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GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Grand President's Message

It is hard to believe that I have been Grand President for over six months. As I reported in my message in the Fall Lamp Post, I heard that the next YMI year was going to be busy for me and that is very true. Since my initial article I have made visits to five different Councils, participated in the Council #613's Columbus Day Parade in San Francisco, chaired Council #613's 9th Annual Bocce Ball Tournament, and I attended

Council #1's Seminarian Dinner event at the Italian Social Club in San Francisco. In addition to these visits and events I also attended Council #32's Social on October 27th and presented membership anniversary pins to several Brothers who were recognized for their years of service to the YMI. I also attended Council #613's Hour of Memory Mass and dinner at St. Peter and Paul Church on November 6th and attended the YMI Educational Foundation meeting. All these events took place in the last several weeks. I really enjoyed all of these events and sharing time with our Brothers and in some cases, their families.

In the last few months I have visited several different Councils where I had the opportunity to sit down and talk to my fellow Brothers. At Holy Rosary Council #44, I enjoyed a delicious dinner with many Brothers, some who were retired dairy farmers. I learned quite a bit about the dairy industry and the community that this Council serves and supports. It was a great evening. I also paid a visit to Santa Rosa Council #40, our current Council of the Year award winner. Council #40 did something unique during the evening that I made my visit.

Instead of having a normal business meeting, they decided to have a membership drive dinner where Brothers were asked to bring in individuals who may consider joining our fraternity. It was a wonderful idea and seeing the energy at the dinner was great.



Twelve Brothers brought a guest to the dinner and introduced them to the membership. Each guest said a few words about themselves, such as what parish they belonged to, how long they have lived in the community and the type of work they performed. I am not sure if all twelve men joined the YMI that evening or since then, however, this was a creative way to attract members and introduce them to our fraternal organization. This thinking was something outside of the box and I commend Council #40 for
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putting on this event and I strongly recommend that all of our Councils consider having a similar event. Our Brothers are always encouraged to bring a prospective member to the monthly business meetings; however having a yearly membership drive event is one more way to shine an additional light on our membership drive.

Moving forward, I have made a few more visits to our Councils before the 2016 year ended. I have traveled to the great state of Indiana the Saturday after Thanksgiving to visit our Brothers in Richmond and Huntingburg, followed by a visit to Sadoc Council in Antioch, California in early December. I have several more Councils that I would like to visit and I will arrange these visits in the very near future.

Given the favorable response to the initial Grand Council Pasta Bingo Dinner this past April, when you read this issue of the Journal, we will have celebrated another successful Pasta Bingo Dinner event on January 14, 2017 at St. Veronica's Parish in South San Francisco. Council #32 and #613 worked jointly to coordinate and present this event. Last year's event was a big hit with 80 people in attendance and this year we surpassed that attendance number.

As we have recently finished the 2016 Holiday Season, I hope all of you kept our service members in your prayers, especially those who will be away from their families this year. The Holidays have always been a busy time of the year for many of us, so I hope that everyone took your time and enjoyed the season and thought about safety when driving to stores or visiting family and friends.

Looking ahead, I can see that the next few months will be a fairly busy time for me; however, I look forward to making the rounds to all the Councils for a meal and some good conversation. As I make my rounds to the Councils, I will continue to share some of my goals with all of you and in turn I hope to hear about your own Council goals for the coming year. I also want to thank my family for supporting me during this busy year.

Until next time, Yours for God and Country,

Brother Michael Dimech #613
Grand President





Red and White Mass

March 11, 2017
St. Rose Lima Church
398 Tenth Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

5:00 p.m.

Banner Procession of YMI Councils Honoring Past/Present Brothers

5:30 p.m.

