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GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Grand President's Message

Dear Grand Officers and YMI
Brothers,

"Thank You" to all YMI
Brothers and Councils for
choosing me to represent you
during the 2014-2105 YMI year
and for all your up-coming
support at the 130th Grand
Council Session this June in
Reno, Nevada. It has been an
honor to be elected as your
Grand President and I will
continue to provide my support
as your Past Grand President to

all Councils. I am also humbled
that each and every Council has
placed their faith and trust in
me.

This was a responsibility that I
did not take lightly, and I will
continue to endeavor to support
all YMI Councils and Brothers
with the utmost transparency
and boldness. I would like to
thank all Past Grand Presidents
for opening my eyes to so many
new perspectives regarding this
office. I would like to *thank* all
of my mentors whose wisdom
and knowledge of the
Brotherhood of the YMI
assisted me in understanding the
Order and achieving a
successful term as Grand
President. But most of all,
thank you Brothers for using
your voice and your vote to
express your confidence in me.
We are living in a world of new
ideas, the inclusion of different
types of people, cultures and
economics in our everyday life.
Knowledge and attitudes that
foster unity in diversity must be
nurtured among our leadership
and the faithful in general.

We must be able to see with our
own eyes that all men are equal,
Catholic and non-Catholic,
people are people, all placed on
this world by someone greater
than any of us.

With the continuing growth of
the Young Men's Institute we
must open our hearts, open our
minds and open the doors for
many new members and place
no barriers on membership.
Now I ask that we all continue
to walk, not for me, but together
as one in the strength of unity,
to keep the doors open to the
future of the Young Men's
Institute.



With the leadership of our
fellow Brother George Terry as
Grand President and Brother
Michael Dimech as the Grand
First Vice President, we will be
there to help all Councils in
recruiting new members and to
gain more participation with our
existing members within each
Council as each and every
Brother as a member of YMI is
equally important for our
continued growth.

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After the completion of my Council Visitation at Our Lady of the Pines Council #137 in the beautiful mountains of Pioneer, California, we enjoyed a wonderful dinner with many of their members all arranged by Brother Phil Fondale #137, DDGP which made the visit truly rewarding. Thank you Brother Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP and Brother Michael Mabon #80 for sharing your time to ride and enjoy the evening with me.

I now look back and ask what each Brother can do for their Council, and not what their Council can do for them.

Members participating and recruiting is the key for Councils to survive. Let us continue our work to be focused around your membership drives and extending our hands in Brotherhood, Faith, Patriotism and Fraternity. Get to know your District Deputy Grand Presidents as they are the roots for this tree to grow. They may have other duties, but without them our goals will not be reached.

The ocean is wide, the ocean is deep, yet many ships and vessels cross it each day. I am not asking for unattainable goals to be made, rather just everyone put your best foot forward and make our growth a successful reality.

On April 4, 2015, St. Anthony/Immaculate Conception Church here in Atwater, California, lost our beloved pastor and YMI Brother, Rev. Thomas Timmings. He moved forward to take his place in the new life filled with peace and joy but his legacy and teaching ministry will always be with his flock. Please keep him in your prayers.

THANK YOU Young Men's Institute for the opportunity to lead and serve you as your Grand President in our 2014-2015 YMI year. And may the blessings of God be with us all and the United States of America. Pro Deo ~ Pro Patria

Luther Evans
Grand President.

**Happy Mother's Day
And
Happy Father's Day
To all of our YMI Family**





**The Young Men's Institute
Reno, Nevada
130th Grand Council Session
Silver Legacy Hotel**

**ARE YOU COMING?????
MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW!!!!!!**

**CALL 1-800-MUST-SEE (USE YMI 2015 CODE)
SEND YOUR REGISTRATION TO GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE**

Timeline of Events

Monday, June 15, 2015

2:00 p.m. ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ Registration in Silver Legacy Lobby
5:30 p.m. ~ Opening Mass and Remembrance Ceremony
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
2900 North McCarron Boulevard, Sparks, Nevada
(Ten minutes drive from hotel)
6:30 p.m. ~ Welcome Dinner prepared by
"Sons of Italy" ~ from Sparks, Nevada
Church Hall ~ Immaculate Conception Church

