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Official YMI Prayer

Oh God, who has created all men to know, love, and serve You, through the intercession of St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family and Patron of the Young Men's Institute, grant us the grace and strength by our prayers, works and example to draw ever closer to You. Guide and assist us to spread among your fellowmen the kingdom of Your truth and love and peace. Amen.



Santa Rosa, CA

December 2019

Join us for our upcoming Council Meeting! December 3, 2019 – Annual Family Christmas Dinner

The President's Report

Dear YMI brothers, I hope everyone finds themselves well and are starting to feel festive with the holidays Knocking on our door already. I hope all of you had a lot to be thankful for this year, especially those who lost their homes two years ago and rebuilt new ones. This year's fire spared all of us but I know that the trauma of going through that again was very scary. That in itself is one big reason to Give Thanks so I hope you have a great Thanksgiving day surrounded by love.

I want to congratulate the Polenta committee for putting on a great meal, which according to everyone that talked to me said it was the best tasting one ever. I don't know what you guys changed on the recipe but they all loved it. Congratulations to Gabriel Castillo, and the Desideri father and son duo who tirelessly worked from the beginning to the very end, and all the brothers who volunteered in the kitchen. I want to thank Rafael Rivero for bringing in the Cardinal Newman Baseball team for serving on that evening they did a great job. I heard the tips they collected were about \$1800 dollars that they will utilize for their new batting cages.

Ticket sales: I know Harry Licursi worked very hard behind the scenes like he always does, teamed up with John Kennedy to make this a success. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Brian Sullivan for taking care of all the outside ticket sales. This was only his second time doing that, and he is just like wine getting better every time. Mike Keefer, thank you for showing up and helping with all the preparations. I also want to thank the Salami donors Marian DeMatteo - always such a treat. Steve Azevedo, thank you for donating the plants for the raffle, and thank you Gayle, for getting him there even though he recently had knee surgery. This polenta event was a very vibrant one, people were very jubilant that the fire had spared us. I could hear it in the people's conversations and laughter. The YMI meeting on November 5th was as always delicious thanks to the Turkey Man George Breuer and his Magical Webbers and appetizers by the infamous Harry Licursi. We grew four new members strong that evening. The Grand Council came by and invited us to be part of the essay program; to which they have put up a tangible amount of money for each prize in each school grade level so I hope that you can get your students participating. We also had the resignation of our Financial Secretary Eric Dengler, a great loss to the YMI executive committee that will have to be filled. Please volunteer.

Ho-Ho-Ho! Christmas is finally here we have a great Christmas dinner planned for everyone. Looking forward to seeing all of you and your families there to enjoy All of the festivities of YMI and NOEL. God Bless You, I'll see you then. PS: Wear your festive Christmas apparel, let's make it special guys. "It's okay to be silly in good spirit".

--Sincerely: Angel E. Vera, President, YMI Council # 40

Upcoming YMI Council #40 Events

December 3, 2019 – Annual Family Christmas Dinner

January 7, 2020 – Business Meeting, Dinner. Theme: New Years

February 4, 2020 – Annual Sweethearts Valentines Dinner

March 3, 2020 – Business Meeting, Dinner. Theme: St Patrick and St. Joseph

March 7, 2020 – (TBD) Spring Polenta Fundraiser

April 7, 2020 – Business Meeting, Dinner. Theme: Easter

May 5, 2020 – (TBD) Annual Mother's Day/Fiesta meal. Officers Nominations

June 2, 2020 – Officer Elections. Business Meeting. Dinner Theme: Father's Day

Council News

Christmas Dinner: Dec. 3, 2019

Family Christmas Event will include a free meal for all children under 10. The meal will be a children's meal, Mac 'n Cheese and Chicken Drumsticks, Salad, and Dessert. If your child wants an adult meal, please RSVP as an adult with choice and pay \$10.00.

Adult dinners will be a choice of Christmas Ham, Chicken Masalas both with roasted veggies and potatoes or Vegetarian Pesto Tortellini, salad and dessert.

The evening will include a few Catholic Christmas Carols and hopefully a rendition of "Here comes Santa Clause". Please bring your strong happy voices.

