



## Grand President's Message



### A Welcome from the Grand President

Brothers of the YMI,

As my term comes to a close as your Grand President, I want to thank all my YMI Brothers for the honor and privilege of serving you this past year. It has truly been a blessing to travel, visit with so many councils, and experience firsthand the faith, friendship, patriotism, and renewal that continue to guide the Young Men's Institute. Throughout this year, I was blessed to visit many councils, including Council #2 San Jose, Council #5 Stockton, Council #8 American, Council #13 Vallejo, Council #32 South San Francisco, Council #40 Santa Rosa, Council #44 Holy Rosary in Hilmar, Council #54 Sebastopol, Council #59 Sadoc in Pittsburg, Council #80 St. Christopher in Atwater, Council #92 Tracy, Council #94 St. Columba in Chowchilla, Council #99 Dos Palos, Council #497 St. Augustine in Huntingburg, Council #573 in Hilo, Hawaii, Council #612 Gonzaga in Richmond, Indiana, and Council #613 John Bosco in San Francisco. One meeting that stood out was visiting both American Council from Oakland and Sadoc Council from Pittsburg when they met together in Fremont. My last council meeting of the term will be in Vallejo, and I look forward to being with those YMI Brothers as well. At each council meeting, I had the opportunity to share the theme of my term, **Faith, Patriotism and Renewal**. Emphasis was also placed on strengthening our future through the Junior YMI program. Encouraging younger members to become involved is essential for continued growth. Council #32 has already seen success with this program, and it serves as a great example for other councils. With Junior YMI open to young men ages 13 to 23 and no dues required, it provides an excellent opportunity to introduce younger members to the YMI and prepare the next generation of Brothers. Many fond memories were made during this past year. One of the most memorable experiences was being hosted in Hawaii by Tommy Figueira and his wife Rosana. My wife Cora and I enjoyed sightseeing together, visiting beautiful churches, and most of all sharing meals and fellowship around the table. We were able to visit all three churches Father Peter Macedo cares for and also traveled to Kona where Father Leo is located. Father Macedo joined us for breakfast many times at the Figueira home, which gave us additional time to visit with him. Cora and I were also honored to take up the gifts during the Mass we attended at Sacred Heart Church in Pahoehoe. The hospitality shown to us made this visit especially meaningful. Another visit that stood out was the trip to St. Meinrad in Indiana. The visit began with Mass at the Archabbey, established in 1854. It is a beautiful and ornate Church, and the Mass itself was unique. The service began seated in one area of the abbey, and after the homily everyone moved to the other end of the church where the altar was

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for the rest of the mass, making it a memorable experience. Following that we had a historic tour of the church, which added even more to the visit. Travel plans then took us to Richmond, where we had hoped to visit students at Catholic schools. However, the largest snowstorm since 1968 came through and the schools were closed for two days. With this unexpected change, we took the opportunity to visit the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. While there, we received a bonus tour of the restoration museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which was not part of the main Air Force Museum. This entire trip was shared with Tom Fourie and Bob Bartoli. Tom Fourie drove the entire trip, including through the snowstorm, which we truly appreciated. After returning home, we encountered a few unexpected difficulties, and Bob Bartoli reached out to check on us and offer his help. That kindness was a great example of the camaraderie and brotherhood that make the YMI so special. Several Grand Council events were attended throughout the year, including the golf tournament in Castro Valley, where my granddaughter Lily Walls became the first female player to participate, the bowling tournament in Stockton, the San Jose baseball game, the pasta bingo in South San Francisco, and the Red and White Mass at St. Cecilia's Church. Each of these gatherings provided opportunities for fellowship and strengthened the bonds among our YMI Brothers. Support from many individuals helped make this year successful. I would like to thank Billy Avery, Mike Amato, Tom Fourie and Richard Murphy for their encouragement and assistance throughout my term. Their friendship and guidance were greatly appreciated. An important proposed bylaw change will be presented in June. This proposal would increase the death benefit from \$2,500 to \$3,000. Considerable effort has gone into bringing this forward, but it still requires approval by the delegates at the upcoming convention. Please read the proposed bylaw change in this issued and feel free to contact me or any Grand Council officer if you have questions. This message is being written in April, and by the time you read it, the holy season of Lent will be over. A happy and blessed Easter to all my YMI brothers and your families. Visiting Councils across so many areas, meeting wonderful people, and forming lasting friendships made this year truly special for both my wife and me. The experience of serving as your Grand President is one I will always cherish. Thank you again for the honor of serving as your Grand President. It is an honor I do not deserve and will never forget.

