



**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613
FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER**

**Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on ...
February 12th (Tues) 7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Room
Meal to be coordinated by Br. George Rehmet
On the Agenda: Donations**

President's Message

Brothers.....As discussed during our January business meeting, we will have a busy year in store for us, with many fun and exciting events on the 2019 calendar (*see the back page for the schedule through July 2019*). The first event coming up is the **YMI Red & White Mass**, celebrating the 136th anniversary of our Order. Because I am the reigning YMI Grand 2nd Vice President, our council is hosting the Red & White Mass this year. The Red & White Mass, which will be on **March 9th at St. Cecilia's Church**, will begin with the traditional YMI banner procession involving YMI brothers from many councils throughout California. After the procession, we will celebrate a Mass led by our YMI Grand Chaplain and assisted by our amazing chaplain (**Fr. Joe Landi**). Later, we will enjoy a great dinner in the St. Cecilia's lower church (catered by Mozzarella Di Bufala) and determine the winners of the Pro Patria Raffle. I am respectfully requesting my YMI #613 brothers (and their families) attend in large numbers and proudly wear our YMI #613 blue shirts, so we can show our YMI brothers how awesome our council is!

This Red & White Mass, however, is just one of many events. Between April and June, the schedule includes the Essay Awards Ceremony, Ladies Night, and two sporting tournaments! Join us for all or some of these events and make the most of your YMI membership!

Council News & Activities:

Red & White Mass: As discussed above, please send in your reservations for this YMI event today. **See the attached flyer for event details and the reservation form.** For questions, contact Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297.

Raffle Tickets: Did you buy your YMI raffle tickets yet? Please buy a book or two and send in the ticket stubs and money to the YMI Grand Council Office or bring them to our next business meeting. The funds support a good cause... the YMI Pro Patria Essay Contest.

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest: The judging portion for 16th annual essay contest is still underway. On **April 7th**, we will be hosting an awards ceremony. This year we will be hosting it at St Cecilia's Church on a Sunday afternoon. We will be utilizing a different format ...rather than exhausting effort preparing dinner, we will be serving appetizers and focusing the event on the awards. That day, we will be issuing 55 scholarship awards totaling \$20,000! Further details of the awards ceremony will be provided later and at our February meeting, but please save the date for now and plan to attend!

Dues: Your timely payment of 2019 dues is kindly appreciated. Many members have sent in their payment and Br. Cosmo is very grateful. However, there are still some members that have yet to submit their dues. To dispel any confusion, **your 2019 dues are owed.** As reported, we have maintained 2019 dues at the same level as prior dues (i.e., **\$50 for Associate Members and \$62 for Benefit Members**). However, for 2019, we have **instituted a \$5 late fee to cover additional administrative costs incurred for those paying after January 31st.** Given this is a new policy and this newsletter may arrive in the mail after January 31st, I have asked the Treasurer to grant a 12-day extension of applying a late fee charge. Therefore, please **pay your dues no later than February 12th (our meeting date) to avoid a late fee.** Please note that Honorary Members (i.e., priests/religious), Junior YMI and Members with at least 50 years of service in YMI #613 are exempted from paying dues, however they should advise us any changes in personal info (e.g., address, e-mail, phone, beneficiary, etc.). If any questions, please contact **Br. Cosmo Amato at 415-392-3560.**

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

**Grant Young, Mario Balistreri, Paul Zarich, Kevin Soracco,
Chase Parker, John Smith, Stephen Goulding, Nick Goultas**

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 110 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:

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

**March 9th (Sat) – YMI Red & White Mass (starts at 4:30 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Lower Church)
4:30 Banner Procession;
5:00 Mass
6:00 Dinner/Raffle**

**March 12th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)
Corned Beef Dinner coordinated by Br. Dick Pisciotta**

March 17th (Sun) – YMI/YLI Family Mass (9:30 a.m. @ St. Cecilia Church)

April 7th (Sun) – Jim Calabretta Essay Contest Banquet (2:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Lower Church)

**April 9th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia’s Green Room)
Dinner coordinated by Br. Rod Ordon**

April 28th (Sun) – YMI Bowling Tournament (@ Pacific Lanes, Stockton, CA)

May 5th (Sun) – Ladies Night (Bertolucci’s Restaurant @ SSF)

**May 14th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia’s Green Room)
Dinner coordinated by Br. John Kavanagh**

June 2nd (Sun) – YMI Golf Tournament (@ Bennett Valley, Santa Rosa, CA)

**June 11th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia’s Green Room)
Dinner coordinated by Br. Art Jimenez**

June 17th-19th (Mon-Wed) – YMI Grand Council Sessions (@ Montbleau in Stateline, NV)

June 23rd (Sun) – YMI/YLI Family Mass (9:30 a.m. @ St. Cecilia Church)

**July 9th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia’s Green Room)
Dinner coordinated by Br. Mike DeLaurenti**