



# 32's NEWS



March 2024

## President's Message

Good Day Brothers !

Hope you are doing well as Spring is fast approaching...and YMI has several upcoming events coming this season.

Easter Sunday is at the end of the month, and since March 28th is Holy Thursday, we will NOT have a social meeting that night. In light of that fact, we are combining our Social with Business on March 14th. Corned beef to be served with dinner.

My relative, the Leprechaun, says Irish dancers may be in attendance that night. Combined with our bountiful raffle, it is sure to be a fun night ! Thursday, March 14th, wear some green if you have it !

The Bowling Tourney in Stockton on 4/28 at 1pm is at Pacific Avenue Bowl.

Council 32 is glad to say we'll be represented in Stockton, with a team of yours truly, **Ron Serchia, GP Steve Cresci, Paul Walsh and Phil Oberst.** Please join by forming another team. Flyer was included in newsletter last month. Let's show Stockton we mean business !

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We have a Grand Council Golf Tournament in Santa Rosa on 5/19 at the Valley of the Moon course. 18 holes + dinner is \$100. Please contact **Bob Fiorito #613** at 650-867-6702 for additional info !

Please see inserted flyer for Golf Tournament details. Bro. **Paul Larson #32** is our local contact for questions.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** at All Souls Cafeteria on Sunday, April 14th from 8am - 12 noon. \$10 per person, kids under 10 years old FREE.

**THE CONTEST IS ON** Between Council #32 and Council #613. Who can bring in the most new members between 3/1 & 5/31. Winners get dinner served from losers. Which means #613 will be serving #32, right?

Be safe out there on the road and health wise.

Pro Deo, Pro Patria

**Richard Murphy**  
President

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, Mar. 14 7 pm**  
Dinner, Social & Brief Business Meeting  
Corned Beef Dinner  
Wear green and bring your Irish Dancing feet!

**Thursday, Apr. 11 7 pm**  
Dinner & Business Meeting

**Sunday, Apr. 14 8 - Noon**  
Pancake Breakfast  
Bring the kids, grandkids, and your friends.

**Thursday, Apr. 25 7 pm**  
Dinner, Social & Brief Business Meeting

**Sunday, Apr. 28**  
Bowling Tournament in Stockton, CA

Cafeteria doors open at 6 pm for socializing before dinners.

*All diners must make meal reservations at least three days before the event date.*

*Call (650) 583-2510 to reserve your meal.*



Everyone's Irish  
On March 17th.

*Please keep in your prayers: Brothers, Sisters, and Friends of the YMI.*

## Council Chatter ....

A Note from our Grand President...

As Grand Council President I would like to have our Council come out on top of the Pro-Patria Raffle Ticket Sales. As of February 22, our Council had a 21.31% share of members purchasing tickets. We will not hit the 100% success rate of Dos Palos Council #99 where 18 out of 18 members bought tickets.

In terms of our Council #32 numbers – We have 183 members and only 39 members have purchased tickets. That means 144 members have not bought tickets or about 80% of our membership roster. We can do better. Even if you purchase one ticket you are helping support the YMI Pro-Patria Raffle enabling the YMI to award close to \$ 12,000 to students who have participated in the annual essay contest. You also have a chance to win the Grand Prize of \$ 1,000 or \$ 500, \$ 250, \$ 200, \$ 100.

A \$10.00 ticket purchase will get you an entry in the drawing to be held on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Red & White Anniversary Mass. Of course, the more tickets you buy the better your chances. Please support this worthy effort to award our youth.

*For God & Country,  
Br. Steve Cresci #32  
GP*

OK. Time once again for a “membership drive” as our Worthy President has suggested. To prepare, take a moment and ask your self, a few questions.

- Why did I join YMI Council 32?
- What do I like most about being a member of the YMI?
- What will I say to a potential member to encourage him to join?

Once you answer those questions.....ask yourself, will these reasons be of interest to a college student or a new school parent, or to a new parishioner? If so, you're ready to invite them to a dinner, otherwise consider improving your pitch.

Remember Business meetings are not much of a draw for guys under 30, just look who attends today. We do have Bocce, Golf, and a Bowling tournament. That might be of interest, but is it enough? Maybe we need to sponsor a softball team again? The Food Drive is our biggest community event, the Essay Contest also reaches out to the community. Ask yourself, as a younger man, why would I join? Let's face it brothers, we are getting older and our membership is shrinking. We need to get serious about recruiting new members to carry on our good work, (and beat #613 in the membership contest!) It might be a good discussion item. Talk about this among yourselves to find ideas for the best path to successful recruitment.

One idea might be to start with school dads...invite them to a free sausage and polenta dinner. Maybe the school would help send out an invite in their weekly packet. Dads RSVP and we take the first 40 signups for a free dinner..... Thoughts?

Thanks to **Rich Murphy** and **Paul Larson** and **Steve Cresci** for sharing YMI news or photos. Send a short note to [ciaosteve@comcast.net](mailto:ciaosteve@comcast.net) to share some brief news with 32 brothers & friends.



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YMI Brothers,

Have some news to share with your other brothers? A couple of sentences is all that we need. Sons or daughters getting married, kids winning a scholarship or a trophy in a Karate Tournament, maybe a child is on the way, or the high school kid got straight A's on the last report card! Whatever...as long as it is about *your* family or another brother, it's true and it is a positive message. Let other brothers know any positive news in your life. Your son / daughter got a new job, or the wife received her Masters degree. YMI Newsletter "Chatter" is about you, so send an email to the address below, in about 100 characters. Did you receive an award? Let us know. Maybe someone will buy you a beverage or at least it makes a good conversation starter. It also makes good reading hearing about YMI brothers, and their accomplishments. So, a congratulatory message is the key. C'mon, there's got to be someone in your life you want to congratulate. Let us know so we can share your joy!



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