

# YMI Council #40

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December 2020

## Final Notice for Membership Renewal Extended renewal ends 12/31/2020

For details please read the Financial Sec. report

Join YMI for our upcoming events :  
Dec. 1, 2020 YMI no-meeting dinner  
St Rose starting at 3:30pm / To-go's

Dec. 1, 2020 issue  
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## President's Report

Hello dear YMI brothers I hope you are well and safe for these upcoming Holidays. I can say that on my behalf our Lord Jesus Christ has spared me to spend another set of holidays with all the people that I love and my immediate family that surrounds me. For that I'm thankful in a big way, I still get to hug my two sons my daughter in-laws but most exiting



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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.

RSVP for our Upcoming  
 Dinner

**March Dinner  
 our last meal pre-Covid-19  
 no restriction**

**RSVP: 75  
 Members in attendance: 61  
 Look forward to more  
 YMI sponsored events  
 Please be responsible for  
 paying your \$10 for dinner.**

### For the Good of the Order

All activities are put on TBA status . The Nov. Polenta Fundraiser was cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions. Since the Polenta Fundraisers are our primary fundraisers, it is critical for our officers to receive your prayers to help guide us all through this decision making process.

As a result, donations have been put on hold until the officers make a decision to move forward. You will be informed in the next newsletter. Keep informed and please keep your YMI Brothers and their families in your prayers.

### Nov. Dinner was at St Rose

St. Rose made available their kitchen facilities for our Nov. and Dec. dinners to-go gatherings. Due to Covid 19 we all practiced social distancing and all meals were prepared To-go. There was an open bar for one drink at 5-5:30, followed by dinner pick-ups. Drive-up pick-ups were made available. For those who felt comfortable staying together, tables and chairs were available. All had a great time visiting and catching up with their Brothers.

of all my grandchildren to feel their little arms around me when we hug it's such a joy. This small but sweet activities in our everyday lives that I used to take for granted before my near death experience; now has so much value in my life that I actually look forward to this occasions. Thanking the Lord to allow me to continue to be involved with all of you guys brothers of the YMI, it was such a wonderful experience to be amongst you all during the last months diner take outs that brother Harry organized the few of you that came out seeing you there was a point that I felt that I was back alive, I thank God for giving me the opportunity to be with you guys again. Now I want to ask you all after reading this to stop for just a moment and reflect over your year and try to see all the things you probably took for granted and need to be thankful for; and don't forget to share your gratitude with God and the people around you.

Hey good things are happening all around us the membership is having a resurgence and we are growing in numbers again all of the brothers that went in to sheltering in March are coming back we are almost a one hundred strong again a lot of from the 170 members we used to be but we are slowly recuperating our members again; Therefore if you know of a brother that has not renewed their membership please ask them to get a hold of any of us on the board to get the process going again and not loose their benefits so please help us out with that Amigos.

On an other subject the Grand Council had a meeting last Saturday November the 14<sup>th</sup> and I sat on that teleconference with them since I am one of the GC committee delegates. This was a very important meeting to be a part of I voted on a whole range of issues; one of them was that they voted out one of the councils to no longer be a part of the YMI, that was shocking to me. The biggest reason for me to sit through those four hours of conference was because they have been asking us to pay assessments based on the number of members that we no longer have. Thanks to Harry Licursi we got together and he drafted a plan for my petition to the GC for a re-assessment based on actual membership that we currently have, and so they are looking at it and they will get back to us on that. But Harry's wording on the petition was very powerful and I don't think it will leave them any other options but to reduce our dues thank you Harry.

Christmas take out delicious Ham dinners for our families organized again by Harry Licursi and team members of the YMI at the St. Rose, please RSVP ahead of time so that we make sure to have enough for everyone; the last take out we had to

## Family Christmas Dinners to-go Dec.1,2020

**Call, Email or text your order.  
Christmas Ham or  
Butternut Squash Ravioli,  
salad and dessert all for \$10  
plus \$2 packaging**

If you know of a Brother who cannot make it, feel free to pre-order their dinner. Due to the limited restrictions, all meals must be pre-ordered by Friday 11-27 so the cooks can shop and prepared to-go without stress.

