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GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Grand President's Message

"I sought my soul,
but my soul I could
not see.
I sought my God, but
my God eluded me.
I sought my brother
and I found all
three." *Unknown*

The journey as your
Worthy Grand President
continues to reflect life's most
precious memories. As
friendships continue to grow
with gratitude and appreciation,

all I can say is "thank you" to
all who put me on the path to
lead and to reach out to those
Councils in need.

When I started down
this road, I believed the road
would be filled with glory.
Little did I know, it is not about
the glory but the giving that
truly makes a man a leader. I
have come to realize that in
giving we find ourselves. That
it is our BROTHERS who make
us the best versions of
ourselves. So I set out to thank
you for making me a better
Brother.

As I look over this past
year, there are too many people
to thank and I know I will
forget someone. So please take
no offense, my heart is with all
my Brothers, but my mind is
lagging behind a bit.

I want to give a big
thank you to the Brothers who
have helped me along the way.
The District Deputies, who are
really the eyes and ears of the
YMI, have been invaluable to
me this year. Members of the
Grand Council, who have given
me advice along the way, I
cannot thank you enough for
your encouragement, your
support and your Brotherhood.
The Brothers in the valley who
were always at the meetings I
attended (Manual, Luther, Mike
and Mike) and always made me
feel like a Brother. My time on
the road this year has been

made more fulfilling by my
Brothers who traveled with me.
Brothers Tom, Bob, Rich, Alan
and, all your better halves,
thank you so much for your
time and the great memories we
shared.



Thank you to all of the
Councils who welcomed me
into your communities and your
homes. I have visited many
Councils throughout the year
and in each and every one there
are members who stand up
above the rest to keep the
Councils running. They are our
Brothers who keep us on the
right path for the betterment of
the YMI. They stand for Faith,
Patriotism, and Fraternalism.
They help me keep these words
forever in my mind. Hopefully,
these Brothers will help keep
our mission in your minds
whenever you meet a
prospective member.

When that new Brother
walks in the door, reach out
your hand and welcome him.
Show him what Brotherhood
means. When I started, there
was a Brother named Dick

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Nofstger who welcomed me that way. It was his hand that pulled me to this true calling. One of the highest calling a Catholic layman can have is to be called as a Brother to his community. May we all be remembered, as Brother Dick is remembered. He had the touch of a true Brother. Thank you to all the Brothers who have started a new Brother on his path with the YMI.

The YMI, itself, is on a new path. With the advancements in technology, we are making it easier and easier for new Grand Officers to join and get involved. With the touch of a button and the click of a mouse, our Brothers are connected, not only within your own Council but with all the other Councils throughout our nation. This growth in the scope of our Brotherhood helps to keep us committed to God and country. It also helps ensure we can have an everlasting legacy for our tech-savvy sons to become Brothers on their own one day.

To all the YMI Brothers who have served our country, I salute you. We, as a community, thank you for answering the call of duty. I, personally, thank you for letting me take up your banner and speak in support of you this year. My efforts trying to get the Councils involved with veterans' organizations came from a true sense of admiration and duty to our ideal of Patriotism. Thank you as well to the many councils who stepped up to the plate and volunteered their time and energy to the cause.

Our cause is great. Our calling is noble and our Brotherhood runs deep. I can only hope our new Grand President finds as much joy, enthusiasm and fraternity in being the face of our great fraternity.

As I write my last article and reflect on my many travels as your Worthy Grand President, I can say honestly some of the roads were bumpy but in the end everything smooths out. When I was called to this path, I called you, as my Brothers, to find the roads less traveled to push one another to new heights of Faith, Patriotism, and Fraternalism. I call on you again Brothers, this time to help Brother Mike on his new journey.

*Let us not forget our past.
For our Brothers were trailblazers
Let us walk in the present.
For we are the Brothers who lead the*

way.

*Let us keep an eye to the future
For the Brothers of tomorrow will
keep an eye on us.*

This year, I hope your journey leads you to our Annual Session in Santa Rosa, CA. All Brothers and their wives are encouraged to attend. The area is filled with many sights and experiences, but we especially want to welcome new Brothers to see the real inner workings of the YMI. Council #54 and Council #40 have put together a great package for everyone to enjoy and I truly hope this can be the first step for a new generation of Brothers who will lead.

