

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE



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Upcoming Event

January 7, 2020

Business Meeting

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Our next business meeting will be held on Tuesday January 7, 2020 at the Church of the Good Shepherd Ministry Building. On the agenda is a planning session for council activities for the upcoming year.

Please see the enclosed flier regarding the YMI Essay Contest

2020 Dues Notices

Enclosed please find your 2020 dues notices. Given the raising costs facing the council, dues have increased to \$52 for Benefit members & \$40 for Associate members. This is the first increase in dues since January 2013 and we are taking this action because of these new expenses:

- **Post Office Box**: Federal & State regulations now require all charitable organizations to use a post office box for mail reception - \$140 per year
- **Checking Account**: Our bank now requires a higher minimum balance to avoid service charges and the funds in our checking & certificate of deposit are not sufficient to meet the minimum balance requirements - \$168 per year.

Other expenses that have increased include:

- **Postage** – First class stamps have increased 20% since 2013.
- **Printing** – Printing ink has increased 38% since 2013.

You will also notice a new feature on your dues notice: Your opportunity to donate to the charities of both Sadoc Council and Grand Council. They include:

The Seminarian Educational Foundation – Helps those preparing for the priesthood with financial assistance.

St. Peter Martyr School – Provides for the academic and spiritual preparation of Catholic elementary and middle school students.

Love-a-Child Missions – Provides a safe haven for physically & mental abused woman and their children and helps them rebuild their lives.

If you wish to make an optional donation, please check the box for the organization and enter the amount you wish to donate.

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46th Annual YMI Essay Contest

Brothers,

By now you should have received your Essay Contest raffle tickets, and I respectfully ask you to please purchase your sheet of tickets and support the contest.

The YMI Essay Contest is the largest outreach our organization presents to the Catholic Community. For the past 10 years, approximately 1,200 students have participated each year; this means each year 1,200 households are directly exposed to the YMI, and many more become indirectly acquainted with our organization and the work we do in our communities.

The Essay Contest is solely funded by the sale of raffle tickets. This year, the Essay Contest starts with a deficit of at least \$10,200 - \$8,000 in prizes awards to the Essay Contest participants and another 2,200 in Raffle prize awards – there are also printing and mailing costs associated with the Contest. That's why I am urging all you to purchase your raffle tickets. The participants could be your children or grandchildren, a niece or nephew, a younger relative, or your friend's children or grandchildren. There could be a participant sitting next to you at Mass this week.

All those who participate in the Essay Contest receive a Certificate of Participation and an opportunity to win valuable cash prizes, all while learning an important skill – the ability to research and write on a topic relevant to society today.

Please make your purchase today!

Yours for God & Country,



Frank DiMaggio – Secretary/Treasurer
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Essay Contest Council Coordinator