



Young Ladies' Grand Institute

A Catholic Women's Organization

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Dear Sisters:

THE BOARD OF GRAND DIRECTORS MEETING will be held on **Saturday, March 1, 2025**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the **YLI Clubhouse, 1400 – 27th Street, Sacramento, CA**. The Grand President and the Grand Officers will be staying at the **Courtyard by Marriott Sacramento Midtown, 4422 Y Street, Sacramento, CA 95817**.

The Board meeting is open to all YLI members. We urge all those who can attend to join us.

Contact Grand Secretary for Zoom Link for the Board meeting:

GOLDEN JUBILEE BURSE donations are due no later than **March 1, 2025**. If you have an early presentation and have not sent in your donation, please call the Grand Secretary **RIGHT AWAY**. We will work together to make sure your donation is received within the 30-day deadline. If your presentation is any time after March 31, it must be received by the Grand Secretary by March 1. The required 30-day time period provides time to process the checks and ample time to issue the check and send it to your presenter for your presentation in your Diocese or Archdiocese.

QUARTERLY REPORTS for the quarter ending March 31 are due no later than April 30, 2025. Checks for the Per Capita Tax of \$3.50 per member, Grand Institute Assessment of \$0.25 per member and Death Assessment of \$1.05 per Beneficial member should accompany the reports. The quarterly report must be read and accepted prior to nomination and election of delegates and alternates to Grand Institute.

This report is used by many committees to compile data for the upcoming convention. Therefore, it is extremely important that they are submitted in a timely manner.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MEETING PROCEDURE: As mentioned in the Grand President's February letter, the delegates at the 121st Grand Institute will address proposed amendments to the Meeting Procedure at the convention this July.

The following timeline will be used for this process.

*March 15, 2025 - The Grand Secretary must receive all proposed amendments postmarked by the due date

*April 1, 2025 - The Grand Secretary will submit all amendments to the Laws and Supervision Committee 90 days prior to convening Grand Institute

*June 1, 2025 - The Grand Secretary will send all amendments to delegates 30 days prior to convening Grand Institute

Please use the attached Proposed Amendment form to submit your proposed amendments by the March 15 due date. (See link on Website for February GP Letter)

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES FOR THE 121st GRAND INSTITUTE are elected during April after the reading of your quarterly report and assessments are paid. Instructions concerning notification of membership, number of delegates, eligibility, etc., can be found in the Constitution, Article XV, pages 38-40. Credentials for Delegates and Alternates will be sent with the April Grand President's letter. The dates for the Grand Institute Convention are July 21-24, 2025, held at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno, Nevada.

CANDIDATES FOR GRAND OFFICE must submit their Voice of YLI ad and photo by April 30, 2025. Candidates for the Office of Grand 2nd Vice President must also include a 50-word vision statement. The cost of the ad with last year's picture is \$15.00. The cost for the ad with a NEW picture is \$20.00 (headshot only). Color pictures are acceptable. Please make your check payable to the Young Ladies' Grand Institute and send it with your picture and Candidates Information to the Grand Secretary, P.O. Box 160286, Sacramento CA 95816. "**Guidelines for Candidates**" and the "**YLI Candidate Information**" forms are available online as well. All **YLI Candidate Information forms** must be typed and copy ready to be put in the delegate's packets.

YLI SCHOLARSHIPS: The YLI Scholarship Committee wishes to remind you that all scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than **March 31, 2025**, and mailed to Frani Dimond, Chairman, Scholarship Committee.

DUES INCREASE: As you are aware, the delegates approved \$1.00 dues increase at the 120th Grand Institute Convention last July. **This increase applies to the per capita tax and will become effective April 1, 2025. With this increase beneficial dues will be \$31.00 per year and associate dues will be \$25.00 per year.** The quarterly report will be revised to increase the per capita tax assessment from \$3.50 to \$3.75 per member each quarter. The revised report will be placed on the YLGI website on **April 1, 2025**. The revised quarterly report form must be used for the quarter ending June 30, 2025.

GRAND PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM: Thank you to all the Institutes who have participated in this year's Grand President's Program – The Power and Glory of Music. It has been such a joy to see how everyone has embraced the challenge to support an environment where music and the arts are available to everyone. Time has been spent educating ourselves to understand the benefits of music, exploring our communities to see which programs are available, and providing financial assistance to various groups so that music can touch the lives of children, students, and/or adults.

Please see the Grand President's Program Report Form attached to this letter and give it to your Institute Program Chairman. All completed forms must be returned to Patricia McGuire, Grand President's Program Chairman, on or before June 1, 2025. Thank you.

Please contact Grand Secretary's office for details of the following changes to the President/Secretary list and Institute/District Deputy list. Thank you.

PRESIDENT/SECRETARY LISTS:

- 111 St. Monica – New Recording Secretary Landry Otterson

DEPUTIES LISTS:

- Ann Toomey – Please update Ann's email to...

