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

Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on ...

March 8 (Tues) -7:00 p.m. @ **St Cecilia's Serra Room.**

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner provided by Br. Mike Amato via the Silver Cloud Restaurant. \$10 per person.

President's Message

Brothers & Ladies of YMI #613... I enjoyed a terrific evening on February 17th attending Grand President George Terry's official visit with the San Francisco based YMI councils (i.e. #1, #32 & #613). Council #1 did a very nice job hosting the gathering of about 30 YMI members at **Notre Dame des Victoires Church**. **Council #1 President Felix Ysturiz** led the meeting in which **Brs. George Terry (GP) and Mike Dimech (GFVP)** both spoke covering their experiences visiting YMI councils and sharing news of upcoming YMI events and activities. Afterwards YMI #1 veteran **Br. Frank Pignati** did a great job preparing a delicious Italian sausage and pasta dinner. Thanks to **Br. Cosmo Amato** for organizing the event and to **Brs. Stephen Steczynski Bob Fiorito and Stephen Welch** for joining Br. Cosmo, Br. Dimech and me to represent YMI #613 that evening.

Remember for the upcoming March business meeting, we will be determining #613 delegates for the 2016 Grand Council Sessions (aka Convention) in Santa Rosa, California (June 20-22). We can select three #613 brothers to be delegates. Also, don't forget nominations for the next two-year term will be considered at the April business meeting. If anyone is interested in becoming an officer or being on the board, please let me know by mid-March.

Council News & Activities:

Pro Patria Raffle Tickets: **Did you buy your YMI raffle tickets yet?** The raffle drawing will be held after the **Annual Red & White Mass** on **March 5, 2016**. If you still need raffle tickets, please contact **Br. Mike Dimech (650-992-2667) ASAP**. If you him the money, he is willing to fill raffle books out for you.

13th Annual Jim Calabretta Essay Contest/Banquet: All essay contestants have been notified by U.S. mail whether they scored high enough to qualify for a scholarship prize. Accordingly, 50 students will be receiving scholarship totally \$15,500! 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 and many excited young people on hand to find out how much they won! The banquet price is very reasonable. **See the attached flyer for sign-up information**. If you would like to 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 meal and receive 2 bingo cards. All are welcome to come and enjoy a great night out. *See the attached flyer for sign-up information.*

Ladies Night: **Save the date!** Our annual Ladies Night affair will be held on **Saturday May 7th** at **Bertolucci's Restaurant in South San Francisco**. This event is always popular with the ladies. Br. Bob Fiorito indicates that the event details will be available at the March business meeting.

Sports Tournament: The **YMI Golf Tournament** is scheduled for **Sunday April 24th** (not April 23rd as erroneously reported in the YMI Lamp Post) 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 will take sign-ups at the March business meeting, but you may contact me earlier by phone/e-mail if you wish to participate.

Membership Dues: There are still some that have not paid their **2016 Membership Dues**. 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.

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

Jake Folan, John Kavanagh, James Vavuris, Leo Ferrero, Michael Amato, Steven Press, Rev, Armand Oliveri

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. **To date this year we have donated 105 lbs. of canned goods and toiletry items**

YMI #613 Calendar: Upcoming Meetings & Events:

March 5th (Sat) - 133rd Red & White Mass / Dinner in Atwater, CA
2:00 p.m. - Bus departs for Atwater
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 Serra Room).
St. Patrick's Day Dinner- Corned Beef & Cabbage from Silver Cloud Restaurant
in San Francisco

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

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 Nominations; Dinner coordinated by Br. Rafael Jessie Guajardo)

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