**Brother Bill Walls**  
**Grand President, YMI**

**NEW MEMBERS OF THE YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE**

**WELCOME!!!**

**Blake Ornellas #92 sponsored by Brother Mark Arnellas  
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**MARK YOUR CALENDERS**

**141<sup>ST</sup> GRAND COUNCIL SESSION**

**JUNE 15 – 17, 2026**

**RETURNING TO**

**BALLY'S HOTEL AND CASINO**

**SOUTH LAKE TAHOE**

## Rest in Peace Brothers.....

*Patrick J. Hernandez #94*  
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## ***Educational Foundation Memorials***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Donor(s)</b>
<b>Celeste Drumonde</b>	<b>Jack Albrecht</b>
<b>Richard Silva</b>	<b>Holy Rosary Council #44</b>

### ***Greetings and Happy New Year From the Hawaii District!***

*The Hawaii District and its one Council, Francis Council #573, continues to be an active YMI Council. In February, the council hosted our Worthy Grand President Brother Bill Walls for his official visit. In the course of his visit, Brother Walls visited St. Joseph's High School, the only Catholic school on the Big Island, attended Francis Council's YMI Day/Chaplain's Night Dinner, where the council honored its worthy Chaplain Brother Deacon Leroy Andrews, attended several masses, and got in some touring of the Big Island. As always, Francis Council was honored to host the Grand President and to be beneficiaries of his wise counsel.*

*While Francis Council continues to be active in pursuing the ideals of the YMI, the council has faced challenges in the month of March from several members dealing with health and/or personal challenges and from two severe storms that forced the cancellation of the council's March meeting.*

*As always, the Hawaii District and Francis Council No. 573 extends Aloha to all in the YMI.*

*Clement A. Gusman, Hawaii District Deputy*

# *High School Winning Essay*

**Annelise Hall**  
**Archbishop Riordan High School**  
**San Francisco, California**

## **“Beneath the Mask”**

When the world around me felt overwhelming, and responsibilities started to pile up, I hid my struggles beneath a veil of makeup and a carefully chosen outfit. At my worst, I looked my “best,” even as I felt like a fading shadow of myself, focused on maintaining a polished illusion while quietly breaking inside. My worth became tied to what I owned, how I dressed, and anything that made me appear put-together. Over time, vanity seeped into my heart and took root in places I didn’t expect. My identity rested in my makeup bag, hair products, jewelry, perfume, and whatever the next “life-changing” product claimed to be.

Then came camp, a place that challenged everything I thought I needed to feel whole. I confronted what lay beneath the surface and focused on what truly matters: community, empathy, faith, authenticity, and adventure. I overpacked my bag with everything I believed made me “me”, desperate not to lose the version of myself I’d created. At camp, my mornings were filled with fresh air, birds, sunrise walks, and friends instead of constant thoughts about my hair, makeup, or outfit. Eventually, I swapped concealer for sunscreen and styled hair for messy braids dripping with lake water. These experiences pushed me to embrace my real self and shed the urge to maintain my fake “image”.

What surprised me most was how confident I felt without what I’d relied on so heavily. I realized how much time I’d wasted caring about my appearance instead of living in the moment and noticing the beauty around me. At camp, I was valued for my kindness, creativity, courage, and other qualities no amount of makeup could enhance. I found joy in the leafy world around me, letting go of the illusion of control and the false comfort vanity once gave me. My identity began shifting away from the worldly items and toward my faith and my heart.

Vanity and possessions are still part of my life, but they’re no longer the whole picture. My worth is found in God, and my inward beauty now reflects how I view my outward appearance. By letting go of the chains these items wrapped around me, I’ve made room for a version of myself defined by substance rather than appearance. I now welcome the parts of myself I once kept hidden, taking back control over my lifestyle and identity.

Showing others I’m human, instead of pretending I have everything figured out, has allowed me to form deeper connections and enjoy life in the present. I’m focused on self-improvement and answered prayers that fill my life. Camp reminded me that possessions and appearances are fleeting, but the values I carry shape who I am. I’ve learned to release what weighs me down and anchor myself in something deeper, like my faith, purpose, and people I love. I’m no longer chasing the next “best: version of myself. I’m building a truer one. For the first time, the reflection I see isn’t a mask, it’s me.