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

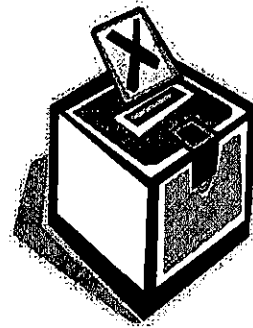
8:00 a.m. ~ Grand Breakfast ~ Silver Baron 1-6
Silver Legacy Hotel
9:15 ~ 9:45 a.m. ~ Registration ~ Silver Baron C & D & E
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ~ Session Begins ~ Silver Baron C & D & E
12:30 p.m. ~ Delegates Lunch ~ Silver Baron C & D & E
6:00 p.m. ~ YMI Goes Basque!!!!
Louis' Basque Corner ~ 301 East 4th Street
(two blocks from the Hotel)

Wednesday, June 17, 2013

9:00 a.m. ~ Session Continues ~ Silver Baron C & D & E
4:00 p.m. ~ Celebration Mass with Installation of Grand Council Officers for 2015-2016
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Sparks, Nevada
5:30 p.m. ~ No-Host Cocktail Party ~ Silver Baron C & D & E
6:30 p.m. ~ Grand Banquet ~ Silver Baron C & D & E

Thank you for coming ~ have a safe trip home.

Candidates to be
Nominated



Brother George Terry

*Announces His Candidacy for the
Office of*

Grand President

With the unanimous support of
South San Francisco Council #32

**St. John Bosco
Council #613**

Presents

Brother

Michael Dimech

For the Office of
Grand First Vice President
Experience, And more!!!!

San Francisco Council #1

Announces Its Support For

Brother Jack Albrecht

as

Grand Treasurer

A most trusted Brother!!!!!!

***Brother Michael
Amato***

*Announces His Candidacy
For
Grand Secretary*

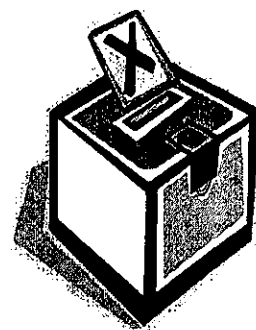
*Nominated by the Brothers of
St. John Bosco Council #613*



*St. Christopher Council #80
Proudly Presents and
Unanimously Supports*

Brother Michael Nelson

**For the Office of
Grand Second Vice President**



*American Council #8
Presents*

**Brother
Chris
McCann**

*For the Office of
Grand Marshal*

*South San Francisco
Council #32
Proudly Sponsors*

**BROTHER BOB
BARTOLI, PGP**

**For the Office of
Grand Director**

Brother Nick Franceschine #54

*For
Grand Director*

*Experienced in Grand Council
Operations..
Knowledgeable of Council Efforts..
Respected by All....*

**Sebastopol Council #54
Proudly Sponsors**

**Domenic
Carinalli**

For Grand Director

A Proven Leader!!!!!!!!!!



YMI 2015 PRO PATRIA ESSAY WINNERS

Grades 7-8

Prize	Place	Name	School	Sponsor
\$500	1st	Abigail Mayer	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$350	2nd	Yasmin Jacob	Holy Angels Elementary School, Colma, CA	#32
\$300	3rd	Dominic Pino	Holy Rosary Catholic School, Antioch, CA	#5
\$200	4th	Lauren Price	Rio Vista Middle School, Fresno, CA	#80
\$150	5th	Kayla Dowd	Springview Middle School, Rocklin, CA	#613
\$100	6th	Matthew Forsell	St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School, Petaluma, CA	#9
\$75	7th	Kamilie Fernando	Holy Angels Elementary School, Colma, CA	#32
\$75	8th	Colin Birkenstock	St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School, Petaluma, CA	#9
\$75	9th	Victoria Giomi	St. Robert Catholic School, San Bruno, CA	#32
\$75	10th	Michael Okoye	Holy Rosary Catholic School, Antioch, CA	#5
\$75	11th	Alexandria Kinney	Good Shepherd Catholic School, Pacifica, CA	#32
\$75	12th	Sophia Cullinan	St. Gregory Catholic School, San Mateo, CA	#1
\$75	13th	Joseph Lahmann	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612

