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GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Grand President's Message

Since my last article in the Lamp Post, I had the opportunity to visit our Brothers in Hilo, Hawaii in February. The entire trip was a wonderful experience and it was so nice to meet our Hawaiian Brothers.

My wife, Jeanne, daughter Lisa and I arrived at the Kona Airport on day one. We then made the two-hour trip by car around the island from Kona to

Hilo. Once we were settled into the hotel, Brother Tommy Figueira picked us up and we went to Brother Wendell Serrao's home where we received a warm welcome. We were given leis that evening and had a great meal prepared by the wives of our Brothers. Over the next few hours we had some great conversation about the YMI, Hawaiian life and many points of interest.

The following day, Brother Tommy picked me up and brought me to St. Joseph High School where three sophomores provided me with a tour of their school. We stopped in a couple of classrooms and I spoke to the students about the YMI and encouraged them to continue to participate in our Pro Patria Essay contest. I also provided the school with a check in the amount of \$250.00, money the Grand Council had authorized to help supplement the schools' fundraiser to provide fencing around the school grounds.

Later that evening I made my official visit to Francis Council #573 and met many of the Council Brothers. I spoke to the Brothers about the undertakings of the YMI Grand Council, my visits to other Councils and one of my favorite topics – increasing membership.

I also provided them with some ways to try and increase their membership. Francis Council is a wonderful Council and I am glad that I had the opportunity to share some time with them.



The following day was YMI Day and we had dinner along with our wives at the new Chinese Restaurant in downtown Hilo. It was another fine meal along with great conversation. The following day we said our good byes and headed back to Kona for a few days of sightseeing. This was my first trip to the Big Island and I came away with many memories and I look forward to my next visit.

After returning from Hawaii, I attended the Red & White Mass in March which was chaired by Grand Second Vice President Carlos Rivas. Brother Carlos and Council #40 did an
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outstanding job putting on this event. I really enjoyed the Mass and the dinner was exceptional. It was nice to see many of our Brothers and their wives as well as friends who attended this event. I also want to thank Councils #32 and #613 for teaming up and hiring a bus that transported approximately 35 people to the Red & White Mass.

As my year, as Grand President, is nearing an end, I wanted to take a moment to thank all the Brothers of the YMI Councils who made me feel welcomed and at home during my Council visits. I also want to thank the District Deputies who assisted me during the year. You are the eyes and ears of the YMI and will always play an important role in the future of the YMI. I want to thank the Grand Council for providing me with advice, encouragement and Brotherhood during the year. A big thank you also goes out to my own Council, St. John Bosco Council #613 for your support during this past year. I also want to thank my family for being there with me, especially my wife Jeanne. I really appreciate all of your support and encouragement during the year.

As I look forward, I believe the YMI has a great future ahead of us. We do have some Brothers in place that I believe will bring the YMI to new heights. We, however, have to continue to promote the YMI in our parishes, schools and communities and bring in new members in order to continue to be a viable organization. We all have to be participants in the recruiting of new members. This cannot be left up to a few members of each Council. I think of the YMI as a small village and we should all share in this responsibility.

Yours for God and Country,
Michael Dimech
Grand President



Happy Father's Day

**The Young Men's Institute
South Lake Tahoe, Nevada
132nd Grand Council Session
MontBleu Resort Casino and Spa
55 Highway 50, Stateline, NV 89449**

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Timeline of Events

Monday, June 19, 2017

3:00 p.m. ~ 5:00 p.m. ~ Registration in MontBleu Resort Casino Lobby
6:00 p.m. ~ Opening Mass and Remembrance Ceremony
St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church
1041 Lyons Avenue, South Lake Tahoe, CA
(Ten minute drive from MontBleu Resort)

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

8:00 a.m. ~ Grand Breakfast ~ Evergreen C & D
MontBleu Resort Casino
9:15 ~ 9:45 a.m. ~ Registration ~ Evergreen A & B
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. ~ Session Begins ~ Evergreen A & B
12:00 Noon ~ Delegates Lunch ~ Evergreen A & B
5:00 p.m. ~ Special Optional Event
MS Dixie II 3 Hour Dinner Cruise on Lake Tahoe
Live Music for Dancing – No Host Bar
Round Trip Shuttle from Hotel

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

9:00 a.m. ~ Session Continues ~ Evergreen A & B
4:00 p.m. ~ Celebration Mass with Installation of Grand Council Officers for 2017-2018
St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church (ten minute drive from Hotel)
1041 Lyons Avenue, South Lake Tahoe, CA
5:30 p.m. ~ No-Host Cocktail Party ~ Evergreen C & D
6:30 p.m. ~ Grand Banquet ~ Evergreen C & D

Thank you for coming ~ have a safe trip home.