## Essay Contest Winners

### High School Winners

First Place	Annelise Hall	Archbishop Riordan SF-\$2000
Second Place	Katelyn Dunbar	Notre Dame SJ - \$800
Third Place	Lorelei Stuhlmuller	Cardinal Newman - \$800
Fourth Place	William Murray	Serra - \$600
Fifth Place	Samuel Himes	Seton - \$500
Sixth Place	Aoibhinn Reidy	Convent of Sacred Heart - \$500
Seventh Place	Treysyn Carvalho	St. Josph (Hilo) - \$200
Eighth Place	Alexa Cisneros	Atwater - #200
Ninth Place	Abigail Bagby	Seton - \$200
Tenth Place	Soleil Contreras	St. Patrick/St. Vincent - \$200
Eleventh Place	Morgan Cameron	Cardinal Newman - \$200
Twelfth Place	Karen Ngan	Archbishop Riordan SF - \$200
Thirteenth Place	Lelani Badillo	Chowchilla Union - \$200
Fourteenth Place	Colin Murray	Seton - \$200
Fifteenth Place	Ethan Fisher	St. Joseph (Hilo) - \$200

### Middle School Winners

First Place	Jazlene Hanks	Sacred Heart Turlock -\$1000
Second Place	Ibaini Song	Seton - \$500
Third Place	Joseph Pabros	St. Robert - \$500
Fourth Place	Russel Nguyen	St. Thomas More - \$400
Fifth Place	Althea Nicolas	All Souls - \$200
Sixth Place	Naima LaTorrare	Good Shepherd - \$200
Seventh Place	Santiago Aldana	Our Lady of Mercy - #100
Eighth Place	Avery Kim	St. John Evangelist - \$100
Ninth Place	Araceli Tirado	St. Robert - \$100
Tenth Place	Alli Rodriguez	St. Anthony - \$100
Eleventh Place	Jaxson Webster	Seton - \$100
Twelfth Place	Gemma Nevarez	St. John Evangelist - \$100
Thirteenth Place	Grace Madruga	Sacred Heart - \$100
Fourteenth Place	Elena Kibblewhite	Good Shepherd - \$100
Fifteenth Place	Arianna Oropeza	All Souls - \$100

# *Middle School Winning Essay*

**Jazlene Hanks**  
**Sacred Heart Catholic School**  
**Turlock, CA**

## **Helping A Stranger**

There are many people in the world that need help in different ways, and as Catholics, we are called to help. The saints are great examples of that. Some saints did big things, while others did small things, but they all did it with love. Sometimes the small things we do have a big impact in helping others. Let's review a few examples.

Once, at the airport, I helped a stranger, I was with my family heading to Hawaii. We took a bus from the parking lot which filled up quickly. At one of the stops, an elderly lady got on and there were no seats open for her, so I got up and gave her my seat. Saint Ignatius of Loyola said this in his prayer for generosity, "To give and not to count the cost." I think this is a good quote to represent giving up your seat for a stranger.

Another time, I helped a stranger at the store. I was shopping with my mom, and there was an elderly man that was trying to get a shopping cart. I went and got a cart for him. After we finished shopping and were putting our things in the car, I saw the same man. I decided to ask if he wanted me to put the cart back, to which he replied yes. Saint Jeanne Jugan said, "with the eye of faith, we must see Jesus in our old people – for they are God's mouthpiece." This relates to what I did because it shows that I see them this way, especially in this scenario.

Another time that I went out of my way to help a stranger was at the homeless shelter. My parents were taking food and clothing to the homeless shelter. I asked to come with them and donate some of my clothes that don't fit me anymore. I started to clear out my closet, and once I finished, I loaded it up into a bag. The next day, my parents took me to the homeless shelter and we unloaded all the food and clothes and gave it to the workers. Saint Mother Teresa said, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." I think that this is great advice and that it applies here.

There are so many people in this world, and if you just help a few, the world would be a better place. You don't have to do big things, but you can do small things that can change a person's life forever. For example, helping the elderly, the homeless, giving food to the hungry, or even smiling at someone. Saint Therese of Lisieux once said, "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love." Those were just a few ways that I've gone out of my way to help a stranger.

