



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

Next Meeting: Mar 12th @ 7:00 p.m. (St. Cecilia's Collins Center)

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

Dinner: Corned Beef/Cabbage Meal organized by Br. Mike Amato (\$20 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 will compete 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 for one meeting from the losing YMI Council. Therefore, so we can win this bet, **all YMI #613 Brothers are urged to invite friends, relatives, children, a co-workers, or neighbors to join the YMI #613**. Only YMI membership requirement is that a prospective member needs to be male, over 13 years old, and a Catholic.

Jim Calabretta YMI #613 Essay Contest: The 21st Annual Jim Calabretta Essay Contest will host the Awards Ceremony on **Saturday March 23rd in St. Cecilia's Lower Church**. On that day 50 students will receive essay awards totaling a whopping **\$21,000!** All are invited to attend and witness the awards ceremony in person. **For any questions about the essay contest or the awards ceremony, please contact Br. John Kavanagh at jkavesq@gmail.com.**

Ladies Night: Our popular Ladies Night event will be held on Sunday evening on **May 5th at Westlake Joe's**. As we have held the line on costs, Ladies Night will be the same price as last year... \$130 per couple/\$75 per single. As usual, all Ladies 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. An event flyer is expected to be available at the March 12th Meeting. **For any questions, please contact Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-867-6702.**

Family Mass: The YLI and YMI #613 worked together well on the St. Cecilia Family Mass held on Sunday February 18th. Being a three-day weekend, church attendance was lower than usual, but the event nonetheless went smoothly with donuts, coffee, and OJ served to the parishioners. Many thanks to the following YMI Brothers for participating in the event:

Br. Mike Amato

Br. Art Jimenez

Br. Dave Bennett

Br. Stephen Goulding

Br. Bill Pallas

Br. Frank Cisek

Br. Mike Baglin

Br. Jim Daly

YMI #613 is expected to be assigned again to the June 9th Family Mass. So please mark your calendar to help.

Dues: Thank you to the vast majority of YMI #613 Brothers, who paid their **2024 YMI Dues** on a timely basis. As a result, we have less than a handful that are delinquent. Letters have been mailed to those unpaid few and we hope to be fully collected by mid-March. If a member is unpaid, he can be dropped from the roll and consequently lose eligibility to YMI membership benefits, including the \$2500 Death Benefit. If questions about dues, **please contact our Treasurer Br. John Kavanagh by phone at 415-735-8430 or by e-mail at jkavesq@gmail.com.**

Council Elections: YMI #613 officer terms are ending June 2024. Nominations for officers/committee posts for the next term (July 2024-June 2026) will be accepted at the April 2024 YMI Meeting. Although incumbents may seek to run for another term, we welcome all 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 |
| • 1st Vice-President: | Joe Soracco |
| • 2nd Vice-President: | Rod Ordon |
| • Past President/Business Manager | Mike Amato |
| • Financial Secretary: | John Kavanagh |
| • Recording Secretary: | Mike Dimech |
| • Marshal: | 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 Grand Council News:

- The **YMI Pro Patria Raffle** is well underway . This raffle is a worthwhile cause, because it supports the \$10,400 prize fund for the YMI Pro Patria Essay Contest. To date, **37 out of 101 YMI #613 Brothers have purchased raffle tickets (participation rate of 37%),** which is among the best of the YMI Councils! **Many thanks to those that bought tickets already!** However, we would like to reach a 50% participation rate, so for those who have not bought raffle tickets yet, please consider buying some today! Please contact **Br. Mike Dimech (650-922-2667) or Br. Mike Amato (650-296-6297)** if you need raffle tickets.
- The Red & White Mass scheduled for **Saturday, March 16th** and it will be held in Atwater CA. The Red & White is our anniversary event celebrating 141 years (we began in 1883)! The event begins with a YMI banner procession at 4:30 p.m., then a Mass at 5:00 p.m. and ending with a tasty BBQ dinner. To bolster attendance, the YMI has arranged for a charter luxury bus to take YMI Brothers from the Bay Area to Atwater that afternoon. Please contact **Br. Mike Amato** for event/bus info no later than March 5th to attend. **All YMI #613 Brothers are welcome to attend as well as wives and children!**

Membership News:

- **Meal Coordinators- Line-Up:** Here is the line-up of YMI #613 Brothers volunteering to serve as meal coordinators for 2024:
 - April: Br. Rod Ordon
 - 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:**
 - Congratulations to **Br. Mike Baglin** on the news that your daughter was selected to be in a prestigious Irish dance competition in Ireland. Best of luck to her!
 - Congratulations to **Br. Paul Biagi** for becoming a 50-year YMI Member. No more dues for him in 2025 and beyond!
 - 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 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. Michael Amato	3/17
Br. Brian Mullin	3/17
Br Michael White	3/26
Fr. Armand Oliveri (104 years!)	3/30