**For God and For Country,
George Terry**

**The Young Men's Institute
Santa Rosa, California
131st Grand Council Session
Flamingo Conference Resort and Spa
2777 4th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95405**

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Timeline of Events

Monday, June 20, 2016

- 1:00 p.m. ~ 3:00 p.m. ~ Registration in Flamingo Conference Resort Lobby
4:15 p.m. ~ Opening Mass and Remembrance Ceremony
St. Rose Catholic Church
398 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA
(Ten minute drive from Flamingo Resort)
5:30 p.m. ~ Welcome BBQ Dinner at Carinalli Vineyard
2900 Llano Road, Sebastopol, CA
(20 minute drive from Church)

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

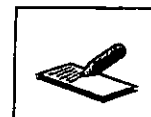
- 8:00 a.m. ~ Grand Breakfast ~ Empire Ball Room
Flamingo Conference Resort
9:15 ~ 9:45 a.m. ~ Registration ~ Flamingo Ball Room
10:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ Session Begins ~ Flamingo Ball Room
12:00 Noon ~ Delegates Lunch ~ Flamingo Ball Room
5:00 p.m. ~ Special Optional Event
White Oak Saddle Club – Cocktails and Buffet Dinner
550 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA
(ten minute drive from Flamingo Resort)

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Session Continues ~ Flamingo Ball Room
4:00 p.m. ~ Celebration Mass with Installation of Grand Council Officers for 2016-2017
Star of the Valley Catholic Church (ten minute drive from Resort)
545 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA
5:30 p.m. ~ No-Host Cocktail Party ~ Empire Ball Room
6:30 p.m. ~ Grand Banquet ~ Empire Ball Room

Thank you for coming ~ have a safe trip home.

YMI 2016 Essay Winners



Grades 7-8

Prize	Place	Name	School	Sponsor
\$500	1st	Cameron Kalagayo	St. Robert Catholic School, San Bruno, CA	#32
\$350	2nd	Jack Guiley	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$300	3rd	Olivia Badaglia	St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School, Petaluma, CA	#9
\$200	4th	Monica Alcalá	Good Shepherd Catholic School, Pacifica, CA	#32
\$150	5th	Jakob Hanks	St. Robert Catholic School, San Bruno, CA	#32
\$100	6th	Amy Olivera	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$75	7th	Cory Brawley	Sacred Heart Catholic School, Turlock, CA	#44
\$75	8th	Ian Prchlik	Montera Middle School, Oakland, CA	#8
\$75	9th	Emma Rethans	Sacred Heart Catholic School, Patterson, CA	YLI #149
\$75	10th	Devin Kaya	All Souls Catholic School, So. San Francisco, CA	#32
\$75	11th	Quinn Zakasky	St. Eugene Cathedral School, Santa Rosa, CA	#40
\$75	12th	JJ Trujeque	Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires, San Francisco, CA	#1
\$75	13th	Norielle Pineda	Our Lady of the Visitation School, San Francisco, CA	#32

Grades 9-12

\$1,000	1st	Kiley O'Brien	Mercy High School, Burlingame	#32
\$800	2nd	Keya Davies	St. Joseph, Hilo, HI	#573
\$600	3rd	Maria Stiens	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$400	4th	Jacqueline Flores	Dos Palos High School, Dos Palos, CA	#99
\$300	5th	Kyle Dowd	Whitney High School, Rocklin, CA	#613
\$200	6th	Trent Retchely	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$100	7th	Theresa Chan	Mercy High School, Burlingame	#32
\$100	8th	Sabrina Santander	St. Ignatius College Prep High School, SF, CA	#613
\$100	9th	Grace Kappner	Southridge High School, Huntingburg, IN	#497
\$100	10th	Julianna Filice	Cardinal Newman High School, Santa Rosa, CA	#40
\$100	11th	Cassidy Frame	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$100	12th	Madeleine Alt	Merrill F. West High School, Tracy, CA	#92
\$100	13th	Grace Collora	Mercy High School, Burlingame	#32

Educational Foundation Memorials/Donations

Manuel Alvernaz: Manuel and Celeste Drumonde

David Benevides: Thomas and Rosana Figueira

Donald Howard "Buddy" Brandt: Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family, James and Janet Souza

Bob Clark: Jim and Helen Mullen

Rev. Gilbert J. DeRitis M.M.: Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family

Gregory Gherardi: Richard and Gloria Guaraldi

Leonard M. Oliveira: Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family

Maria Pacheco: Manuel and Celeste Drumonde

Ben Plaa: Manuel and Celeste Drumonde

Marie Preston: Frank Pignati

Don Rohe: Gonzaga Council #612

Vic Steil: Jim and Helen Mullen

Get Well Mike Reyna: Frank Pignati

Get Well Joseph Patrick Kidd #32: Frank Pignati

Happy Birthday Brother Robert O'Donnell: Frank Pignati

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.

