

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE



“Pro Deo, Pro Patria”

Who are we and what is our purpose?

The YMI is a fraternal order of Catholic men that has been in existence since 1883. Today, we operate across 37 Councils in three states and our membership is over 2500.

Our purpose is three-fold: Faith, Patriotism and Fraternalism.

- *Faith – We pledge ourselves to be practicing Catholics and we are active participants supporting our parishes.*
- *Patriotism – We love our country, respect its laws and show our public support for America by voting, flying our flags and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at each meeting.*
- *Fraternalism – As members of the YMI, we extend our hand to each other in brotherly love and call each other “brother”. Family and family values are important to us, so our families are included in many of our functions*

Our motto is “Pro Deo, Pro Patria- For God, For Country Accordingly, we actively support programs and activities that benefit the Catholic faith (e.g., religious orders, seminarians, missions) as well as community/civic causes (e.g., youth recreation, education, and people in need).

The emblem of the YMI (on the cover) consists of a cross, star and a palm branch. The cross is a symbol of holy religion and is a reminder that Jesus Christ became man and died for us. The star represents the Star that the Wise Men followed to find our Lord. Finally, the palm branch reminds us that peace and goodwill should always prevail among us.

Why should I join the YMI?

There are many reasons to join the YMI. First, our members and their families enjoy participating in various club programs and social events such as:

- *Mass Celebrations – Each year we come together to celebrate an Annual Red & White Mass and renew our brotherhood.*
- *Dinners – Many councils host dinners for their members throughout the year, as well as parties and summer picnics.*
- *Tournaments – We sponsor golf, bowling, bocce ball tournament each year so our members can have fun and test their skills!*

Students of members, ranging from junior high to college age, are entitled to participate in lucrative scholarship contests offered by the YMI, the YMI Educational Foundation and many of its councils.

Our members also are entitled to receive death benefits and educational assistance through the YMI Educational Foundation for school-aged children in the event a member dies early in life.

Finally, our members can enjoy the fellowship of working together with their brothers on various YMI causes and the satisfaction realized from helping to make a difference through our work efforts and financial support. We contribute ten of thousands of dollars each year to worthwhile organizations in our parishes and communities. (e.g., the YMI's Seminarian Education Foundation contributes funds to seminarians each year)

When/Where Do We Meet?

Councils typically meet once or twice a month. Meeting times vary per council. Many of our councils are in the Bay Area and the Central Valley. We also have a council in Indiana and Hawaii too. Contact us for specific information of council locations and meeting times.

What Does Membership Cost?

Membership fees also vary by council, but each has dues that are very affordable. For many of our councils, the dues are less than \$50 per year!

Who Can Join & How?

If you are a Catholic male over 17 years of age, you are eligible to join. Simply complete a short YMI application form and submit a check payable to the YMI Council you seek to join. Then bring both to a meeting and we'll take it from there!

If Questions, Who May I Contact?

*You may contact any YMI member about questions concerning our organization. However, if you don't know anyone, you may call our Business Office at **1-800-964-9646** or you may contact the following:*

- *Tom Fourie, Business Manager (650-588-7762)*
- *Mike Amato, Grand Secretary (650-871-9164)*

You may also e-mail us at ymius@aol.com or go to our website at www.ymiusa.org to find additional information about the YMI.

