



**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613
APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER**

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

April 11th (Tues) -7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Room

Japanese Meal coordinated by Br. Rod Ordon.

Meeting Highlights: Selecting Convention Delegates

Awarding Scholarship Prizes to 2 Students not able to attend Banquet

President's Message

Brothers & Ladies of YMI #613 This year's **Jim Calabretta Essay Contest Banquet** was simply phenomenal! With over 200 people in attendance, YMI #613 rocked in putting together an outstanding meal and show! Most importantly, we awarded 52 happy students with a total of \$15,700 in scholarship awards!

Along with our Essay Chairman, **Br. Rod Ordon**, we want to recognize the many people that help organized both the contest and the banquet starting many months ago and then worked diligently together as we got near the finish line to execute a very successful outing. Thanks' goes out to the following:

Developers of the Essay Topics/Contest Flyers *(great topics inspire student to submit great essays!)*

- John Kavanuagh
- George Rehmet
- Rod Ordon
- Mike Amato

Executive Chefs *(worked a long day beginning at noon to produce a fabulous Italian meal featuring pasta and meatballs!)*

- Mike & Diane Bottarini
- Nick & Donna Goultas
- John & Bruna Campus
- Stephen & Nancy Goulding

Set Up Volunteers – *(the tables looked great and Br. Cosmo's idea to put a garbage bag at the end of each table made clean up much easier.)*

- Ryan Casey
- Bob Fiorito
- Joe and Yvonne Soracco
- Mike Dimech
- Mike Amato
- Cosmo Amato

Kitchen Crew/Food Servers *(managed to get the salad, garlic bread and dessert served expeditiously!)*

- Pola Fiorito and her friend Norma O'Keeffe
- Michelle & Angela Bottarini
- Rod & Shirley Ordon
- Mike, Jeanne & Laura Dimech
- Mario Balistreri
- Mara Amato

Bar Managers *(a good bar make our adult patrons happy and also adds significantly to the bottom line!)*

- Bob Fiorito
- Joe Soracco

Raffle Crew *(raffle is a key element to ensure we make a profit).*

- George Rehmet
- Johnny Santander
- Rich Rosemont

Photographer (the many smiling faces on the photos says it all!)

- **Rod Ordone**

Clean Up (so many people that we were able to clear up the auditorium in record time!)

In addition, I send out a special recognition of thanks to our banquet chairman, **Br. Rod Ordone**, and his able assistant chair, **Br. Cosmo Amato**. Both these brothers began preparations for the essay banquet months ago and their leadership carried through all the way to the very end as they were the final two people to leave the building. It is very clear that a large part of the event's success rest of the shoulders of these two brothers and they both deserve applause.

Third, let me commend the many YMI #613 brothers who showed up to attend the banquet (with or without a student contestant). It was so very good to see some of our long-time YMI brothers who we have not seen as often at the business meetings due in part to reasons of health. These brothers include **Brothers Al Didero, Leo Ferraro, Bill Farac and John Repetto**, as well as **Fr. Armand Oliveri!**

Finally, I want to acknowledge the generosity of the following two local businesses that donated food products for our essay banquet this year to help us managed our costs:

- Raymond Bread Company – 30 loaves of bread
- Armanino Foods – case of pesto sauces (6 30-oz. jars).

Please consider supporting these local businesses!

Council News & Activities:

Ladies Night: Send in your reservations today for our popular Ladies Night event to be held on **Sunday May 7th** at the scenic and highly rated....**Scoma's Restaurant at Fisherman's Wharf**. Enjoy a wonderful evening with your special lady and show her the thanks she deserves with a night out. YMI #613 is providing a discounted price for the ladies as well as a small gift. **See the attached event flyer for reservation information**. Space is limited so don't delay too long. If questions, please contact **Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-867-6702**.