Mass, Father Agnel de Heredia, Grand Chaplin, Celebrant

Dinner Following Mass

Parish Hall adjacent to the Church

Dinner Menu

Breaded Calamari Steak or Chicken Breast Marsala with Mushrooms
Spring Mix Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette
Roasted Vegetables
Rice Pilaf
Franco American Bread with Butter
New York Cheesecake with Strawberries

Price: \$20.00 Adults; \$10.00 Children 12 and under

For more information, contact Brother Carlos Rivas 707-483-1229 or crivas44@sbcglobal.net



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Red and White Mass Dinner Reservation Form

Name: _____ Council # _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

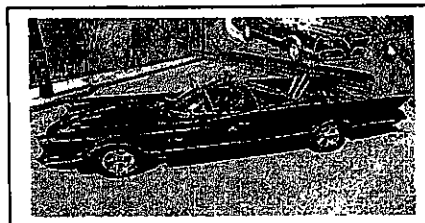
Number of Adults attending (Chicken _____)(Calamari _____) @ \$20.00 each: \$ _____

Number of Children attending (Chicken _____)(Calamari _____) @ \$10.00 each: \$ _____
(12 and under)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make Checks payable to: YMI Council #40
Mail this completed section and payment to:
YMI Council #40
1585 Terrace Way #314
Santa Rosa, CA. 95404

Please RSVP by February 25th, 2017



YMI TAKES 1ST PLACE IN THE ITALIAN HERITAGE PARADE

YMI St. John Bosco Council #613 received news that it earned a 1st Place Award from its participation in the 148th San Francisco Italian Heritage Columbus Day Parade on October 9, 2016. With the award, the YMI earned a check for \$125!!!

The YMI has been involved in the oldest Columbus Day Parade in America for nine years now. Through a long-standing partnership between YMI St John Bosco Council #613 and the San Francisco Model-A Ford Auto Club, the YMI's parade entry featured eight stunning motor vehicles (circa 1920's-1940's) including a 1938 San Francisco bus that had traveled through the streets of North Beach when **Brothers Dick Pisciotta, Cosmo Amato and Frank Pignati** were young kids in that neighborhood. The contingent also featured a spectacular modern 2016 Polaris that looked like the Batmobile. Each vehicle was adorned with signs prominently bearing our YMI name and logo and decorated with several American and Italian flags, as well as with many red, green and white balloons (the colors of the Italian flag).

As has been the tradition, the YMI Grand President leads the parade delegation and this year **Grand President Mike Dimech #613** had this honor sitting in the front seat of a classic gem from yesterday. **Grand Secretary Mike Amato #613** rode in the Batmobile looking vehicle, while **Grand Director Bob Fiorito #613** drove a 1930 Model-A Ford with a rumble seat. Several other YMI #613 Brothers (**Br. Joe Soracco, Ryan Casey and Jeff Morrow**) and their families rode in the other vehicles. In keeping with the Italian way of life, plenty of wine was on hand to enjoy, along with several Italian culinary specialties (salami, prosciutto, focaccia, biscotti). All the YMI participants reported having a wonderful experience witnessing thousands of people cheering the YMI entry as it wound its way through the streets of Fisherman Wharf and North Beach.

Next year will be the YMI's 10th year of parade participation and we look forward to an even grander experience!

Recipe for a Garden of Opportunity

Plant five rows of peas

1. preparedness
2. promptness
3. perseverance
4. politeness
5. prayer;

Then plant three rows of squash

1. squash gossip
2. squash criticism
3. squash indifference;

Be sure to plant five rows of lettuce

1. let us love one another
2. let us be faithful
3. let us be loyal

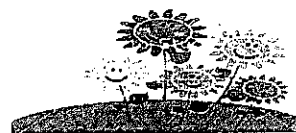
4. let us be unselfish

5. let us be truthful;

No garden would be complete without three rows of turnips

1. Turn up for church
2. Turn up with a new idea
3. Turn up with determination to do a better job tomorrow than you did today.

From your YMI chief gardner: Br. Ed De La Torre #1 PGP



Educational Foundation Memorials/Donations

Abraham Antonio: Jim and Helen Mullen, Wendell and Erlinda Serrao & Family, James and Janet Souza
Thomas Bertoldi: South San Francisco Council #32
Josephine Regala De Luz: Wendell & Erlinda Serrao and Family
Louis Fabbri: South San Francisco Council #32
James P. Ferry: Wendell & Erlinda Serrao and Family
Mrs. Ruth Flores: Wendell & Erlinda Serrao and Family
Mrs. Lee Fields: Wendell and & Erlinda Serrao and Family.
Marie Gandolfo: Frank Pignati
George Garibaldi: South San Francisco Council #32
Mrs. Pat Guisto: Frank Pignati
Joe Kramer: Frank Pignati
Matthew Martin: Holy Rosary Council #44
Joe L. Mendes: Holy Rosary Council #44
Flordelino "Floyd" Miguel: Wendell & Erlinda Serrao and Family
Ray Ming: South San Francisco Council #32
Manuel Orozco: Barbara Orozco
Frank Pignati: Bob and Arlene Fife, Gino and Willa Guidi Family, Shirley and Pat Kilkenny, Vivian Santilli and Family,

