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Pro Deo Pro Patria

Vol. 130 Spring 2019

GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Grand President's Message

Dear Brothers,

It has been an honor to serve a second term as your Grand President. I was able to accomplish a great deal with the help of many of you. I met many new friends and strengthened existing friendships during my travels. I want to thank my Brothers of Council #80 for their support, especially PGP Luther Evans, Brother Gary Frago, Brother

Billy Pimentel, and Brother Billy Avery. They were my companions during my travels. I also enjoyed the companionship of GFVP Mike Thissen on several of my journeys.

Additional thanks go out to my Brothers who volunteered to serve as District Deputies. Also, former Grand Presidents, the current Board of Directors, Grand Council Officers, and especially, Brother Tom Fourie, who provided me with guidance and support when I reached out for assistance.

I also want to thank my wife Sylvia and my children for their support during the past year.

I was unable to fulfill several of my Grand President duties due to work and family scheduling conflicts as I had not anticipated serving a second term. However, GFVP Mike Thissen filled in for me at the Young Ladies Institute Convention. I understand he was warmly received. Bro. Thissen also represented me at the Sebastopol #54 BBQ and the Bocce Ball Tournament. PGP Tom Fourie represented me during the annual visit to the Indiana councils, St. Augustine #497 and Gonzaga #612. PGP Manuel Drumonde was my representative to Francis #573 in Hilo.

Happy 136 Birthday YMI

I started my visits by attending the Holy Rosary #44 parish picnic in August. Brother Manuel Drumonde and the Hilmar crew always put together a good feed.

Sylvia and Brother Gary Frago and his wife, Kris, joined me as we attended the St. John Bosco #613 member picnic in August.

Official visits were made to Holy Rosary #44, Santa Rosa #40, and American #8.

I also visited St. Columba #94 in Chowchilla several times throughout the year. These guys know how to put on a fish fry.

I finished up 2018 with the Official Visit to my own Council, St. Christopher #80 in Atwater. PGP Luther Evans and Yosemite Institute #117 of the Young Ladies Institute provided a good setup for my visit. Brother Bill Effinger did his usual good job on the ribs.

2018 was supposed to start off with the Official Visit to St. John Bosco #613, SSF #32 and SF #1 however that was a day of terrible weather and dangerous
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driving conditions. GSVP Mike Amato represented me that evening. I hated to miss that one since I knew they were serving some great food.

GSVP Mike Amato and the Brothers of St. John Bosco #613 are to be congratulated for their work on the Red & White Mass in March. The turnout was good thanks to our Central Valley brothers from St. Columba #94, St. Christopher, #80, Holy Rosary #44, and Dos Palos #99, who organized a bus ride to the City.

I also attended the Madera #60 Cioppino dinner in April.

Additionally, I attended numerous Board of Directors, Seminarian and Educational Foundation meetings with conference calls and occasional personal visits.

It would be great to stop here and say that everything was wonderful, but I also had my share of failures as Grand President.

Most notable of these were that I did not fully open the lines of communication, in both directions, between all Councils and the Grand Council. Also, I did not visit all the Councils as I intended to do, especially those in my own "backyard".

Finally, I want to thank GFVP Mike Thissen for his work with the Pro Patria Raffle and Essay Contest.

That being said, I want to thank each of you for placing your trust in me to serve as Grand President.

Pro Deo, Pro Patria
Mike Nelson, GP

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE 134TH GRAND COUNCIL SESSION JUNE 17-19, 2019

Montbleu Casino Resort
South Lake Tahoe

****All YMI Brothers and their family members
are invited
to attend...see the registration form on
page 3**

**134th Grand Council Session of the Young Men's Institute
MontBleu Casino Resort
55 Highway 50, Lake Tahoe, Nevada 89449
June 17-19, 2019
Registration Form**

Member's Name: _____ Council #: _____ Tel. # _____ E-mail _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Names of all other Guests: _____

Participating as a Delegate (check one): Council Delegate ___ Grand Council Officer ___ District
Deputy ___ Past Grand President ___ Alternate ___

Delegate Registration Fee- \$40 Total: \$40.00

Event Reservations:

*Monday, June 17, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. – St. Theresa Catholic Church, 1041 Lyons Avenue, South Lake Tahoe –
Welcome Mass/Remembrance Ceremony
Number Attending: _____*

