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YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613
NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

**Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on...
November 10th (Tues)-7:00 p.m. @St Cecilia's Green Room.**

**Meeting Highlights: Winter Activities & Our Joker Fundraiser
Dinner: Our traditional turkey feast coordinated by your president: \$10**

President's Message

Brothers....It's been said "everyone loves a parade!" Having recently rode in a beautiful 1938 Chevy at the Italian Heritage Parade, I can truly appreciate this expression. I was able to witness thousands of people cheering the YMI entry, which this year featured eight fabulous antique cars. We were particularly popular with the young kids as we tossed plenty of hard candy for them to enjoy.

For the 8th consecutive year, the YMI participated in the Italian Heritage Parade riding in antique cars supplied by the Model A Club of San Francisco. Heading our contingent was YMI **Grand President George Terry**, **YMI Man of the Year Mike Dimech** and **Father Joe Landi** (clearly a crowd favorite)! In addition, **Brs. Bob Fiorito and Joe Soracco** were on hand to ride in the parade and several YMI brothers (**Brs. Cosmo Amato, Ryan Casey Bob Figone, and Rich Rosemont**) were seen along the parade route enjoying the festivities. We're optimistic about receiving an award for our entry and I'm hopeful that I will be able to report the good news at our next meeting. My thanks to **Br. Bob Fiorito** and **Gary Barrango** of the Model A Club for coordinating this event for us.

Coming up: Don't forget to sign up for the Christmas Party! You won't want to miss this always outstanding event.

Council News & Activities:

Hour of Memory: The annual **Hour of Memory Mass/Dinner** to honor past YMI #613 brothers who have passed away will be held on **Sunday November 1st**. Hopefully we will see many of you that day at the **3:30 p.m. Mass at Sts Peter & Paul's Church** and at the subsequent dinner at the **San Francisco Italian Athletic Club**.

Christmas Party: Our annual Christmas Party will be held on **December 13th at Dominic Restaurant in South San Francisco!** Besides enjoying a couple of cocktails and a tasty dinner with many amazing YMI people, we will have our end of the year spectacular raffle. **See the attached event flyer for details.** Contact **Br. Dick Pisciotta** today to make your reservation at 415-334-6429.

Budget Meeting - All Council officers and committee members are requested to attend a 2016 budget development meeting at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 17th**. The Budget Meeting will be in the **Green Room**.

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest: The 13th Annual YMI #613 Jim Calabretta Essay Contest is underway! We have some great topics this year and we look forward to reading some excellent essays. With a total prize fund of \$15,500, we will be awarding 50 scholarship prizes next spring. Student essays are due by **December 4th** so there is still plenty of time to submit an entry. 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.

Pro Patria Raffle Tickets -By now, you should have received two books of raffle tickets from the Pro Patria Committee. We would appreciate it, if each brother can support this raffle by purchasing one or two books of tickets. Each book contains 12 tickets and costs just \$10.00 per book. The raffle supports the YMI Grand Council's Essay Contest, which is also available to all students of YMI #613 brothers. 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**.

Appointments - We extend congratulations to the following YMI #613 brothers on recent appointments filling out YMI leadership positions to June 2016:

- **Grand Director - Br. Bob Fiorito**
- **Executive Committee - Br. Paul DeMartini**

Welcome - Although he joined us a few months back, please let me extend a belated welcome message to our newest member, **Br. Valentine Guajardo**. Br. Valentine was sponsored by his son **Br. Rafael Guajardo**.

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

Kevin Folan, Joseph DiNallo, Jerry Nolan, George Venezia, Brendan Kenneally, Dennis Aicardi, Michael Folan

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 585 lbs. of canned good and toiletry items.**

YMI #613Calendar: Upcoming Meetings&Events:

November 1st (Sun) - YMI #613 Hour of Memory (3:30 p.m. @ Sts. Peter & Paul Church & 5:00 p.m. @ San Francisco Italian Athletic Club)

**November 10th(Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room).
Special Thanksgiving Dinner coordinated by Br. Mike Amato**

November 17h (Tues) - Annual Budget Meeting (7:00 p.m. @St. Cecilia's Green Room).

**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