



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

**Next Meeting: MAR 14<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. (St. Cecilia's Green Room)**

**Please remember to wear your YMI Shirt!**

***Dinner: Corned Beef & Cabbage Meal organized by Br. Mike Amato  
(\$15 fee per member)***

**Council News & Activities:**

**Jim Calabretta Essay Contest/Awards Ceremony:** As reported in prior newsletters, we received 73 essays for the 20<sup>th</sup> 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)

We will be hosting an awards ceremony where we plan to dole out about 50 prizes totaling \$21,000 (our largest prize fund yet!). The awards ceremony will take place at **St. Cecilia's Lower Church on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m.** All YMI #613 Brothers and their families are invited to attend the event **If any questions about the essay contest or awards ceremony, please contact Br. John Kavanagh at (650) 755-6358.**

**2023 Dues:** If you are among the handful that have not yet paid your **2023 YMI Membership Dues, please send them in today!** Please note that a late fee of \$15 is applicable per the by-laws for dues paid after January 31<sup>st</sup>, so checks for late dues should be written to **YMI #613 for \$80** and sent to:

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

**If any questions about your dues, 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 in full to remain "in good standing"!

**Family Mass:** YMI #613 had a strong turnout for the St. Cecilia Family Mass on Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>. About 10 YMI Brothers and several YLI Sisters were on hand to assist with church duties and to serve coffee and donuts. Thank you to all those that carved out a couple of hours that day to support the YMI and the parish!

**YMI Red & White Mass:** The YMI's **Red & White Mass** will be held on **Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> in Atwater CA.** At this event, many YMI Councils throughout California will gather for a Mass and a dinner to celebrate our 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a fraternal order (yes, we began in 1883!). **ALL YMI #613 Brothers and families are invited to attend.** To facilitate travel to and from Atwater, the YMI Grand Council is chartering a 39-passenger bus that will likely leave from South San Francisco at around noon. The per person round-trip bus cost is just \$20 and the posted sign-up deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>. After April 1<sup>st</sup>, please contact **Br. Mike Amato (650=296-6297)** to see if space is still available.

**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.** **Please note: Tickets need to be purchased and submitted to the Grand Council Office before March 14<sup>th</sup> for consideration in this year's raffle!**

**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, NV**
- **YMI Picnic** - Possibly mid- August at Junipero Serra Park, San Bruno
- **YMI Bocce Ball Tourney** – September 30<sup>th</sup> in South San Francisco
- **Italian Heritage Parade – October 8<sup>th</sup> in North Beach**
- **Hour of Memory - November 12<sup>th</sup> at SF Italian Athletic Club**
- **Christmas Party – December 10<sup>th</sup> 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.
  - March: Br. Mike Amato (Corned Beef/Cabbage)
  - April: Br. Rod Ordone (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 Fr. Armand Oliveri (103 years young!) and the following other YMI #613 Brothers who will be celebrating birthdays in March:

Br. John Bower	3/1
Br. John Kavanagh	3/3
Br. David Bennett	3/4
Br. James Vavuris	3/5
Br. Bryan Handlos	3/11
Br. Mike Amato	3/17
Br. Brian Mullin	3/17
Br. Michael White	3/26
Rev Armand Oliver	3/30