



YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613 JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting: January 12th @ 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 2020 has been a most difficult year presenting challenges and stresses for many, I am anxiously looking forward to a new year and the hopeful possibilities that we may soon be able to return to our normal lives. For YMI #613, I look forward to a time in the near-term when we can be able to safely return to our in-person meetings and socials. In the meantime, and until this pandemic subsides, **please participate in our Zoom Meetings.** All you need is the Zoom App and just follow a few basic instructions at the top of this newsletter. It is very easy! Although it is not the same as being together, the Zoom technology has been a satisfactory alternative allowing us to carry out our YMI mission and continue to do the many great things our Council does.

In closing, please let me extend my most sincere wish that **ALL** of you enjoy a **HAPPY NEW YEAR** filled with love, happiness, prosperity, and good health.

Pro Deo, Pro Patria!
Mike Amato

Council News & Activities:

Dues: Your timely payment of **2021 Dues by January 31st** is kindly appreciated. By now, 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.

Please note that Honorary Members (i.e., priests/religious), Junior YMI (those 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 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 by January 31st**. Our program provides your designated beneficiary with \$1000 in death benefit coverage should 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 yearly basis (i.e., it does not automatically continue because you purchased death benefits in the past). 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: **Br. John Kavanagh** reported at our December meeting receiving over 80 essays this year, with the lion's share coming from the High School (HS) Division (*College: 7; HS: 42; Middle School: 34*). As we have fewer contestants than the 15 prizes in the College Division this year, the #613 Brothers voted to move the unused prize money from the College Division to the HS Division so there can be more winners in the HS division. Currently, the judges are evaluating the essay submissions and we hope to have an awards ceremony in the Spring. 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** is making plans for the **Grand President Mike Amato** to officially visit the San Francisco Area YMI Councils on **Thursday February 11th**. The official visit will be hosted by YMI Council #32 via Zoom and meeting access information will be provided in the next newsletter. Please plan to participate.

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**.
- The **YMI Grand Council Pro Patria's Essay Contest** is still underway, but the contest deadline is drawing near (January 15th). This essay contest requires a 500-word essay and has a mid-January deadline. Any Catholic student may apply and we encourage the children and family of members to apply as there is a \$10,000 prize fund this year for students in two division (Grades 7-8 & High School). **Contest entry forms can be downloaded from the YMI website (ymiusa.org).**
- The YMI's Anniversary Mass known as the **Red & White Mass** is scheduled presently (pending Covid-19 events) for **Saturday, March 13th**. The Grand 2nd Vice President is organizing the event to be held in Dos Palos, California. The YMI Grand Council is looking into chartering a bus to allow more members to attend. Further details on the bus will be provided at a later date, but more specific details about the **Red & White Mass Event (e.g. reservations, time, location, etc.) can be viewed on the YMI website (ymiusa.org).**

Membership News:

- Welcome New #613 Members – With YMI San Francisco Council #1 dissolving as a YMI Council, 5 YMI Brothers from Council #1 have transferred to YMI #613. We cheerfully welcome the following YMI Brothers into our Council. They are:

- **Fr. Phil D'Auby**
 - **Br. Joe Grazioli**
 - **Br. Bryan Handlos**
 - **Br. Thomas Hayes**
 - **Br. Paul Peterson**
- YMI #613 now has grown to 105 members. Bring someone to our next meeting so that number can continue to rise upward!
 - Congratulations to **Br. Brendan Dimech** on his engagement to his fiancé Victoria.

Good of the Order: From **Grand 1st Vice President Nick Franceschine:**

150 years ago, Pope Pius IX declared that St. Joseph is the Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the 150th anniversary of that declaration, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “**Year of St. Joseph**” beginning on December 8, 2020 (the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) and ending next year on the same date. Here is a beautiful article from the Vatican News about St. Joseph:

[Pope Francis proclaims “Year of St Joseph” - Vatican News](#)

Pope Francis encourages everyone to say this daily prayer to St. Joseph:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

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

John Repetto, Art Jimenez, Paul Wuerstle, Mike Bottarini, John Cleary, Frank Bottarini, Dominic Panina, Thomas O'Connor, Brendan Dimech