advance proceedings and read aloud by the Grand Secretary, a motion was made to accept as read and approved by majority vote.

It was noted that Grand Council has had no communications to report and there was not unfinished business from the 139th Grand Council Session.

Next Our Grand Chaplain gave a welcome to all in attendance and spoke about the recent event of the election of our new Pope Leo the 14th, the first American to ever become Pope and Father Agnel spoke about the election process and followed with talk of how important fathers' are and finished by wishing all fathers present a Happy Father's Day.

The next order of business was to nominate brothers for the next year's Grand Council to continue the work of our order. All the brothers who were nominated accepted their nominations:

- Grand Outside Sentinel Br. Paul Larson #32
- Grand Inside Sentinel Br. Bob Fiorito #613
- Grand Marshal Br. Chris McCann #8
- Grand Director Br. Mike Amato #613
- Grand Director Br. Danny Avila #44
- Grand Director Br. Manuel Drumonde #44
- Grand Treasurer Br. Bob Bartoli #32
- Grand Secretary Br. Michael Dimech #613
- Grand 2nd Vice President Mario Balistreri #613
- Grand 1st Vice President Br. Richard Murphy #32
- Grand President Br. Bill Walls #80

A motion to accept all nominations by acclamation was made and passed unanimously

After a short break the Grand Treasurer Br Bob Bartoli presented the Grand Budget and noted that expenses for the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, and telecommunications had all been reduced. Br Bob also noted that insurance costs have risen for upcoming year and that monies taken in from Per Capita taxes is not enough to cover the costs. Br Bob Bartoli further noted that we lose about 40 older members annually and recently he worked with the YMI financial advisers to keep some monies available to pay death benefits if needed.

A motion was made to accept the report of the Budget Committee and was approved by majority vote.

Next there were a couple of special announcements, Br Joe Reza thanked Br Bob Fiorito for putting on this year's golf tournament. Then the meeting was adjourned for the delegate's lunch, a box lunch prepared by the hotel and served in the sessions meeting room, to assist the delegates with more time to continue the work of the YMI by not having to leave the meeting in progress.

After a lunch, the meeting was called to order and once again adjourned to start the Seminarian Education Foundation meeting, one of the two foundations meeting held during sessions, with the session's delegates present. Br Mike Amato stepped up and conducted the Education Foundation meeting. No new issues were reported and the list of Seminarian applicants and awardee's were listed in the Advanced Proceedings. Special Thanks to Br Mike Amato for stepping up as chair while also performing other duties.

Following the Seminarian Education Foundation meeting, the YMI Education Foundation Meeting was then held. Big Thanks to Br Duarte Monteiro for being the chair for the foundation and performing an outstanding job. The next Educational Board Meeting is July 22 at 7:30pm via ZOOM meeting.

Both Foundation meetings are held bi-monthly via Zoom and all brothers are encouraged to attend and participate.

The State of the Institute Report was giving by IPGP Br Steve Cresci. The six proposals were generally items to update Grand Council By-Laws and Language to remove ambiguity and clarify essential points. Proposals require approval to be considered for vote since changes to the by-laws require approval by the members a Grand Sessions, each item was clearly written out in the advanced proceeding's and read to members present for consideration, discussion, and vote. A motion to accept all proposals was made and passed unanimously.

Br Ed Silva then accepted a nomination to fill the vacant seat of the Grand Directors, and the motion was approved by the delegates.

Then the meeting moved on to Committee Reports. With the report of the Grand treasurer it was noted that the monies to cover insurance for the YMI were facing critical shortfalls.

Motion was made by the Grand Treasurer to increase insurance cost to members by \$4.00

The motion was seconded and the **Motion was approved by the delegates**

The First 50/50 Raffle drawing was held with the Red tickets sold at registration and during today's sessions and Br. Bob Bartoli won the raffle.

Ballots were then distributed to all delegates for a secret ballot vote to determine the fate of the State of the institute proposals. With that Grand President Billy Avery call for Recess until the Wednesday morning session.

That evening, brothers and guests attended an Italian banquet that was prepared and hosted by the hotel. As always, when it involves the YMI, we always eat very well.