Red and White Mass An Anniversary Success

The recent Red & White Mass and Banquet was a successful event. Sixty-five people braved the wet weather to attend Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Atwater. I would like to thank the Pro Deo Committee that helped put it all together, especially Brothers Gary Frago, Billy Pimentel, Sr., and Billy Pimentel, Jr. for cooking the delicious dinner afterwards.

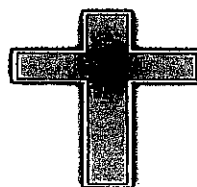
The following Councils made an appearance: San Francisco #1, San Jose #2, American #8, South San Francisco #32, Holy Rosary #44, St. Christopher #80, St. Columba #94, Bakersfield #100 and St. John Bosco #613.

A special thanks to Brothers Tom Fourie and Luther Evans for their guidance in planning the Mass, Father Agnel and Deacon Kelly Canelo for celebrating the Mass, the decorating committee (Sylvia Nelson and Kris Frago), Emily Evans and Sylvia Nelson for assisting with the flowers, Sara Nelson Bravo (my daughter) for being the Lector and my son, Brother Matt Nelson, for playing the piano during Mass.

All in all, it was a great time. We were able to honor our deceased members, pray for the current and future members of the YMI, and enjoy a good meal.

Yours for God and Country,

Mike Nelson, #80
Grand Second Vice President



Welcome new members

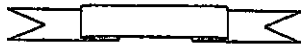
<i>Member</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Council</i>
Alberto Zamudio	Luis Alvarenga	32
Michael Shoda	Ted Novelli	137
Norris Noyd	Ed Silva	54
Angel Dimech	Michael Dimech	613
Matthew Ordon	Rod Ordon	613
James Pacatte	Domenic Carinalli	54
Robert Lee	Steve Azevedo	40
Roger Thompson	Peter Magrini	40
Ernest Renner	Steve May	40

2016-2017 Grand Council Candidates for the Young Men's Institute

American Council #8

Presents

**Brother
Chris McCann**



For the Office of

Grand Marshal



Brother Bob Fiorito

For
Grand Director



Experienced in Grand Council
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For
Grand Inside Sentinel

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#80 Presents

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Matt Nelson**



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Grand Director

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Brother

Bill Walls

For
Grand Director



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of St. Christopher Council #80

STATE OF THE INSTITUTE 2016

Brothers,

The following two proposals for changes to the Grand Council By-Laws will be presented on the floor of the 131st Grand Council Convention this June. All Brothers and in particular, all voting delegates, should review these proposals prior to the secret ballot vote.

Brother Luther Evans #80, JGP
Committee Chairman

Proposal #1 Relating to the Death Benefit Article VI, Section 1

Existing language:

Section 1: DEATH BENEFIT: Upon the death of a Benefit Member, who is in good standing in his Council as defined in this Article, his beneficiary shall receive the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) from Grand Council within thirty (30) days after notice and proof of his death has been submitted to the Grand Secretary by the Council, and upon the approval of the Board of Grand Directors. The sum shall be the exclusive and total Death Benefit to be paid to the beneficiary of a Benefit Member of the Young Men's Institute.

Rewrite:

Section 1: DEATH BENEFIT: Effective June 22, 2016, upon the death of a Benefit Member, who is in good standing in his Council as defined in this Article, his beneficiary shall receive the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) from Grand Council within thirty (30) days after notice and proof of his death has been submitted to the Grand Secretary by the Council, and upon the approval of the Board of Grand Directors. This sum shall be the exclusive and total Death Benefit to be paid to the beneficiary of a Benefit Member of the Young Men's Institute.

Rationale:

The Death Benefit Fund has accumulated assets of approximately \$1,600,000 at this time (April 2016). The total value at this time of all \$750 death benefits that have been promised to beneficiaries of all current Benefit Members is approximately \$750,000. Therefore, the Board of Grand Directors, desiring to provide for our families in the best and most prudent manner possible, believe that the amount of the Death Benefit can be reasonably increased from \$750 to \$1,500. By doing this, the total value of all promised Death Benefits will still only be about \$1,500,000, which is less than the \$1,600,000 that we already have on hand. In addition, we continue to collect \$12 per Benefit Member per year, which provides a further safeguard that the money will be there when it is needed.

