



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

**Next Meeting: September 8th @ 7:00 p.m.**

***Please Note: Our next Meeting will be by ZOOM only.***

**Zoom Meeting Code: 970 172 3475**

**Zoom Password: 514591**

- You will be asked to Join with Video. Say yes by pushing the button.
- You will be asked to join Audio. Press button Call over Internet.

**Grand President's Message**

Brothers & Friends of YMI #613.....Relatively quiet at the YMI this month, but I was able to participate in South San Francisco Council #32's meeting in mid- August conducted via Zoom. Most significantly, I was able to present to **Grand Director Paul Larson, #32** the **YMI 2020 Man of the Year Award**. Br. Paul has been active at his Council for many years taking on the president's role for two plus years, as well as leading or handling various council activities. He has also participated or worked at several Grand Council events too. The ceremony was quite nice. Besides reading aloud his many qualifications, I coordinated with **Br. Bob Fiorito (the 2019 Man of the Year winner)** to formally present Br. Paul with his well-deserved Man of the Year plaque (see photo below) so that his Council #32 Brothers could enjoy watching him receiving his award.



I am hoping to visit the various YMI Councils in the coming months to the extent possible given limitations from the Covid pandemic. On September 1<sup>st</sup>, I will be going to **Santa Rosa Council #40** to attend an outdoor meeting/bocce ball event. Of course, I will be at YMI #613's Zoom Meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

As a heads up, you will likely receive a letter in September seeking your support to buy YMI Raffle Tickets. The money goes to a worthy cause, as it supports the **YMI Pro Patria Essay Contest** prize fund. So please be generous in buying raffle tickets and it helps youth.

Pro Deo, Pro Patria!  
Mike Amato

### President Message:

**Br. Bob Fiorito** thanks all that attended YMI #613's first Zoom Meeting held on August 11th. He encourages others to join us in September as it is easy to access the meeting via Zoom. Just download the app on your smart phone or computer, then enter the meeting info shown above and you should be good to go. **Please remember to wear your YMI Shirt for the meeting.** Drinks will continue to be on the house (*but remember to stock up your fridge with your favorite beverage before the meeting!*)

### Council News & Activities:

**Jim Calabretta Essay Contest:** The **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Jim Calabretta Essay Contest** is now underway. **See the attached contest flyer with information about essay topics, prizes, and rules.** The total contest prize fund is again set at \$20,000! Please encourage children in your family to participate, as well as to share with friends and neighbors. This is a great way to bring in new members!

**Grand President Installation:** The September 12<sup>th</sup> reception for **Br. Mike Amato, our new YMI Grand President** has been postponed indefinitely due to Covid restrictions in place. Further updates will be provided at future business meetings and in newsletters.

**Bocce Ball:** The bocce tourney planned for September 26<sup>th</sup> has also been postponed because the Orange Park courts are closed due to the Covid pandemic. Stay tune for further updates.

**Membership Committee:** **Br. Mike Amato** seeks one or two YMI #613 Brothers to join him on a #613 Membership Committee. As Grand President, he has requested **all YMI Councils** form a membership committee this year to rebuild membership levels. Just contact him at **650-296-6297** before the next meeting to discuss possible ideas/tasks.

**New Members:** We are pleased to welcome the following two new Brothers into our YMI Order:

**Br. Bryan Blake      Br. Dominic Panina**

These men joined in August in response to our **Pro Deo Pro Patria Scholarship Program**, as both are fathers of two of the eight scholarship recipients.

In addition, we have received by mail a Junior YMI Application from **Reagan Calaguas** (a scholarship recipient and the son of **Br. Reggie Calaguas**). Reagan will be attending Stuart Hall High School in San Francisco and we will address his application at September's meeting.

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

**Rev. Joe Landi, Bob Fiorito, Jonathan Santander,  
Michael Dimech, Richard Rosemont, Jeff Morrow,  
Joseph Basuino, John McQuaid, Gilbert Tan**

### **More Member News:**

- Congratulations to **Br. Matt Ordone** (& the **Ordone** Family) on his graduation from Santa Clara University in June. Great Job Br. Matt!
- A round of applause for **Br. George Rehmert** on being elected President of the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA). The RRCA was founded in 1958 and is the oldest and largest non-

profit national association of runners and running organizations dedicated to growing the sport of running. Maybe we have a future YMI #613 President when his term with RRCA is over.

- **Br Mike Amato** and his wife Mara welcome their new puppy Ruby, who is a combination Fox & Wired Terrier. She was adopted from the Monterey SPCA in June and is full of energy.



### YMI #613 Calendar: Upcoming Meetings & Events

**Sept 8<sup>th</sup> – #613 Business Meeting @ Zoom Meeting (No Dinner)**

**Sept 12<sup>th</sup> – Grand President Reception – St. Cecilia Lower Church (POSTPONED!)**

**Sept 26- YMI Bocce Ball Tourney @ Orange Park (POSTPONED)**

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – #613 Business Meeting @ Likely to be a Zoom Meeting (No Dinner)**

**Nov 8<sup>th</sup> – Hour of Memory @ SF Italian Athletic Club - To be determined)**

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup> – #613 Business Meeting @ Green Room (Dinner: M Amato- To be determined)**

**Nov 21 – YMI Pasta Bingo (Event likely to be cancelled)**

**Dec 13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party @ Dominic's Oyster Point**

**Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – #613 Business Meeting @ Green Room (Dinner: P. Wuerstle – To be determined)**