On Wednesday June 18, 2025, our final day of sessions, opening ceremonies began at 9:30 when the meeting was called to order. The Grand Marshal reported the council chambers were again in order and led the pledge of Allegiance. Father Agnel led the opening prayer. The Grand Secretary then called the roll for all registered attendees, and after roll call was performed by the Grand Secretary, all the registered delegates and grand officers were back except for one Brother who was excused. The Grand Secretary reported no new communications since last meeting.

- The report of election results found that all six proposals passed with very few votes against. A Motion was made by the Grand 1st Vice President to accept the results of the secret ballot vote and the motion passed.
- Br Thomas Fourie #32, PGP, reviewed the appointment of the special committee for the Installation of Grand Officers.
- Installing Officer for the Installation Ceremony – Rev. Agnel De Heredia #32, GC
- Installing Marshal for the Installation Ceremony – John Cleary #32 GM
- Guardian of the Flag – Phil Oberst #32, PGP

This year's Grand Council Workshop

The workshop was conducted by members of the Grand Council Office under the direction of Grand Secretary, Michael Dimech and Grand Director, Gus Solidum.

Br. Gus discussed YMI's new G-Mail account and that the YMI AOL account will still be active however will eventually be deactivated in 6 months. YMI Councils will be notified when the AOL account is deactivated. Br. Gus also spoke about YMI's new Zoom account and the benefits it will provide the YMI. Each Grand Director meeting can be on a virtual and can be scheduled without a time limit. Each meeting can also be recorded.

The Grand Council had been using Br, Steve Cresci's zoom account in the past and thank him for usage of his account.

Sports Reports

Michael Dimech #613, GP, spoke about the 2024 Bocce Ball Tournament when 14 teams participated. Council # 32 won the tournament. He also announced that this year's Bocce Ball Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 2025 at Orange Avenue Park in South San Francisco, CA. A flyer has been sent and is also available on the YMI Web page. Everyone, please try to make an effort to attend this year's tournament.

The Bowling Chairman, Brother Michael Sanzeri #59 thanked Billy Avery, Bob Bartoli, Frank DiMaggio, Manuel Drummond, and John West for their assistance and support with this year's tournament. The tournament took place on May 18th with six team participating accompanied by many friends and family members. St. Christopher Council # 80 won the tournament and Individual Awards going to Billy Avery for High Handicap Game with a score of 262 and High Scratch Game to Michel Sanzeri who had a score of 230.

Brother Bob Fiorito #613, GOS reported that this year's tournament took place on April 27th in Castro Valley at Redwood Canyon Golf Club with a banquet following. Nine foursomes, participated in the tournament with Dos Palos Council #99 winning this year's tournament. Two teams representing Council # 613 came in 2nd and 3rd place respectfully. Individual awards for closest to the pin and strategist drive was also mentioned at the Grand Session. The YMI Golf Trophy was presented to PGP Darrell Fonseca #99. Also wanted to mention that the first female golfer (Grand President Bill Walls) granddaughter participated in this year's tournament. Bob mentioned that he would like to see more Councils

participate in future tournament and that next year's tournament may be held at Crystal Springs Golf Club in Burlingame next year.



As Grand President I announced that proceeds for the conventions Charity box will be divided up between the Seminarian Foundation and St. Theresa's Catholic Church in South Lake Tahoe.

The next order of business was to make special presentations:

IPGP Br Steve Cresci presented Br Billy Avery with his YMI Official pocket insignia, the Official indication of a Grand President of the Young Men's Institute.

Br. Billy Avery proudly presented the Grand President Elect, Br. Bill Walls.

Br. Bill Walls, Grand President Elect, read aloud the names and the duties of the District Deputy Grand Presidents covering the YMI territories this year.

First time delegates were requested to come forward and share their impressions of the work performed during the last two days.

Several of the comments were:

The session was well organized and took a lot of hard work.

It was great meeting new people, well run event

Food was great.

It was nice to meet many of the different committee members

Enjoyed the experience, it was good to be in attendance

Next was **Good of the Order** where several brothers shared stories of why the YMI was important to them and why we need to continue our work of supporting our country and fellow members. Br Bob Bartoli Shared that the council of the year award goes to Holy Rosary Council #44 Hilmar, and the man of the year award would be announced at the banquet. GP Billy Avery then recognized all brothers who have served our country. Followed by the Closing Prayer and Adjournment ceremonies.