# Grand Director Board Meeting Recap

The YMI Board of Grand Directors (YMI Board) met via Zoom on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting was led by the Board Chairman (**Br. Mike Amato #613**), with many YMI Grand Directors/Officers/District Deputies participating. The following recap highlights the more significant matters discussed during the YMI Board meeting:

- A. **Grand 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Richard Murphy #32** provided an update of the status of both the YMI Pro Patria Raffle & Essay Contest.

**Raffle:** the YMI successfully collected about \$15,500 through our fundraising efforts to support the Essay Contest. While most funds were collected from the Raffle, we earned additional funds via the Pasta Bingo Dinner and the Super Bowl Pool. On a negative note, the YMI participation level in the Raffle was rather low. to get more **We need to work membership participation!**

**Essay Contest:** 412 students submitted essay contest applications this year. Students were generally from YMI Councils in California, Indiana and Hawaii. A list of contest winners was determined and will be distributed. Many thank to all the judges for handling the judging quickly and for Br. Fourie in keeping track of all the essay submissions.

- B. **Grand 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Mario Balistreri #613** reported on a successful Red & White Mass event. 85 people from about 6 YMI Councils attended Mass and dinner went very smoothly, as did the bus ride organized by **Past Grand President Br. Bill Avery #80**. Many thanks to those that helped!
- C. **Business Manager Tom Fourie #32** updated the Board on the various ongoing tasks performed at Grand Council headquarters, including paying death benefits, filing tax forms, handling mailings, and collecting assessment/semi-annual reports.

D. **Under Unfinished Business:**

1. Grand Secretary Mike Dimech #613 & Past Grand President Steve Cresci #32 reported on the successful Pasta Bingo fundraiser held on February 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Cecilia's Church in San Francisco. Approximately \$2600 in proceeds were raised to support the Pro Patria Essay Contest.
2. Grand Treasurer Bob Bartoli #32 reported on raising \$300 in funds from the Super Bowl pool to support the Pro Patria Essay Contest.
3. The Board discussed Convention planning efforts and Advance Proceeding Report Assignments. YMI Council should be determining their elected delegates!
4. Several YMI Brothers have volunteered to serve as candidates for the various Grand Council Offices in the 02627 year. Several openings remain for those YMI Brothers interested in serving as a Grand Council Officer.

#### E. Under New Business:

1. The YMI Board approved a one-year contract extension with **Br. Tom Fourie** to serve again as the YMI Business Manager.
2. In recognition of Br. Tom Fourie's long-standing and significant efforts to ensure the Pro Patria Essay Contest has functioned effectively each year, the YMI Board unanimously approved a motion to rename the YMI Pro Patria Essay Contest to the **YMI "Thomas A. Fourie" Essay Contest** starting in the 2026- year.

#### F. Sports:

1. **Golf: YMI Sentinel & Golf Co-Chair, br. Bob Fiorito #613** discussed plans for the YMI Golf Tourney set for **April 19<sup>th</sup> at Crystal Springs Golf Club**. Participation is up this year, as 12 teams have signed up to play so far. The YMI Board approved a motion to contribute \$250 to the Golf Prize Fund.
2. **Bowling: The YMI Bowling Tourney** is scheduled for **May 17<sup>th</sup> at Pacific Lanes in Stockton**. Entry forms are on the YMI Website.
3. **Bocce Ball: Grand Secretary Mike Dimech** announced this year's tourney is on **October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Orange Park in South San Francisco**.
4. **Ball Game: Past Grand President Steve Cresci** announced organizing a YMI event on **July 25<sup>th</sup>** to watch the San Jose Giants play a minor league baseball game.

#### G. Committees: Several of the YMI's various committees are actively at work. Some highlights

1. **The Budget and Reserve Fund Committees** continue to monitor the healthy status of its investment portfolio supporting the Death Benefit and Reserve Funds and to set a proposed Budget for the 2026-2 year.
2. **The State of the Institute Committee** is reviewing a proposal from the **Finance Committee** concerning the Death Benefit Program.
3. The **Audit Committee** announced plans to review Grand Council books.
4. The **Membership Committee** plans to issue a letter to YMI Councils to promote ways to build YMI membership.

The Board of Grand Directors meets via Zoom every two months. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**.

