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

**Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on ...  
February 9 (Tues) -7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Room.  
Dinner: provided by Br. John Smith**

**President's Message**

Brothers & Ladies of YMI #613...2016 is an even year! For Giant fans, we hope this means another championship banner, as we seem to do well in recent even years winning the World Series in 2010, 2012, and 2014. However for YMI #613, an even year means its election time! In April, we will take nominations for #613 officers and committee posts and in May, we will conduct our elections!

The current slate of YMI #613 officers, including yours truly, have been in place for 8 years now as have a few of our committee members too. These brothers have admirably served YMI #613 and each is welcome to continue doing their good work since there are no term limits in our by-laws. However, rotating officers and infusing new ideas can be a good thing. Hence, if any YMI #613 brother would like to become an officer or move to another position, I encourage you to let me know by the March business meeting of your intentions. In addition, any current officer or committee member should similarly let me know if they want to continue or assume another office, so we can determine what positions lack candidates. If anyone would like to discuss the duties of any position, please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail. As for me, after four terms I am open to become a Past President and would gladly support our next YMI #613 President if any YMI #613 brother would like to assume the gavel of the office. However, if no one comes forward, I may need to consider whether I should pursue a 5th term. We have some important decisions to make in the coming months that will impact the next two years, so please take some time to consider your involvement in YMI #613 in the coming months.

**Council News & Activities:**

**Membership Dues: Did you pay your 2016 Membership Dues?** If not, please send in your check today. **Benefit Members pay \$60 and Associate Members pay \$50.** Checks should be made to **YMI #613** and given to our **Treasurer Br. Cosmo Amato (415-392-3560)**. **Dues must be paid by March 31st** per the by-laws in order to avoid being placed in arrears.

**Pro Patria Raffle Tickets: Did you buy your YMI raffle tickets yet?** The raffle supports the YMI Grand Council's Essay Contest. We encourage **each YMI #613 brother** to support this cause and purchase two books of tickets that were mailed to you. Each book contains 12 tickets and costs just \$10.00 per book. The raffle drawing will be held after the **Annual Red & White Mass on March 5, 2016**. If you need raffle tickets, please contact **Br. Mike Dimech (650-992-2667)** today. He is also willing to fill raffle books out

for you if you send him a check. **For those who have purchased raffle tickets by February 9th, we will waive your dinner fees at our February 9th meeting!**

**YMI Family Mass:** YMI #613 and the YLI are scheduled to host the St. Cecilia Family Mass on **February 14th at 9:30 a.m.** We will be seeking volunteers at the February business meeting to help out with the Mass and serve coffee and donuts. Please consider spending a couple of hours to help us out.

**Grand President Official Visit:** Grand President George Terry will be making his official visit to the San Francisco based YMI councils (i.e. #1, #32 & #613) on the evening of **February 17th.** Council #1 will be hosting the visit in the auditorium of **Notre Dame des Victoires Church.** Please contact **Br. Cosmo Amato** by our February business meeting, if you would to attend. There is no cost for the dinner, but there will be parking fees in the lot across the street.

**Annual Red & White Mass:** We will be celebrating our **133rd year** of brotherhood on Saturday, March 5th in Atwater, CA. The event begins at **4:30 p.m.** with a banner procession at **Immaculate Conception Church** and then **5:00 p.m. Mass.** After Mass, we will travel a short distance to **St. Anthony Parish Hall for dinner.** Each adult is just \$20. Event information and a reservation form can be found on the YMI website at [www.ymiusa.org](http://www.ymiusa.org). At this time, we are considering renting a mini-bus. Details are pending and we hope to have more bus info by the February business meeting.

**13th Annual Jim Calabretta Essay Contest/Banquet:** The judges are currently reviewing the 77 essays. Once I get their scores and tally them, the students will be contacted in mid-February to let them know if they made it to the winner's circle. This year's Essay Awards Banquet is April 9th. If any questions or you wish to assist, you may contact **Br. Rod Ordon** (415-928-3355).

**Pasta Bingo Dinner:** On behalf of the YMI Grand Council, **Br. Mike Dimech** has organized a Pasta Bingo 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 dinner and receive 2 bingo cards. All are welcome to come and enjoy a great night out. **See attached flyer for sign-up information.**

**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](http://www.ymiusa.org). We will take sign-ups at the March business meeting, but you may contact me earlier by phone/e-mail if you wish to participate.

**Condolences:** We share the sad news of the recent passing of Br. Louis Camozzi. Born in September 1919, Br. Camozzi was the oldest (96) and our longest tenured member with over 70 years of service in the YMI #613! We send our prayers and our appreciation for his service to his family.

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

**Grant Young, Kevin Soracco, John Smith, Stephen Goulding, Nick Goultas**

## 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 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 \$25,000.00 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. **For 2015, we estimate we have donated 750 pounds of canned goods and toiletry items. To date this year we have donated 45 lbs. of canned goods and toiletry items**

## YMI #613 Calendar: Upcoming Meetings & Events:

**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)**

**February 17th (Wed) - Grand President George Terry's Official Visit  
(@Notre Dame des Victoires Church)**

**March 5th (Sat) - 133rd Red & White Mass / Dinner in Atwater, CA  
4:30 p.m. - YMI Banner Procession 5:00 p.m. - Mass  
Dinner after Mass**

**March 8th (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room).  
St. Patrick's Day Dinner- Corned Beef & Cabbage**

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

**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**