With the meeting adjourned, the brothers were briefed for the installation ceremony that would be at the CELEBRATION MASS/ INSTALLATION CEREMONY FOR THE 140TH Grand Council Session
REV. AGNEL DE HEREDIA, CELEBRANT, St Theresa's church

The session picked up again at St Theresa's where the YMI remembrance mass for brothers who have passed away, and installation of the 2026 Grand Council officers. Once Father Agnel declared the new officers dually installed, the last stop would be back at the hotel for the Grand Banquet. The Banquet was emceed by brothers Bob Bartoli and Mike Amato. The Mike and Bob show has been a crowd favorite for several years at Grand Banquet. This year, like several in the past was the scene of the final raffle prize followed by a large table full of prizes. So many prizes, so many winners.



And the big announcement of the night was the man of the year award going to Br Darrell Fonseca from Council #99 Dos Palos. Very Well Deserved

Yours for God and Country
Billy Avery, #80, IPGP



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

141ST GRAND COUNCIL SESSION

JUNE 15 – 17, 2026

RETURNING TO

BALLY'S HOTEL AND CASINO

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Entry Form

(Please type or print clearly)

Name: _____

Last, First

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____

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Young Men's Institute

Fifty-Second Annual

Essay Contest

Cash Prizes to be Awarded:

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

Contest Rules:

1. Topics

7th & 8th Grades

When have you gone out of your way to help a stranger in need?

9th – 12th Grades

When have you felt that possessions were becoming too important in your life?

2. Contest is open to any Catholic Student (Private or Public School)

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

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

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

6. The essay must be accompanied by the information requested by the Entry Form

7. All entries must be received by January 16, 2026

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

The decision of the judges is final. All entries become the property of Young Men's Institute.

BR. DARRELL FONSECA NAMED YMI MAN OF THE YEAR

The YMI "Man of the Year" Award is the YMI's most prestigious individual award. It is based on the YMI's three-fold purpose: Faith, Patriotism and Fraternalism. The award is bestowed annually during the Grand Council Session to a worthy YMI brother in consideration of the following criteria.

- Faith as defined by one's service to the parish;
- Patriotism as shown by one's service to the community;
- Fraternalism as demonstrated by one's efforts supporting YMI Council & Grand Council Activities.

At the 140th Grand Council Session held in Lake Tahoe, Nevada, the YMI recognized Br. Darrell Fonseca of Dos Palos Council #99 as the YMI Man of the Year for 2025.

Brother Darrell has been a member of the YMI Dos Palos Council #99 for thirty-four years. He is a second-generation member of YMI. Brother Darrell turned his small local council into an active growing council that won the Council of the Year in 2024. He served as Council President for 10 years and established an annual scholarship program. At his parish, Brother Darrell has served as a lector at mass for fifty-two years and helps with the Catholic Charities food distribution.

Brother Darrell is very involved in his community, forming a widowers group and founding the local youth soccer program. He worked in the U.S. Congress and for the City of Dos Palos.

In 2022 Brother Darrell served as YMI Grand President. As Grand President, he visited every single council with his message of "Did you make a difference?" With his encouragement, his council has had 100% participation in the Pro Patria raffle for six consecutive years. Brother Darrell has been a member of the YMI Educational Foundation and YMI Seminarian Educational Foundation in addition to serving on the Grand Board of Directors.

Congratulations Br. Darrell on a well-deserved award!

HOLY ROSARY #44 NAMED YMI COUNCIL OF THE YEAR!

The YMI “Council of the Year” Award was presented at the 140th Grand Council Sessions in Lake Tahoe, Nevada in June 2025. This award, which was initiated by the Board of Grand Directors in 2015, recognizes a YMI Council using the following criteria:

- participation in YMI Grand Council events/activities, including the Pro Patria raffle
- demonstration of being an active YMI Council with various events/activities and fundraising activities
- **successful achievement** with membership recruitment
- a record of notable charitable efforts or community service.

The **2025 “Council of the Year”** winner is **Holy Rosary YMI Council #44!** In being recognized for this award, YMI #44 excelled in each criteria area.

With respect to participation in the Grand Council, YMI #44 actively supports the YMI Pro Patria Raffle, sponsors students participating in the Pro Patria Essay Contest, participates in YMI sporting events during the year, attends the Red & White Mass, and attends and participates in the Grand Council Sessions.