Sabrina, Sergio and Andrea Santilli, Tom and Pat Fourie, Ed and Mary DeLaTorre, Ray and Janet Allara, Warren and Betty Johnston, Josephine Amoroso and Family, Felix Ysturiz, Jack and Alice Albrecht, Frank Weber, Michael and Mara Amato, Frank and Lori Clyne, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Davis, Old Timers Baseball Association of San Francisco, Alan Patrick, Patrick J. Kidd, Anthony and Anna Pignati, Anthony Bergen and Carolyn Smith, Ugo and Maria Pignati, Marty and Stephanie Thomson
Mrs. Esther Pratt: Wendell & Erlinda Serrao and Family
Howard Tatum: Jim and Helen Mullen, James and Janet Souza, Wendell and Erlinda Serrao and Family
James Vogelgesang: Tom and Pat Fourie
Get well soon Mike Johnston: 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.

IN MEMORIAM

Member	Date	Council
Ralph Lopez	10-13-2014	1
Matthew Martin	08-21-2016	44
Joe L. Mendes Jr.	09-01-2016	44
Howard Tatum	07-29-2016	573
James P. Ferry	08-01-2016	573
Rev. George Thomas	08-18-2016	137
Fred Capra, GCO	12-23-2015	60
Roy Lopez	05-07-2016	60
Dan Sambueso	02-23-2016	60
Ray Sitton	04-21-2014	13
Leonard L. Borman	05-08-2016	497
Walter G. Seaton	05-20-2016	497
Flordelino Miguel	06-24-2016	573
William Jerse	01-10-2016	65/900
Manuel Orozco	11-18-2015	86/900
Arnold Borge	10-18-2016	497
Donald R. Broeker	10-30-2016	497
Thomas Bertoldi	10-20-2016	32

Member	Date	Council
George Garibaldi	11-20-2016	32
Raymond E. Ming	11-15-2016	32
Caesar Cuneo	04-16-2014	9
John Borba Jr.	12-2016	80
Manuel F. Souza	12-2016	44
Robert C. Schneider	10-29-2016	88
Albert A. Cunha	08-2016	76
Bernard P. Murphy	2016	86/900
William J. Clark	06-10-2016	99
Ronald W. Schiller Sr.	2016	83/900
Frank R. Esteves	08-13-2016	88
Louis J. Fabbri	2016	32
William W. Silva	09-08-2016	14/900
Adolph De Mattei	12-04-2016	2
Leo G. Liotard	10-05-2016	5
Frank Pignati	12-02-2016	1
Richard Kucich	11-07-2016	1



YMI SEPTEMBER BOCCE

On Saturday September 27, 2016, YMI Council #613 hosted their 9th Annual Bocce Ball Tournament at Orange Park in South San Francisco. Under sunny skies, 17 teams representing seven YMI Councils (#1, #32, #40, #54, #80, #137, #613) competed in this year's tournament.

As with prior tournaments many of the games were very competitive in the double elimination format. In the finals of this year's tournament, Council #32's **On a Roll**, a team made up of Dominic Franco, Bob Strupeni, Norm Faria and Danny Marcucci, faced off against Council #40's **Bocce@Pallino.Roll**, a team made of Thomas Saksa, James Kany, Greg Nelson and Ernie Renner. In the end, team **On a Roll** was victorious and won the 9th Annual Tournament. Each member of both teams that reached the finals received a bottle of wine.