## YMI ANNOUNCES ESSAY CONTEST NAME CHANGE!!!!

For 52 years, the YMI has sponsored its YMI Pro Patria Essay Contest. While the contest preceded the tenure of our Business Manager Tom Fourie, Br. Tom has been instrumental in developing the contest into the YMI's most significant tool for name awareness and membership recruitment! Each year, Br. Tom spends many hours:

- coordinates with the Grand 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President on preparing essay contest application forms to ensure appropriate and relevant topics and contest rules,
- distributes essay contest forms to YMI Councils as well as to the YLI,
- receives about 500 essay applications in mid-January from students via the U.S. mail and the internet,
- sorts the essays into dozens of packets for the contest judges, after removing student and school names to maintain contest objectivity,
- records scores of all contestants and ensures contest fairness is applied by all judges by providing objective scoring criteria,
- prepares participation certificates for all contestants,
- works with the Grand Treasurer to ensure contest award checks are written to the winning students,
- distributes essay awards and participation certificates back to YMI Councils to return to participating students

In recognition of many years of excellent work running our YMI Pro Patria Essay Contest, the YMI Board of Grand Directors approved a motion to rename the contest. Starting next year, the essay contest will be referred to as the YMI "Thomas A. Fourie" Essay Contest.

For those not familiar with the YMI essay contest, each year for 52 years the YMI annually sponsors an essay contest challenging students to submit a 500-word essay on a given topic that is generally involving topics related to our Catholic faith and our American citizenship. In 2026, almost 500 students competed in the essay contest and 30 students received essay awards (15 from high school and 15 from Grades 7-8) totaling \$10,700.

Beginning next year, the YMI Board of Grand Directors has also approved an essay contest prize fund increase from \$10,00 to \$12,000. As a result, we look forward to our 53<sup>rd</sup> YMI "Thomas A. Fourie" Essay Contest to be released in the late summer.

# State of the Institute

The State of the Institute Committee is the group within the YMI that reviews our rules and By-Laws each year, trying to find ways to improve our organization, for the benefit of our Brothers and their families.

The following two proposals for changes to the Grand Council By-Laws will be presented on the floor of the 141<sup>st</sup> Grand Council Session this June in South Lake Tahoe. All Brothers, and in particular, all voting delegates, should review these proposals prior to the secret ballot vote.

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

## BY-LAW PROPOSAL #1

(Committee Members: Br. Tom Fourie #32, Br. Mike Amato #613, br. Mario Balistreri #613, Br. John Dleary #613, Br. Mike Dimech #613 and Br. Jeff Morrow #613)

### ARTICLE VI GRAND COUNCIL BENEFITS

#### Current Language:

Section 1: DEATH BENEFIT: Effective July 1, 2022, upon the death of a Benefit Member, who is in good standing in his Council as defined in this Article, and who has been a member of the Young Men's Institute for at least five (5) years at the time of his death, his beneficiary shall receive the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) from Grand Council within thirty (30) days after notice and proof of his death has been submitted to the Grand Secretary by the Council, and upon the approval of the Board of Grand Directors. This sum shall be the exclusive and total Death Benefit to be paid to the beneficiary of a Benefit Member of the Young Men's Institute. The five year membership requirement in this paragraph shall not apply to anyone who was a Benefit Member prior to July 1, 2022.

Proposed Language:

Section 1: DEATH BENEFIT: Effective July 1, **2026**, upon the death of a Benefit Member, who is in good standing in his Council as defined in this Article, and who has been a member of the Young Men’s Institute for at least five (5) years at the time of his death, his beneficiary shall receive the sum of **three thousand dollars (\$3000)** from Grand Council Within thirty (30) days after notice and proof of his death has been submitted to the Grand Secretary by the Council, and upon the approval of the Board of Grand Directors. This sum shall be the exclusive and total Death Benefit to be paid to the beneficiary of a Benefit Member of the Young Men’s Institute. The five year membership requirement in this paragraph shall not apply to anyone who was a Benefit Member prior to July 1, 2022.

*Revised language in bold print*

Rationale:

The YMI Death Benefit Investment Accounts have increased significantly in recent years, while membership has steadily decreased. Specifically, over a 4-year period (2021-25), YMI Death Benefit assets have grown 3%, while membership numbers have decreased by 29%.

Based on a recent actuarial analysis, the Finance Committee has determined that there are sufficient funds in our Death Benefit Accounts to allow an increase of the YMI Death Benefits from its current level of \$2500 to \$3000. We therefore suggest this State of the Institute Proposal in increase the YMI Death Benefits to \$3000.

The YMI had previously approved a Death Benefit increase in 2021 from \$1500 to \$2500.