Brothers from YMI Council #44 have served as Grand President and Council #44 currently has Brothers on the Board of Grand Directors, YMI Educational Foundation and the YMI Seminarian Educational Foundation.

With respect to being an active YMI council, YMI #44 is the second largest council within the YMI. Council #44 organizes several YMI Council events each year-their annual corned beef and cabbage along with a BBQ chicken fundraiser to assist their local parish are a couple of examples. Council #44 provides local students with scholarships from their council scholarship program.

The YMI congratulates the **YMI #44 Brothers**
and their families on this achievement.

Congratulations

Grand Director Board Meeting Recap

The YMI Board of Grand Directors opened the 2025-26 fiscal year by meeting via Zoom on Saturday, August 16th. The Meeting was led by the Board Chairman (Br. Mike Amato #613), and there was a very high participation level from many of the YMI Grand Directors/Officers attending. The following list highlights the more significant meeting matters discussed:

- Grand Director Board Assignments for 2025-26 were formally announced by Br. Mike Amato #613 to work with those Committee Chairmen appointed by Grand President Bill Walls #80. Additional appointment to committees will be made by Br. Bill Walls in consultation with the Committee Chairmen
- Grand President Bill Walls #80 discussed his official visits to date, including attending the YLI Convention. He also covered his plans for the coming months.
- Grand First Vice President Richard Murphy #32 summarized his plan to send a mailing to YMI Brothers about the upcoming Pro Patria Essay Contest 7 Raffle. He will be urging YMI Brothers to support the essay contest by buying raffle tickets.
- Grand Second Vice President Mario Balistreri #613 shared his work efforts to date for the next Red & White Mass being planned for Saturday, March 14, 2026 at St. Cecilia's Church in San Francisco.
- Early planning efforts for the 2026 Grand Council Session Planning Committee were discussed. They will be held again at Bally's Hotel in South Lake Tahoe next June.
- The Laws & Revisions Committee (led by Chair Br. Nick Franceschine #54, PGP) accepted all passed State of the Institute motions approved at the June 2025 Grand Council Sessions and prepared an updated version of the YMI By-Laws to reflect those motions. These updated By-Laws will be distributed to the YMI Councils via e-mail and placed on the YMI website.
- The YMI Bocce Ball Tournament has been moved to Saturday, November 8 as the event venue was under repair and unavailable. All YMI Councils are encouraged to send teams.
- YMI Council #900 dues were raised from \$55 to \$5 annually to pass on the recent cost increases from the insurance assessment approved at the 140th Grand Council Session and from higher operating costs to administer the Grand Council office. Billing notice of dues for Council #900 Brothers are distributed in October.

Our next Board of Grand Directors Meeting is Saturday, September 20.

Brother Michael Amato #613, PGP, Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors

Rest in Peace Brothers

Joe Kramer	05-28-2025	Council #497
Louis Pignati	06-10-2025	Council #32
Bonifacio Balingit	06-06-2025	Council #573
Monte Pistoresi	04-23-2025	Council #94
Albert DeBrunn	04-14-2025	Council #32
John A. Souza	04-02-2025	Council #573
Edward Medeiros	02-20-2025	Council #573
Aldo Didero	04-11-2025	Council #613
Walter Corvello	06-22-2025	Council #8
Raymond Ferreira Sr.	05-29-2025	Council #54
Joe Bertsch	12-8-2024	Council #44



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

NAME	SPONSOR	DATE
Jeffrey Schwind #613	John Kavanagh	04-09-2025
Aaron Dilleshaw #613	Jimmy Daly	04-08-2025
Scott Hernandez #613	Michael Amato	07-01-2025
Jeffrey Wu #613	Bob Fiorito	07-08-2025
Antonio Melo Jr. #44	Manuel Drumonde Sr.	04-10-2025
Jorge Vasquez #94	Gus Solidum	02-05-2025
Mark Cintora #99	Ron Snyder	06-11-2024
Mitchell Comer #99	Douglas Goodman	02-13-2024
Douglas Goodman #99	Darrell Fonseca	12-22-2022
Mark Pritsch #99	Ron Snyder	08-13-2024
Sergio Padilla #99	John Trujillo	11-14-2023
John Pacini #99	Darrell Fonseca	01-01-2021

Educational Foundation Memorials

Name	Donor(s)
Bonifacio Balingit	Francis Council #573, Clement Gusman
John A. Souza	Francis Council #53, Clement Gusman, Thomas and Rosanna Figueira
Louis Pignati	Jack Albrecht, South San Francisco Council #32
Raymond Ferreira	Holy Rosary Council #44
Edward Medeiros	Francis Council #573
Celeste Drumonde	Michael and Mara Amato, John West, Clement Gusman, Manuel Drumonde, Bob and Nancy Bartoli
Les Baptista Jr.	Holy Rosary Council #44
Get Well Soon – Duarte Monteiro	Manuel Drumonde Sr.