Proposal #2 Eligibility as Delegate Article I, Section 2

Existing Language:

Section 2: ELIGIBILITY AS DELEGATE: Any member of a Council, except a Grand Officer, Past Grand President or Honorary member, may be elected as a Delegate, providing he has been a member of the Order for at least one (1) year prior to the convening of Grand Council and is in good standing with his Council at the time of his nomination and election as a Delegate. In a Council organized less than one (1) year prior to the convening of Grand council, any member in good standing may be elected as a Delegate.

Rewrite:

Section 2: ELIGIBILITY AS DELEGATE: Any member of a Council, except an Honorary member, may be elected as a Delegate, providing he has been a member of the Order for at least one (1) year prior to the convening of Grand Council and is in good standing with his Council at the time of his nomination and election as a Delegate. In a Council organized less than one (1) year prior to the convening of Grand Council, any member in good standing may be elected as a Delegate.

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Rationale:

Eligibility as delegate clearly states a Grand Officer and/or a Past Grand President may not be a delegate. This is understood because the Grand Officer and Past Grand President already have a vote during Grand Council, and his being a delegate excludes another member from having the delegate vote. However, at times for many Councils, there is no other choice available for a Council as has been the case in past years for many Councils to be represented at Grand Council. If a Council wishes to have another member other than a Grand Officer or Past Grand President as their delegate, all they have to do is vote that way when they elect their delegates. Also, Councils that do not wish to pay for a Grand Officer or Past Grand President to go to Grand Council actually are not obliged to do so by any rules in the By-Laws.

**YMI Council # 613
2016 Bocce Ball Tournament**

When: Saturday, September 24, 2016

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 3, 2016 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**

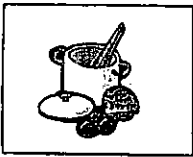
**In you are interested in having a team participate, please fill out the bottom portion of this flyer and send it back with a check payable to YMI Council # 613 to Mike Dimech at the following address:
205 Hazelwood Dr. South San Francisco, CA 94080.**

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
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What's For Dinner?

Pasta and Bingo were on the menu at the Grand Council's April 23, 2016 event held at St. Veronica's Parish Falcon Hall in South San Francisco. With the help and support of many YMI Brothers from South San Francisco Council #32 and St. John Bosco Council #613, the inaugural Pasta and Bingo dinner went off without a hitch. With a crowd of 75 people in attendance, everyone enjoyed a fine Italian meal prepared by Council #32's chefs: Brother Joe Ortisi, George Terry, Alan Patrick and Larry Andreatta. Joe Ortisi's wife, Terry, provided us with valuable assistance in the preparation and serving of our meal. We also had an excellent bar staffed by Council #613's Bob Fiorito and Council #32's Mark Schwery. After dinner we played eight games of Bingo with Brother Joe Ortisi calling out the numbers and we gave out \$400.00 in prizes. We eventually held a raffle and gave away many prizes including a 40-inch flat screen television.

Special thanks goes out to current Grand Second Vice President Mike Nelson and Past Grand President/current Grand Director Manuel Drumonde for attending this event with their wives. Also in attendance were Past Grand President and current Grand Director, Bob Bartoli, and his wife.

I also want to recognize a few Brothers for their help and support. Br. Mike Amato assisted us during our raffle and he along with Brother Bill Gunn #613 and Council #32's President Steve Cresci came the prior evening to help set up the hall. Special thanks goes out to Brother Richard Pisciotta and his wife Connie for their help in selling our raffle tickets and to Brother Sam Bonanno #32 for making an excellent meat sauce for our pasta meal as well as to Brother Cosmo Amoto #613 for ordering our ficaccia bread from North Beach. And lastly, I want to also thank our YMI Business Manager, Brother Tom Fourie, for his help and support, and all our YMI family and friends who made this a very special evening.

Yours for God and Country,

Brother Michael Dimech, #613



In Memoriam

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Council</i>
Sam J. Pintura	12-26-2016	2
John T. McEntee	01-15-2016	9
William H. Earp Sr.	02-23-2016	16
James E. O'Brien	01-12-2016	13
Matteo Genna	01-10-2016	1
James L. Souza	01-2016	80
Louis A. Camozzi	12-04-2015	613
Leonard M. Oliveira	01-03-2016	573
Ralph Lopez	10-13-2014	1
Alphonso Ferry	03-11-2016	8
Robert Newell *	02-15-2016	54
Gary Arbasetti	3-26-2016	32
Dominick J. Delcenio	02-11-2016	8



Aloha Brothers!

