



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

Next Meeting: FEB 7TH @ 7:00 p.m. (St. Cecilia's Green Room)
(Please Note: Meeting Date has been moved up one week to avoid Valentine's Day)
Please remember to wear your YMI Shirt!
Dinner: Meal by Br. George Rehmet (\$10 fee per member)

Council News & Activities:

2023 Dues: If you have not yet paid your **2023 YMI Membership Dues of \$65**, please remember to send them in **today!** Please note that a late fee of \$15 is applicable for dues paid after January 31st. Checks should be made out to **YMI #613** and sent to:

YMI Council #613, P.O. Box 320584, San Francisco, CA. 94132.

If any questions, please contact our Treasurer, Br. John Kavanagh at (650) 755-6358. Remember that only Brothers "in good standing" are eligible for the \$2500 YMI Death Benefit. Dues need to be paid to remain "in good standing"!

YMI Family Mass: YMI #613 is assigned to the **Sunday February 19th 9:30 a.m. Family Mass at St. Cecilia's Church.** The parish has requested we: 1) usher before the Mass; 2) present the offertory gifts; and 3) serve coffee and donuts afterwards. If anyone can help that morning, please contact **Br. Mike Amato (650-296-6297).**

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest: As reported in the last newsletter, we received 73 essays for the 20th Annual Essay Contest! The essay breakdown by division is as follows:

- College: 10 entries (We pay the top ten, so all contestants will win a prize!)
- High School: 23 entries (We pay top fifteen contestants.)
- Elementary: 40 entries (We pay top twenty-five)

This year's essay contest will have the largest prize fund ever at \$21,000. At this point, we are planning to host an awards ceremony at **St Cecilia's Lower Church on Saturday, March 25th @ 3:00 p.m.** **If any questions about the contest or awards ceremony, please contact Br. John Kavanagh at (650) 755-6358.**

Grand President's Official Visit: **Grand President Darrell Fonseca #99** had a great visit to the **San Francisco YMI District** on **January 12th.** About 47 YMI Brothers attended the event hosted by YMI Council #32, including 6 YMI #613 Brothers. Council #32 served a tasty pork dinner along with homemade apple pies for dessert. Afterwards, Council #32 began its meeting, and the Grand President greeted the Brothers and offered some observations and suggestions.

YMI Red & White Mass: The YMI's **Red & White Mass** will be held on **Saturday March 11th in Atwater CA.** At this event, many YMI Councils throughout California will gather for a Mass and a dinner to celebrate our 140th anniversary as a fraternal order (yes, we began in 1883!). We are still awaiting event details from our **Grand 2nd Vice President Bill Avery**, but **ALL YMI #613 Brothers and families are invited to attend.** To facilitate travel to and from Atwater, the YMI Grand Council is looking at chartering a 39-passenger

bus that will likely leave from South San Francisco at around noon. More details to be provided, but please consider going to this terrific event.

YMI Pro Patria Raffle Tickets: Many students from our local high schools (Riordan, SHCP and SI) have submitted essays for the YMI Grand Council's Pro Patria Essay Contest. To support the contest's \$10,700 prize fund, all YMI Brothers are requested to purchase raffle tickets sent to you by the YMI Grand Council. Ticket prices ranged from \$10 per ticket, \$25 for 3 tickets, \$40 for 8 tickets, and the **special deal of \$80 for 24 tickets!** There are eight raffle prizes in total with the Grand Prize being \$1000! The drawing will take place during the Red & White Event. Please support this worthy cause. **See attachment for raffle tickets.**

Save the Dates: For 2023, we are making plans for the following events on the following dates/locations:

- **YMI Ladies Night** – Sometime in early May (To Be Determined)
- **YMI Golf Tourney** - Early June in Sonoma
- **YMI Grand Council Session (aka Convention) – June 19-21 in Lake Tahoe**
- **YMI Picnic** - Possibly mid- August at Junipero Serra Park, San Bruno
- **YMI Bocce Ball Tourney** – Expected in Late September in South SF
- **Italian Heritage Parade – October 8 in North Beach**
- **Hour of Memory - November 12 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.
 - February: Br. George Rehmet
 - March: Br. Mike Amato (Corned Beef/Cabbage)
 - 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:

- **Birthdays:** Happy Birthday to the following YMI #613 Brothers who will be celebrating birthdays in February:

Br. Bryan Blake	2/2
Br. Grant Young	2/2
Br. Mario Balistreri	2/9
Br. Thomas Hayes	2/14
Br. Kevin Soracco	2/16
Br. Chase Parker	2/26
Br. John Smith	2/27
Br. Nick Golutas	2/28