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YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613
NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on ...
Nov 14th (Tues) -7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Room
Special Thanksgiving Meal coordinated by Br. Mike Amato
Business Meeting Items: Donations & #613 Death Benefit Program

President's Message

Brothers & Ladies of YMI #613.... We had a grand time at the Italian Heritage Parade during the Columbus Day weekend. For the 10th consecutive year, YMI #613 partnered with the **San Francisco Model-A Auto Club** to have nine gorgeous antique vehicles, including the 1938 Coit Tower Bus that traveled through North Beach when Joe DiMaggio was a young lad. Each vehicle was adorned with balloons, flags and YMI signs. **Br. Bob Fiorito** drove one of the classic cars and he was joined by **Brs. Joe Soracco, Ryan Casey, Mario Balestreri and yours truly**. We were also honored to have on hand our **YMI Grand President Br. Mike Nelson #80** and the reigning **YMI Man of the Year, Br. Nick Franceschine #54**. I am pleased to report that our entry finished in **2nd place earning a \$100 prize**. Many thanks to **Br. Bob Fiorito** and the **SF Model-A Auto Club** for making this a spectacular event!

Coming up in the next couple of months, we will be hosting/co-hosting more YMI #613 events as listed below. I urge you join the fun and sign up today for each of these terrific events.

Council News & Activities:

Hour of Memory: This annual event serves to honor the many YMI #613 deceased brothers that faithfully served our council since we began back in 1907. As a way to show our respect, we will have a mid-afternoon Mass at **Sts. Peter & Paul's Church** on **November 5th** presided by our own chaplain **Fr. Joe Landi**, followed by a complete Italian style dinner up the street at the **San Francisco Italian Athletic Club**. **All YMI #613 widows are most welcome to attend as we have made the event free to you**. Although the event sign-up deadline has likely passed by the time you receive this newsletter (Oct 29th), please **contact Br. Cosmo Amato at 415-392-3560** as he may still be able to accommodate a late reservation.

Pasta Bingo: YMI #613 will be co-hosting again with the YMI # 32 brothers to host its **3rd Pasta Bingo Dinner** at **St. Veronica's Falcon Hall on November 18th**. Join us for a delicious Italian meal and a cocktail or two. Afterwards, we will play many exciting games of bingo for prizes as well as a raffle. You do not need to be a member to come! **Event details can be found in the attached event flyer**. **For questions, contact Br. Mike Dimech at 650-922-2667**.

Christmas Party: Please save the date of **December 10th** so you can attend our Annual Christmas Party. This year's Christmas Party will be held at highly rated **Scoma's Restaurant** at scenic **Fisherman's Wharf**. As you may recall, we enjoyed a fabulous banquet there on Ladies Night and we look forward to another wonderful meal. **Event details can be found in the attached event flyer**. **For questions, contact Br. Dick Pisciotta at 415-334-6429**.

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest: The 15th essay contest is well underway now. However, it is not too late to share this contest flyer with a student in your family or in your neighborhood, as \$17,000 in prizes are available for 50 students. (This can be a great way to bring in a new member). The essays are due by December 4th! **See attached flyer for contest info and rules!**

Meal Coordinators Needed for 2018: As many of you are aware, we have been rotating the task of bringing the meal for our brothers to share before our monthly business meeting. This approach has allowed us to share the chore, while bringing in a variety of cuisines. As we come to the end of 2017, we are needing to get YMI #613 brothers to sign up for specific months in 2018. At this time, we seek volunteers for the following months: January, February, March, July, August, September, and December. YMI #613 will cover the dinner costs and provide you a modest stipend for your efforts.

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

Kevin Folan, Mario Lim, Jerry Nolan, Zachery White, George Venezia, Brendan Kenneally, Dennis Aicardi, Ray Taylor, Michael Folan

Monthly Reminders

YMI#613 Membership: Please consider bringing a relative, friend or neighbor to our next business meeting. After cruising about 100 members, we have recently dropped to 99 members. **Help us get back over the century mark before the end of the year. As most of the year has passed, I will waive 2017 dues for any new member coming to a November or December meeting, meaning that new member can come for a couple of months for free and pay 2018 dues in January.** This can be a great way to encourage a new member to check us out at a meeting and eventually become part of our brotherhood!

YMI#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 725 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). **(Ladies: this might be a great Christmas gift for your husbands!)** Contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-871-9164** to order a shirt or see him before or after the meeting.

YMI #613 Calendar: Upcoming Meetings & Events:

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

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

November 18th (Sat) -Grand Council Pasta Bingo Dinner @ St. Veronica Parish Falcon Hall

November 21st (Tues) – Special YMI Budget Setting Meeting for 2018 (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)

November 23rd (Thurs) – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

December 10th (Sun) – YMI #613 Christmas Party @ Scoma's Restaurant in San Francisco)

**December 12th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)
Dinner coordinated by Br. Paul Wuerstle**

December 25th (Mon) - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

January 1st (Mon) - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**January 9th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)
Special Meeting to welcome Grand President Mike Nelson on his official visit to SF
Dinner coordinated by Br. ?????**