Membership Night Recap: Our 1st membership meeting held in March turned out to be a successful event, yielding 4 new YMI brothers thanks to the recruiting efforts of Brothers John Kavanagh and Cosmo Amato. After introductions during the meeting, the YMI #613 brothers voted the following new members into the fold unanimously:

1. **Br. David Burbank (sponsored by Br. Cosmo Amato)**
2. **Br. John Bringas (sponsored by Br. John Kavanagh)**
3. **Br. Mario Lim (sponsored by Br. John Kavanagh)**
4. **Br. Ray Taylor (sponsored by Br. John Kavanagh)**

If you were not able to bring someone in March, please consider inviting them to our April business meeting.

Convention Delegates Needed: We need **three convention delegates** for the Grand Council Sessions being planned at the **Mont Bleu Hotel in South Lake Tahoe** from June 19-21. This is a great way to learn more about the YMI and meet terrific brothers from other YMI Councils. This year, our very own **Br. Mike Dimech** will preside as the **Grand President** so it would be great to have full representation there from YMI #613. As a delegate, you will be able to hear and vote on issues raised during the convention and be entitled to receive reimbursement for some of your hotel and event expenses. If interested in being a delegate, please contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-871-9164** before our next business meeting.

Pro Patria Raffle: YMI #613 again had the highest ticket sale percentage sold of all YMI councils at 49% Great work brothers! Alas, despite all the many tickets sold, not one YMI #613 brother or family member was able to win a raffle prize this year at the Red & White event in Santa Rosa. Maybe better success next year! Nonetheless, for those YMI #613 brothers that purchased **Pro Patria raffle tickets, you will each receive three free “Find the Joker” raffle tickets at the April business meeting as a thank you bonus for participating in the Pro Patria raffle.**

YMI Golf/Bowling Tournaments: The YMI will be hosting its golf and bowling tournaments in the spring, The **Golf Tourney** will be held on **Sunday April 30th at Manteca Muni**. If interested, contact **Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-867-6702 by April 11th**. Typically, our YMI #613 brothers pay just \$20 for a round of golf with the council covering the remaining fee. The **Bowling Tourney** will be held on **Sunday May 7th in Stockton**. YMI #613 brothers are invited to participate, but alas the bowling tourney was scheduled on the same day as Ladies Night. Consequently, we expect to have very limited and possibly no attendance at the bowling tourney this year. Nonetheless, if you want to bowl, contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-871-9164** by April 11th.

2017 Dues: IMPORTANT! There are just 3 unpaid members and final notices have been issued. **Dues are \$62 for Benefit Members and \$50 for Associate Members.** If you are one of the three, **please make your 2017 dues payment today.** If questions, please contact **Br. Cosmo Amato (415-392-3560)**. Checks should be made payable to **YMI #613** and sent to our mailing address:
**YMI St John Bosco Council #613, c/o Saints Peter & Paul Church,
666 Filbert St,
San Francisco CA 94133.**

In Memory: With sadness we report the recent unexpected passing of **Br. Michael Bersaglieri**. Br. Michael was a fairly new YMI member have joined in July 2015. We send out condolences to his wife Kathryn, his family and friends. A donation will be made to a charity in his name.

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

**William Farac, Rev. Nicholas Reina, John Campus, Frank Cisek,
Steve Welch**

Monthly Reminders

#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. So far this year we have donated 275 lbs. of canned goods and toiletry items to San Bruno's Catholic Hospitality House

YMI #613 Calendar: Upcoming Meetings & Events:

April 11th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)
Dinner coordinated by Br. Rod Ordoná & convention delegates to be determined

April 16th – HAPPY EASTER!

April 30th (Sun) – YMI Golf Tourney (11:00 a.m. @ Manteca Muni Golf Course)

May 7th (Sun) – YMI Bowling Tournament (12:30 p.m. @ Stockton's Pacific Lanes)

May 7th (Sun) Ladies Night (@ Scoma's Restaurant at Fisherman's Wharf)

**May 9th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)
Dinner coordinated by Br. John Kavanagh**

**June 13th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)
Dinner coordinated by Br. Mike Dimech**

June 19th-21st – YMI Grand Council Sessions (@ Mont Bleu Hotel, South Lake Tahoe)

June 25th (Sun) – YMI/YLI Family Mass (9:30 a.m., @ St. Cecilia's Church)

August 13th (Sun) – YMI Summer Picnic