[Click here to order your Christmas Dinner To-go](#)



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### 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.

### Dues Notices and Ads

Final notice is announced.  
Forms are attached.  
Complete and mail with check or E-pay.  
Click here to E-pay "[PAYPAL](#)".  
The form is requested completed and returned to assure you your will receive information at your current contact points. Please complete and return.  
Any questions call Harry Licursi, acting Temp Financial Sec. Council #40 for membership.  
If you wish to place a Business Ad in the newsletter, please pay with dues and get a current Business Card to the

turn away at least 20 or more dinner orders that night but this time we want to make sure everyone gets their dinners for their whole family so let us know in advance how many you will need.

Wishing all of you a great season of Holidays for this year and looking forward to seeing all of you at the dinner takeout event on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December.

Sincerely; Angel E. Vera President

**YMI Council #40 Events - Final Date / Time TBA  
Most often the first Tuesday of the month**

**Dec Christmas Dinner is happening at St Rose  
Order your dinner / all prepared To-Go  
Available at 3:30 grab and home before dark.  
No meeting. Dues payments accepted.  
One drink social**

Where: St Rose Church - Father Dennis Parish Center  
When: 3:30pm 4-5 Social Distance gathering  
3:30 -5:30 pm Dinner pick-up \*\*\* Must RSVP

Dec 1. – Family "Christ" mas Celebration /no meeting  
Dec. 6. YMI sponsored Brunch with Santa  
Jan. 2021 – Calamari by Bro. May / Officers Installation  
Feb. – Sweethearts Dinner and Dance / no meeting  
March - Member Dinner Meeting  
St. Joseph's YMI Patron Saint / Irish Dinner  
Polenta Fundraiser Volunteer to help  
April - Happy Easter / Rabbit and wild Game Night  
May - Mothers Recognition Day / Family Fiesta Meal Celebration  
June- Fathers Salute Day / Steak, Beans and trimmings  
July - Happy Independence Day / Red White and Blue  
Hot Dogs Hamburgers Potato Salad and Apple Pie  
August - Hot August Night / Strut your stuff / Car, Bikes or Kites  
SEPT: VERA Family Ranch Bocci night  
Oct.: New Member Night / Harry Licursi Italian Affair  
Nov.: Turkey and all the trimmings / George Brewer Iron Chef  
Dec.: Family Christmas Dinner

### Last Meeting Minutes

**March 3, 2020**

Pledge of Allegiance led by All.

### First Vice President's Report

Dear YMI Brotherhood:

I hope you are all doing well considering the challenging times we continue to face. Our Council #40 delegates have been busy these past few months working diligently to keep track of our membership renewals, planning to-go dinners events, and even holding a training with our Grand Council. I am proud of the work being conducted as I slowly begin to step into the role of president of our Council #40. An interesting observation I've made during the few meetings we've held among the delegates, while holding social distancing, is that we're all thinking of you. You are all very important to our Council #40.

editor. We need advance time to scan and edit sponsors into the newsletter.

### **Dues Notice**

#### **Council 40 April 2021**

#### **Golf Tournament - TBA**

Grab your foursome for the Council 40 first annual golf tournament. Noon start. Covid approval dependent. Dinner following served at YMI. 5:30pm. Email 4-some. Invite a potential new member. Lunch included: Sandwich provided by Wine Country Roofing, GT Sullivan Tires -chips, Harry Licursi Tax and Retirement Planning providing dessert. Plan to advertise. Let's fill the brown bag: soda, apples. Will Ivancovich will pour his wine. Bro. are encouraged to provide a business promo. item for golf prizes. RSVP now "four" interest.