YMI 2017 Essay Winners



Grades 7-8				
Prize	Place	Name	School	Sponsor
\$500	1st	Lillian Salvador-Smith	St. Joseph Catholic School, Hilo, HI	#573
\$350	2nd	Gabriela Garcia	Our Lady of Guadalupe School, Bakersfield, CA	#100
\$300	3rd	Colby Cox	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$200	4th	Katie Casasa	Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires, San Francisco, CA	#1
\$150	5th	Brianna Filoteo	St. Robert Catholic School, San Bruno, CA	#32
\$100	6th	Nico Loframo	Our Lady of Loretto, Novato, CA	#10/#90
\$75	7th	Monique Lopez	Our Lady of Guadalupe School, Bakersfield, CA	#100
\$75	8th	Evan Lindley	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$75	9th	Katefyn Quon	Good Shepherd School, Pacifica, CA	#32
\$75	10th	Gio Ferrari	St. Robert Catholic School, San Bruno, CA	#32
\$75	11th	Jack Guiley	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$75	12th	Kyra Bockwath	St. Joseph Catholic School, Hilo, HI	#573
\$75	13th	Riley Parr	St. Anthony Catholic School, Atwater, CA	#80

Grades 9-12

\$1,000	1st	Kaya Bane	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$800	2nd	Sharlene Fang	Mercy High School, Burlingame, CA	#32
\$600	3rd	Erica Barker	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$400	4th	Miguel Madison	Turlock High School, Turlock, CA	#44
\$300	5th	Cienna Corpuz	St. Joseph Catholic School, Hilo, HI	#573
\$200	6th	Grace Deitsch	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$100	7th	Keya Davies	St. Joseph Catholic School, Hilo, HI	#573
\$100	8th	Fiona Jackson	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$100	9th	Amanda King	Vista del Lago High School, Folsom CA	#137
\$100	10th	Amanda Aquilio	Mercy High School, Burlingame, CA	#2
\$100	11th	David Edwards	Hilmar High School, Hilmar, CA	#44
\$100	12th	DJ Sequeira	Moreau Catholic High School, Hayward, CA	#900
\$100	13th	Monzarrat Rodriquez	Dos Palos High School, Dos Palos, CA	#99

Foundations Move Forward

The Educational Foundation of the Young Men's Institute as well as the Seminarian Educational Foundation of the Young Men's Institute both made significant steps forward in their recent Spring meetings.

The Educational Foundation reviewed their financial status and voted to increase the amount of money to be made available to the children of deceased YMI members at the elementary school, high school and college level. These increases will be explained at their annual meeting during the Grand Council Session in June. In addition, the Foundation Directors have renamed the Match Funds Program to the "Frank Pignati Matching Funds Program" in honor of the late Brother Frank Pignati, who was an outstanding supporting Brother of the work of the Foundation.

The Seminarian Educational Foundation voted to award a record number of Seminarians this year, surpassing last year's 31 recipients. The number and monetary awards will be announced and distributed also at the upcoming Grand Council Session.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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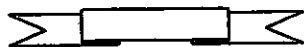
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George Breuer	Harry Licursi	40
Ricardo Coria	Rick Rios	5
Romeo Maffia	Thomas Saksa	40
Filiberto Duarte	Michael McGlynn	99
Erie Ochoa	Blanford Jones	80
Ray Taylor	John Kavanagh	613
David Burbank	Cosmo Amato	613
Taylor Reese	Scot Blesinger	497
Nathan Seifert	Scot Blesinger	497
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Kyle Smith	Glen Kissling	497
Edward Meyer	Jeff Mundy	497
Earl Correa	Marc Vera	40
Richard Schoenstein	Richard Pasquini	40
Pete Siragusa	Marc Vera	40
John Bringas	John Kavanagh	613
Mario Lim	John Kavanagh	613
Larry Tober	Ted Novelli	137
Carlos Iniguez	Francisco Montez	94
Zack Patrick	Dick Wheeler	94
Attilio Balatti	Richard Rezendes	94
Bruno Rocha	Richard Rezendes	94
Simon Felsinger	Ronald Lawson	94
Meli Gutierrez	Carlos Iniquez	94
Martin Houston	Max Martinez	94
Manuel Montez	Chris Montez	94
Brock Pisacco	David Pisacco	94
John McCarthy	Michael Amato	613
Michael Torres	Steve Cresci	32

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

2017-2018 Grand Council Candidates for the Young Men's Institute

Sebastopol Council #54
Proudly Sponsors

Domenic Carinalli



**For Grand Inside Sentinel
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Brother
Nick Franceschine

For
Grand Outside
Sentinel

Experienced with Grand Council
and Council workings...