Grades 9-12

\$1,000	1st	Annie Breidinger	Mercy High School, Burlingame	#32
\$800	2nd	Megan Schroeder	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$600	3rd	Zack Jordan	St. Joseph, Hilo, HI	#573
\$400	4th	Sabrina Santander	St. Ignatius College Preparatory, San Francisco, CA	#613
\$300	5th	Rita Deitz	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$200	6th	Bianca Gonzalez	Mercy High School, Burlingame	#32
\$100	7th	Shawn Bogan	Sacred Heart/Cathedral Preparatory, SF, CA	#1
\$100	8th	Jakob Au	St. Joseph, Hilo, HI	#573
\$100	9th	Arianna Inferrera	Mater Dei Catholic High School, Chula Vista, CA	#2
\$100	10th	Marie Sermersheim	Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, IL	#497
\$100	11th	Siobhan Lin-Nugent	St. Mary's High School, Stockton, CA	#5
\$100	12th	Christopher Cisneros	St. Vincent de Paul High School, Petaluma, CA	#9
\$100	13th	Hayley Massucco	Mercy High School, Burlingame	#32

Congratulations



“A Positive Light on Indecisiveness”

*Abigail Mayer ~ 8th Grade, Seton Catholic High School ~ Richmond, Indiana
(First Place Winner in 41st Pro Patria Essay Contest, Grades 7-8)*

“I could be an astronaut, a robot, a hobo, a clown, or an alien creature going out on the town. What should I be, it's all up to me. What could I be?”...In the words of Garfield the cat, what should I be – It's all up to me! Indecisiveness is most often looked at as a negative quality, but my indecisiveness has led me to opportunities that I might not have had if I was only looking in one direction. I can use my inability to make a decision as a tool that will keep my mind open as I enter high school and go beyond, to tackle the limitless options that the world offers.

The inability to make a decision is something that I deal with on a daily basis. Though it can be a frustrating trait, I choose to look at it in a positive light. For example, when choosing a topic to write a paper on, I may struggle as I try to decide on the perfect topic. I may even start, stop, and then start again. As they say, the “3rd time's a charm!” In the end, the outcome is usually that I have an even better idea than the one I started with, a product that I'm very proud of, and have quite possibly learned about several topics along the way.

My indecisiveness goes beyond the classroom. Another time indecision goes well for me is when I enter the world of baking. There's a constant battle going on with my nightly desire to have something sweet, which leads me to my kitchen to bake up new treats! The indecision? – What to bake? As a result of my “problem”, I have made many different dishes and desserts, which has led me to new creations in the kitchen. I see this as a direct link between indecisiveness and creativity!

How about indecision and appearances? Even the simplest acts such as, styling my hair or choosing what to wear, is reason for indecision. When I wake up in the morning, I often stare in the mirror not knowing what I should do. I experiment with new hairstyles, clothing and accessories. The end results are often great new looks! This is an example of how indecision leads to experimentation!

New doors are opened with indecisiveness. Though I am aware of the obvious importance of being able to make a decision, as I move on to high school and go beyond, some of my indecisiveness will keep me looking for fresh new ideas. It will give me an edge on my academic achievements, keep me creating, and allow me to present myself in the best light possible.



Foundations Still Seeking Directors.....

