



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

**Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on ...
May 14th (Tues) 7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Room
Mexican style dinner organized by Br. John Kavanagh
Special Membership Meeting**

President's Message

Brothers..... I thoroughly enjoyed our Jim Calabretta Essay Contest Awards Ceremony held on April 7th at St. Cecilia's Lower Church. That day, we awarded over \$20,000 in scholarships to 56 students ranging from college seniors to 6th graders. Besides being well written, several of the contestants submitted very moving essays revealing major personal obstacles that they have encountered in their young lives. All the contestants deserve to be commended for their fine effort!

See the attached essay contest winner's list.

While I'm extending praise, I want to also acknowledge the many YMI #613 brothers that helped out before, during and after the awards ceremony. First and foremost, I thank **Br. Rod Ordon** (the event chairman) for successfully implementing a new format featuring the awards themselves at a new venue and for once again covering all the bases in making sure the event went very smoothly. He even added medals (gold, silver, and bronze) this year for the top three winners in each division to go along with the classy award certificate each winner received. As mentioned, Br. Rod was well supported by many YMI #613 brothers and several members' wives at the event, including:

Br. Cosmo Amato	Br. Bob Fiorito	Br. Joe Soracco	Br. Mario Balistreri
Br. George Rehmet	Br. Johnny Santander	Br. John Bringas	Br. Mike Echon
Br. John Kavanagh	Br. Mike Dimech	Shirley Ordon	Cynthia Brigas
Mara Amato I	Mara Amato II		

Through this wonderful event, we were able to bring smiles and joy into the lives of numerous families. Many people (i.e., parents, grandparents, aunts, etc.) approached me afterwards thanking us for holding this essay contest and celebrating the students' achievements. Thank you all for making the event possible!

Council News & Activities:

Membership Meeting: Our next YMI #613 business meeting on **May 14th** will be a **Special Membership Meeting**. That evening, we plan 1) to welcome new recruits to YMI #613 and 2) honor current YMI #613 members shown below on their membership anniversary milestones:

- **30 Years**

Br. Stephen Goulding	Br. Brendan Kenneally
Br. Steven Welch	Br. Richard Pisciotta Jr.
- **20 Years**

Br. James O'Sullivan
- **10 Years**

Br. Bob Fiorito	Br. Rod Ordon	Br. Frank Bottarini
Br. John Campus	Br. Leandro Fernando	Br. Art Jimenez
Br. Steven Press	Br. Paul Wuerstle	Br. John Smith
Br. Brien Stableford	Br. Chris Amato	Br. Kevin Soracco
Br. Nicholas Bruna		

We encourage all YMI #613 brothers to attend this meeting and bring a relative, friend or neighbor to join us at this meeting. Feel free to bring more than one recruit, as we are seeking to build on the strength of our organization's membership base by adding some new blood. Although we had hit a high-level mark of 106 members in 2018, we have recently dipped below 100 members. I would like to get back to and above the century mark. To make this truly a membership meeting night, **we are waiving all dinner fees at the May business meeting**

Ladies Night: This popular, annual event for the YMI ladies is scheduled for May 5th this year at Bertolucci's Restaurant. While the posted due date on the flyer may have already passed, you can contact **Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-867-6702** to see if there is still space available to enjoy an excellent dinner to celebrate the ladies in our lives. All ladies attending will also receive a lovely gift. **See the attached flyer for event details and the reservation form.**

YMI Golf Tournament: The YMI Golf Tourney will be held on Sunday, June 2nd at the Bennett Valley Golf Course in Santa Rosa. **Br. Bob Fiorito** is chairing the tourney again. The individual golf fee is listed at \$100 per person. However, keeping with tradition, YMI #613 will subsidize a substantial portion of the golf fee, depending on the number of golfers playing. As such, you can expect to pay approximately in the range of \$20-\$30 for a full round of golf, golf cart and dinner. Further information will be shared at the next YMI #613 meeting.

YMI Jackets/Sweatshirts: 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. To proceed, we will need to get a minimum number of 10 orders. The estimated costs are between \$40-\$50. If interested or questions, please contact **Br. Mike Dimech at 650-992-2667**. It is possible that we may place an order right after our May 14th meeting, so please call Br. Dimech today with your preference and size before then.

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 soon as possible as we have funds to send another brother.

Congratulations: YMI #613 extend congratulation to two high school students that earned scholarship awards in the **YMI Grand Council Pro Patria Essay Contest**. The two students are:

- **Br. Jack Kavanagh – 2nd Place (\$800)**
- **Kayla Dowd – 4th Place (\$400)**

Correction: **Denise Malatesta**, the wife of **Br. Pete Malatesta**, actually won \$100 for finishing in 4th place in the YMI Pro Patria raffle, not \$250 as previously reported last month. We again thank all the #613 brothers, and their families for supporting this worthy fundraiser that provides the funding support for the YMI Grand Council Essay scholarship prizes.

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

**Peter Maletesta, Kevin Roche, Mike Echon, Ron Metes,
John Briggs, Michael Sullivan, Paul Biagi**

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 410 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:

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