Other teams who deserve honorable mention for playing well were:

3rd Place – Council #40 – Sonoma County High Rollers – Ricky Vannetti, Bill Saltzamn, Joe Saltzman, Gordon Perkins

4th Place – Council #40 – the Godfathers – Corbin Goin, Gerri Goin, Ron Misasi, Julie Misasi

5th Place Tie – Council #613 – Mike Amato, Bob Fiorito, Mike Dimech, Joe Dalli

5th Place Tie – Council #32 – Paul Larson, Bob Kinney, Mark Schwery, Nick Rueter

7th Place Tie – Council #32 – Pall Bearers – Alan Patrick, George Terry, Dave Carelli, Bob Bartoli, Bill Albera

7th Place Tie – Council #1 – Nick Sutton, Frank Pignati, Frank Weber, Mario DaVita

All Bocce Ball players received a commemorative Forest Green T-shirt with the YMI emblem and also took home many prizes from the lunchtime raffle. We also want to thank Council #32 and Garden Chapel for supplying hot coffee and donuts in the morning and to Council #613 for serving a delicious BBQ lunch.

Many YMI Grand Officers and Directors were in attendance this day including George Terry #32, JGP; Bob Bartoli #32, PGP and GD; Richard Pisciotta #613, GIS; Steve Cresci #32, GOS; Tom Fourie #32, PGP and Business Manager; Bob Fiorito #613, GD; Mario DaVita #1, GD; Mike Nelson #80, GFVP; Mike Amato #613, GS and Mike Dimech #613, GP.

Finally many thanks go to Mike Dimech, Mike Amato, Cosmo Amato, Ryan Casey, Jeanne Dimech, Mara Amato, Yvonne Soracco, Joe Soracco and the other Brothers of Council #613 for organizing and running this event. Look forward to seeing everyone next year.
Br. Mike Dimech 3613, GP

ESSAY TIME AND RAFFLE TOO! THE PRO PATRIA AT WORK

Well, the Pro Patria Essays have been submitted for 2017. Judges will begin shortly the important job of reading each essay three times and determining who the winners will be for this year. A question for each YMI Brother: Hopefully you encouraged your young family members (Grades 7-12), grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces, family friends, your local Catholic elementary school, your District Catholic High School to enter this year.

This 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 2017.

Working hand in hand with the Essay Contest is the Pro Patria Raffle – everyone should have received their tickets by now, so all you have to do is buy or sell them and then turn them in before March 1, 2017. 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.

As your Grand First Vice President, I urge every Brother to get involved with this most important YMI project.
Mike Nelson #80, GFVP





*The State of the Institute,
Brother George Terry JPGP
(650) 892-6810*

To all Councils of our great order

This is a request for your ideas for improvement or change. Please be aware you have an important role in the future of our YMI. Next June is coming sooner than you can imagine, the Grand Council is seeking ways to improve our Institute. Perhaps you have an idea, old or new, that will make YMI better. The "State of the Institute" is the place to divulge your secret. We will accept any idea, examine it, and, if worthy, we will present it to the membership at the next sessions.

Think about this!

Each Council has an opportunity to change the rhythm of our old songs! Perhaps you do NOT do something because it is against the rules; you can change rules if it makes sense. Or how about something you DO at your Council for the "Good of the Order" and it really works; make it known to the Committee, and perhaps other Councils can enjoy your success. Changes are not only for by-laws. The ceremonials and customs are also prone to getting stale, or just out of date. They can be renewed or refreshed. Think about it!

But you have to submit it!

And the deadline of next March 1st seems so far away, but there are only two or three more meetings in reality. We need your submission sent in for consideration as soon as possible. You need to give us time to study your recommendation, and then we publish it in the "Institute Journal", so all of your friends can determine the next step to take, the opportunity to decide how they will vote on your idea.

So come on Brothers, think of something good!

In fact, the best idea is to institute a council committee for this purpose, get together and come up with something for the good of the order.

