



YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613  
JULY/AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER

Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on ...  
**August 14<sup>th</sup> (Tues) 7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Room**  
Meal to be coordinated by **Br. Mike Dimech**  
Donations & Upcoming Events

**President's Message**

We had a very productive Grand Council Sessions (aka Convention) at the Eldorado Resort Hotel in Reno, Nevada during the period of June 18-20. YMI #613 was well-represented at the Convention by its delegates (i.e., **Brothers Joe Soracco, Dick Pisciotta, David Burbank and Fr. Joe Landi**) as well as by YMI #613 brothers serving currently as Grand Officers/Representatives (i.e., **Brothers Bob Fiorito, Cosmo Amato and Mike Amato.**) Some highlights of the Convention are listed below:

- **Delegates:** We had 53 total delegates attend this year (7 delegates from YMI #613).
- **Grand Council Officer Elections for 2018-19:** The Grand President is once again **Br. Mike Nelson #80** from Atwater and **Br. Mike Thissen #94** from Chowchilla moves up to Grand 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Yours truly (**Br. Mike Amato #613**) moves from a 10-year term as Grand Secretary to the Grand 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President post. In addition, the following YMI #613 brothers were either elected or appointed to a Grand Council Office:
  - **Junior Past Grand President/Grand Secretary – Br. Mike Dimech**
  - **Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors – Br. Bob Fiorito**
  - **Grand Director – Br. John Kavanagh (has 1 more year in his 1<sup>st</sup> term)**
  - **District Deputy to the Grand President – Br. Cosmo Amato**
- **Membership:** Overall, YMI membership actually increased a bit this past year going from 1815 brothers to 1829 brothers. Although a small increase, the change in direction is a positive step. YMI #613 is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest YMI council and only 6 members behind Council #80 for 5<sup>th</sup> place.
- **Seminarians:** The Seminarian Educational Foundation awarded 7 scholarship awards to seminarians sponsored by YMI #613 totaling \$1700.
- **Sports:** **Br. Bob Fiorito** presented a check from the golf tournament's hole sponsorship and raffle (about \$8150 to Santa Rosa Council #40, who will be using the money to help out fire victims in the North Bay---17 of which are YMI brothers). **Br. Fiorito** agreed to serve as the chairman for next year's YMI Golf Tourney. **Br. Mike Dimech** will continue to chair for the upcoming Bocce Ball Tourney in September.
- **Man of Year Awards:** **Fr. Agnel De Heredia #32** from South San Francisco Council #32 was named as the **YMI Man of the Year**.
- **Resolutions:** The YMI Grand Council presented 3 Resolutions. One congratulated Bishop Bill Justice for his many years of service to the SF Archdiocese and two were issued thanking two women who have played pivotal roles supporting the YMI organization: **Mary Beth Wilson** (our YMI webmaster) and **Nancy Bartoli (wife of Br. Bob Bartoli #32)** who does many admin tasks behind the scenes)

**Council News & Activities:**

**Frank Sinatra Tribute Dinner:** On **Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup>**, we are hosting a new and exciting event.... a “**Tribute to Frank Sinatra**”. The event begins with a no-host bar at 6:00 p.m. in the Lower Church at St. Cecilia, followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m., a raffle and one-hour show featuring Jeff Wessman, performing various Sinatra classic hits. In the final weeks, there was notable surge in reservations. Although the sign-up period has technically past, you may still contact **Br. Dick Pisciotta at 415-334-6429** to see if he can squeeze you in. The dinner and show are priced at just **\$40 per person**, which is an absolute bargain!

**Picnic** – Our annual summer picnic will be held on **Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup>** at **Junipero Serra Park in San Bruno**. Plan to come and enjoy a day of fun in the sun! Savor a juicy BBQ steak with a variety of tasty sides, followed by a tantalizing array of sweets prepared by the Campus family of bakers! Afterwards, you can have fun with our mega raffle featuring many terrific prizes. Despite food costs rising all over, we are holding the picnic price at just \$25 per person again to offer our member’s yet another bargain. **See the attached flyer for event details.** For reservations or questions, please contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-871-9164**.

**YMI Golf Results:** Congratulations to **Br. Bob Fiorito** for successfully heading up the YMI Golf Tournament. We had eleven teams altogether, including three from TMI #613. Congratulations also to the our #613 and specifically to the **Rosemont/Fernando** team for taking 1<sup>st</sup> place. Great job! All present had a great time and the event was capped off by much generosity as discussed above in the my message at the top of the newsletter.

**YMI Bocce Ball:** Save the date of **September 29<sup>th</sup>** for the annual YMI Bocce Ball Tourney at Orange Park in South SF. **See the attached flyer for event details.** For reservations or questions, please contact **Br. Mike Dimech at 650-922-2667**.

**September Meeting Change:** As your YMI President will be on vacation in September, the YMI #613 brothers opted to move the **September meeting to September 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark your calendar so you don’t attend the meeting on the wrong date!

**Farewell to April:** On behalf of YMI #613, I wish to convey heartfelt appreciation to **April Gunn (the wife of Br. Bill Gunn)**. For almost a decade, April has quietly supported YMI #613 by taking responsibility each month to print and distribute our YMI #613 newsletter to those brothers that prefer the receipt of the newsletter by U.S mail. April performed this duty faithfully each month on a volunteer basis. As April has recently announced her intention to retire as the newsletter distribution coordinator this summer, we send out a loud “THANK YOU” message from the YMI #613 brothers for your service. We wish you well and will always welcome you and Bill to our council events! Also, if anyone is interested in doing this task, please contact **Br. Mike Dimech at 650-922-2667**.

**Birthdays:** Happy Birthday wishes to the following YMI #613 Brothers who will celebrate birthdays in **July and August:**

**Joseph Werblun, Ryan Casey, Rev. Mark Teheny, Gus Farrell,  
Jonathan Clary, Gerald Kelly**

**Stefano Fernando, Michel Pierson, Cosmo Amato**

## Monthly Reminders

**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. **In 2018, we have donated so far approximately 650 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 YMI shirts for purchase 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** to order a shirt or see him before or after the meeting.

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

**July 10<sup>th</sup> (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)**  
Dinner coordinated by Br. Br. Liam Reidy

**July 21<sup>st</sup> – Tribute to Frank Sinatra Dinner & Show**  
(6:00- 9:30 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Lower Church)

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

**August 12<sup>th</sup> (Sun) - YLI/YMI Family Mass (9:30 a.m. at St Cecilia's Church)**

**August 19<sup>th</sup> – YMI Picnic @ Bayview Shelter,**  
(10:30 a.m. @ Junipero Serra Park in San Bruno)

**September 18<sup>th</sup> (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)**  
Dinner coordinated by Br. Kevin Roche  
**\*\*\*\*Note the above September meeting date has been changed\*\*\*\*\***

**September 29<sup>th</sup> (Sat) - YMI Bocce Ball (8:00 a.m. @ Orange Park in South SF)**

## Save the dates

- **October 7<sup>th</sup> – Italian Heritage Parade @ SF North Beach**
- **November 4<sup>th</sup> – Hour of Memory @ Sts. Peter & Paul & SFIAC**
- **December 9<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party @ Dominic's in South SF**