In the Hawaiian language, "aloha" has been said to mean "hello," "goodbye," and "love." What it truly means is "from the depths of my heart." So I write to you of my memories and experiences from the depths of my heart. During my time as Worthy Grand President this past year, I have come to see that the YMI nation-wide lives the "Aloha spirit" in our efforts to serve the communities we live in, our Brothers, and above all, our God and country.

As I prepared for the trip to visit Council #573 in Hilo, Hawaii, I found a real sense of excitement. Not simply because this was an amazing opportunity, but because our Hawaiian Brothers have always been said to be so very welcoming. My family and I were thankfully joined by Brother Tom Fourie, his wife Pat, and Brother Alan Patrick.

After arriving in Hilo, we gathered for the first night with some of the Brothers and wives at a "Welcome to Hawaii" dinner. I ordered the most Hawaiian thing on the menu that I could find, the Loco Moco was quiet good. Don't worry, it was not alcohol, but *it was* the beginning of a weeklong theme of "island hospitality" always meaning eating a feast.

The next day, we visited the Kīlauea Volcano and other tourist spots around the "Big Island." Later that evening, we attended Mass at St. Joseph's Church, where my wife, daughter and I were presented with leis and introduced to the church community. That evening we attended a "YMI Day" hosted at a local restaurant. We were treated to a seven course meal along with members of Council #573 and their better halves. Our MC that night was Brother James Souza who kept us all laughing with some of his infamous jokes.

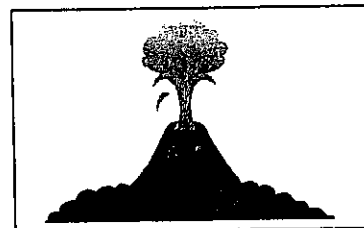
On Super Bowl Sunday, we started our day off at a Portuguese Day celebration in the park. We ate plenty of the different cuisines and especially enjoyed the malasadas, a Portuguese custard-filled

doughnut. We then were invited to watch the Super Bowl game at Brother Tom and Rosanna Figueira's house for a potluck. I warned you about that weeklong theme of never-ending food and feasts.

Besides the great hospitality and food being shared, Brother Tom and Rosanna shared something more. They gave my family a lesson in their knowledge of local plant life, diverse foods, and their experience of living in a tropical paradise. My daughter was in her own paradise being able to go collect fruits and vegetables from the yard, to try new flavors and, to feed an energetic and hungry baby bull. I will never be able to thank the Figueiras enough for such a wonderful day.

On Monday, Brother Tom and I headed off to St. Joseph's Catholic School to speak to the students about the values of a Catholic education and to thank them for their participation in the essay contest. Brother Tom presented one of the past winners with acknowledgement for their essay. We also sat in on a class and had a round table discussion with a handful of students. We discussed where they will be attending college and some of the projects that they were currently working on. Later that day, Chairman of the Board, Brother Alan Patrick, arrived and we all set out for dinner with the Brothers and their ladies. Erlinda Serrao was our gracious host and the feast was magnificent.

On Tuesday, we went to a local museum and planetarium. We sat underneath the stars and as a community we remembered that you are never too young to learn. Later that evening, while our wives and my daughter were being entertained by the Ladies of Council #573, the Brothers gathered for my Official Visit. (continued on page 12)



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I spoke about increasing community involvement, supporting veterans' groups, and growing our membership. Brother Alan gave a report on the Grand Council and spoke about the death benefit for YMI Brothers. Brother Tom cleared up our messes, spoke on a wide variety of topics, and covered the business part of the YMI. After the meeting, the ladies returned for a beautiful dinner shared by all. It is always a joy to sit with the members of all Councils, to talk, and to share our ideas on how to make the YMI everlasting.

This visitation could not have happened without the help and leadership of one WENDELL SERRAO. Brother Wendell is the backbone and glue that keeps this visit one of the most pleasurable experiences that the Grand President and other Brothers are able to enjoy yearly.

As we met for breakfast Wednesday morning to say our goodbyes, we were saddened to leave such a wonderful place and such genuinely welcoming people. They gave the best of their communities, the best of their homes, and the best of themselves from the bottoms of their heart. Now I know the true meaning of the word ALOHA. And can bring it back to you.

Fraternally Yours,

George Terry,

Grand President



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