

LONG RANGE PLAN

Report of the Long Range Planning Committee
To be presented at the 133rd Grand Council Session, Reno, Nevada, June 2018

The committee recommends that this Long Range Plan be adopted for 2018-2019 YMI year.

The Long Range Plan consists of three kinds of objectives, which depend on the time frame contemplated for each.

- **Immediate Range Goals:** These are goals expected to be met during the coming year. Review progress at each Board Meeting. Refer to appropriate committee(s) for implementation.
- **Intermediate Range Goals:** This category is for ongoing projects with anticipated completion within two years.
- **Long Range Goals:** These are expected to be completed within 3-5 years.

Immediate Range Goal #1: Develop a relationship with local Catholic dioceses, parishes and ministries, for the purpose of increasing membership in the YMI.

Action Plan: Continue to have direct contact with Bishops and involvement with local Catholic Dioceses and parishes to promote the YMI and to assist the Church and ministry programs, including support of seminarians through our Foundation. Recommend that the Grand President send a personal letter to each Bishop in a Diocese we're active in, to raise awareness of our organization and offer the support of local Councils.

Progress during the 2017-2018 year:

- Letters were sent to each Bishop in Dioceses where YMI is active, as presented previously in the action plan.*
- YMI continues an active role with the SEEDS Program in the Stockton Diocese.*
- Council #612 (Indiana North District) provides financial support for the Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the Richmond Catholic community.*
- Council #80 (Atwater) supports their Catholic school by helping with their annual fundraiser.*
- Council #40 (Santa Rosa) provides scholarships for the local Catholic High School, Cardinal Newman High.*

- vi. *Active Councils continue to support local parish activities, including financial support for various ministry programs, and also support the Seminarian Foundation through voluntary donations.*
- vii. *We continue to support the academic program at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, California, which provides for the education of seminarians from the dioceses in the San Francisco Bay Area.*

Immediate Range Goal #2: YMI Membership and Fraternalism to be promoted by all Grand Officers, District Deputies and Council Presidents, (1) to increase membership, (2) to encourage District/Council activities, and (3) to promote Grand Council activities.

Progress during the 2017-2018 year:

- i. *Official visits by Grand Council officers focused on membership and the need for membership involvement and participation, including Grand Council activities.*
- ii. *During official visits, Grand Council officers continue to promote YMI educational benefits, scholarship programs, sporting tournaments/activities, the Seminarian Foundation, our annual essay contest, and the Red & White Mass.*
- iii. *YMI activities and educational programs are posted on our website, communicated via Facebook, and published in the YMI Journal, "Under the Lamp Post".*

Immediate Range Goal #3: Promote the YMI through various media communications.

Progress during the 2017-2018 year:

Office of the Grand Secretary budget supports and continues to promote the YMI through newsprints, radio, Facebook and the Order's website. These communications promote interaction between Councils, and provide information for possible new members and for the public.

Intermediate Range Goal #1: The Membership Committee shall develop a program for implementing membership drives in local Councils.

Action Plan: The membership committee will develop a framework for how a membership drive can be conducted. This will be a standard framework that can easily be implemented across all Councils. It shall include a basic template of the steps a Council should follow to organize and implement a membership drive, as well as a list of recommended materials to be used.

Progress during the 2016-2017 year: Ongoing. Several Councils have conducted or are in the process of conducting membership drives.

Long Range Goal #1: Appoint a YMI Historian

Action Plan: Chairman of the Board will appoint a “YMI Historian” to chair a committee to update the next edition of “Under the Lamp Post Booklet” and the historical page on the YMI website.

Progress during the 2017-2018 year: No progress has been accomplished this year.

Long Range Goal #2: Explore the feasibility of providing Death Benefits for beneficiaries of Associate Members.

Action Plan: The Board will investigate various approaches and scenarios, including coordination with the current Death Benefit program and possible establishment of a new stand-alone program for Associate Members. The costs of different scenarios will be evaluated and considered.

Progress during the 2017-2018 year: After much study and deliberation, including sending surveys for response to each Council, it was determined that this option is not desired by the general membership, nor is it feasible due to the costs that associate members would incur to receive a death benefit. It is the recommendation of the Long Range Planning Committee that this goal be eliminated based on responses from the Brothers of the various Councils.