

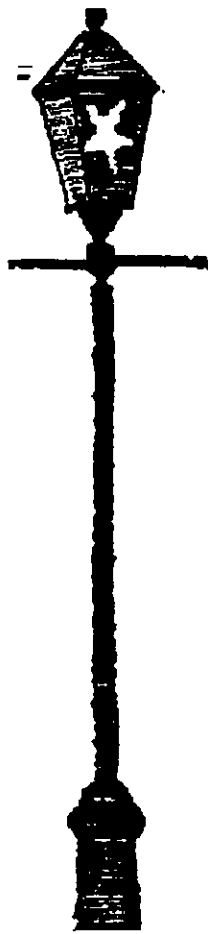
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## GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### Grand President's Message

*I would like to thank the entire YMI Family for nominating me and electing me to represent you as your Grand President for the 2015-2016 YMI year. My sincere thanks go out to the Grand Council Session Planning Committee for a job well done. It is because of great people like you this world is a better place. All I heard during and after the 130<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session were great*

*compliments and appreciation for your hard work.*

*After being introduced at the Grand Council Session and sharing my platform for this ensuing year, it was my honor to install the new Grand President District Deputies and Council Deputies. These men are a rare breed of YMI Brothers who have stepped up and taken a part in building the YMI over the years. You will see these individuals at Councils throughout the YMI nation spreading the work on Patriotism and Community Involvement to make us stronger in Faith, Patriotism and Fraternalism. Deputies, we will become a stronger organization with your continued support and commitment.*

*We were also honored on our Grand Banquet Evening to celebrate Brother Wendell Serrao's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of attending continuous Grand Council Sessions. He travels probably the furthest of all Brothers from the great state of Hawaii. He brought along two additional Brothers from his Council this year, Brother Tommy Figueira and PGP James Mullen along with their wives. Thank you Brothers for joining us!*

*I am honored to have been elected to represent the YMI as the Grand President.*



*The many and varied experiences which have presented themselves to me as an officer of South San Francisco Council #32 along with the opportunities as a Grand Council Officer for the past few years, will aid me in making good decisions for the YMI. As a man does not walk alone, he walks in Faith, with a humble and trustworthy nature.*

*As I look at our past, I learned from knowledge that I found on a website, CDNC.ECR.EDU, which goes back to 1884 to acquaint myself with the men who stood under the Lamp Post in San Francisco and what they stood for and fought against and*

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*really appreciated the reasons why.*

*All our Past Grand Presidents should be honored for the courage to stand up and say "I will take the reins to guide and direct us to a new beginning and to look to the future for the betterment of the YMI".*

*The message I will speak to and preach upon this year is "Patriotism and Community Involvement". We are honored to have so many Brothers who have served our Country in order for all of us to have the right to stand up for our right to speak. We should honor them in some way, perhaps going to our local VFW Post or American Legion Hall and ask, what can we, as the YMI, do to help you? We should look for other opportunities and veteran organizations to help and support their causes. Every day we lose more and more veterans. Some veterans were honored when they returned from service and some were not. This is part of our motto ~ Pro Deo, Pro Patria ~ For God, For Country. Our Country is a message we must send out, not just to our veterans, but to all men.*

*This past month, I had the honor to speak at the YLI Annual Convention held in Modesto, California. I, along with Brother Tom Fourie, PGP, spoke to the ladies thanking them for their continued support throughout the YMI. I spoke on the history of the YLI and thanked them for their continued participation in our Annual Pro Patria Essay Contest. We also gave a donation to the YLI's Grand President's Program: helping children Learn to Read and Read to Learn.*

*In addition I attended San Francisco Council #1's Dinner honoring the four Seminarians they are sponsoring this year for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Checks from the YMI Seminarian Foundation were presented as well as separate checks from Council #1.*

*I plan to visit all of you in the months to come to preach our own YMI Good News*

*Yours for God and County,*

*Brother George Terry #32  
Grand President.*



*From the Podium - 130<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session*  
*By Brother Luther Evans #80, JGPG*

Again I would like to say Thank You to all Councils and YMI Brothers that were able to attend the 130<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session this year in Reno, Nevada.

However, with a Grand Council consisting of twenty-seven Councils, there were only delegates from fourteen Councils present with a total of 58 delegates. I am asking all Councils to address this at your Council Meetings and let us bring our delegate attendance up for the 131<sup>st</sup> Grand Council Session in Santa Rosa, CA in 2016.

