



**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613
MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER**

Next Meeting: April 9 @ 7:00 p.m. (St. Cecilia's Green Room)

Please remember to wear your YMI Shirt & bring a buddy!

Dinner: Meal organized by Br. Rod Ordone (\$10 per)

Council News & Activities:

Membership Recruitment Challenge: Through a challenge issued by our **Grand President Steve Cresci**, the Presidents of YMI #32 (**Br. Richard Murphy**) and YMI #613 (**Br. Bob Fiorito**) agreed to a **New Membership Challenge Bet**. The two YMI Councils are competing to bring in the most new members during a 3-month period from March 1- June 1, 2024. Under terms of the bet, the winning YMI Council will receive dinner from the losing YMI Council. **After the first month, we are tied with YMI #32 with one new member each!** To win this challenge, **all YMI #613 Brothers are urged to invite friends, relatives, children, co-workers, or neighbors to join the YMI #613.** **By decree of our YMI #613 President, any YMI #613 Brother sponsoring a new member in April or May will get dinner at our meeting for FREE!** The only YMI membership requirement is that a prospective member needs to be male, over 13-years old, and a Catholic. **Let's win this challenge guys!**

Jim Calabretta YMI #613 Essay Contest: The 21st Annual Jim Calabretta Essay Contest held its Awards Ceremony on Saturday March 23rd in St. Cecilia's Lower Church. Approximately 125-150 people attended the event and witnessed 50 students receiving essay awards totaling a whopping **\$21,000!** **A list of Contest winners is attached,** which includes the children of many YMI Brothers. We congratulate the contestants, and we thank **Br. John Kavanagh** for all his efforts to lead another successful essay contest!

Ladies Night: Our popular **Ladies Night** event will be held on **Sunday May 5th at Westlake Joe's**. Despite rising prices, we have held the line on the event's costs. Accordingly, Ladies Night will be the same price as last year! (just \$130 per couple/\$75 per single). As usual, all Ladies attending will receive a lovely gift. Please plan to bring your special person in your life to this terrific event. Singles are welcome to come too. **See the attached event flyer to make reservations.** **For any questions, please contact Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-867-6702.**

Delegates Needed: YMI #613 is looking for **5 more Brothers** to serve as delegates for the upcoming **YMI Convention to be held in South Lake Tahoe between June 17-20 at Bally's Hotel**. Currently we have 5 Brothers who are delegates by virtue of their Grand Council position (i.e., Dimech, Fiorito, Balistrieri, C & M Amato), but we are allowed an additional 5 more delegates based on our Council's size. Brothers serving as delegates will need to attend about 1 ½ day of meetings and would be expected to attend some of the YMI organized events during the convention. Delegates are provided a stipend from the Council to cover a portion of their hotel and event costs and their families are welcome to join us too. **If interested in being a delegate, please contact Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297 before our next meeting on April 9th.** The Council will vote on delegates at our next meeting.

Council Elections: YMI #613 officer terms are ending June 2024. Hence, at our April meeting we will be taking nominations for officers/committee posts for the next term (July 2024-June 2026). Incumbents may seek to run for another term, but we also welcome any YMI #613 Brothers to consider serving as an officer or on a committee. If any questions about the duties of an office or committee, please contact **Br. Mike Amato (650-296-6297)** to discuss further. A listing of current officers/committee members is provided below:

2022-24 Offices

Brothers

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| • President: | Bob Fiorito |
| • 1 st Vice-President: | Joe Soracco |
| • 2 nd Vice-President: | Rod Ordona |
| • Past President/Business Manager | Mike Amato |
| • Financial Secretary: | John Kavanagh |
| • Recording Secretary: | Mike Dimech |
| • Marshall: | Mario Balistreri |
| • Sentinel: | Dominic Panina |
| • Investment Committee (3): | 1. John Cleary
2. John Kavanagh
3. Paul Wuerstle |
| • Executive Committee (5) : | 1. Art Jimenez
2. Bill Pallas
3. John Smith
4. Steven Goulding
5. Dave Tresmontan |
| • Membership Committee (3) | 1. Mike Amato
2. Art Jimenez
3. Dominic Panina |

YMI Sporting Events:

- **Bowling Tournament:** The **YMI Bowling Tournament** is scheduled for **Sunday, April 28th** to be held at **Pacific Avenue Bowl in Stockton, CA** . Teams report at 12:30 p.m. and bowling begins at 1:00 p.m. **If interested in playing, please contact Br. Mike Dimech at 650-589-2111.** Br. Dimech has offered to drive there so carpooling is possible. YMI #613 will cover the full team bowling fee of \$75 for YMI #613 Brothers and their families (wives and children are included), so you can bowl for free!
- **Golf Tournament:** The **YMI Golf Tourney** will be held on **Sunday, May 19th at the Valley of the Moon Golf Course in Santa Rosa.** Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Afterwards, Council #40 will prepare a banquet at St Rose Church. The normal cost is \$100 per golfer (includes golf, cart, and banquet), but YMI #613 Brothers can play golf for just **\$25** as the Council will subsidize your participation. The tourney is open to wives, families, and friends too. **See the attached event flyer to make reservations** Contact **Br. Bob Fiorito** by **May 5th** if interested at **650-867-6702.**
- **YMI Night at the Ballpark:** **Grand President Steve Cresci** has organized for the YMI a **San Jose Giant ballgame** on **Saturday July 13th.** The Giants will be playing the Visalia Rawhide at **5:00 p.m. that day at Excite Ballpark in San Jose.** Tickets include a BBQ meal and the event price ranges from \$38 to \$44 depending on whether you want an alcoholic beverage with your meal. **See the attached event flyer to make reservations** Contact **Br. Steve Cresci** for tickets or if questions at **415-297-5816.**

