



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

**Please join us at our next business meetings on ...
October 8th (Tues) 7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Room
Dinner organized by Br. Br. Mario Lim**

President's Message

Brothers & Friends of YMI St. John Bosco Council #613.... Just returned home with my wife Mara from an enjoyable two-week trip to Spain, Portugal and Morocco. While there were many highlights from visiting destinations such as Madrid, Seville and Toledo, we were quite impressed with the religious fervor of Fatima, Portugal. This is the town where our Blessed Mother appeared to three shepherd children in 1917. The sight features beautiful churches, shrines and monuments to honor our Blessed Mother, as well as a huge plaza for thousands of visitors to gather. Many people travel to Fatima to offer prayers, light a candle, procure holy water, and perform sacrifices (e.g. walking on their knees across the huge plaza) for personal intentions. The location is inspiring and worthy of a visit, if traveling to the Iberian Peninsula.

Back to business now. First let me remind all that we have several YMI events coming up on the calendar. We start with our Elvis Dinner Show and Italian Heritage Parade in October. In November, we have our annual Hour of Memory and the Pasta Bingo Dinner. Finally, in December we have our Christmas Party. Please consider joining us for some or, better yet, all these terrific events!

Second, I suspect all of you have received a letter from me last month in my capacity as the YMI Grand 1st Vice-President. The letter contained information about the 46th Annual YMI Grand Council Essay Contest, as well as a request to buy raffle tickets in our 2020 YMI Pro Patria Raffle to support the student awards offered in that contest. I urge my YMI #613 brothers to take a few moments and submit your completed raffle tickets and a check to the YMI Grand Council Office. Also please encourage students you know to participate in this contest (as well as our own Jim Calabretta Essay Contest discussed later in this newsletter).

Council News & Activities:

YMI Night with Elvis: On **Saturday, October 5th**, we will be hosting a dinner show featuring an Elvis Presley impersonator (Johnny Reno). For a mere \$40 per person, you can enjoy a wonderful evening that will include a great dinner, a raffle, a one-hour Elvis show, and dancing. Although the sign-up deadline for this event has passed, please contact **Br. Dick Pisciotta at 415-334-6429** if space remains available for late reservations.

Italian Heritage Parade: This year's Italian Heritage Parade will be on **Sunday, October 13th**. We anticipate partnering with the SF Model-A Auto Club again and participating in the parade in antique cars and perhaps a classic Muni bus again. Those wanting to join us in the parade (or helping set up the cars) should contact **Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-867-6702** by October 5th.

Hour of Memory: The annual Hour of Memory event honoring our past YMI #613 brothers, will be held on **Sunday, November 3rd**. As we have in recent years, the event begins with a Mass at Saints Peter & Paul Church at 3:30 p.m. followed by a fabulous dinner at the SF Italian Athletic Club. **See the attached flyer for more information and the reservation form.** For questions, contact **Br. Cosmo Amato at 415-392-3560.**

Pasta Bingo Dinner: Brothers from YMI #613 and #32 will be uniting to support the YMI Grand Council in hosting the YMI Pasta Bingo dinner on **Saturday, November 16th**. That evening, you can enjoy a tasty Italian meal, many games of bingo, and another lucrative raffle. The event will be held at **Falcon Hall at St Veronica Church in South San Francisco.** **See the attached flyer for more information and the reservation form.** For questions, contact **Br. Mike Dimech at 650-922-2667.**

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest: Our 17th annual essay contest is now underway as the contest entry form was released in mid-August 2019. The contest prize fund remains at a very generous level of \$20,000, with 55 cash prizes being distributed among the three student divisions. The contest deadline for submitting 300-word essays is **December 3, 2019.** **See the attached flyer for the contest entry form.** If questions, please contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297.**

Condolences: About a month ago, we learned the sad news of the passing of **Br. Valentine Guajardo.** Br Valentine was a four-year member of YMI #613, who participated in many YMI #613 meetings and events. He was also the father of **Br. Rafael (Jesse) Guajardo.** We send condolences to his wife Miriam, his son Jesse, and the entire Guajardo family.

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

Paul DeMartini, Bob Figone, Aldo Didero, Bernardo Silva, William Pallas, Nicholas Vavuris, Michael Delaurenti, Rod Ordon, Robert Podjarsky, John McCarthy, Leandro Fernando

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 800 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 or faded, 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:

October 5th (Sat) – A Night with Elvis (6:45 p.m. @ St. Cecilia Lower Church)

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

October 13th (Sun) - Italian Heritage Parade – (meet at 10:30 a.m. in SF North Beach)

**November 3rd (Sun) – YMI Hour of Memory
(3:30 p.m. @ Sts. Peter & Paul Church & Italian Athletic Club)**

**November 11th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)
Thanksgiving Dinner coordinated by Br. Mike Amato**

**November 16th (Sat) = YMI Grand Council Pasta Bingo Night
(beginning at 6:00 p.m. @ St. Veronica Parish Cafeteria (aka Falcon Hall))**

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

**December 15th (Sun) – YMI #613 Christmas Party
(6:00 p.m. @ Dominic's Restaurant in South SF)**

**January 14th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)
Dinner coordinated by Br. ???**