The Opening Mass/Remembrance Ceremony at Immaculate Conception Church in Sparks, Nevada was a great starting point this year. We were treated to a dinner in the parish hall after Mass by the Sons of Italy.

The Tuesday night meal was at Louis' Basque Corner in downtown Reno and everybody had a great time, thanks to the SF Giants winning their baseball game that night.

Our Session opened with roll call and the Rules of the Session were read aloud by the Grand Secretary, Brother Michael Amato #613 and they were passed unanimously.

The Session was well organized and proceeded in a similar fashion. Thank you to all nominees who accepted their nomination and election to Grand Council Office with the responsibility of performing their duties as a Grand Council Officer.

There we no unfinished business from the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session.

Our Grand Chaplain, Rev. Agnel De Heredia #32, asked all to remember those in the Order who were ill and not able to attend. In honor of Pope Francis, Father Agnel presented a wonderful summary of the story of St. Francis of Assis finding God. His presentation earned him a standing ovation from the delegates.

The adoption of the 2015-2016 Grand Council Operating Budget was presented by Brother Jack Albrecht #1, Grand Treasurer. It was approved and

the delegates also approved the raising of the per capita tax from \$24 to \$27 for all Benefit and Associate members.

The Grand Secretary encouraged all Brothers and their Councils to visit and use the information that appears on the YMI Website.

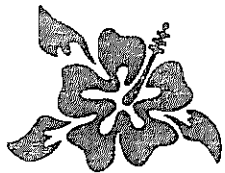
Resolutions were prepared and read by Brother Nick Franceschine #54. They included one for Rev. Norman King of Immaculate Conception Church in Sparks, Nevada for his many years of welcoming the YMI Grand Council to his parish as well as his impending retirement, and one for Brother Wendell Serrao #573 for his 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of attending Grand Council Sessions.

Br. Tom Fourie #32, PGP and Business Manager presented the workshop with much emphasis on the importance of submitting correct Semi Annual Reports. The most recent reports had 70% mistakes on page 1. WE MUST DO A BETTER JOB!!!. This issue of record keeping and submitting Council Semi Annual Reports is a critical part for the Grand Council keeping accurate records. So to all Council Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers, let us be more thorough and timely with our reports.

Our Session closed with a wonderful and unique Mass and Installation Ceremony, followed by the Grand Banquet and its fraternal program.

In closing, I wish to thank my district Deputies and everyone for contributing time, confidence and knowledge in making my journey as your Grand President rewarding and filled with personal growth, with the special guidance of my mentoring Brothers: Br. Tom Fourie #32, PGP and Business Manager; Br. Larry Silva #80, PGP; Br. Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP; Br. Rudy Albritton #80, PGP and Br. Kelly Cox, #44, DDGP. I truly had a successful, rewarding and educational YMI year.

Yours for God and Country  
Brother Luther Evans #80, JGPG



# ALOHA!!!! From Brother Wendell Serrao



July 28, 2015

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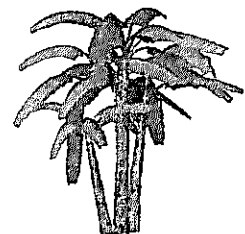
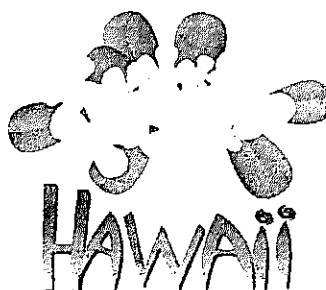


On behalf of my wife and myself, we thank all involved in honoring me for my 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of attending my first Grand Council Session. This honor was adopted and presented to me at the 130<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session held in Reno, Nevada on June 17, 2015. Both of us were overwhelmed with the presentation at the Grand Banquet and it will ever be in our memories.

I still have vivid memories of the Grand Council Session held in Honolulu in June, 1965. The Session was presided over by Brother Louis Guaraldi as Grand President. The meeting was well conducted and in all the years of YMI, this was the only Session to have three candidates for the office of Grand Second Vice President. The Convention Chairman, Grand Director Richard Rezendes of Windward/Oahu Council #564 finally withdrew his name and Brother Russell Morgan was elected. Later when the Grand First Vice President resigned to move to Alaska, Brother John Cannata, the third candidate was appointed the Grand Second Vice President. This election really got me more interested in the Young Men's Institute and has lasted for over 50 years.

