



YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613
OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on ...
Oct 10th (Tues) -7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Room
Meal coordinated by Br. Mario Lim

President's Message

Brothers & Ladies of YMI #613 Took a wee break after a relaxing vacation in Scotland and Ireland between late August and early September. My wife Mara and I really enjoyed the lush, green and scenic countryside of the two islands, learning about the fascinating history of these proud and noble countries, and sampling the local cuisines and famous beverages The Guinness Ale was terrific, as was the Jamison whiskey and various Scotches, but admittedly I was not too fond of haggis.

Before we left on our trip, we enjoyed a great time at the **YMI Summer Picnic** at Junipero Serra Park on August 13th. We witnessed a nice turnout (70 people) that day and experienced partly sunny but pleasant weather conditions. We were also overwhelmed by the excellent BBQ lunch (my steak was outstanding as were the several side dishes and tempting desserts!) followed by a fabulous raffle with many great prizes. My thanks to **Brs. Cosmo Amato, Bob Fiorito, Joe Soracco, Nick Varanis and James Vavuris** for assisting with the picnic preparations and to **Bruna Campus, Diane Bottarini and Connie Pisciotta** for providing us those many delicious desserts!

After returning home, I participated in our **10th Annual Bocce Ball Tournament** held on September 23rd at Orange Park in South San Francisco. Not surprisingly, this was yet another tremendous tournament with 17 teams competing (but showing good sportsmanship) through the course of the day. YMI #613 served a tremendous BBQ lunch that day and overall ran the tournament superbly drawing many compliments that day from the various YMI bocce players. The weather was outstanding too with the sun shining and no fog in sight. Many thanks to **Br. Mike Dimech** for chairing the tournament again and to **Brs. Cosmo Amato, Ryan Casey, and Joe Soracco** for their much-needed help preparing the meal. Special kudos to **Team Campus** represented by our own **Brs. John Campus, Michael Bottarini and Nick Goultas**, who finished impressively in 4th place in a 17-team field!

Coming up in the next few months, we have several great YMI #613 events listed below that our council will be hosting. I strongly recommend you join the fun and sign up for these events.

Council News & Activities:

Italian Heritage (Columbus Day) Parade: YMI #613 is already signed-up to participate in the annual parade on **October 8th**. **YMI Grand President Mike Nelson #80** and **Man of the Year Nick Franceschine #54** are expected to join us. As with past years, we are anticipating having several antique cars via the SF Model A Car Club. **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 by October 3rd.**

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 encouraged to attend as we have made the event free to you.** **Event details can be found in the attached event flyer.** **For questions, contact Br. Cosmo Amato at 415-392-3560.**

Pasta Bingo: YMI #613 will be partnering again with the YMI#32 brothers to host its 3rd Pasta Bingo Dinner at **St. Veronica Falcon Hall on November 18th**. Join us for a delicious Italian meal followed by many games of exciting bingo and a raffle. All are invited to join us, including non-members! **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** and plan to attend our Annual Christmas Party. This year the party venue needed to be moved as Dominic's had closed. However, our Christmas Party Chairs of Dick Pisciotta and Cosmo Amato found a terrific replacement in booking **Scoma's Restaurant** at scenic **Fisherman's Wharf**. As you may recall, we enjoyed a fabulous banquet there on Ladies Night. **Event details can be found in the attached event flyer.**

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest: The 15th essay contest is underway. Essays are due by December 4th! **See attached flyer for contest info and rules!**

In Memoriam: Sadly, I report the passing of **Br. John Guaraglia** at age 91. Br. John was a 64-year member of YMI #613 and he had been our longest active member having joined way back in 1953! Br. John was also a father/grandfather, a World War II veteran and a distinguished employee of the Sunset Scavenger Co. We send condolences to his widow Maria and the entire Guaraglia family. Rest in peace!

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

Paul DeMartini, Bob Figone, Aldo Didero, Bernardo Silva, Bill Palas,
Nicholas Vavuris, Michael Delaurenti, Rod Ordon, Robert Podiarsky,
John McCarthy, Leandro Fernando

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 ¾ of the year has passed, I will discount 2017 dues for any new member by 75%, meaning that Associate members will pay just \$12 to join, while Benefit members will be charged only \$15.** This can be a great way to encourage them to come to a meeting and 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 600 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:

October 8th (Sun) – Italian Heritage Parade (@ North Beach in San Francisco)

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

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)

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.**

December 25th- MERRY CHRISTMAS!

January 1st – HAPPY NEW YEAR!