Both the Educational Foundation and the Seminarian Educational Foundation of the Young Men's Institute are still seeking candidates to serve as Directors on their respective Boards. These positions are filled via a vote at their annual meetings held during the Grand Council Session. This year the votes will be taken on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at the Silver Legacy Hotel in Reno, Nevada. A few Brothers have stepped forward to volunteer their services, however, more are needed. If interested, please contact the Grand Council Office immediately at 1-800-964-9646. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



“Likes and Favorites”

*Annie Breidinger, Mercy High School ~ Burlingame, California
(First Place Winner in the 41st Pro Patria Essay Contest, Grades 9-12)*

Staring at my phone in front of me, its dim glow casting on my face, I held my breath as I pushed the 'post' button on Instagram and shared my photo with hundreds of people. After hours of cogitating which filter I should use, and what caption best fits it, I was ready to post it. Posting a picture is strenuous because everyone you know will see it, and they will form opinions about you based on that photo. Today, teenagers obsess over how many likes and followers they have, because social media is an immense part of our lives. My decisions in high school are greatly impacted by social media; it provides motivation, but can also adversely influence me.

Posts on social media inspire me to go farther in life and challenge myself. When I scroll through Twitter and see a healthy woman with a toned body, it encourages me to drop the cookies and go workout. Since deciding to workout regularly, I'm more confident in my own skin. Not only has my physique improved, but also my attitude. I forced myself to unfollow the skinny models on Instagram. Instead, I followed accounts that idolize muscular thighs rather than thigh gaps. Also, I found a video of an extraordinary runner in high school struggling with multiple sclerosis. My eyes were glossy with tears because it was so moving. I realized how grateful I am to be healthy and that I'm capable of accomplishing anything if I put my heart into it. Because of this, I've decided to set higher goals for myself and take action to accomplish them.

Along with the positive influences of social media, there are also multiple negatives. For example, popularity is greatly defined by the amount of likes on pictures or the number of favorites on a tweet. To increase my amount of likes, I used to edit the way I looked in photos. Smoothing out my face and adding heavy filters made me believe that I'd get more recognition for looking 'flawless'. However, since then I learned that I should embrace my flaws rather than attempt to cover them up. Secondly, parties are popular to post pictures of. A myriad of these pictures involve the red Solo cups that promote alcohol. Social media gives the misconception that drinking and doing drugs is 'cool'. A couple of times I found myself in a situation in which I had to either refuse to drink or give into peer pressure. I've witnessed teenagers making the wrong decision; therefore, I learned from their mistakes and declined the alcohol. Social media's influence can be dangerous if you make choices while disregarding the consequences.

Social media both positively and negatively affects my decisions in high school. My life revolves around my social media accounts, but I've learned to isolate myself from it when it's pushing me to make poor decisions. In order to make valuable choices, teenagers must obliterate the unnecessary importance towards their 'amount of likes' and focus on reality.

Santa Rosa Council #40 Shares.....

Dear Brothers,

Council #40 is alive and well up here in Santa Rosa, the weather is beautiful and because of some heavy and much needed rain this past November and December, our reservoirs are near capacity. We feel blessed. Our membership continues to grow, our monthly business dinners are averaging 65 Brothers, with our February Sweetheart, Cinco de Mayo and December Christmas family dinners all averaging well over 175 in attendance.

We are all working hard at being great Catholics and Council #40 plans on spending even more money this year in the way of much needed donations for Catholic school tuition assistance, community non-profits and for those most in need of our help for food and shelter.

“Kindness for everyone, no exceptions”
May God bless us all.

Brother Mike Keefer, #40
Council President



In Memoriam



<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Council</i>
Robert Pinetti	03-2015	1
William Dodson	02-05-2015	10/900
Melvin Goulart	03-04-2015	8
Joaquin Valine	01-25-2015	13
Othmar Mehling	01-19-2015	497
Robert Reckers	12-11-2014	612
Thomas McKeon	02-10-2015	10/900
Edward Guglielmetti	01-2015	32
Ronald Thissen	01-28-2015	94
Joseph Beckner, PGO	03-20-2015	10/900



HAPPY 132ND BIRTHDAY YMI

~ THE RED AND WHITE MASS ~

One hundred forty one members of the YMI family joined together at St. Veronica's Catholic Church in South San Francisco on March 14, 2015 to celebrate the 132nd anniversary of YMI's founding in 1883. Nine Councils were present at the 5:00 p.m. Mass preceded by a banner procession into Church and the "red and white" carnation ceremony. A great meal was served after Mass in the Church's Community Center and the Pro Patria Raffle was conducted. Br. Michael Dimech #613, GSVP and his committee did a fantastic job to make this annual event such a success.