No words can express the gratitude that I feel now and will ever be grateful for all those who had a part in this presentation. I am looking forward to attending the next convention in Santa Rosa.

Pro Deo, Pro Patria  
Wendell D. Serrao #573, PGD



**Grand Council - Young Men's Institute  
Man of the Year 2015-2016**

The 2015-2016 Man of the Year Grand Council Committee has met and is now accepting nominations for the 2016 Man of the Year. Any YMI Brother, group of Brothers, or YMI Council is invited to submit a nomination. Criteria to be considered:

- ***Council Activities (Fraternalism)***
- ***Service to the Parish (Faith)***
- ***Service to the Community (Patriotism)***
- ***Grand Council Activities***
- ***Any character references for the nominee would be appreciated***

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Man of the Year Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Council # \_\_\_\_\_ Council Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Council activities nominee is involved in: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's service to his Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's service to the community: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Grand Council activities nominee participated in or is involved in: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please attach any additional information or character references for the nominee, should more space be needed.

Please submit your nomination with supporting documentation **by May 1, 2016**. Please send to:

Brother Bob Bartoli #32, GD PGP  
675 Pine Terrace  
South San Francisco, CA 94080  
650-871-7878

## New Members

Member	Sponsor	Council
Mark Zolotoff	Luis Alvarenga	32
Valentine Guajardo	Rafael Jessie	613
John Nelson	Jim Scally	40
Keith Baseden	Larry King	497
Norbert Begle	Larry King	497
Randy Boeglin	Larry King	497
Delmar Bromm	Larry King	497
David Cissell	Larry King	497
Chris Gentry	Larry King	497
Norman Kern	Larry King	497
David Klem	Larry King	497
Marvin Knies	Larry King	497
Kurt Kuczynski	Larry King	497
Colby Lagenour	Larry King	497
Doug Messmer	Larry King	497
Clint Meyer	Larry King	497
Derek Meyer	Larry King	497
Thomas Meyer	Larry King	497
Max Olinger	Larry King	497
Robert Oser	Larry King	497
Lawrence Persoh	Larry King	497
Ryan Rasche	Larry King	497
Ryan Schuetter	Larry King	497
Kevin Seib	Larry King	497
Louis Seng	Larry King	497
Jeff Souders	Larry King	497
James Weyer	Larry King	497
Damon Buecht	John Mundy	497
Brandon Soto	Matt Nelson	80
William Saltzman	Eugene Vannetti	40
Kyle Scally	Jim Scally	40
Andrew Pacheco	John Kennedy	40
Anthony Harrington	Devin Harrington	40
Danny Rocha	Manuel Drumonde Sr.	44
Adan Velazco	Gary Fernandes	44
Gabriel Machado	Jeff Mendonca	44
Paulo Alves	Maurice Brindeira, Jr.	44
Tony Diniz	Joe Alamo	44
Joe Oliveira	Joe Alamo	44

# Welcome



## Educational Foundation Memorials/Donations

**Mr. & Mrs. Gus Grialou:** Frank Pignati  
**Charles P. Gullo, Sr:** Charles P. Gullo, Jr.  
**John Juhasz:** Gonzaga Council #612  
**John F. Medeiros:** Holy Rosary Council #44  
**Mr. & Mrs. Mel Penna:** Frank Pignati, Phil Oberst  
**Bruno Pera:** South San Francisco Council #32  
**Robert W. Perreira:** Wendell and Erlinda Serrao & Family

**Peter Porata:** Frank Pignati  
**Wilbur Toschlog:** Gonzaga Council #612  
**Get Well Carl Franke:** Wendell and Erlinda Serrao & Family

*All YMI Brothers, family members and friends are thanked for their generous contributions to the Educational Foundation. We also acknowledge everyone's minimum donation of \$10 towards the requested Mass.*

## In Memoriam

Member	Date	Council
Frank Bacchetti	01-21-2015	92
Edwin Simpson	10-01-2014	32
Charles A. Pozzi, Sr.	07-13-2014	54
August Galvin	2014	76
Robert Milani	07-18-2014	613
Raymond Sitton	04-21-2014	13
Wyatt Urton	2014	54
Herman Afonso	2014	80
Joseph R. Gambetta	06-2013	26/900
Jarrett W. Karasaki	07-2014	573
Robert W. Perreira	05-03-2015	573
James Mendoza	02-03-2015	60
George J. Masolini	06-09-2015	40
Joseph A. Saludes	07-22-2015	40
John F. Medeiros	05-01-2015	44
Fidel L. Penna	07-08-2015	1