YMI Grand Council News:

- **The Red & White Mass** was held on Saturday, March 16th in Atwater CA. The event celebrated 141 years as a fraternal Catholic organization (we began in 1883)! The YMI chartered a luxury bus to take Brothers from the Bay Area to Atwater and we were represented by **Br. Bob Fiorito, Br. Mike Dimech and Br. Mike Amato.** The event began with a YMI banner procession, then a beautiful Mass led by

Grand Chaplain Fr. Agnel D'Heredia, and ended with a tasty BBQ dinner. We thank YMI Council St. Christopher Council #80 for hosting the event.

- **Pro Patria Raffle:** The YMI raised **\$14,880 in proceeds** this past year to support the prize fund for the **YMI Pro Patria Essay Contest**. Overall, 209 YMI Brothers from 19 YMI Councils purchased raffle tickets. YMI #613 was among the raffle sales leaders with 41 YMI #613 Brothers buying tickets, which is over 40% of our membership. **Many thanks to those YMI Brothers that bought raffle tickets!** Although no one from YMI #613 won one of the cash raffle prizes held during the Red & White event, we did win a consolation prize of an Easter Basket (to be raffled off again at the April meeting.)
- **Pro Patria Essay Contest:** The essay contest is now complete! 32 out of 366 contestants nationwide ended up winning essay prizes totaling **\$11,000**. A copy of the essay contest winner's list is attached. Of the 32 winners, 5 students sponsored by YMI #613 attend Riordan High School. Among those 5 winners is **Sasha Ureta**, the daughter of our own **Br. Steven Ureta**. **Congratulations!** Many thanks to those many YMI #613 Brothers and wives that volunteered to judge essays (**John & Tina Bower, Mike Dimech, Bob Kensic, John Kavanagh, Yvonne Soracco, Mike Amato**)

Upcoming Events: Here are some dates of **YMI Social Events** being planned for later in 2024. Please save the dates!

- June 9 - YMI's Family Mass @ St. Cecilia Church
- August 25 – YMI Summer Picnic @ Junipero Serra Park in San Bruno
- September 14 – YMI Bocce Ball Tournament @ Orange Park in South SF
- October 13 – YMI's Entry in the Italian Heritage Parade in SF
- November 17 – YMI #613 Hour of Memory @ SFIAC in SF
- December 15 -Christmas Party @ Dominic's Oyster Point in South SF

Membership News:

- **Welcome:** We are pleased to welcome our newest member, **Br. Bob Maloney**. Bob grew up in SF and attended Riordan HS (Class of 75). He worked locally as a teacher during his adult life. Now retired, Bob still works as an occasional substitute teacher and has added working regularly as an usher for the Giants (Section 211/212) and Warriors. **Welcome aboard Br. Bob!**
- **Meal Coordinators- Line-Up:** Here is the line-up of YMI #613 Brothers volunteering to serve as meal coordinators for 2024:
 - May: Br. John Kavanagh (Mexican)
 - June: Br. Art Jimenez
 - July: Br. Mike Baglin
 - August: Br. Dom Bordachar
 - September: Br. Dom Panina
 - October: Br. Mike Dimech
 - November: Br. Stephen Goulding (Turkey)
 - December: Br. John Bower
- **Congratulations, Salutes & Sentiments:**
 - **Milestone Birthday:** We extend a birthday greeting to **Br. Frank Cisek**, who will turn **100 years old** on **April 26th**! **Happy Birthday Br. Frank!**
 - **Get Well Wishes:** We extend get well wishes to **Br. George Rehmet** who broke a bone in his foot.
 - **Baby news:** Congratulations to **Br. Chris Amato** on the news that he will become a father later in the year. We wish Cassy and you well!

- If anyone has a personal/family milestone, event, or accomplishment to share, please send info to **Br. Mike Amato (text to 650-296-6297 or e-mail to mamato871@aol.com)**

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

Fr. Nick Reina	4/7
Br. John Campus	4/9
Br. Dave Allan	4/9
Br. Michael Aicardi	4/21
Br. Steve Welch	4/22
Br. John Gill	4/25
Br. Frank Cisek –100 years old	4/26
Br. Jack Kavanagh	4/29