



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

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

March 10th (Tues) @ 7:00 p.m.

*****Special Meeting Location: St Cecilia's Collins Center (2560 18th Ave)*****

Dinner organized by Br. George Rehmet (Corned Beef & Cabbage)

Annual Membership Meeting to welcome new members & honor current ones!

President's Message

Brothers & Friends of YMI St. John Bosco Council #613...We're now two months into 2020 and we look to have another exciting year in store. At our last business meeting, we did some important planning for our 2020 events by confirming event chairs/leaders and dates. While there are a few question marks remaining, I have attached the current schedule of meetings and events at the end of this newsletter. **Please review it!**

For March, we will start off with our annual membership meeting on March 10th. All are encouraged to bring a buddy or two that evening, so that they can become prospective members. Moreover, we plan to acknowledge our existing YMI brothers for their service, while enjoying a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner. **Please note we will be meeting that evening in the St. Cecilia's Collins Center located at 2560 18th Ave.** Hope to see many brothers and prospective ones filling the room filled that evening!

Later, on Sunday March 29th, I look forward to another outstanding **Jim Calabretta Essay Awards Ceremony**. More details are provided below, but I encourage all members to join us that day, as we will be providing over \$21,000 in academic awards to 62 students. It is truly a great experience to witness the joy of these students, as they are recognized for academic success!

Aside from April showers, the month is noteworthy in that it becomes time for officer nominations. As I will be seeking to run for YMI Grand President this summer, I am ending my term as your YMI #613 President. It's been a phenomenal personal experience for me being president for the past 12-years and I am very thankful to the many YMI #613 brothers who made my job easier and helped our council become one of the best in the entire YMI! Besides me, I suspect there may be some other changes in council officer roles. I encourage all to consider serving the YMI in some capacity when we take nominations in April. It is a great experience and brothers like myself are around to make sure you will succeed!

Council News & Activities:

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest: The judges have completed their scoring and invitations to our 62 essay contestants have been mailed. On **Sunday March 29th, we will be hosting our 17th Essay Award Ceremony at St. Cecilia's Lower Church beginning at 2:00 p.m.** Br. Rod Ordon is chairing the awards event for his final year and he will be ably supported by several YMI #613 brothers. We welcome all to attend. **See the attached flyer for event details and reservation info.** If questions, you may contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297 or Br. Rod Ordon at 415- 928-3355.**

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. Limited space on the bus is available, so contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297** to make your bus reservations. ***First come, first served!***

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 40% of our members have already purchase tickets, but I would like to see this percentage grow to over 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!***

Dues: Just a handful that have not paid their **2020 Dues** yet. With the \$5 late fee, those Associate members owe \$60 & Benefit Member owe \$70. Please pay your dues by April to avoid being placed in arrears. If you're opting not to renew, please just contact us so we can process your removal. Also, **all Members are reminded to advise us any changes in their personal info (i.e., mailing address, e-mail, phone numbers, beneficiary).** If any questions, please contact **Br. Cosmo Amato at 415-392-3560.**

Welcome: We send out a warm welcome to **Br. John McQuaid.** Br. John is an active parishioner of St. Cecilia's Church. He was born in Michigan and is married, with two children! **Welcome!**

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

**John Kavanagh, David Bennett, 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 2020 we donated so far approximately 175 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

Mar 1st – YLI/YMI Family Mass @ St. Cecilia Church

***Mar 10th – #613 Business Meeting @ Collins Center (Dinner: G. Rehmet)
Membership Night***

Mar 14th – YMI Red & White Mass @ Sebastopol, CA (Bus pick-up at All Souls Church)

Mar 29th – Jim Calabretta Essay Awards Ceremony @ St Cecilia's Lower Church

***Apr 14th – #613 Business Meeting @ Green Rm (Dinner: M. Echon)
Nominations for 2020-22 Offices***

May 3rd – Ladies Night @ Bertolucci's Restaurant

***May 12th – #613 Business Meeting @ Green Rm. (Dinner: J. Kavanagh): Elections
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May 31st - YMI Golf Tourney@ Bennett Valley Golf Course in Santa Rosa

June 8th – #613 Business Meeting @ Green Rm (Dinner: M Dimech)

June 22nd to 24th – YMI Convention @ Reno, Nevada

June 28th– YLI/YMI Family Mass @ St. Cecilia Church

July 14th – #613 Business Meeting @ Green Rm (Dinner: M Baliststreri)

July 18th- Grand President Congratulations Dinner @ St. Cecilia Lower Church

Aug 11th – #613 Business Meeting @ Green Rm (Dinner: M Delaurenti)

Aug 16th – YMI Summer Picnic @ Junipero Serra Park

Sept 8th – #613 Business Meeting @ Green Room (Dinner: K. Roche)

Sept 26- YMI Bocce Ball Tourney @ Orange Park

Oct 11 – Italian Heritage Parade @ SF's North Beach

Oct 13th – #613 Business Meeting @ Green Room (Dinner: J. Madrid)

Nov 8th – Hour of Memory @ SF Italian Athletic Club

Nov 10th – #613 Business Meeting @ Green Room (Dinner: M Amato)

Nov 21st – YMI Pasta Bingo

Dec 13th – Christmas Party @ Dominic's Oyster Point

Dec 15th – #613 Business Meeting @ Green Room (Dinner: P. Wuerstle)