## Grand Directors' Council of the Year Award Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Council # : \_\_\_\_\_ Council Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Council President: \_\_\_\_\_

Recording Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Number of inter-council events attended by members of Council \_\_\_\_\_

List of events: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. If charity work was performed by the Council, please provide a brief description of the work performed, the number of council members in attendance, and amount of hours worked.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Did your council have an increase in membership for the period from 4/1/2015 through 3/31/2016? If so, what was the percentage increase from the previous year: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Did your Council participate in any fund raising events? If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

List of events: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Did your council participate in the Pro Patria Raffle. If so, what was the percentage of members who purchased raffle tickets? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Was your Council represented at the 2015 Grand Council Sessions? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
If so, how many delegates did your Council send? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Participation at Grand Council /events - Circle all that apply:

1. Bocce Ball
2. Red & White Mass
3. Bowling
4. Golf

**Send to Br. Bob Bartoli, 675 Pine Terrace, South San Francisco, CA 94080  
Deadline: May 1, 2016**



# *Spotlight on Santa Rosa Council #40*

Dear Brothers,

YMI Council #40 is excited and refreshed after the Grand Session this past June in Reno, NV. We are filled with lots of great new ideas!

September brings us our Bocce Ball Tournament & Dinner, and our Brothers really enjoy this competition and our annual outdoor BBQ.

We have declared that the month of October will be our first "new member social", a very short meeting, opening prayer and then a social hour, letting our guests know all the wonderful benefits of joining the YMI. Then we will enjoy a great meal. **We are encouraging each one of our members to bring at least one guest to this event.**

November brings us our Fall Polenta fundraiser where we will feed some 400+ guests and continue to raise much needed monies for the most needy in our community. We are also going to promote a canned food and warm coat collection for this night.

We end the calendar year with our family and friends Christmas Dinner where we expect 150 to 200 in attendance.

There are two very important topics being currently discussed in our Council. One is the planning for next year's Grand Session; with the help of Sebastopol #54, we are excited and ready to help put on a wonderful convention. We have a great three days planned!

Secondly is the discussion on how we can increase membership. As you will remember from our Grand Session meetings, we are in a decline and have been for some time. The first thing we are going to do is send out a letter to our local Catholic schools encouraging the Catholic fathers of the student to join us as a guest for one of our monthly meetings and dinner. Our Catholic schools should provide a good recruitment place to help us reach new members.

As our President, I also raised the idea of bringing in non-Catholics to YMI Council #40, as I have been asked a number of times, "why can't we bring in good Christian men?" Needless to say we had some Brothers who were very supportive of this idea and some that were against this idea. But we did enjoy a very respectful and information conversation on this topic. From talking to some Brothers at this past Grand Session, this topic has been discussed many times over the years, without any new or clear direction.

In the spirit of our wonderful new Pope Francis, I would like us to consider being much more inclusive as an organization and I would like to propose that this topic is included in next year's Grand Council Session agenda.

Thank you for all the Grand Council continued support of our Council #40.

God Bless and kindness for everyone, no exceptions.

Br. Michael Keefer, President  
Santa Rosa Council #40

**GOD BLESS  
AND  
KINDRESS**

## Invitation to Council Officers

If any Council Officer(s) would like to share the good works of their fellow Brothers, they can certainly send an article to the editor of the Institute Journal. The article will be reviewed and considered for publication in a future issue of the Institute Journal. Just attach it to an e-mail and send it to [ymius@aol.com](mailto:ymius@aol.com)



**June 11, 2015**

**Dear Brother George Terry,**

**Thank you for selecting my essay to be the grand prize winner for the Young Men's Institute Pro Patria Essay Contest. I was extremely surprised and overjoyed when I found out that I had won. Have a good summer!**

**Sincerely,  
Annie Breidinger  
Mercy High School Burlingame**

**Dear Sir,**

**I'd like to thank you for my \$300 prize money from the essay contest. I plan to save some of the money for college. I appreciate your generosity!**

**Sincerely,**

**Rita Deitz  
Seton Catholic High  
Richmond, Indiana**



**Happy Thanksgiving**

**Happy Thanksgiving to all YMI  
Brothers and their Families**

**Dear YMI Grand Council,**

**It is a great honor to have won an award from the Pro Patria Essay Contest. Thank you very much for the opportunity to participate. I look forward to submitting an essay again.**