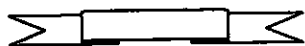
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Brother

Manuel Drumonde

"A True Veteran Brother"



**For the Office of
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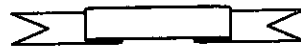


South San Francisco
Council #32

Presents

Brother

Steve Cresci



**For the Office of
Grand Director**

Brother Paul Walsh
**For the Office of
Grand Director**

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

**Strongly Backed by the
Brothers South San Francisco
Council #32**



**St. John Bosco Council
#613
Presents**

Brother John Kavanagh



**For the Office of
Grand Director
Knowledge, Leadership
And more!!!!**

Educational Foundation Memorials/Donations

- Vasco Barsanti:** South San Francisco Council #32
Tonno Ciaramitaro: Past Grand President's Association, Carl and Elaine Franke, Jim and Helen Mullen, Salvatore and Eleanor Enea, Beverly Ferreira
Joseph L. Coelho: Holy Rosary Council #44
Angelo Dimech: Tom and Pat Fourie
Anthony Marvier: South San Francisco Council #32
Frank Pignati: San Francisco Council #1, Nic and Pola Pignati, Vickie and Billy Berkowitz, Carl and Elaine Franke, James and Karyl-Ann Gorgan, Mario and Lucy DeVita, Jim and Helen Mullen
Brooks J. Rushing: Holy Rosary Council #44
Ratzi Sangimino: Salvatore and Eleanor Enea
Dante Sciandri: South San Francisco Council #32
Joseph Schroeder: Gonzaga Council #612
Manuel F. Souza: Holy Rosary Council #44, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Drumonde
James Vogelgesang: Gonzaga Council #612
Get Well John Musgrove: John West
Get Well Ron Hansen: John West



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

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Council</i>
Oswaldo C. Musso, GD	01-14-2017	14/900
Dante P. Sciandri	03-03-2017	32
Ronald D. Thissen, PGP	02-23-2017	88
Vasco L. Barsanti	02-23-2017	32
Joe C. Lourenco	02-07-2017	80
Manuel A. Bairos, Jr.	12-25-2016	80
Ratzi F. Sangimino	02-03-2017	59
John Maiorka	01-31-2017	40
Louis A. Sambuck	09-18-2016	9
Tonno P. Ciaramitaro, PGP	02-10-2017	59
Joseph A. Cunningham	01-28-2017	8
Larry Pistoresi	01-26-2017	94
Michael Bersaglieri	03-01-2017	613

STATE OF THE INSTITUTE



Brothers,

The following proposal for changes to the Grand Council By-Laws will be presented on the floor of the 132nd Grand Council Session this June. All Brothers and in particular, all voting delegates, should review these proposals prior to the secret ballot vote.

Proposal #1 Duties of Grand Officers **Article III, Section 3, Grand Secretary**

Existing Language: from paragraph #2

He shall maintain the name, number, location, and date of formation of the Councils and the names and addresses of their members, and shall be responsible for the proper distribution of the Institute Journal to each of them. He shall instruct the Business Manager to notify the Councils of the Per Capita Tax and Assessments levied upon them and shall receive all moneys due Grand Council, keeping a careful record of all such accounts between Grand Council and the Councils, and shall transfer such moneys to the Grand Treasurer promptly, taking receipt for each amount. He shall report to the Board of Grand Directors of any Councils that have neglected to make proper returns and are in arrears for the Per Capita Tax and Assessments levied upon them, or have neglected to file the Semi-Annual Report.

Rewrite: for paragraph #2

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Rationale:

Currently there is an ambiguity between the Grand Secretary Duties in Article III and the distribution of the Institute Journal and the Institute Journal Committee version. To remove this ambiguity, it has been suggested to remove the sentence in the Grand Secretary duties that gives the Secretary the responsibility and only rely on the Committee version in Article IV, Section 8.

Yours for God and Country,
George Terry #32, JPGP
Committee Chairman

BINGO

Night

What: YMI Grand Council Pasta Bingo Dinner

When: Saturday, November 18, 2017
 Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.
 Dinner: 7:00 p.m. followed by Bingo and a Raffle

Where: St. Veronica Parish Cafeteria (Falcon Hall)
 434 Alida Way, South San Francisco, CA

Cost: \$25.00 per person
Includes: Pasta dinner, salad, dessert
 2 Bingo cards

RSVP with payment by November 14, 2017
For more information contact: Br. Mike Dimech
 Cell - 650-922-2667
 E-mail - mdimech7@gmail.com

YMI Grand Council Pasta Bingo Dinner

Name: _____ Council # _____

Number of adults attending dinner: _____ @ \$25.00

Number of children (13 and under) attending dinner: _____ @ \$12.00

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: YMI Grand Council
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P.O. Box # 281047 San Francisco, CA 94128



**YMI Council # 613
2017 Bocce Ball Tournament
10th Anniversary**

When: Saturday, September 23, 2017

**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, 2017 or until filled (t-shirts are ordered on this date)

Cost: \$35.00 per participant or \$140.00 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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