Pro Patria Raffle 2014-2015
Final Status of Membership Sales on 3/14/2015

Educational Foundation
Memorials/Donations

Council	Members Purchasing	Total Members	Percent
1*	16	80	20.00%
2*	27	84	32.14%
5*	9	36	25.00%
6*	4	7	57.14%
8*	14	32	43.75%
9	3	45	6.67%
13*	5	16	31.25%
16*	1	13	7.69%
32*	82	260	31.54%
40*	17	127	13.39%
44*	35	181	19.34%
54*	10	49	20.41%
59	10	45	22.22%
60*	3	88	3.41%
76	5	41	12.20%
80*	33	120	27.50%
88*	6	58	10.34%
92*	1	67	1.49%
93	1	31	3.23%
94*	8	46	17.39%
99*	5	21	23.81%
100*	4	14	28.57%
111	4	7	57.14%
137*	8	34	23.53%
497	14	252	5.56%
573*	11	77	14.29%
612	7	64	10.94%
613*	56	104	53.85%
900	11	179	6.15%
Total	440	2183	20.16%

*Council Purchase

The student writers thank all of you for your support in their writing endeavor. Over 1500 students participated.

- Lillian De Morales:* Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family
- Ruth Cecilia Edel:* Michael and Mara Amato
- Salvatore Enea, Jr.:* Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family, Frank J. DiMaggio
- Shirley Freeberg:* Dan and Bernice Ramos
- Edward Guglielmetti:* South San Francisco Council #32
- Herbert P. Ornellas:* Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family
- Robert Reckers:* Gonzaga Council #612
- June Christine Swain Rodillas:* Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family
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- Get Well Carl Franke:* Frank Pignati
- Get Well Louis Pignati:* Frank Pignati
- Get Well Bob Borello:* Frank Pignati
- The Sick Brothers of Council #1:* San Francisco Council #1



New Members

Member	Sponsor	Council
Brian Mundy	David Matthews	497
Gene Zingarelli	Gene Vanetti	40
Gregory Nelson	Tom Saksa	40
James Kany	Tom Saksa	40
Robert Alavao	Cosmo Amato	613
Kevin Roche	Joe Bausino	613
Michael Delaurenti	Michael Amato	613
Rigo Bautista	Don Bradley	5
Daniel Santos	Danny Avila	
	& Dan Ramos	44
Leonard Costa	Manuel Drumonde Sr.	44
Kenneth Boardman	Ron Laxner	59
Jose Perez	Ron Laxner	59
Alvin Yu	Bob Figone	613
George Herrera Sr.	Luther Evans	80

**YMI Council # 613
2015 Bocce Ball Tournament**

When: Saturday, September 26, 2015

**Where: Orange Memorial Park Bocce Ball Courts
1 West Orange Ave. South San Francisco**

Registration from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Games start promptly thereafter.

4 players per team (if you have less than 4 players, we will fill your team)

Double elimination

Limited to the first 16 paid teams

Deadline: September 5, 2015 or until filled (t-shirts are ordered on this date)

Cost: \$30.00 per participant or \$120.00 per team

Includes: Breakfast: Coffee & Donuts

Lunch: Hamburger & Hot Dog Lunch

Raffle

T-Shirts provided to all participants

**In you are interested in having a team participate, please fill out the bottom portion of this flyer and send it back with a check payable to YMI Council # 613 to Mike Dimech at the following address:
205 Hazelwood Dr. South San Francisco, CA 94080.**

**For additional information contact Mike Dimech at (650) 922-2667 /
mdimech7@gmail.com or Mike Amato at (650) 871-9164.**

Team Name: _____

Name	E-mail address	Shirt Size: Circle Size				
		S	M	L	XL	XXL
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To seeing
Everyone at
2015
Grand Sessions
In Reno NV*

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