#### **Patriot Post**

New to Council 40 newsletter will be a posting by Gene Zigarelli representing information relative to US Patriotism issues such as voting and service recognition, ie, the Heroes among us. Gene suggests we click this link for info on recent voting issues:

#### **Voter Registration**

#### **Election Status**

Due to the Pandemic and the inability to hold a general meeting, the officers have agreed to hold their volunteer positions until Jan. 2021, after the November elections. You must be present to vote. Ad hoc nominations can be submitted to the officers, in writing only, upto and prior to the Sept. meeting. Installments are currently planned to proceed at our meeting in Jan. 2021, provided the law allows. Earl Correa - current new Treasurer. Harry Licursi- Temp. Financial Sec. Please contact Rafael Rivero if you have time and can commit to volunteer.

Sections from the By-Laws

#### **ARTICLE 5**

#### ***Council Officers & Appointees***

**Section 4 – Eligibility for Office: Any Benefit or Associate Member, who has been a member for at least one (1) year and is in good standing with the Council, shall be eligible to hold office.**

#### **ARTICLE 6**

#### ***Council Elections***

**Section 1 – Nominations: Nominations shall be submitted in writing to the Nomination Committee for review and approval any time prior to the beginning of the Nominating Committee's final meeting in May, and brought to the general membership**

To that end, we look forward to hearing about the health restrictions being lifted in the near future so we can gather for our monthly meetings, and delicious dinners again. By the way, if you haven't done so, please review your membership as soon as you're able to. With the Holidays around the corner, we want to wish you a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Please be on the lookout for additional announcements as we continue to come up with ideas on how to stay connected during these difficult times.

Blessings!

RAFAEL RIVERO

#### **Rafael H. Rivero**

#### **Secretary's Report - Good of the Order Notice**

No report submitted.

#### **John Kennedy**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

No report submitted

#### **Earl Correa**

#### **Financial Secretary Report -**

## **Final Dues Notice**

## **\*\*Please read this\*\***

This is the **final notice** to pay your membership renewal dues to remain a member in Good Standing.

Due to Covid-19, your officers decided to extended this years membership renewal period to /end 12/31/2020. After that, if your dues are not current, you will not be a member in good standing; you can not attend meetings as a member and you cannot vote. Other benefits are not available such as insurance, \$10 meals, appetizers and/or open bar... Please read on.

Realizing how confusing the membership renewal process has been with Covid -19 and no regular meetings, the extended renewal period of Dec. 31,2020 was agreed to and will be the close of membership renewal. After that date, Council 40 will report the membership roster to the YMI Grand Council and send to the GC 100% of the membership dues collected. Our Council does not make any money from our members from dues. Please read on.

Due to the limited event schedule this year and the reduction in timely membership renewals, the officers polled those members in Good Standing for a suggestive incentive. Those polled were members current and dues paid for 2020-2021.

***meeting, at which time nominations will be approved or declined by vote at the June meeting. There will be no nominations from the floor at the June meeting. Nominees must be present to accept nominations and shall be present at the vote in June to accept the vote and conduct the orderly transfer of office.***

#### **Socialization**

Contact a YMI Brother for socializing and support. Practice distancing and protection. Engage in conversation.

Many Sonoma County Parks with limited access are open for outdoor activities, walks and enjoyment. Plan a visit with your Brothers and solve the world's issues.

The overwhelming response was positive, and this is the announcement of the incentive to renew your membership and take advantage of the incentive offered, which extends your renewal time to /closing 12/31/2020.

Note:

All Brothers who have already paid and those who now pay their renewal membership dues for 2020-2021 by 12/31/2020 will also receive credit for 2021-2022. Yes, 2 years dues credit. Your dues must be in by 12/31/2020, so if you are planning to use snail mail get going now, call or text for questions. Please read on.

This is only for dues, so if you are a benefit member with Life Insurance, you will need to pay that additional amount next year. This is only for dues.

