



**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613
February 2020 NEWSLETTER**

Please join us at our next business meetings on ...

February 11th (Tues) 7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Lower Church

Dinner organized by Br. Art Jimenez

Meeting Highlights: 2020 Events/Activities & Donations

President's Message

Brothers & Friends of YMI St. John Bosco Council #613.... We had a very nice visit on January 14th with **YMI Grand President Mike Thissen**. Our council was also joined by a large contingent of brothers from YMI San Francisco #1 and South San Francisco #32 that evening and we had about 50 brothers in total in attendance. We began the evening with a nice meal of meat raviolis and we shared about 40-45 minutes of fraternalism before the meeting. Once the business meeting began, we heard from the Grand President as well as the various Grand Council representatives, who shared important info about the YMI Essay Contest, Pro Patria Raffle, Red & White Mass, Convention, and 2020 YMI sporting events. I thank the brothers that attended this gathering and I believe our Grand President was quite impressed.

I urge you to attend the February business meeting, as we need to work through the calendar of our 2020 council activities. I'm understanding we may be having Chinese food that evening to recognize Chinese New Year. Time permitting, we will consider donations. Hopefully, when we next meet, we will be able to talk proudly about the many highlights from the 49ers' Super Bowl victory in Miami against the Chiefs. **Go Niners!!**

Council News & Activities:

Dues: Many of you have already paid your **2020 Dues** (i.e., \$55 for Associate Members & \$65 for Benefit Members) **by the January 31st** deadline and we thank you for being prompt! For those opting to pay **after January 31st**, there is **an additional \$5 late fee to cover administrative costs incurred to mail a reminder notice**. Please pay your dues by January 31st to avoid the late fee and before April to avoid being placed in arrears. If you're opting not to renew, please contact us.

Please also note that All Members are reminded to advise us any changes in their personal info (i.e., mailing address, e-mail, phone number, beneficiary). If any questions, please contact **Br. Cosmo Amato at 415-392-3560**.

Red & White Mass: On **Saturday, March 14, 2020**, the YMI will be celebrating its annual **Red & White Mass/Dinner**, which commemorates our anniversary celebrating 137 years of YMI brotherhood. The event takes place at **St. Sebastian's Church in Sebastopol** beginning at 4:30 p.m. with a banner procession, followed by a Mass, then dinner and ending with the Pro Patria Raffle. The dinner costs \$25 per person. **See the attached flyer for event details**. For those preferring not to drive, we will also have a large bus (58-seater with a bathroom) available that will pick us up from All Souls Church by about 2:00 p.m. that day. The bus fee is just \$10 per person.

Contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297 to make** bus reservations being taken on a first come, first served basis!

Pro Patria Raffle: Please take a few moments to submit your YMI raffle tickets sent on September 1st with a check to the YMI Grand Council. About 27% of our members have already purchase tickets but I would like to see this percentage rise to about 50%. **See the attached sheet for raffle tickets. Remember the YMI raffle proceeds support the Pro Patria Essay Contest prize fund, so your generosity ultimately benefits our youth!**

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest: We have received 62 essays (College: 13; High School: 17; & Middle School: 32) in response to our 17th annual essay contest. At this point, the judges are finalizing their scores. Please note that the announced contest prize fund involving 55 awards totaling \$20,000 has been generously increased by the YMI #613 membership to allow each student an opportunity to win a prize. Hence, there will be 62 happy faces when we host the contest awards' ceremony on **Sunday March 29th at St. Cecilia's Lower Church**. Details about the awards ceremony should be available by our February Business Meeting. If questions, you may contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297 or Br. Rod Ordon at 415- 928-3355**.

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

**David Burbank, John Repetto, Art Jimenez, Paul Wuerstle,
Alfred Bacchianeri, Mike Bottarini, John Cleary,
Frank Bottarini, Thomas O'Connor, Brendan Dimech**

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 2020, we donated so far approximately 65 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:

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

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

**March 14 (Sat) – YMI Red & White Mass
(beginning at 4:30 p.m. St. Sebastian's Church @ Sebastopol, CA)
Bus leaves from All Souls Church in South SF at about 2:00 p.m.**

**March 29th (Sun) – Jim Calabretta Essay Contest Awards Ceremony
(@ St. Cecilia Lower Church)**

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

May 3rd (Sun) – Ladies Night (@ Bertolucci's Restaurant)

**September 26th (Saturday) YMI #613 Bocce Ball Tournament @ Orange Park,
South San Francisco**