



**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613  
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER**

**Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on ...  
Aug 8th (Tues) -7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Room  
Meal coordinated by Grand President Liam Reidy  
Meeting Highlights: Donations**

**President's Message**

Brothers & Ladies of YMI #613 .... The YMI Summer Picnic will be held at **Junipero Serra Park** in **San Bruno** on **August 13<sup>th</sup>**. I hope to see many of you there that day as the weather is always pleasant and the venue is quite spectacular offers a great view of the San Francisco Airport and Bay. We will be featuring, as usual, tasty steaks, hot dogs, beans, various salads, etc. and **Bruna Campus** has committed to making her amazing arrays of tempting desserts. No one ever goes home hungry! The picnic site also has restrooms and /parking conveniently nearby and of course, we will have a terrific raffle! I suspect some of you are procrastinating, so I will extend the sign-up deadline a few days from July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>. As we need to order food, we will need your reservations. Feel free to bring children, friends and relatives as this can be a great way to introduce and recruit new brothers to join our organization. **See the attached flyer for event and reservation information.** We kindly request you bring a few canned good or personal hygiene items as we will have bins available to collect for the San Bruno Catholic Worker's Hospitality House. If questions, please contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-871-9164.**

**Council News & Activities:**

**YMI Bocce Ball Tourney:** The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual (yes, it's already 10 years now!) Bocce Ball Tournament will be held on **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** at **Orange Park** in **South San Francisco**. All are invited to participate, including women and children in this family fun event where we will likely be joined by YMI representatives from 6-7 other YMI Councils. You need not be a bocce ball expert, as this is a fun tournament. **See the attached flyer for event and reservation information.** Make your reservations today to be eligible to receive a special 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary bocce ball T-shirt. If questions, please contact **Br. Mike Dimech at 650-992-2667.**

**Italian Heritage (Columbus Day) Parade:** YMI #613 is already signed-up to participate in the annual parade on **October 8<sup>th</sup>**. **YMI Grand President Mike Nelson #80** and **Man of the Year Nick Franceschine #54** are expected to join us . If any YMI #613 brother would like to participate in the parade (or has an antique car), contact **Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-867-6702.**

**YMI Death Benefits:** As discussed at the July business meeting, the Grand Council has developed and issue a survey for an death benefit program being considered for Associate Members. As the development of such a program may mean added costs to Associate members' dues and may yield a lower death benefit pay-out than provided for Benefit Members, the Grand Council is asking all YMI brothers to complete a brief survey (**see attached survey**) by September 30<sup>th</sup> to determine if/how such efforts should continue and to guide them in setting up program parameters.

**#613 Newsletter:** We will be taking a one-month break from issuing a newsletter in early September as the President will be on a much need vacation visiting Scotland and Ireland. Hence, this edition covers two-months of activity. We will continue to meet as normal on the second Tuesday of the month, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Congratulations:** We send congratulation wishes to **Br. Art Jimenez** and his family on his daughter Elena's upcoming nuptials later this summer. We also extend condolences that his bank account looks to have taken a hit!

**Prayers Requested:** We are aware that several YMI #613 brothers are experiencing significant health issues. **Br. Grant Young** has endured intense intestinal pain and a couple of surgeries, **Br. Bill Gunn** is still dealing with the effects of his unexpected illness from a couple years back, **Br. Aldo Didero** is recuperating still from surgeries last year, **Br. Cosmo Amato** is recovering from a recent hernia surgery, and our beloved chaplain **Fr. Joe Landi** is coping with macular degeneration that is impacting his eyesight. I'm sure this lengthy list is missing a few YMI brothers and we are aware of several YMI family members facing personal health adversities, including my daughter Melissa. For these people and others in the YMI family enduring health issues, we request you remember them all in your prayers.

**RIP:** **Br Aldo Didero** reported the sad news of the recent passing of **Br. Ron Mirkovich**. Br. Ron was 85 and a 7-year member of YMI #613. We will miss him and we extend condolences to his wife Frederica and the entire Mirkovich Family.

**Birthdays:** Happy Birthday wishes to the following YMI #613 Brothers who celebrate **August** and **September** Birthdays:

**Stefano Fernando, Michael Pierson, Cosmo Amato, Joseph Stableford, Rev. Joe Landi, Bob Fiorito, Jonathan Santander, Mike Dimech, Richard Rosemount, Alfred Cidonio, Jeffery Morrow, Stephen Steczynski, Joseph Basuino, and Leo Rossi**

### **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 500 lbs. of canned goods and toiletry items to San Bruno's Catholic Hospitality House

**YMI Polo Shirts:** If your YMI polo shirt has been misplaced or is looking worn, we do have spare shirts in our cabinet in a variety of sizes ranging from Small to 2XL. Shirts are just \$25 (cash or check payable to YMI #613). Contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-871-9164** or see him before or after the meeting.

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

**August 8<sup>th</sup> (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia’s Green Room)  
Dinner coordinated by Br. Liam Reidy**

**August 13<sup>th</sup> (Sun) – YMI Summer Picnic (10:30 a.m. @ Junipero Serra Park in San Bruno)**

**September 12<sup>th</sup> (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia’s Green Room)  
Dinner coordinated by Br. Kevin Roche**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> (Sat) – YMI Bocce Ball Tournament (9:00 a.m. @ Orange Park in South San Francisco)**

**September 24<sup>th</sup> (Sun) – YMI/YLI Family Mass (9:30 a.m. @ St. Cecilia’s Church)**

**October 8<sup>th</sup> (Sun) – Italian Heritage Parade (@ North Beach in San Francisco)**

**October 10<sup>th</sup> (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia’s Green Room)  
Dinner coordinated by Br. Mario Lim**

**November 5<sup>th</sup> (Sun) – Hour of Memory (@ Sts. Peter & Paul Church & SF Italian Athletic Club)**

**November 14<sup>th</sup> (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia’s Green Room)  
Dinner coordinated by Br. Mike Amato**

**November 18<sup>th</sup> (Sat) -Grand Council Pasta Bingo Dinner @ St. Veronica Parish Falcon Hall**

**December 10<sup>th</sup> (Sun) – YMI #613 Christmas Party @ Scoma’s Restaurant in San Francisco)**