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**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613
DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER**

**Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on ...
December 8th (Tues) -7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Room.**

**Meeting Highlights: 2016 Budget & Dues & Our Joker Fundraiser
Dinner: Roasted chicken & pasta provided by Br. Art Jimenez**

President's Message

YMI Brothers & Families....Seems like 2015 just started and it's already December! For those who have attended our YMI meetings and events or who have been following our newsletter, it is clear that this year has been an outstanding one for **YMI St. John Bosco #613**. Although there were many highlights, topping that list for me was being awarded the **YMI Council of the Year** at the Grand Council Sessions in Reno this past June. This award is very special, because it belongs to ALL of us and it was earned through your participation and support in the YMI.

There is much to celebrate for 2015 and I'm hoping to see many of you at our Christmas Party on **December 13th**, so we can toast to each other on our successful year. Moreover, we can celebrate the wonderful holy season of Christmas. Although very sadly the world has suffered recent tragedy and grief at the hands of those who distort God's true message, it is essential that we remember that Christ came into this world to bring a message of love, joy and peace. So when you gather with your families and friends at parties, dinners, or simple gatherings, it is more important than ever to proudly proclaim "**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**" and spread the positive message of our Lord to all!

Council News & Activities:

Parade News - We received recent good news that the Columbus Day Celebration Committee awarded YMI #613 with a 2nd place award in the antique car division. The award comes with a **\$100 cash prize**. We extend congratulations to **Br. Bob Fiorito** and the **San Francisco Model-A Auto Club** for making this award possible.

Christmas Party: Our annual Christmas Party will be held on **December 13th** at **Dominic Restaurant in South San Francisco!** Come enjoy cocktails and a tasty dinner with many fabulous YMI people. Plus we will have our end of the year spectacular raffle! Please contact **Br. Dick Pisciotta** (415-334-6429) by December 4th to make your reservations. **See the attached event flyer for details.** **Please also remember to bring some canned goods or toiletries to remember those in need.**

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest: The deadline for the 13th Annual YMI #613 Jim Calabretta Essay Contest is almost here! Student essays are due by **December 4th**. Please encourage students in your family, as well as students of friends and neighbors to apply (you can sponsor up to two non-members). **See the attached contest entry form**. Please contact **Br. Mike Amato (650-871-9164)** if any questions about the contest.

Feast of St. John Bosco: Come join us to honor our patron saint at a special 8:45 a.m. Mass at **Sts Peter & Paul Church** on **January 31, 2016**. Afterwards, we will gather with parishioners of all ages to enjoy coffee, tea, and donuts in the church's parish center. Contact **Br. Cosmo Amato (415-393-3560)** to let him know you will be there or to get more information about the event. I know the time may be early for some, but it would be great to see many of you there in our blue YMI #613 shirts to pay tribute to Dom Bosco. **See attached event flyer.**

Pro Patria Raffle Tickets -Did you buy your YMI raffle tickets yet? The raffle supports the YMI Grand Council's Essay Contest, which is open to any students of a YMI #613 brother. We would truly appreciate it, if each YMI #613 brother would support this worthwhile cause by purchasing two books of tickets that were mailed to you last month. Each book contains 12 tickets and costs just \$10.00 per book. The raffle drawing will be held after the **Annual Red & White Mass**, which this year will be held on **Saturday, March 5, 2016 at St. Anthony's Church in Atwater, California**. If you need raffle tickets, please contact **Br. Mike Dimech (650-992-2667)**. He is also willing to fill books out for you if you send him a check.

Sports Tournament - Looking ahead to 2016, the Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 24th and the Bowling Tournament is set for May 15th. The tournaments will be held at the same venues.

Welcome - We welcome back **Br. Paul Christopher** to our membership ranks after a brief break! In addition, we extend a heartfelt welcome message to **Br. Michael Bersaglieri**, who joined us a few months ago.

Birthdays: Happy Birthday wishes to the following YMI #613 Brothers who will celebrate their December Birthdays:

James, O'Sullivan, Joseph Soracco, Nicholas Bruna, John Luppino, George Rehmet, Noel Laffey, Nickolas Varanis, Richard Pisciotta Jr. Rafael Guajardo

Monthly Reminders

Sponsor a New Member- Consider sponsoring a new member and sharing the opportunity of participating in the YMI brotherhood. Besides being part of an organization that does good work for our faith and community demonstrated by the fact that we contributed nearly \$25,000 in donations and scholarships each year, they will be able to participate in many fun social events (e.g. dinners, sports tourneys, picnics).

#613 Charity - Please remember to bring canned goods or toiletries to our next business meeting. Our monthly efforts of collecting food and personal items have directly benefitted San Bruno's Catholic Hospitality Worker's House. **Many thanks to you for your generosity! To date we have donated 630 lbs. of canned good and toiletry items.**

YMI #613 Calendar: Upcoming Meetings & Events:

**December 8th (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room).
Dinner coordinated by Br. Art Jimenez**

**December 13th (Sun)- YMI #613 Christmas Party @ Dominic's Restaurant near Oyster
Point in South San Francisco (6:00 p.m. cocktails & 7:00 p.m. dinner)**

**January 12th (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room).
Dinner coordinated by Br. Bill Pallas**

January 31st (Sun) - Feast of St. John Bosco (8:45 a.m. @ Sts Peter & Paul Church

**February 9th (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room).
Dinner coordinated by Br. John Smith**

**February 14th (Sun) - St. Cecilia Family Mass with the YLI (9:30 a.m. @ St. Cecilia's
Church)**