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**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613
APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER**

**Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on ...
April 12th (Tues) -7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Room
Hot Dogs by Brothers Aldo & Leo to commemorate the start of baseball
season! Just \$5**

President's Message

Brothers & Ladies of YMI #613...After 8 years as the YMI #613 President, I am hereby announcing my retirement from office. Although I have enjoyed my tenure as president and am thankful for the opportunity to preside over many YMI meetings and functions. It's time for me to consider new opportunities, including becoming the general manager of the 49ers (can't be worse than the current guy), serving as a Supreme Court Judge (there's an opening) and/or possibly landing a chaplain post on one of the many cruise lines not named Holland America (Fr. Landi already has that gig). If you're wondering at this point if this message is serious, you can relax as we enjoy some humor on or around April Fool's Day.

On a serious note, I have not heard from any #613 brother about running for council president or any other council office/board position. Given that nominations for the offices take place at our April business meeting, I have thought over the question of running for president again and I will accept a nomination for another (and hopefully final) two-year term as your president on the condition that many of our current council officers and board members make a similar commitment to remain in office. As we have a great operation, I am hopeful they will continue to support me and our council for the next two years. See you at the business meeting on April 12th!

Council News & Activities:

13th Annual Jim Calabretta Essay Contest/Banquet: This year's Essay Awards Banquet will be held on **April 9th** at **Sts. Peter & Paul's Church Auditorium**. **All** are welcome to attend and the banquet is always enjoyable with plenty of delicious Italian food at reasonable prices. In addition, we will have many excited young people on hand, as we award scholarship prizes totally \$15,500 to 50 students! **See the attached flyer for sign-up information.** If you would like to attend the event assist that evening, please contact **Br. Rod Ordon** (415-928-3355).

Pasta Bingo Dinner: On behalf of the YMI Grand Council, **Br. Mike Dimech** is organizing a **Pasta Bingo Fundraising Event** on **Saturday April 23rd** at **St. Veronica's Falcon Hall**. For just \$25 per person, each attendee will be able to enjoy a wonderful Italian meal and receive 2 bingo cards to play. **All** are welcome to come and enjoy a great night out. **See the attached flyer for sign-up information. A raffle will also be held this evening and one of the prizes will be a 40 Inch Samsung Smart TV.** Contact **Br. Mike Dimech** (650-589-2111) to make your reservations. **Please RSVP with payment by April 18, 2016.**

Ladies Night: Our annual Ladies Night affair will be held on **Saturday May 7th** at **Bertolucci's Restaurant in South San Francisco**. This event is always a popular one with the ladies and we're will be holding it on the Saturday preceding Mother's Day this year. As always, your lady will be able enjoy a cocktail, a delicious dinner, and a lovely gift! Contact **Br. Bob Fiorito (650-777-4301)** to make your reservations. *See the attached flyer for sign-up information.*

Pro Patria Raffle Tickets: Congratulations to **Brothers Steven Press** and **Kevin Soracco** for having winning raffle tickets from our YMI Pro Patria raffle. While neither will be able to retire from their winnings, they will each enjoy a more modest prize that perhaps can be used for a night out, video games or some adult beverages! I want to express my gratitude to our council for significantly supporting the YMI raffle. We again led the way for the **ninth consecutive year** with a sales percentage of **54%**. Much credit goes to **Br. Mike Dimech** for promoting the raffle, as both our Grand 1st Vice President and our Council Secretary. Through his efforts, the YMI raised about \$12,000 in proceeds to fund scholarships prizes in the Pro Patria Essay Contest!

Sports Tournament: The **YMI Golf Tournament** is scheduled for **Sunday April 24th** and the **YMI Bowling Tournament** is set for **Sunday May 15th**. The tournaments will be held at the same venues as last year. Event information can be found on the YMI website at www.ymiusa.org. We are still taking bowling sign-up at the April business meeting, but you may contact me earlier by phone/e-mail if you wish to participate. Good luck to our YMI #613 golfers!

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

William Farac, Rev. Nicholas Reina, John Campus, Stanislaus Loftus, Frank Cisek, Michael Bersaglieri, Steve Welch

Monthly Reminders

Sponsor a New Member- Consider sponsoring a new member and sharing the opportunity of participating in the YMI brotherhood. **We are currently at 98 members and I would really like us to get back to the 100 mark!** 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 continuing efforts of collecting food and personal items at monthly business meetings and various council events have directly benefitted San Bruno's Catholic Hospitality Worker's House immensely. **To date this year we have donated 165 lbs. of canned goods and toiletry items.**

RSVP with payment by April 18, 2016

YMI #613 Calendar: Upcoming Meetings & Events:

April 9th (Sat) - Jim Calabretta Essay Contest Banquet
(6:30 p.m. @ Sts. Peter & Paul Auditorium)
Dinner followed by essay awards

April 12th (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room).
Officer Nominations; Dinner coordinated by Br. Al Didero & Br. Leo Ferraro

April 23rd (Sat) - YMI Pasta Bingo Dinner (@ St Veronica's Falcon Hall in So SF
6:00 p.m. Cocktails 7:00 p.m. - Dinner Bingo afterwards

April 24th (Sun) – YMI Golf Tourney in Manteca

May 7th (Sat) - Ladies Night @ Bertolucci's Restaurant

May 10th (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room).
Officer Elections; Dinner coordinated by Br. Rafael Jessie Guajardo)

May 15th (Sun) – YMI Bowling Tourney in Stockton

June 14th (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room).
Dinner coordinated by Br. Kevin Roche)

June 20-22 (Mon-Wed) - YMI 131st Grand Council Sessions (Flamingo Hotel @ Santa Rosa, CA)

July 12th (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room).
Dinner coordinated by Br. Mike Dimech)

July 23rd (Sat) – Grand President Installation Party @ St Cecilia's Lower Church
SAVE THE DATE Hosted by YMI #613

Aug 7th (Sun) – YMI Picnic @ Junipero Serra Park in San Bruno – Bay View Shelter
SAVE THE DATE Time/details to be provided.

Happy Easter