**Sincerely,**

**Sabrina Santander  
St. Ignatius College Preparatory  
San Francisco, California**

**Dear John West and YMI,**

**Thank you for all your support and prayers. It is a blessing to have this financial support and I hope and pray that your Institute will have abundant blessings for whatever Our Lord Jesus Christ wills as we follow his path.**

**Shalom,**

**John Hoang  
Seminarian for the San Jose  
Diocese**

**Thank  
You!**



## 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pro Patria Essay Contest and Raffle Too!



Grand First Vice President, Brother Michael Dimech, announces that the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pro Patria Essay Contest is open for your student's writing pleasure. On page 11 of this issue of the Institute Journal is the official entry form for all our student writers. This entry form was also distributed at the 130<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session and is available on the YMI website.

**Brothers – it is your responsibility to get the information out to your own children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, parish school teachers, local Catholic high school teachers, Religious Education programs at your parish, etc.**

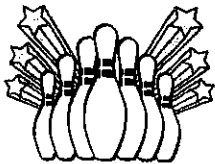
Students from 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to participate and they can start to write now. This contest is the largest annual outreach program of the Young Men's Institute and over 1500 young writers submitted their essays last year. We hope to surpass that number in 2016. Essays are due January 15, 2016.

**Working hand in hand with the Essay Contest is the Pro Patria Raffle - everyone should have received their tickets during the first week of October, so all you have to do is buy or sell them and then turn them in before March 1, 2016. A very simple process but a most important act, as this is the only financial support for the prizes to be awarded our student writers. We must do better than the 20% participation we had last year from our Brothers.**

Every YMI Brother is urged to get involved with this most important project.

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## YMI Grand Council Bowling Tournament 2015 Final Results



### *Team Results (Top three)*

- 1<sup>st</sup> – St John Bosco #613 – 3471 pins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Manteca #88 – 3176 pins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sebastopol #54 – 3123 pins

### *Individual Awards*

- High Handicap Game – Michael Amato #613 – a score of 252
- High Scratch Game – Patrick Maragos #5 – a score of 247
- Special Award Scratch Game – Kevin Folan #613 – a score of 289

**Congratulations to all the bowlers!!!!!!!**



Young Men's Institute  
Forty-Second Annual  
Essay Contest

**Cash Prizes to be Awarded:**

	<b>Grades 7-8</b>	<b>Grades 9-12</b>
<b>Grand Prize</b>	\$500.00	\$1000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$350.00	\$ 800.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$300.00	\$ 600.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$200.00	\$ 400.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$150.00	\$ 300.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$100.00	\$ 200.00
7 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$75.00	\$ 100.00

**Contest Rules:**

**1. Topics**

**7 & 8 Grades** – *Imagine you are able to travel in a time machine. What moment in time (forward or backward) would you travel to and why?*

**9 – 12 Grades** – *Your state government is considering a new law requiring high school students to volunteer to do 200 hours of mandatory community service work as a prerequisite for graduation. Tell us your thoughts about this idea and share with us arguments why this law should or should not be adopted.*

2. Contest is open to any Catholic student (Private or Public School).
3. A Young Men's Institute member or Council must sponsor each student entry.
4. The essay must be original and not more than 500 words.
5. The essay can be word processed, typed, or neatly hand printed.
6. The essay must be accompanied by the information requested by the Entry Form. (See "Entry Form" section)
7. All entries must be received by January 15, 2016.
8. All entries will be judged on content, neatness, grammar, spelling, and adherence to contest rules. A panel of impartial persons will conduct judging for the Grand Award. The decision of the judges is final. All entries become the property of the Young Men's Institute and a list of winners will be published in the Institute Journal.

Entry Form

(Please type or print clearly)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street

\_\_\_\_\_ City or Town State Zip Code

TELEPHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip Code

SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_  
YMI Member Name or Council's Name

COUNCIL # \_\_\_\_\_

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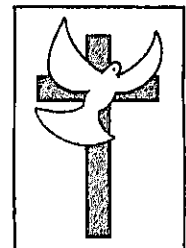
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## Remembrance

*November is the traditional month for all YMI Councils to conduct their own Remembrance Ceremony. It is fitting that all deceased Council members from years gone by be also included in this ceremony. May they all rest in peace.*



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## Fall/Winter 2015 Issue

Due Date: ***October 31, 2015*** ~ Please submit articles, pictures, etc. to  
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