*Tuesday, June 18, 2019 – 8:00 a.m. – Grand Breakfast – Evergreen C & D Banquet Rooms, MontBlue Casino
Resort – The Tahoe Buffet - \$20 per person
Number Attending: _____ **Total: \$ _____***

*Tuesday, June 18, 2019 – 12 Noon - Delegate's Lunch
Box Lunch - \$15 per person (only for YMI Brothers) **Total: \$ _____***

*Tuesday, June 18, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.– Optional Event
Sunset Dinner Cruise on the MS Dixie II, Zephyr Cove, NV – transportation to and from hotel, champagne
welcome reception, three course dinner, live music and three-hour cruise on Lake Tahoe - \$80 per person
Number Attending _____ **Total: \$ _____***

*Wednesday, June 19, 2019 – 4:00 p.m. – St. Theresa Catholic Church, 1041 Lyons Avenue, South Lake Tahoe-
Celebration Mass/Installation Ceremony
Number Attending: _____*

*Wednesday, June 19, 2019 – 5:30 p.m. – Cocktails; 6:30 p.m. – Grand Banquet at the MontBlue Casino Resort –
Evergreen C & D Banquet Rooms - \$50 per person
Number Attending: _____
Entrees: Prime Rib _____ Halibut _____ **Total: \$ _____***

*Order a YMI Black T-Shirt \$20.00
Sizes (Circle One) M – L – XL – XXL – XXXL **Total: \$ _____***

Grand Total for Registration, Events and Orders: Total Submitted: \$ _____

**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE IN THE GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 2019.
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO YMI GRAND COUNCIL. NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 1, 2019.**

**DON'T FORGET TO MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS....CALL 1-800-648-3353 AND USE
THE CODE: STYMI19 BY MAY 15, 2019.**

YMI 2019 Essay Winners



Grades 7-8

Prize	Place	Name	School	Sponsor
\$500	1st	Summer Jackson	Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires, San Francisco, CA	#1
\$350	2nd	Reagan McNichol	St. Robert Catholic School, San Bruno, CA	#32
\$300	3rd	Gabriel Monasterio	St. Anthony Catholic School, Manteca, CA	#88
\$200	4th	Gabriella Cammou	St. Francis Elementary School, Bakersfield, CA	#100
\$150	5th	Artyom Yusupor	St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, Petaluma, CA	#54
\$100	6th	Amy Irias	KIPP Charter School, San Francisco, CA	#32
\$75	7th	Bess Scheiben	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$75	8th	Ocean Hilton	St. Joseph Catholic School, Hilo, HI	#573
\$75	9th	Tessa Hamilton	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$75	10th	Elizabeth Rivera	St. Francis Elementary School, Bakersfield, CA	#100
\$75	11th	Gabriel Chang	St. Robert Catholic School, San Bruno, CA	#32
\$75	12th	Joseph Yiakis	Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires, San Francisco, CA	#1
\$75	13th	Reese Wellbeloved	Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires, San Francisco, CA	#1

Grades 9-12

\$1,000	1st	Lillian Salvador-Smith	St. Joseph Catholic School, Hilo, HI	#573
\$800	2nd	Jack Kavanagh	St. Ignatius College Prep, San Francisco, CA	#613
\$600	3rd	Audrey Mosey	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$400	4th	Kayla Dowd	Whitney High School, Rocklin, CA	#613
\$300	5th	Evalynn Aleman	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$200	6th	Christina Fuller	Chowchilla Union High School, Chowchilla, CA	#94
\$100	7th	Trent Reichley	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$100	8th	Aiyime Hikasa	St. Joseph Catholic School, Hilo, HI	#573
\$100	9th	Thea Falvey	Marin Catholic High School, Kentfield, CA	#54
\$100	10th	Jake Moynihan	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$100	11th	Lucca Lorenzi	Golden Valley High School, Merced, CA	#80
\$100	12th	Shelby Kutter	Seton Catholic High School, Richmond, IN	#612
\$100	13th	Sara Drumonde	John H. Pitman High School, Turlock, CA	#44

Educational Foundation Memorials/Donations

Richard and Elsie Burns: John West

Patrick Callagy: San Francisco Council #1

Donald Cordo: South San Francisco Council #32

Adele Cullinane: Jim and Helen Mullen

Paul Domergue: San Francisco Council #1

Gary Gualco: San Francisco Council #1

Joe N. Lourenco: Holy Rosary Council #44

Jim Nichols: Holy Rosary Council #44

Jordan Ouse: Holy Rosary Council #44, Manuel and Celeste Drumonde

Bill Ramirez: San Francisco Council #1

William Strong: South San Francisco Council #32

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

YMI CELEBRATES RED & WHITE MASS

Submitted by Br. Mike Amato #613, GSVP

As the event chair, I extend my thanks to the many YMI Brothers and wives that attended the **YMI Red & White Mass** on March 9th at St. Cecilia's Church in San Francisco. This year's Red & White Mass celebrated the 136th anniversary of our YMI Order.

