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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

November 2019

Join us for our upcoming Council Meeting!
November 2, 2019 – Fall Polenta Fundraiser

The President’s Report

Hello Happy YMI brothers happy I say because everyone had great smiles in their faces during the meeting. Recruitment month was not very successful it seemed that I was the only one that was able to bring in a new guest Enrique Goldbaum a good friend of mine since the 90’s he is the one that taught me how to rock pick for Abalone, a Very devoted man of the Catholic faith he originates from Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico. He is a USA citizen for most of his life, so I hope he becomes a member and we can welcome him with open arms.

I’m not to upset at the lack of participation of bringing a new guest but what we really need to concentrate on is making sure that we can motivate all of the members that we already have to just show up that will be awesome. You all have sponsored enough members through out the year that all we need to do is motivate them to come to the meetings that will be grand.

I want to thank Harry Licursi for the fabulous meal he made for us it was a very flavorful meal everything was so tasty Down to the desert oh my wonderful, wonderful cooking that is Harry at his best, we are so lucky to have him as a YMI Brother. I like to thank the Grand Council president and former GC past president’s for making the trip from their distant councils To be with us on that very important night for us they talked about the importance of the death benefit insurances, and about how big we the YMI really is this really is good to know that we are not a stand alone Council we have brothers in almost every Connor of this great nation of ours other brothers that you can look up as you are traveling around the States. Hey it’s Polenta time every one the tickets are going fast so get yours as soon as possible so you can get your preferred seating Arrangements.

We need your prayers very important brothers are in need of our prayers Bill McNeany broken hip, Scott Volkner in the hospital And Mr. Frititas all great pillars of the YMI Big Time Assets to the YMI please pray for their speedy recovery.

Hats, Hats, Hats at the September Bocce BBQ every one that order a hat needs to bring their money and get their hat we got them made based up on your order the YMI hat with the council #40 are very special hats so we have a list of the people whom ordered them and we need to recuperate those funds so please step up and claim your ordered hat thank you call Carter Brown at 707 890-2955 pay and receive your YMI baseball hat.

A reminder we are still in need of volunteers for the council to fill in some of the positions that are available get involved make a difference and have an impact on the direction of the council step up and be more than just a member it’s very exiting.

Upcoming YMI Council #40 Events

November 2, 2019 – Fall Polenta Fundraiser

November 5, 2019 – Business Meeting, Dinner. Theme: Thanksgiving.

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

Polenta Fundraiser: Nov. 2, 2019

All brothers are needed to help with the Polenta Fundraiser so please volunteer whether you intend to eat or not. Your help is desperately needed, and only for an hour or two. Please contact:

- Set-up and Bar: John Kennedy (707) 545-7000
- Kitchen and apps: Gabe Castillo (707) 239-2170
Kyle Desideri (707) 526-3195
- Logistics: Rafael Rivero (707) 889-9134
- Raffle/Drink Ticket sales:
Eric Dengler at event (707) 539-9646

Funds from this event are needed to meet operating expenses for the room we use once a month as well as the dishwasher and the room sweeper, as well as any funds collected in your \$10 dinner fee but not sufficient to balance monthly meal costs.

It is critical that you support this event, either by attendance, invite friends and neighbors who will buy tickets and/ or you Brother please volunteer.

Thanksgiving Theme Dinner: Nov. 5, 2019

George Bruer will Webber his famous smoked turkeys, No not you turkeys...It's another "don't miss" dinner. Come early, play corn-hole toss, laugh, and relax. Pre-dinner gatherings are a BYOB. Drink responsibly.

[YMI Nov Dinner RSVP](#)

Editorial Comment: Religion and Politics

YMI Council 40's mission according to our By-Laws Section 2 is ... *for the mutual aid and benevolence, and the moral, intellectual and social improvement of its members.*

Every Brother has his position on both Religion and Politics. There are many outside forums allowing for such demonstration of personal choice. In a nation as divided as we find ourselves in today, it is comforting to know we can attend, and feel secure at, a civilized and nonjudgmental gathering like a YMI monthly dinner or event. It is certainly a valuable respite.

YMI activities are a time to gather, share stories, gain new friendships, renew old friendships, and find comfort to get through to the next month. Sharing with other Christian men who are loyal to the Red White and Blue, and of good spirits, should be revered by all.

It is not the place of the YMI Council 40 to take sides in any debate of Religion or Politics that is recognized as an individual and private right to practice by the Laws of man and especially by God.

New RSVP/Pay-in-Advance Feature on EventBrite

Confirming RSVPs using EventBrite has proven extremely successful. EventBrite maintains a list of names and numbers on a spreadsheet and offers the ability to collect funds for meals in advance.

We are now testing the pay-in-advance feature on our Spring Polenta Fundraiser by asking that you RSVP for the December Family dinner via EventBrite, and pay in advance.

An additional reason (for paying in advance for the December dinner) is the sheer size of the event; as we need advance time for preparation and to cover the cost of "no shows".

There is no reason the YMI should lose money, even on a \$10.00 dinner.

We hope to implement this RSVP process for next year's Polenta Fundraiser as well as ease in Dues payment.

To RSVP using [EventBrite](#)

You may also email YMICouncil40@gmail.com.

Last Month's Dinner Figures

RSVPs: 46

Members in attendance: 58

Money collected: \$530.00

Dinner Cost: \$354.80

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

Newsletter Update

If you are not receiving the newsletter, have a change of address or new contact information, or would like to take an active role in the production of the newsletter, please contact Harry Licursi Tax and Retirement Planning 707-478-3411.

Event Photos





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