Greetings from the Hawai'i District!!!!

The Hawai'i District, which consists of one council, Francis Council No. 573, continues to work to reflect the values of the Young Men's Institute in the State of Hawai'i. I was privileged to attend the Grand Sessions in June and represent Francis Council. It was good to be with the brothers and friends throughout the Order and the Hawai'i District congratulates our new Grand President Brother Bill Walls on his election and we look forward to working with him to further the YMI.

Upon my return from the sessions, Francis Council, for the first time in several years, was able to install a new slate of officers and is looking forward to continued growth and the infusion of new ideas in the operations of the Council.

I look forward to having more to report in our next Lamp Post issue and, as always, the Hawai'i District and Francis Council No. 573 extends our Aloha to all in the YMI.

*Clement A. Gusman
Hawai'i District Deputy*

YMI Night at the Ballpark

Summer, Baseball, and Barbeque – that is what brought 25 Brothers, family, and friends to Excite Ball Park in San Jose for YMI Night at the Ballpark 2.0. On Saturday, July 19th, attendees mostly from San Francisco but as far away as Merced and Atwater enjoyed a wonderful evening of minor league baseball as the San Jose Giants played the Modesto Nuts.

This year we had seats on the first base side, which meant we were in the shade, making it much more comfortable, this year. The food was great and a few lucky raffle winners were able to take a meal home, possibly for a late-night snack.

Speaking of the raffle, with each game ticket that we purchased, a portion went to the Pro Patria Essay Contest – raising \$185.00.

The San Jose Giants (aka Churros, for that day) were victorious – clobbering the Nuts 8-4.

This is just one event throughout the year that supports the YMI and brings us together. Looking ahead there are upcoming picnics and Barbeques, Bocce Ball, Past Bingo, Bowling & Golf Tournament and of course next year YMI at the Ballpark.

Come join us for a good time with the YMI!

Br. Steve Cresci #32, PGP



When: **Saturday, November 8, 2025**

Where: Orange Memorial Park Bocce Ball Courts
1 West Orange Ave. South San Francisco

Registration from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Games start promptly thereafter.

4 players per team (If you have less than 4 players,
we will fill your team).

Limited to the first 16 paid teams.

Deadline: November 1, 2025 or until filled

Cost: \$35.00 per participant or \$140.00 per team

Includes: Breakfast: Coffee & Donuts/ Lunch & Raffle

If you are interested in having a team participate, please fill out the bottom portion of this flyer and send it back with a check payable to: **YMI Council # 613**

Mail to Mike Dimech at: 205 Hazelwood Dr. South San Francisco, CA 94080.

For additional information contact Mike Dimech at (650) 922-2667 /

mdimech7@gmail.com or Mike Amato at (650) 296-6297.



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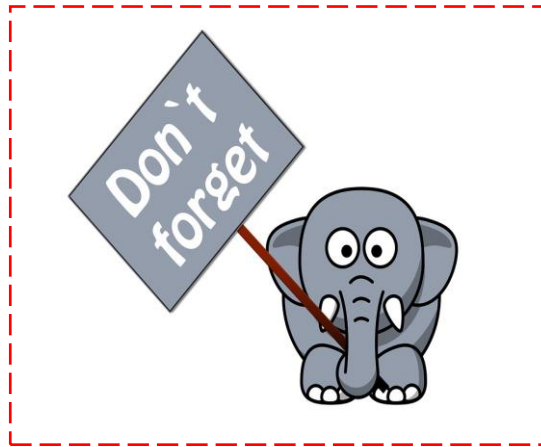
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The next issue of the Institute Journal will be the Fall Issue.
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Send to YMIUS@aol.com

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