



**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613
APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER**

Next Meeting: April 13th @ 7:00 p.m.

Please remember to wear your YMI Shirt for the meeting

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...While the duties of the Grand President position require certain degree of work and challenges, there are several joys from serving in the position. Among them is the opportunity to make presentations on behalf of the YMI to deserving individuals and organizations. With YMI Council #1 ceasing operations late last year, the residual Council #1 funds are being dispersed as donations to various worthwhile local non-profits. For one of those donations, I had the opportunity, along with **Br. Cosmo Amato**, to present a **\$100,000 check to the San Francisco-Marín Food Bank** on March 8th! *(See photo on the back page)* As you may expect, the Food Bank Representatives were ecstatic to receive this very generous YMI donation and they noted that the donation will provide:

- 200,000 meals for those people in need!
- Help serve the 55,000 households that the Food Bank supports in this post-COVID era (just a year ago the number of households supported was about half that figure).

For those that are able financially, I would suggest considering a personal donation to the San Francisco Marin Food Bank. It is a first-rate local operation helping thousands in our community, who are dealing with the high unemployment impact and the subsequent poverty caused by this pandemic!

As COVID has impacted many, the YMI joins that group as the Order has suffered notable membership losses in the past year. Accordingly, I have been actively working with our YMI Membership Committee to try to turn the tide. Pursuant to a committee recommendation. I have declared the month of **May as YMI Membership Recruitment Month**. Accordingly, I am asking **each YMI Brother to recruit friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers to join us at our respective May YMI meetings and to encourage them to apply to become YMI members**. If every YMI Brother would just bring in one new person, we could significantly grow our Council. Please help me increase our YMI numbers!

Pro Deo, Pro Patria!
Mike Amato

Council News & Activities:

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest Awards Ceremony: Reminder that we will be hosting virtual award ceremonies for our essay contest winners using Zoom as follows:

- March 30th – Middle School & College (32 total winners)
- March 31st - High School (25 total winners)

Br. John Kavanagh, the Essay Contest Chair, will be hosting the ceremonies and each ceremony will begin at for 4:00 p.m. In total, YMI #613 will award about **\$20,000** in essay contest prizes to **57 students** (many of whom are children, grandchildren, or other family members of our YMI #613 Brothers)!

All YMI #613 Brothers & their spouses are invited to join the award events using the Zoom Access info at the top of this newsletter. If any questions about the contest awards ceremonies, please contact **Br. John Kavanagh at 415-735-8430 or by e-mail at jkavesq@gmail.com**.

Dues: Thank you to those many YMI #613 Brothers that have timely submitted their payment of **2021 Dues**. For the few that have not paid yet, the dues with late fees are **\$60 for Associate Members and \$70 for Benefit Members** and they should be mailed ASAP to:

Br. Cosmo Amato
405 Lombard St.
San Francisco, CA 94133

Dues need to be paid by March 31st to avoid your membership from being suspended.

YMI Grand Council News:

- **YMI Grand Council “Pro Patria” Essay Contest** -Very pleased to report that YMI#613 had **sponsored 7 of the 15 winners** in the High School Division of the YMI essay contest sponsored by the Grand Council! These winners came from local well-known high schools -Saint Ignatius (SI), Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC) and Archbishop Riordan (Riordan). Two of the winners are children of YMI Brothers and 5 winners attend Riordan (the most of any high school in the country). Congratulations to the following list of winning students sponsored by YMI #613:

- - 1st: \$1500 - **Matt Blake, SI (son of Br. Bryan Blake)**
 - 2nd: \$750 - Coral Shafer, Riordan
 - 3rd: \$750 - Christine Zhu, Riordan
 - 5th: \$450 - **Stella Mullin, SHC (daughter of Br. Brian Mullin)**
 - 6th: \$300 - Grayson Salomon, Riordan
 - 9th \$150 – Raymond Ponce, Riordan
 - 13th \$150 – Elijah Calip, Riordan

In addition, a Certificate of Participation was issued to **Shane Reidy (son of Br. Liam Reidy)** and about 20 other Riordan students. With hundreds of submitted essays, they just fell short of finishing among the top 15 contestants! **We thank all the students for taking the time to compete in the essay contest.**

- **YMI Pro Patria Raffle** – Congratulations to **Br. John Repetto** and **Br. Joe Soracco** for finishing 3rd and 4th respectively in this year’s raffle and each winning a cash prize of \$250! A huge **thank you to all our YMI #613 Brothers** who purchased raffle tickets to support the Grand Council’s essay contest prize fund. Among YMI Councils with more than 12 members, **YMI #613 again had the highest sales percentage of all YMI Councils!**

- The YMI's Anniversary Mass, known as the **Red & White Mass**, has been postponed till June. The Mass will be presided over by the **Grand Chaplain, Fr. Agnel D'Heredia** and held locally in San Francisco (instead of Dos Palos). It will also be video streamed for all YMI Brothers, especially those living further away. Further details to access the Mass via an internet link or to attend in person will be provided a later date.
- **YMI Delegates Needed – YMI #613 will need 4 Brothers** to volunteer to be delegates at the upcoming Grand Council Session to be held in June. **We will be seeking volunteers at the April business meeting.** Like last year, we will not be travelling to a destination, but instead relying on the internet to conduct the sessions. We are hoping to use Zoom to have the session meetings so access to the internet would be useful. More details on tasks and dates will be provided to all YMI #613 delegates as we get closer to the date.

Membership News:

- **Grandfather Announcement** – We extend congratulations to **Br. Bill Pallas** for becoming a grandfather. His new grandson should be eligible to join us as a Junior YMI Member in about 13 years!
- **Wedding Bells** – Also we share congratulations to the Amato Family. **Br. Mike Amato's** daughter, Rachel, recently became engaged to Tom Dougherty (the grandson of *Br. Felix Ysturiz (RIP), the former President of YMI Council #1*).

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

**William Farac, Rev. Nicholas Reina, John Campus,
Frank Cisek, Steve Welch, Jack Kavanagh**