## **BY-LAW PROPOSAL #2**

(Committee Members: Br. Bill Walls #80, GP, Br. Billy Avery #80, IPGP, Br. Clement Gusman #573, Br. Michael Dimech #613, GS, Br. Danny Avila #44, GD, Br. Bob Bartoli #32, PGP, GT)

### **ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES, POWERS, AND DUTIES**

Current Language:

SECTION 19: Advanced Technology Committee: This Committee shall consist of five (5) members, one (1) who shall be a Grand Director appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors and four (4) appointed by the Brand President. One (1) member shall

be a Grand Officer and shall designate the Committee's chairman. The Committee is to look at ways the YMI can use modern technologies to improve its operations and how it communicates information.

Proposed Language:

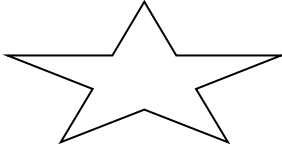
**Section 19: Technology Advancement Committee (TAC):** This Committee shall consist of five (5) members, **one (1) shall be the Chairman appointed by the Grand President. The Chairman of the Board will appoint one (1) Grand Director to the Committee. The Committee Chairman will appoint the remaining three (3) members.** The Committee is to look at ways the YMI can use modern technologies to improve its operations and how it communicates information.

*Revised language in bold print*

Rationale:

Members of the Technology Committee know that it is common practice in the Technology Sector to utilize a Three Letter Acronym (TLA) and initialisms for the Naming of Groups, Committees, job positions, etc. They are widely used for efficiency in business, technology and daily communication, ranging from corporate titles like CEO and CFO to internet slang like LOL and TLA itself; as TLA is a Three Letter Acronym that stands for Three Letter Acronym. Several TLA's are considered as Standardized and universally known, and they typically do not require defining when used. TLA's are important to Technology Professionals and Several Large Technology Companies use TAC as the Acronym for Technical Assistance Center, which typically is the first place to look with technology questions. The Committee feels that Technology Advancement Committee (TAC) better represents the duties and goals of the Committee as it is closer to a widely recognized and commonly used Acronym.

**Candidates running for YMI Grand Council  
Office 2026-2027**



**\*\*\*\*Brother Richard Murphy for Grand President  
Sponsored by the Brothers of South San  
Francisco Council #32\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*Brother Mario Balistreri for Grand First Vice  
President...Sponsored by the Brothers of St.  
John Bosco Council #613\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*Brother Michael Dimech for Grand Secretary  
Sponsored by the Brothers of St. John Bosco  
Council #613\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*Brother Bob Bartoli for Grand Treasurer  
Sponsored by the Brothers of South San  
Francisco Council #32\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*Brother Chris McCann for Grand Marshal  
Sponsored by the Brothers of American  
Council #8\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*Brother Bob Fiorito for Grand Inside Sentinel**  
*Sponsored by the Brothers of St. John Bosco*  
*Council #613\*\*\*\**

**\*\*\*\*Brother Paul Larson for Grand Outside Sentinel**  
*Sponsored by the Brothers of St. John Bosco*  
*Council #613\*\*\*\**

**\*\*\*\*Brother Steve Cresci for Grand Director**  
*Sponsored by the Brothers of South San*  
*Francisco Council #32\*\*\*\**

**\*\*\*\*Brother Gus Solidum for Grand Director**  
*Sponsored by the Brothers of St. Columba*  
*Council #94\*\*\*\**

The Grand Council is still looking for three additional YMI members to run for Grand Council Office for the 0226-2027 year. Those positions are Grand Second Vice President and two openings on the Board of Grand Directors (a two year commitment). If any Brother wishes to place his name in nomination please contact the Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors, Brother Michael Amato, by messaging him on his email at [mamato871@aol.com](mailto:mamato871@aol.com).

## Recent Donations to the YMI Seminarian Educational Foundation

*In memory of Frank Cisek by Michael and Mara Amato*

*In memory of Richard Silva by Manuel Drumonde*

*In memory of Charles Gullo Sr. by Charles Gullo #2*

*In general donation by John Smith #613*

*In general donation by Francis Council #573*

*In general donation by William Avery #80*

*In memory of Harvey Fonseca by Manuel Drumonde*



The next issue of the Institute Journal will be the Summer/Fall Issue. All articles, pictures, etc. to be submitted to the Business Manager by September 1, 2026. Don't Forget!!!