Despite a few hiccups during the evening, the event was an overall success! We had a strong participation, as 135 people from 11 YMI Councils throughout the state (#1, #2, #8, #32, #40, #44, #54, #59, #94, #99, #613) and two YLI Institutes in San Francisco (#1, #7) attended. Most notably several YMI Councils from the Central Valley pooled resources and chartered a large bus to travel to San Francisco to attend the celebration! (*Many thanks to Br. Bill Avery #80, GM for organizing the bus!*)

The pre-Mass banner procession was impressive, as many of the YMI Councils participated by having a representative walking down the center aisle of the large church and proudly carrying their YMI banner. As each Council reached the front of the church, each was handed a red carnation to honor deceased YMI members and a white carnation to honor current and future ones. The carnations were placed in two vases on the altar, which added to the church's beauty. Afterwards, Fr. Agnel De Heredia #32, GC and Fr. Joe Landi #613 celebrated the Mass as many in the YMI brotherhood sharply wore YMI attire and participated vocally in the Mass along with the large congregation of the St. Cecilia parish.

After Mass, the YMI/YLI guests descended into the dining area below the church that was decked out beautifully in a red and white theme. The dinner was hot and very tasty and bar sales flourished from YMI fraternalism. We had several speakers promoting upcoming events and we selected ten raffle winners from the Pro Patria Raffle that represented a broad array of YMI/YLI Councils and Institutes

Throughout the event, we received plenty of support, particularly from the YMI #613 Brothers. Many people deserve thanks as it was a true YMI team effort.

NEW MEMBERS

<u>Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Council</u>
Alfonso Reyna, Jr	Rene Rubalcava	80
Miguel Ortega, Jr.	Rene Rubalcava	80
Frank Munoz	Rene Rubalcava	80
Alex Halasz	Nick Franceschine	54
James Medeiros	Cosmo Amato	613
Damien Moniz	Norbert Correia	573
James Bertana	Mark Schwery/Richard Murray	32
John Figone	Bob Bartoli	32
Jack Fraguilia	Mark Schwery/Richard Murray	32
Greg Tallerico	Bob Bartoli	32
Angelo Borg	Lewis Borg	2
Paul Chavez	S. Martinez	2
Kevin Pezzaniti	John Diaz	2
Volodymyr Skrypka	Chris Young	40
Robert Bisordi	Richard Schoenstein	40



DECLARED CANDIDATES FOR 2019-2020 GRAND COUNCIL
OFFICE.....THUS FAR".

*San Francisco Council #1
Announces Its Support For*

Brother Jack Albrecht

Grand Treasurer

**BROTHER MICHAEL
AMATO**

*ANNOUNCES HIS
CANDIDACY FOR
GRAND FIRST VICE
PRESIDENT*

**Sebastopol Council #54
Proudly Sponsors**

Domenic Carinalli

For Grand Director

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

**Dos Palos Council #99
Presents**

**BROTHER
DARRELL FONSECA**

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

Brother Nick Franceschine

*For
Grand Second Vice President*

***Experienced with Grand
Council
and Council workings...***

*Sebastopol Council #54
is Honored to Promote the Candidacy
of*

Brother Charlie Wallin

**A man of integrity,
spirituality, honesty
and**

**A man of family
for
Grand Inside Sentinel**

*St. Christopher Council #80
Presents*

Brother Billy Avery

***For the Office of
Grand Marshal***

A most loyal YMI Brother!!!!

