



**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613
APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER**

Next Meeting: APR. 11TH @ 7:00 p.m. (St. Cecilia's Green Room)

Please remember to wear your YMI Shirt!

Dinner: Teriyaki-Style Meal organized by Br. Rod Ordon (\$10 per member)

Council News & Activities:

Ladies Night: Our popular Ladies Night event will take place on **Sunday, May 7th**. This year we will be hosting the event at **Original Joe's in Westlake**. Please plan on taking your favorite lady and yourself out for an awesome dinner with your YMI buddies and their favorite ladies. Besides dinner, we traditionally provide a lovely gift for each lady in attendance. The price per couple is \$130 and \$75 per single person. **See the attachment for event details and how to make dinner reservations. If any questions about the event, please contact our President, Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-867-6702.**

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest/Awards Ceremony: On Saturday, March 25th, YMI #613 awarded contest prizes to 50 student totaling \$21,000 (our largest prize fund yet)! The awards ceremony took place at St. Cecilia's with **our Treasurer and Contest Chair, Br. John Kavanagh** serving as the emcee. The event was well attended with over 100 people in attendance. Besides awarding prizes, snacks and beverages were provided. See the attached winners' list from this year's contest and a link to many great event photos taken by **Br. Rod Ordon** is provided as follows: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/kFYGNzDgXD1fDiX59>

Thank you to Br. John for your good work in running this contest and to Br. Rod for your photos. **If any questions about the contest/awards, please contact Br. John at (650) 755-6358.**

YMI #613 Delegates Needed: The YMI Grand Council Session (aka YMI Convention) will be held in South Lake Tahoe between June 19-22. Our Council is allotted **5 at-large delegates**, in addition to having delegate spaces earmarked for current Grand Council officials from YMI #613 (i.e., Dimech, Fiorito, C. Amato & M. Amato). If you would like to be a YMI delegate or have questions about the duty of the delegates, **please contact Br. Bob Fiorito 650-867-6702 or Br. Mike Amato (650-296-6297)**. Your families are also welcome to join you in Tahoe at the Convention and YMI #613 does provide a stipend to cover most of your hotel and event expenses. Please note that we will begin discussing and appointing delegates at our April meeting.

Sports:

- **Bowling:** The YMI Bowling Tournament will take place at Pacific Bowl in Stockton CA on Sunday May 21st. The cost is \$75 for a team (\$15 per person). Contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297** if you are interested. YMI #613 has budgeted funds to cover bowling tournament fees, so your bowling fee may be subsidized.

- **Golf:** The YMI Tournament will be held on Sunday June 4th at Sugarloaf Golf Course in Santa Rosa (Check-in: 11:30 a.m.; Tee Time 12:30 p.m). Afterwards, YMI Council #40 will host a dinner. The fee \$100 per golfer & \$40 for non-golfers and some of these fees may be subsidized by our Council. **Contact Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-867-6702** if you want to participate in the golf tournament.

YMI Red & White Mass: The **YMI's Red & White Mass** was held on Saturday March 11th at St. Anthony's Church in Atwater, CA. Several YMI Councils throughout California gathered together for a Banner Procession and Celebration Mass to honor the YMI's 140th Anniversary. Afterwards, about 95 people moved over to the parish hall and enjoyed a tasty dinner of BBQ tri-tips and chicken. Those coming from the Bay Area were able to enjoy travelling on a spacious and comfortable 39-passenger bus, with beverages and snacks. We commend **Br. Bill Avery #80, Grand 2nd Vice-President** for organizing a great event.

YMI Pro Patria Raffle: A huge thanks to the many YMI #613 Brothers who purchased raffle tickets this year. Under the leadership of **Br. Steve Cresci, #32, Grand 1st Vice President**, we raised almost \$15,000 from the raffle this year. Raffle proceeds support the YMI Grand Council's Pro Patria Essay Contest, which provides about \$10,000 in contest prizes for students. As we have in past years, YMI #613 was among the leaders in having the highest percentage of YMI members buying tickets. Alas, when we pulled the raffle tickets this year, no one from YMI #613 won a raffle prize. Maybe next year!

YMI Pro Patria Essay Contest: Locally, we sponsored many students from local high schools (i.e., Riordan, SHCP and SI) to submit essays in this year's Pro Patria Essay Contest. Final results are pending official release, but inside sources have disclosed that YMI #613 successfully sponsored several winners in the High School Division, including the 1st Place Champion! More details to follow. Stay tune!

Save the Dates: For 2023, the following YMI events are scheduled as follows:

- **Ladies Night –May 7th (Original Joes at Westlake)**
- **YMI Bowling Tourney – May 21st in Stockton (@ Pacific Lanes)**
- **YMI Golf Tourney - June 4th in Sonoma (details pending)**
- **YMI Grand Council Session (aka Convention) – June 19-21 in Lake Tahoe, NV**
- **Summer Picnic - August 13th at Junipero Serra Park, San Bruno**
- **A's Baseball Game – August 20th vs Baltimore Orioles**
- **YMI Bocce Ball Tourney – September 30th in South SF's Orange Park**
- **Italian Heritage Parade – October 8th in North Beach**
- **Hour of Memory - November 12th at SF Italian Athletic Club**
- **Christmas Party – December 10th at Dominic's @ Oyster Point**

Meeting Matters:

- **Meal Coordinators- Line-Up:** Here is the line-up of YMI #613 Brothers volunteering to serve as meal coordinators through the end of 2023.
 - April: Br. Rod Ordon (Teriyaki)
 - May: Br. John Kavanagh (Mexican)
 - June: Br. Art Jimenez
 - July: Br. Mario Balistreri
 - August: Br. George Totah
 - September: Br. Dominic Panina
 - October: Br. Mike Dimech
 - November: Br. Steven Goulding (Turkey)
 - December: Br. Paul Wuerstle

- **COVID** – Although masks are now optional, COVID is still out there, as well as other flus and viruses. We remind Brothers to remain vigilant against COVID by getting vaccinated & boosted as recommended. Please stay home if you have tested positive for COVID or are feeling ill.

Membership News:

- **Rest in Peace:** We extend our condolences on the passing of **Fr. Phil D'Auby**. Fr. D'Auby was a long-time priest and member of the YMI. He was 99 years old at his passing.
- **Birthdays:** Happy Birthday to the following other YMI #613 Brothers who will be celebrating birthdays in April:

Br. Marc Villareal	4/3
Rev. Nick Reina	4/7
Br. John Campus	4/9
Br. David Allan	4/9
Br. Frank Cisek (Age 99)	4/21
Br. Steve Welch	4/22
Br. John Gill	4/25
Br. Jack Kavanagh	4/29