



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

**Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on ...
April 9th (Tues) 7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Serra Room
Dinner organized by Br. Rod Ordon**

President's Message

Brothers.....Much thanks to the many YMI #613 brothers and wives that attended the **YMI Red & White Mass** on March 9th held at St. Cecilia's Church. This year's Red & White Mass celebrated the 136th anniversary of our YMI Order, and I served as the event chair as this is the primary duty of the Grand 2nd Vice President. Despite a few hiccups during the evening, the event was a smashing success in many ways. We had a very strong turn-out as 135 people from 11 YMI Councils (#1, #2, #8 #32, #40, #44, #54,#59, #94, #99 #613) throughout the state and 2 YLI Councils (#1, #7). Most notably, several YMI councils from the Central Valley pooled resources and chartered a bus to attend the celebration! The room looked excellent decked out in a red and white theme, the food (*although delivered a bit late*) was hot and very tasty, bar sales flourished, and we had plenty of support from the YMI members and their wives from start (set-up) to finish (clean-up). I extend added thanks to the following:

- Planning Br. Mike Dimech Fr. Joe Landi Br. Tom Fourie #32
Br. Cosmo Amato Alvin Martin (*St. Cecilia parish mgr.*)
Pablo (*Mozzarella di Buffalo*)
- Set -up: Br. Kevin Roche Br. Art Jimenez Br. Mario Balistreri
Br. Cosmo Amato Mara Amato Sr. Mara Amato Jr
- Mass Support Fr. Agnel D'Heredia Fr. Joe Landi Br. Tom Fourie #32
Jeanne Dimech Mara Amato Jr.
Br. Al Banfield #32 (*Garden Chapel-donated the carnations*)
- Bar Service: Br. Bob Fiorito Br. John Kavanagh Br. Kevin Soracco
Br. Paul Larson #32
- Food Service: Br. Mike Dimech Br. Cosmo Amato Br. Mario Balistreri
Pola Fiorito Jeanne Dimech Mara Amato Jr
Mia Soracco
- Photographer: Br. Tom Ling
- Clean-Up: Br. John Kavanagh Br. Bernardo Silva Br. John Smith
Br. David Bennett Most everybody identified above

If I missed anybody, please accept my apologies. Also please be aware that I posted numerous photos from the **Red & White Mass** on the Young Men's Institute page on Facebook and we anticipate seeing them on the YMI website soon too.

Council News & Activities:

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest Awards Ceremony: The awards ceremony for the **Jim Calabretta Essay Contest** will be held on **Sunday, April 7th at 2:00 p.m.** The event will be held this year at a new venue (St Cecilia's Lower Church) and a new format emphasizing the awards ceremony and eliminating the pasta dinner. Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. At the awards ceremony, we will be issuing 56 scholarship awards totaling \$20,200! The event is quite an experience to witness, as the students often display genuine gleefulness in earning their

scholarships. **See the attached flyer for event details and the reservation form.** Please plan to attend as it promises to be a great time! All are invited!

Ladies Night: This annual event is scheduled for May 5th. This year we will be returning to Bertolucci's Restaurant in South San Francisco for an excellent dinner to celebrate the ladies in our lives. All ladies attending will also receive a lovely gift. You can score points with the lady in your life by attending. **See the attached flyer for event details and the reservation form.**

Sport Tournaments:

Bowling: The YMI Bowling tournament will be held in Stockton (Pacific Lanes) again on Sunday April 28th. The tourney is open to YMI members and their families to participate. Traditionally we have sponsored up to two teams from our council covering the team's bowling fees and we have set aside funds for this year to cover such costs. Please **contact Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297 by April 9th** to let us know your willingness to bowl.

Golf: Save the date! The YMI Golf Tourney will be held on Sunday, June 2nd at the Bennett Valley Golf Course in Santa Rosa. **Br. Bob Fiorito** is working out the event details, but the fee is \$100 per person Although the amount may vary by the number of golfers participating, YMI #613 has traditionally absorbed a significant percentage of the golf fees, so you can expect to pay much less. Further information will be shared at the next YMI #613 meeting.

Convention Delegates: This year's YMI Grand Council Sessions (a.k.a. Convention) will be held in South Lake Tahoe at the Montbleu Hotel between June 17th -June 19th. As the YMI by-laws permit YMI #613 to send four brothers as delegates, we congratulate the following brothers for being selected at the March business meeting: **1) Dick Pisciotta, 2) Joe Soracco 3) Fr. Joe Landi and 4) Jeff Morrow.** Delegates should make their hotel reservations using the instructions provided in my March 22nd e-mail. If you would like to attend the convention as an Alternate, please contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297** as we be able to send another brother.

YMI Jackets: As a follow up to inquiries from several YMI #613 brothers about the availability of the snazzy YMI #613 blue, light-weight jackets that several YMI #613 proudly wear featuring the YMI logo and their names, we are seeking info as to whom would like to order a YMI #613 jacket. We are also seeking your interest in purchasing a YMI #613 sweatshirt option that would be blue and feature the YMI logo. For us to proceed with an order, we will need to get a minimum number of about 10. The estimated costs are between \$40-\$50. If interested, please contact **Br. Mike Dimech at 650-992-2667.** I would anticipate, we will place an order by mid-May, so please call Br. Dimech today!

Raffle Winner: Congratulations to **Denise Malatesta**, the wife of **Br. Pete Malatesta**, for winning \$250 in the YMI Pro Patria raffle. The ticket was pulled after dinner during the Red & White Celebration. Thank you, Denise and all the #613 brothers, for supporting this worthy fundraiser that provides the funding support for the YMI Grand Council Essay scholarship prizes.

Sick Bay: We extend "Get Well Soon wishes" to **Br. Joe Soracco** and **Br. Bill Pallas**, both of whom were in the hospital for various ailments and are now at home in recovery mode.

Membership Milestones: We congratulate the following brothers for attaining years of service milestones in our organization:

- 30 Years
Br. Stephen Goulding
Br. Steven Welch
- 20 Years
Br. James O'Sullivan
- 10 Years
Br. Bob Fiorito
Br. John Campus
Br. Steven Press
Br. Brien Stableford
Br. Nicholas Bruna
- Br. Brendan Kenneally
Br. Richard Pisciotta Jr.
- Br. Rod Ordonia
Br. Leandro Fernando
Br. Paul Wuerstle
Br. Chris Amato
- Br. Frank Bottarini
Br. Art Jimenez
Br. John Smith
Br. Kevin Soracco

We will honor your service at the May business meeting by waiving your dinner fees that evening.

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

**William Farac, Rev. Nicholas Reina, John Campus,
Frank Cisek, Steve Welch, John Kavanagh**

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 2019, we have donated so far approximately 350 lbs. of canned goods and toiletry items to San Bruno's Catholic Hospitality House. If you are interested in reading about the San Bruno Catholic Hospitality Worker House, the San Francisco Catholic has an article on the facility in there March 28th issue.**

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:

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 Ordonia**

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)
Special Membership Recruitment Meeting
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**

**August 13th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)
Dinner coordinated by Br. Mike Dimech**

August 25th (Sun) – Summer Picnic (Junipero Serra Park @ San Bruno)

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

**September 28th (Sat) – YMI Bocce Ball Tournament
(Orange Park @ South San Francisco)**

October 6th (Sun) - Italian Heritage Parade – SF North Beach

**October 8th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)
Dinner coordinated by Br. Mario Lim**

October 19th (Sat) - Elvis Presley Dinner Event – St Cecilia's