



YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613 MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting: March 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 YMI Grand President, I had the opportunity this past month to make Official Visits to two YMI Districts via Zoom. On February 11th, I met locally with YMI Councils in our San Francisco District (comprised of South San Francisco Council #32 and our own St John Bosco Council #613). San Francisco is the birthplace of the YMI and it was gratifying to see we had over 30 Brothers on the Zoom call. During the visit, I was able to present my Program, as well as discuss a few important Grand Council activities. I thank all those YMI #613 Brothers for joining us on Zoom and to our District Deputy, **Br. Cosmo Amato**, for organizing the event.

The second Official Visit took place on February 21st with our YMI Brothers of Francis Council #573 from Hawaii. While I would have love to have made the trip to Hilo, Zoom allowed me to meet with this spirited group of YMI Brothers, who regularly sing religious or Hawaiian songs at the beginning and end of their meetings. It was another well-attended event, and I was joined by several Brothers from Grand Council including **Br. Mike Dimech** and **Br Cosmo Amato**. Again, we discussed my Program and YMI happenings. While I enjoyed listening to the songs, I am not expecting my #613 Brothers to add songs to our meeting agenda! 😊

Pro Deo, Pro Patria!
Mike Amato

Council News & Activities:

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest Awards Ceremony: As we did last year, we will be hosting virtual award ceremonies for our essay contest winners using Zoom as follows:

- March 30th – Middle School/College
- March 31st - High School

Each ceremony will begin at for 4:00 p.m. All YMI #613 Brothers are invited to join the event using the Zoom Access info at the top of this newsletter. If any questions about the contest awards, 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 those that have not paid, the dues with late fees are **\$60 for Associate Members and \$70 for Benefit Members**. Dues should be mailed 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 placed in suspension.

YMI Grand Council News:

- **Last call** to please remember to buy YMI Raffle Tickets. The raffle 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**) is working with our Grand Chaplain (**Fr. Agnel D'Heredia**) and his committee on an alternative plan (e.g., a later date or a virtual event, etc.) to be announced by early Spring.
- **Grand President Mike Amato and the YMI Membership Committee has set aside the month of May as Membership Recruitment Month. Br. Amato respectfully asks each YMI Council to recruit friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers to join us a May YMI meeting and become a YMI member. If every member would just bring in one new person, we could significantly grow the Order**

Membership News:

- Last month, we focused on our most seniors YMI #613 Brothers in terms of age. However, in terms of service years, the following 10 YMI #613 Brothers boast the longest tenure as Brothers with each having at least 40-60 years of service to our Order:
 - **Br. Richard Pisciotta** **60 Years**
 - **Br. John Repetto** **60 Years**
 - **Br. George Venezia** **52 Years**
 - **Br. Cosmo Amato** **50 Years**
 - **Br. Leo Ferrero** **49 Years**
 - **Br. Dennis Aicardi** **49 Years**
 - **Br. Aldo Didero** **48 Years**
 - **Br. Jerry Nolan** **47 Years**
 - **Br. Paul Biagi** **46 Years**
 - **Br. James Vavuris** **41 Years**
- **As their time as a student has ended, the following Junior YMI Members and have elected to stay on as YMI Benefit Members. Congratulations!**
 - **Br. Nick Bruna**
 - **Br. Stefano Fernando**

Condolences:

- We send prayers to the Bottarini Family on the passing of **Br. Frank Bottarini**. Br. Frank was 91 years old at his death. Over the 12-year period he was an Associate Member of our YMI #613, Br. Frank participated in several picnics and social events. He was also the father of **Br. Mike Bottarini**.
- We also send prayers to the family of **Br. Felix Ysturiz** on his passing on February 3rd. He was 97 years of age. Br. Felix had been the long-time President of YMI San Francisco Council #1 and he served the YMI faithfully during his tenure with our Order.

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

John Kavanagh, David Bennett, James Vavuris, Leo Ferrero, Bryan Hanlos, Matt Ordon, Michael Amato, Brian Mullin Steven Press, Michael White, Rev. Armand Oliveri