RSVP at [YMI Christmas Family Dinner event RSVP](#)

Emergency Officers Meeting called 11/12

An officer's emergency meeting was held to address the logistics of completing and continuing both the Financial Secretary's ongoing duties and the current duties of Eric Dengler who resigned effective immediately on 11/5/2019.

The YMI thanks Eric for his many years of unselfish service. The officers have reorganized Eric's duties and the YMI members should not see any significant changes.

It was also agreed our Council will follow the example of the YMI Grand Council and begin to modernize our operations to utilize computer and technology for the benefit of our Council, in budget and marketing, to include electronic communications for newsletters RSVPs, Polenta ticket sales, and possible Dues.

Last Month Dinner Figures

RSVP: 50
Members in attendance: 70
Money collected: 0
Dinner Cost: Figures not available

**Please be responsible for
paying your \$10 for dinner.**
Drink Responsibly

Newsletter Update

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New RSVP/Pay-in-Advance Feature on EventBrite

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Meeting Minutes: November 5, 2019

6:00pm with 52 in attendance

- Pledge of Allegiance led by Bill McNeany. Opening prayer by Peter Magrini. Roll call, all present except for Jack Tolin & Gabe Castillo.
- Minutes read by John, motioned made and approved. Angel reported that dinner was free in Honor of all our Veterans.
- Guests: Grand Cancel First Vice President Mike Amato; Treasurer and District Deputy Cosmo Amato; Patrick Peerless, Ron Ferate, and Rick Bird.
- Treasurer report: Tim Stewart reported we have \$35,730 plus a few more money coming in from the Polenta dinner.
- Executive Committee did not have a report.
- Bills read were for Eric Dangler- \$105.65, George Breuer--\$112.62, John Kennedy--\$287.97, Harry Licursi \$99.29, Butch Bondi--\$33.00, Richard Pasquini--\$88.29. Motioned made to approve to pay the bills.
- Eric Dengler Financial Secretary reported we have the following members for initiation: John Drake, John Edgar, Roberto Luca, Vladimir Scripta, Gary Von Feely, Dino Boyto. Members who received final notices are Ernie Olivares, Edward Harrington, Brain Long, Luke Calik, Omar Esparza, Mark Azevedo, John Edgar, Mathew Martin. They each received mailings every month.
- Good of Order-Jack Tolin had gallbladder surgery and is recuperating.
- Bill McNeany did the initiation for Patrick Perlas, Ron Fertati, Vladimir Stripta & Dino Boyto.
- Unfinished Business: John, Bill & Angel spoke of the success of our Polenta Dinner with 460 attending, the largest ever. Report will follow in the near future. Eric mentioned that one guest was asked to remove the liquor they brought in. Also he was told by Rectory that there was a report about things that we had not cleaned or put away properly. Eric said that the Security shorted us one guard. They will refund us the amount they charged us for that person. John suggested that we need one Brother to stay till the end to see that all things are cleaned and put away properly.
- Communications: John read three Thank You's from the Seminarians who received our yearly donations. Info from the Essay Contest winners and the Grand Cancel raffle.
- New Business: Request was made for a donation of \$300 to the St. Rose Christmas Breakfast that has been organized by Harry Licursi. Motion made, all voted yes. Harry spoke of YMI Polo shirts are available to purchase see Steve May. Angel said hats are also available.
- Grand Council first Vice Mika Amato spoke of the 46th Essay info contest for Jan. 15 deadline. Needs to raise \$8,000 for the prizes to be awarded, asking us to please buy Raffle tickets. Also thanked us for participating with the Bocci Ball. Our council came in 4th. Golf Tournament in Santa Rosa is being planned again for May or June.
- Eric Dengler showed us the two boxes of files from the YMI History, also said that tonight's meeting is Eric's last meeting as Financial Secretary. Tim asked for Eric's help in transition to new F.S.
- Attendance drawing is for \$205. Angel Vera drew #314, winner Gene Vannetti was here. Starts back at \$25 for next month.
- Harry spoke about Eric Dengler's outstanding service to our council.
- Closing prayer by all. Meeting closed at 7:06pm.

Event Photos



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