**[Click Right here for "Dues Notice" form](#)**

**[To see the By-Laws, Click right her.](#)**

Richard Schoenstein: Financial Sec.  
Harry Licursi - Temp. Membership Coordinator

## Featured Article

The photo to your right has an incredible YMI family heritage story. This is a photo of YMI Brother Giacomo Bisio from Council 613 Richmond Ca receiving his YMI 50 year membership pin at the age of 70. Giacomo, born in 1890, joined the YMI at age 20 in 1910 after returning from the service, and was a dedicated YMI Brother. Acknowledged here after 50 years, the story continues. His daughter passed away a bit ago over 100 years after Giacomo's birth, and the family, while sorting things ran across this preserved photo of Giacomo and his YMI membership card from 1910. The daughter of Giacomo was the mother of, an Giacomo's grandson is, our own Brother Richard Pasquini, Council 40. Bravo for preserving and sharing your family and YMI memories.

## District Deputy Report December 2020

Coming from the Grand Council, Mike Amato, Grand President, has been making his annual visits to the councils throughout California. Sebastopol #54 hosted a bbq at Dominic Carnelli's vineyard in August. He, Tom Fourie and Nick Franciscen came on October 29 to meet with council 40 officers about financial reporting process.

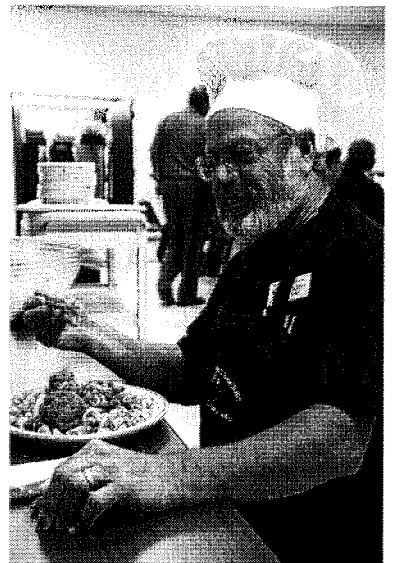
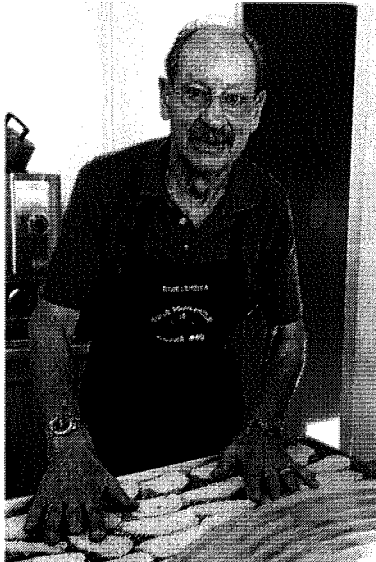
Pro Patria Essay contest- Entry forms are available through [YMIUSA.org](http://YMIUSA.org) All information is available there. This is our main sponsored annual event for the whole of YMI. It's a good way to get our name out there and recruit new members.

Red and White Mass- will be held next year on March 13, 2021, at Sacred Heart Church in Dos Palos, Ca. It is an annual event celebrating YMI members who have passed. The mass includes a YMI banner procession. Fr. Agnel, our Grand Chaplin, will celebrate the mass. Dinner follows at the parish hall and the Pro Patria raffle will be held, with cash prizes.

**Stephen J May**  
District Deputy Sonoma/ Solano



### Photos





**Help comes in many ways**



Please stay in contact with your YMI Brothers and pray for their good health and safe recovery as we remember those who have sacrificed so much for our families and country.

**Saint Joseph - Patron Saint of the YMI**

Oh St Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

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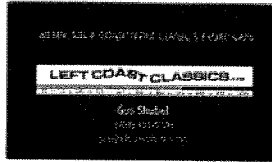
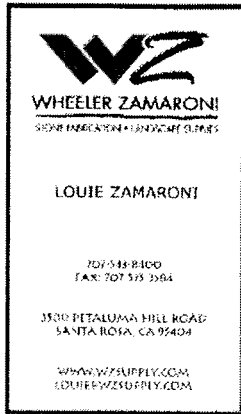
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