



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

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

March 12th (Tues) 7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Room

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner organized by Br. Dick Pisciotto/Br. Mike Amato

On the Agenda: Determining Convention Delegates

President's Message

Brothers.....I'm gearing up for the **YMI Red & White Mass** on **March 9th at St. Cecilia's Church**. The Red & White Mass celebrates the 136th anniversary of our YMI Order. As the reigning YMI Grand 2nd Vice President, our council gets the task to host the Red & White Mass this year. The event will begin with the traditional YMI banner procession and carnation ceremony involving YMI brothers from many councils throughout California. After the procession, we will celebrate a Mass led by our YMI Grand Chaplain **Fr. Agnel** and assisted by our own chaplain, **Fr. Joe Landi**. Later, we will enjoy a great dinner in the St. Cecilia's lower church (food catered by Mozzarella Di Bufala) and select the winners of the Pro Patria Raffle. Although the reservation deadline has now officially past, you may contact me at **650-296-6297** to determine if space is still available. **See the attached flyer for event details and the reservation form.**

For those coming to the Red & White Mass, please wear your YMI #613 blue shirts, so we can display with pride the strength our YMI council! **If you are willing to assist with the set-up on Friday evening and/or helping with the dinner service or clean-up on Saturday evening, please also let me know.** I would very much welcome any support from my YMI #613 brothers.

Also please don't forget to buy your YMI raffle tickets before March 9th! Just complete the tickets and send in the ticket stubs and money payable to the YMI Grand Council Office. The funds support a good cause... **the YMI Pro Patria Essay Contest**. If you need more raffle tickets, just contact **Br. Mike Dimech at 650-992-2667**. He may also be willing to fill in the books for you if you send him the money.

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 at a new venue: St Cecilia's Lower Church. Also, we will be applying a different format this year emphasizing the awards ceremony. We are also eliminating the pasta dinner and replacing it with appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages. 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 typically 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 for an excellent dinner to celebrate the ladies in our lives. All ladies attending will also receive a lovely gift. Score points with the lady in your life and plan to attend. **See the attached flyer for event details and the reservation form.**

Convention Delegates Wanted: 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. Per the YMI by-laws, YMI #613 can send up to four brothers as delegates, in addition to those YMI #613 brothers currently serving as Grand Council officers or board members. As a delegate, you will be expected to participate in the meetings and vote on matters. In return, YMI #613 will provide some reimbursement of your expenses. If you are interested to be a delegate, please contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297**. We are expecting to select and approve delegates at the March business meeting.

YMI/YLI Family Mass: We are scheduled to handle the **9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia's Church on March 17th**. I'm seeking volunteers to assist with various Mass duties or to serve coffee and donuts afterwards. Please contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297** if you can assist.

Dues: Although many YMI #613 brothers have sent in their dues, there are still about a dozen that have yet to submit payment. For those brothers that haven't paid, please know **your 2019 dues are overdue**. As reported, we have instituted a \$5 late fee to cover additional administrative costs incurred for those paying after January 31st (and extended to February 12th). Therefore, the adjusted 2019 dues with the added late fee are as follows: **\$55 for Associate Members & \$67 for Benefit Members**. A second and final letter has been sent out to those that remain unpaid. To avoid being marked delinquent and suspended from membership privileges per the by-laws, I urge you to pay the dues no **later than March 31st**. If any questions (or if you simply wish to terminate your membership), please contact **Br. Cosmo Amato at 415-392-3560**.

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

John Kavanugh, James Vavuris, Leo Ferrero, Matt Ordon, Michael Amato, Steven Press, Michael White, Rev. Armand Oliveri

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 225 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:

**March 9th (Sat) – YMI Red & White Mass (starts at 4:30 p.m. @ St. Cecilia’s Lower Church)
4:30 Banner Procession & Carnation Ceremony;
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 Pisciotto/Br. Mike Amato**

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)
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)