



YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613 FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting: February 9th @ 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.....As the first month of the New Year ends, I am hopeful we are on the path to return to normalcy. Efforts appear to be underway to increase the Covid-19 vaccine supply, to re-organize distribution channels, and to communicate key information about how/where to get a vaccine. While we still have a way to go to get most folks vaccinated, I am seeing a glimmer of a possible "light at the end of the tunnel!"

In the meantime, please continue to stay safe by following public health guidelines (restricting social interactions, wearing masks while in public, washing your hands, etc.). We can also help the many local small businesses (especially restaurants) that are suffering economically, by ordering take-out or supporting them with on-line purchases. Finally, if you or a loved one are suffering with Covid-19, please let us know. We can alert our Chaplain, **Fr. Joe Landi**, and our YMI #613 Brothers to say prayers for a full and speedy recovery.

Pro Deo, Pro Patria!

Mike Amato

Council News & Activities:

Dues: Your timely payment of **2021 Dues by January 31st** is kindly appreciated. In mid-December, you should have received a letter from our **Treasurer, Br. Cosmo Amato**, informing you that YMI #613 dues **are now owed**. There has been **no increase** in the 2021 dues. They remain at **\$55 for Associate Members and \$65 for Benefit Members**. For those Brothers that pay **after January 31st**, there will be **an additional \$5 late fee to cover administrative costs incurred to send a reminder notice**. Please be timely so we can avoid sending our reminder notices. Because of Covid-19 issues and access to the church rectory, we ask that dues be sent directly to:

Br. Cosmo Amato

405 Lombard St.

San Francisco, CA 94133

Please note that Honorary Members (i.e., priests/religious), Junior YMI (those under age 23 attending school) and those Members with at least 50 years of service in YMI #613 **are exempted** from paying dues. However, they should advise us of any changes in their

personal info (e.g., mailing address, e-mail, phone number). If any questions, please contact **Br. Cosmo Amato at 415-392-3560**.

Death Benefits: If you are planning to participate in **YMI#613's Death Benefit** program for 2021, **your payment must be postmarked and mailed to Br. Cosmo Amato** (see mailing address above) **by January 31st**. Our program provides your designated beneficiary with \$1000 in death benefit coverage if you pass away during the year. The cost is just \$30 per member. Participation in this program is optional and you must opt in on a yearly basis. For those participating, we urge you to review your beneficiary info and update us in writing, if there have been any life change impacting your designated beneficiary. **The person identified as your beneficiary on our records is the only person that we can distribute funds after your passing.** If any questions about your beneficiary on record, please contact **Br. Cosmo Amato at 415-392-3560**.

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest: Currently, the judges are evaluating the essay submissions and we plan to have an awards ceremony in the Spring, albeit possibly a virtual one over Zoom as we did last year. More discussion of our award ceremony plan is anticipated at our next meeting. If questions about the contest, please contact **Br. John Kavanagh at 415-735-8430 or by e-mail at jkavesq@gmail.com**.

Grand President Visit: **Br. Cosmo Amato** has arranged for our worthy **Grand President Mike Amato** to officially visit the San Francisco Area YMI Councils on **Thursday February 11th**. Please plan to participate. The official visit will be hosted by YMI South San Francisco Council #32 via Zoom and the meeting access information is as follows:

Meeting ID: 879 063 2724

Passcode: 9jJ2Zy

YMI Grand Council News:

- Please remember to buy YMI Raffle Tickets. The proceeds go to a worthy cause, as it supports the **YMI Grand Council's Pro Patria Essay Contest** prize fund of \$10,000. Any donation level for raffle tickets would be appreciated, but the best value would be a donation of \$80, which will get you 24 raffle tickets. If you need tickets, contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297**. Tickets will be drawn at the March 20th Grand Directors' Board Meeting.
- The YMI's Anniversary Mass, known as the **Red & White Mass**, has been postponed indefinitely and will not take place on Saturday, March 13th. The Grand 2nd Vice President (**Br. Darrell Fonseca**) will be working with our Grand Chaplain (**Fr. Agnel D'Heredia**) and his committee on an alternative plan (e.g., a later date, a virtual event, etc.) to be announced by early Spring.
- YMI Golf Tourney for 2021 has been cancelled. The Golf Tourney Chair (**Br. Bob Fiorito**) reported that due to Covid-19, the golf course cannot host tournaments or banquets at this time.

Membership News:

- Applause to **Br. Jessie Guajardo** for re-directing his time because of COVID-19 that had formerly been used for socializing and travelling to re-do his kitchen. Although I understand a bit more work is needed, his wife Dorothy reports being happy and we know that "a happy wife, makes for a happy life!"
- YMI #613 sends out best wishes and prayers to **Br. Joe Basuino**, who has been experiencing health problems in recent months. At age 94, Br. Joe is our 3rd oldest #613 Brother.

- Speaking of our more senior members, YMI #613 has 13 Brothers that will be 90 and above this year. We thank them ALL for their service to the YMI and we have listed them below with their birthdays and ages in 2021:

1	Rev. Oliveri, Armand	3/30/1920	101
2	Cisek, Frank	4/26/1924	97
3	Basuino, Joseph	9/19/1926	95
4	Didero, Aldo	10/6/1927	94
5	Farac, William	4/1/1928	93
6	Campus, John	4/9/1928	93
7	O'Sullivan, James	12/3/1929	92
8	Bottarini, Frank	1/20/1930	91
9	Ferrero, Leo	3/10/1930	91
10	Nolan, Jerry	11/16/1930	91
11	O'Connor, Thomas	1/26/1931	90
12	Hayes, Thomas	2/14/1931	90
13	DeMartini, Paul	10/1/1931	90

- YMI #613's membership is currently at 105 members, with some membership stats presented below.
 - Our Council's average age is slightly above age 60.
 - Most of our Brothers were born in the months of December (15) and March (11), while only two Brothers have birthdays in the month of August.
 - Most of our Brothers are Associate Members (51). We also have 36 Benefit Members, 8 Junior Members, and 10 Honorary Members.
 - The Council membership breakdown by age group is as follows:
 - Above Age 90 – 13% (see list above)
 - Age 80-89 – 6%
 - Age 70-79 – 16%
 - Age 60-69 – 20%
 - Age 50-59 – 22%
 - Age 40-49 – 9%
 - Below Age 40 – 14%
- **Please bring someone to our next meeting so that our numbers can continue to grow!**

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

**Bryan Blake, Grant Young, Mario Balistreri,
Thomas Hayes, Kevin Soracco, Chase Parker,
John Smith, Stephen Goulding, Nick Goultas**

Good of the Order: St John Bosco's Feast Day is January 31st. Please remember to say a Prayer to our patron saint that day!