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

**Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on ...
October 13th (Tues) -7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Room.**

**Meeting Highlights: Winter Activities, Donations & Our Joker Fundraiser
Dinner: A great meal coordinated by Br. James Vavuris & Br. Nick Varanis**

President's Message

Brothers.....Just enjoyed a great weekend. On Saturday, September 26th, I participated in our fabulous bocce ball tournament, featuring a record 18 teams! All the participants seem to have a great time in what has now become the best attended YMI sporting event. Although we did not take 1st place, YMI #613 had a successful day nonetheless in having its brothers earn 2nd Place (**Br. John Campus**), 3rd Place (**Br. Angel Dimech**) and 4th place (**Brs. Bob Fiorito, Mike Dimech, Kevin Soracco** and yours truly). I commend **Br. Mike Dimech** for his usual excellent work in organizing and managing the tournament, as well as recognize **Brs. Cosmo Amato and Ryan Casey** for their fine efforts in preparing a very delicious lunch.

On Sunday, I had the privilege of attending a Salesian Jubilee at Sts. Peter & Paul Church to honor the anniversaries of several veteran Salesian priest and nuns. Most notably, long-time North Beach favorites, **Sr. Antoinette Pollini** (60 years as a nun) and our former chaplain **Fr. Armand Oliveri** (75 year in religious life & 65 years as an ordained priest). Both were recognized for their outstanding and loyal service in support of the Salesian Order founded by St. John Bosco. It was a sentimental evening to celebrate the occasion with a beautiful Mass and to witness the faith of these extraordinary priests and nuns. I also noted that YMI #613 brothers (**Brs. Cosmo Amato, John Cardinale & Bob Figone**) were on hand actively doing the necessary core functions to allow the jubilee to go smoothly.

With great memories of my weekend, I am already looking forward to the upcoming **Our Hour of Memory on November 1st and Christmas Party on December 13th**. Event details are provided below and on the attached flyers. However, let me take this opportunity to encourage each one of you to join us at these events and share in the fraternalism of our wonderful YMI Order.

Message from Secretary, Br. Mike Dimech

I also want to thank Brs. Cosmo Amato, Ryan Casey, Mike Amato, Bob Firitto along with Yvonne Soracco, Mara Amato and Jeanne Dimech for all of your help and support with this year's Bocce Ball Tournament. In all, we had 72 people who played in the tournament and many more who attended lunch. We also had several Grand officers in attendance including, Grand President, George Terry, 1st Grand Vice President, Mike Dimech, 2nd

Grand Vice President, Mike Nelson, Grand Secretary, Mike Amato, Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors, Alan Patrick, Business Manager, Tom Fourie and current Grand Director and Former Grand President, Bob Bartoli. Everyone appeared to have a good time and went home with a navy blue YMI Bocce Ball T-shirt.

Council News & Activities:

Italian Heritage/Columbus Day Parade: YMI #613 is gearing up again to participate in the October 11th parade with the San Francisco Model-A Auto Club. We are looking forward to a great parade in sunny North Beach among thousands of spectators. This year we will have **YMI Grand President George Terry** and **YMI Man of the Year Mike Dimech** on hand riding in the cars. As an extra bonus, the Blue Angels will be flying overhead doing their amazing stunts. If you're in North Beach that day, please cheer as we go by. Although space in the cars is limited, please contact **Bob Fiorito (650-777-4301)** by October 4th if you would like to ride in the parade or help us set up for the event.

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**. We will begin the event with a **3:30 p.m. Mass at Sts Peter & Paul's Church** and then take a short walk for **dinner at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club**. **See the attached event flyer for details**. This event presents a fabulous value, as we are keeping the price at just **\$25 for our members and their wives** (*Of course, as has been the tradition, YMI #613 widows are free!*). For questions or to make reservations, please contact **Br Cosmo Amato (415-392-3560)**

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 terrific YMI people, we will have our end of the year spectacular raffle. **See the attached event flyer for details**. Contact Br. Dick Pisciotta to make your reservation

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest: The 13th Annual YMI #613 Jim Calabretta Essay Contest is now 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 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.

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 15th**. The Budget Meeting will be in the Green Room.

Pro Patria Raffle Tickets: Message form Br. Dimech

You will all receive two books of raffle tickets from the Pro Patria Committee in the next couple of days. I 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 \$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.

Birthdays: Happy Birthday wishes to the following YMI #613 Brothers who will celebrated their October Birthdays:

Paul DeMartini, Bob Figone, Aldo Didero, Barnardo Silva, Bill Palas, Nicholas Vavuris, Michael Delaurenti, Rod Ordon, Joseph Saitz, Robert Podjarsky, Leandro Fernando, Will Gunn

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

YMI #613 Calendar: Upcoming Meetings & Events:

October 11th (Sun) - YMI Rides in Italian Heritage Parade in North Beach

**October 13th (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room).
Dinner coordinated by Brs. James Vavuris & Nick Varanis**

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 15th (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