Send it to our Committee at: George Terry JPGP 416 Magnolia Avenue.
South San Francisco, CA 94080 OR my e-mail address is: gvckterry@msn.com

OR Grand Council: Attention Mike Amato GS mamato871@aol.com

OR: Attention Tom Fourie PGP Young Men's Institute
PO BOX 281047 San Francisco, CA 94128-1047

**Together we can do anything! At least give it a shot!
By March 1st. May God bless us all!**

**Grand Council - Young Men's Institute
Man of the Year 2016-2017**

The 2016-2017 Man of the Year Grand Council Committee has met and is now accepting nominations for the 2017 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, 2017**. Please send to:

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

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 4/1/2016 through 3/31/2017? 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: _____

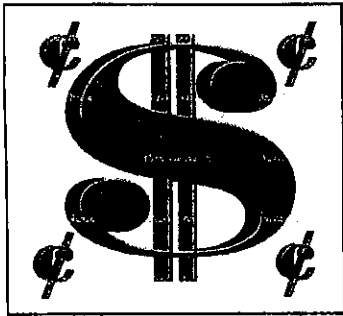
5. Did your council participate in the Pro Patria Raffle. If so, what was the percentage of members who purchased raffle tickets? _____

6. Was your Council represented at the 2016 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, 2017**



**YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM
(2017)**

Once again, the YMI Educational Foundation is proud to announce our Matching Funds Program for 2016-2017. The intent of this program is to enhance and support YMI Councils which have viable student scholarship programs in existence or are planning to have one during this school year.

All YMI Councils are encouraged to participate in this beneficial educational program. A cherished hallmark of the YMI has been to provide for the continued education of our young people.

Each Council may request any amount up to \$500 in Matching Funds. Upon approval of the submitted request, the Educational Foundation will in turn write a check of any amount not to exceed \$1000 to the educational institution selected or the Council scholarship program as designated by the requesting Council. The requesting Council's general membership must vote for the request of Matching Funds during a regular business meeting, prior to submitting the Matching Funds Application which is printed in this issue of the Institute Journal.

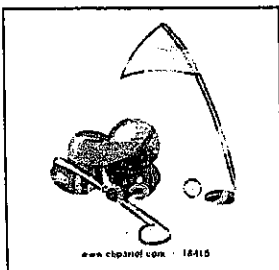
To participate in this program a Council must be participating or planning to participate in a scholarship program during this school year. A description of this participation is required on the application form (see page 11 of this issue of the Journal) that must be completed, submitted and postmarked not later than **April 1, 2017**. Barring a special circumstance request, Matching Fund checks will all be issued and mailed on **April 30, 2017**.

Yours for God and Country,

Brother Bob Bartoli #32, PGP
Brother Tom Fourie #32, PGP



Educational Foundation Directors



DATES TO REMEMBER

**March 11, 2017 – Red and White Mass/Dinner
Santa Rosa, California**

**April 30, 2017 – Grand Council Golf Tournament
Manteca, California**

**May 7, 2017 - Grand Council Bowling Tournament
Stockton, California**

**June 19-21, 2017 - 132nd Grand Session
South Lake Tahoe, California**

**YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM APPLICATION
(2017)**

1. Name and number of requesting Council: _____
2. Description of your Council's scholarship program. Please submit a written plan describing what the scholarship program consists of and how the money will be distributed.
3. Amount of Matching Funds requested (maximum amount per each Council is \$500.00): _____
4. Date of General Membership vote: _____ Number of votes: _____ YES
_____ NO
5. Signature of Council President: _____
6. Signature of Executive Committee Chairman: _____
7. List the recipient of the Matching Funds Check below. ***PLEASE NOTE*** Checks will not be made payable to individual Councils and therefore cannot be deposited into the Council's regular checking account. The checks **MUST** be issued to a Council's scholarship program (which is a separate account), directly to a school, or directly to an individual student.

8. Where Matching Funds check is to be mailed:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

9. Submit completed application form and requesting Council check payable to:

YMI Educational Foundation
P. O. Box 281047
San Francisco, CA 94128-1047

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED AND POSTMARKED NO LATER
THAN APRIL 1, 2017. ALL CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED ON APRIL 30,
2017.**

Any questions, please call 1-800-964-9646

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Carter Brown	Angel Vera	40
Jerome Lasher	Scott O'Brien	497
Mario Balistreri	Michael Dimech	613
Mario Borba	Danny Avila	44
Michael White	John Kavanagh	613
Zachary White	John Kavanagh	613
Blandford Jones	Daniel Murphy	80
Rick Todd	Will Taymayo	40
Brian Sullivan	Harry Licursi	40
Peter Siegenthaler	Steve Azevedo	40
David Borowicz	Chris Young	40
Mario Mendez	Jason Gonzalez	5
Avila Tacho	Rick Rios	5

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