*South San Francisco Council #32
Presents*

Brother Steve Cresci

***For the Office of
Grand Director***

***Experience, dedication,
And more!!!!***

*St. John Bosco Council #613
Proudly Sponsors*

***BROTHER MICHAEL
DIMECH***

“A True Veteran Brother”

***For the Office of Grand
Secretary***

***Brother Christopher McCann #8
For***

Grand Outside Sentinel

***Knowledgeable of Council Efforts.
Youth as his calling card....
Respected by All....***

***Strongly Backed by the members
of American Council #8***

Brother Mike Thissen

*Announces His Candidacy for the
Office of*

Grand President

***With the unanimous
support of
St. Columba Council #94***



STATE OF THE INSTITUTE REPORT - 2019

Brothers,

Two proposals were presented to the State of the Institute Committee this year for consideration and to be voted on at the June 2019 Grand Session. The proposals presented to the Committee included the following:

- a. Changing the title of the Junior Past Grand President to Past Grand President Emeritus.
- b. Providing guidelines in the By-Laws governing the usage of reserve funds.

The Committee reviewed these two proposals and voted to present the following to our Brothers at the 134th Grand Council Session.

Proposal #1:

Current:

Article III, Section 7, BOARD OF GRAND DIRECTORS: The Board of Grand Directors shall consist of eight Grand Directors as provided for in the Grand Council Constitution, and as ex officio members with voice only, the Grand President, Junior Past Grand President, Grand Vice Presidents, Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.....

Proposed Rewrite:

Article III, Section 7, BOARD OF GRAND DIRECTORS: The Board of Grand Directors shall consist of eight Grand Directors as provided for in the Grand Council Constitution, and as ex officio members with voice only, the Grand President, **Past Grand President Emeritus**, Grand Vice Presidents, Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.....

Current:

Article IV, Section 16, STATE OF THE INSTITUTE COMMITTEE: This Committee shall consist of seven (7) members and shall have the Junior Past Grand President as Chairman....

Proposed Rewrite:

Article IV, Section 16, STATE OF THE INSTITUTE COMMITTEE; This Committee shall consist of seven (7) members and shall have the **Past Grand President Emeritus** as Chairman....

Rationale

Using the term “Junior” describes something that is minor, lower, low-ranking or secondary. A Past Grand President should not be thought of in this manner and it appears it is time to make a change.

Proposal #2:

Current:

Article IV, Section 14, RSERVE FUND COMMITTEE; Maintain current language and add the following

Proposed Rewrite is to add:

Reserve Fund usage is as follows:

- 1. To make up the difference in YMI Grand Council annual budget when expenses exceed income.**
- 2. Each Council which sends one or more delegate(s) to the Grand Session shall receive from the Reserve Fund up to \$500.00 per Council to help defray the expense of sending delegate(s) to the Grand Session. The amount will be determined by a vote of the Board of Grand Directors at the January Board of Grand Director’s meeting and each Council will be notified of the availability of such funds.**
- 3. Any recommendations made by and approved by the YMI Board of Grand Directors.**

Rationale:

Since the YMI By-Laws do not set guidelines for the usage of the Reserve Funds, there is a need for the Order to identify what the funds can be used for and this information should be placed in the By-Laws.

Submitted by Brother Michael Dimech, #613, PGP
Chairman, State of the Institute Committee



**YMI Council # 613
2019 Bocce Ball Tournament**



When: Saturday, September 28, 2019

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).
Limited to the first 16 paid teams.**

Deadline: September 6, 2019 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				
_____	_____	S	M	L	XL	XXL
_____	_____	S	M	L	XL	XXL
_____	_____	S	M	L	XL	XXL
_____	_____	S	M	L	XL	XXL

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

WHEN: Sunday, June 2, 2019 12:30 a.m.
Players report at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Bennett Valley Golf Course
3330 Yulupa Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

COST: \$100.00 per player
Includes Golf, Cart, Prize Fund and (after golf) Banquet
\$ 40.00 Non-playing guest for Banquet (4:30p.m. – 7:00p.m.)



Players:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Please indicate who is captain of foursome.

Non-Playing Guest for Banquet: _____
Golf is open to Family and Friends

Contact/Questions: Bob Fiorito
(650) 867-6702 or email bmr850bob1@aol.com

DEADLINE: MAY 18, 2018

Make check out to “YMI Grand Council” and mail completed form with check to:

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John F. Silva, Jr.	01-13-2019	573
Jim Favini	11-21-2018	60
John Moore	12-30-2018	8
Jordan Ouse	01-19-2019	44
Joe N. Lourenco	02-19-2019	44
Donald R. Cordo	03-02-2019	32
Bert Travens	02-16-2019	573
John Muccini	04-04-2019	1

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