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**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613  
OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER**

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

**November 13<sup>th</sup> (Tues) 7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Room**

**Annual Thanksgiving Style Meal to be coordinated by Br. Mike Amato**

**On the Agenda: Donations**

**President's Message**

With the end of the year approaching, several YMI #613 brothers are busily organizing three YMI events in November and December (the events are listed below) that I encourage you to participate. As a member of YMI#613, we offer you and your family several great opportunities to enjoy a wonderful time together at a good value! Please take advantage of your YMI membership and join us at these events! Also, with December near, we are looking forward to receiving many student essays in our expanded **YMI #613 Jim Calabaretta Essay Contest**, that has grown to **\$20,000!** Please remind any students in your family to start their essays today and not wait until the deadline eve to begin them!

Lastly, I'll take this opportunity to highlight the "Pro Patria" phrase in the YMI motto of "Pro Deo, Pro Patria". The phrase translates to mean "For Country". While the YMI does not endorse specific candidates or propositions as a non-profit organization, we do encourage our members to provide support "for country" by utilizing the benefits of being an American and voting in the upcoming November election. While some countries in the world don't allow their citizens to vote and others hold rigged elections, Americans have enjoyed the privilege of voting for their leaders for over 200 years. It is disappointing to see that a large percentage of Americans failed to vote in the recent election, arguing their one vote didn't really matter. Added together, these missed votes could have, in fact, make a difference and can impact the 2018 results! So please vote in this election!

**Council News & Activities:**

**Hour of Memory:** This annual memorial event serves to honor the many YMI #613 deceased brothers that faithfully served our council since we began way back in 1907. To show our respect, we will host a mid-afternoon Mass (**November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul's Church**), followed by a complete Italian-style dinner at the nearby **San Francisco Italian Athletic Club**. **See the attached flyer for event details** All YMI #613 widows are invited to attend for free as a tribute for your husband's faithful service to YMI #613. For questions, **contact Br. Cosmo Amato at 415-392-3560.**

**Pasta Bingo:** Send in your reservations today for the **YMI Pasta Bingo** on **Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**. YMI #613 and YMI #32 are co-hosting this event to support the YMI Grand Council's "Pro Patria" Essay Contest. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. with adult beverages, followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m., and then multiple games of bingo thereafter. The event will be held at **St. Veronica's Parish** in **South San Francisco**. Please plan to attend and have a good time! **See the attached flyer for event details.** For reservations or questions, **contact Br. Mike Dimech at 650-922-2667.**

**Christmas Party:** While you have your checkbook out, please also make your reservations for the annual **YMI #613 Christmas Party on December 9<sup>th</sup>**. You will not want to miss this event! It will feature a great dinner in a festive setting, plus a phenomenal Christmas raffle! We are moving the venue back to **Dominic's at Oyster Point** (*please note that the restaurant has moved to 911 Marina Blvd in South SF*). **See the attached flyer for event details.** The deadline for reservations is **December 1<sup>st</sup>**. For reservations or questions, **contact Br. Dick Pisciotta at 415-334-6429.**

**Special Budget Meeting:** The annual budget meeting to establish a **2019 YMI #613 Budget** is set for **November 20<sup>th</sup> (Green Room @ 7:00 p.m.)**. All council officers and committee members are requested to attend, however all YMI #613 brothers are welcomed. Once we develop a budget, we will present and ratify it at the December business meeting.

**Jim Calabretta Essay Contest:** The 16<sup>th</sup> annual essay contest is underway and 300-word essays are due by **December 4<sup>th</sup>**! As many of you are aware, YMI #613 expanded the total prize fund for this year's contest to **\$20,000** and has increased the number of **scholarship awards to 55**. Any YMI #613 brother may sponsor any child in their family (children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces and cousins) and up to 2 non-family members. Sponsoring a child of a non-member can be a great way to boost YMI membership as you can invite them to join so their kids can benefit from our very generous contest in future years. **See the attached flyer for contest info and rules.** If questions, **call Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297**

**YMI Bocce Ball Tournament:** Another fantastic bocce ball tournament on September 29<sup>th</sup>! Sixteen YMI teams from several YMI councils (*including four teams from YMI #613*) competed under a new pool play format. Our top YMI #613 team finished respectively in **3<sup>rd</sup> place (Dimech, Dimech, Kavanagh & Amato)**, but alas the same Council #32 team took 1<sup>st</sup> place for about the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> time. Nonetheless, all participants reported having a terrific time. Kudos to **Br. Mike Dimech** for another wonderful job managing the tournament, as well appreciation to **Br. Cosmo Amato, Br. Dick Pisciotta, & Brs. Joe/Kevin Soracco** for helping with the lunch!

**Italian Heritage Parade:** Very thrilled to report that YMI #613 earned the **1<sup>st</sup> place award** in the antique car division of this year's parade. Our entry this year featured four classic antique cars, as well as a restored 38 Geary Muni Bus (circa mid 1950's). Each vehicle was decorated with Italian and American flags as well balloons of red, white and green. Congratulations to **Br. Bob Fiorito** on another successful year chairing the parade and thank you **Br. Ryan Casey & Brs. John/Jack Kavanagh** for participating in the parade.

**Red & White Mass:** Please save the date of **March 9, 2019** as YMI #613 will be hosting the YMI Red & White Mass Celebration commemorating 136 years of YMI brotherhood. The event will take place at **St. Cecilia's Church** beginning with a banner procession, followed by a Mass, then dinner and ending with the Pro Patria Raffle. **See the attached flyer for event details.** For reservations or questions, **contact Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297.**

**Health Update:** **Br. Bob Fiorito's** knee surgery went well. He is now recovering and will soon be starting physical therapy. Should be almost as good as new, although don't expect he will be joining Jimmy G. in the 49er backfield next year.

**Birthdays: Happy Birthday to the following YMI #613 Brothers celebrating birthdays in November:**

**Kevin Folan, Mario Lim, Jerry Nolan, Zachery White, George Venezia,  
Brendan Kenneally, John Madrid, Angelo Spagnoli, Dennis Aicardi,  
Ray Taylor, Michael Folan**

## 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 835 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:

**November 4<sup>th</sup> (Sun) – Hour of Memory @ Sts. Peter & Paul & SFIAC**  
Mass begins at 3:30 p.m. Dinner about 5:00 p.m.

**November 13<sup>th</sup> (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)**  
Dinner coordinated by Br. Mike Amato (Annual Turkey Thanksgiving Dinner)

**November 17<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – YMI Pasta Bingo Dinner (@ St Veronica Falcon Hall);**  
6:00 p.m. - cocktails; 7:00 p.m.- dinner; and bingo/raffle afterwards.

**November 20<sup>th</sup> (Tues) – YMI #613 Budget Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)**

**December 9<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party @ Dominic's in South SF**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)**  
Dinner coordinated by Br. Art Jimenez

**December 25<sup>th</sup> (Tues) – Merry Christmas**

**January 1<sup>st</sup> (Tues) – Happy New Year**

**January 8<sup>th</sup> (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)**  
Dinner coordinated by Br. Art Jimenez

**January 16<sup>th</sup> (Wed) – YMI Grand President Nelson's Visit to San Francisco**

**January 31<sup>st</sup> (Thurs) - St. John Bosco Feast Day**

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

**March 9<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – YMI Red & White Mass (4:30 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Church)**