



YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613 NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting: Nov. 12th @ 7:00 p.m. (St. Cecilia's Green Room)

Please remember to wear your YMI Shirt!

Turkey Dinner coordinated by Br. Stephen Goulding (\$20 per person!)

Council News & Activities:

Hour of Memory: Please plan to attend our annual **Hour of Memory** event to be held on **Sunday November 17th**. As has been the tradition, the event will begin with a Mass at **3:30 p.m.** at **Saints Peter & Paul's Church** to honor our past YMI Brothers who had died, and it will be followed by delicious dinner at the **SF Italian Athletic Club**. **All YMI #613 widows may attend as our honored guests for FREE. See the attached event flyer to make your dinner reservations.** If any questions about the Hour of Memory, please contact the event chair, **Br. Mario Balistreri (415-681-0968)**

Christmas Party: Please also plan to attend our annual **YMI #613 Christmas Party** on **Sunday December 15th at Dominic's Restaurant @ Oyster Point**. As we have for many years, our Christmas Party will feature a great dinner, excellent wine, a recap of YMI #613's yearly achievements, and our amazing Christmas Raffle. **See the attached event flyer to make your dinner reservations.** If any questions about the Christmas Party, please contact the event co-chairs, **Br. Mike Amato (650-296-6297) or Br. George Totah (415-418-0553)**. Also, we would welcome raffle prize donations (e.g., gift cards, liquor bottles, etc.). Please contact **Br. George Totah** if you can donate a raffle prize.

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest: This year's YMI #613's Essay Contest (#22) (also known as the Jim Calabretta Essay Contest) is now underway with a **prize fund featuring 50 prizes totaling \$21,000!** Students have until **Thursday, December 5th** to submit an original essay of up to 350 words on specific topics associated with their school/grade level. The contest is open to all family members (sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, grandchildren) of a YMI Brother and each YMI #613 Brother may sponsor up to two students that are not in his family. **See the attached contest flyer.** For more information about the contest, please contact **Br. John Kavanagh** at jkavesq@gmail.com.

YMI's Entry in the Italian Heritage Parade in SF: Thank you to those several YMI #613 Brothers who participated in or attended San Francisco's **Italian Heritage Parade on Sunday October 13th**. Through the efforts of **Br. Bob Fiorito**, the YMI #613 had access that day to 7 beautiful classic cars (circa late 1950's & early 1960's) from a local car club. As a result, the YMI was escorted in style through the streets of Fisherman's Wharf and North Beach. Besides the YMI #613 Brothers that rode in the parade (i.e., **M. Amato, Dimech, J & J Kavanagh, Balistreri, & McGovern**), we were joined by the YMI Grand President **Billy Avery and his wife Melody**, who travelled here all the way from the Central Valley. Both the GP and his wife had a great time riding in our lead car.

We were also proud to participate in the parade and be a parade sponsor this year given that the **2024 Queen Isabella was Mia Soracco**. As the outgoing Queen, Mia had a prominent role in the parade and events leading to the parade and she performed magnificently! The attached link shows the parade sponsors including YMI #613: <https://sfitalianheritage.org/sponsors/>

YMI Grand Council News:

- **Grand President's Official Visit:** **Grand President Billy Avery** plans to make his official visit to the YMI San Francisco District on **Thursday, January 9, 2025**. This year's official visit will be hosted by YMI South San Francisco #32 at All Soul's Parish.
- **Red & White Mass:** **Grand 2nd Vice-President Richard Murphy** announced that the Red & White Mass will be scheduled for **Saturday, March 1, 2025**, and it will be held nearby at All Soul's Parish in South San Francisco.
- **Raffle Tickets:** By now, you should have received a letter from our **Grand 1st Vice-President Bill Walls** asking you to buy raffle tickets to support the **Grand Council's Pro Patria Essay Contest**. Please be generous and consider buying raffle tickets, as it will support a worthy cause (namely funding over \$10,000 in essay contest awards for 30 students from Grades 7 to 12).
- **Pro Patria Essay Contest:** Speaking of the **Pro Patria Essay Contest**, this essay contest is also currently underway. **(Please note this contest is a separate essay contest than the Jim Calabretta Essay Contest discussed above)**. For Pro Patria essay contest, students need to submit essays up to 500 words by January 17th on the two topics provided. YMI #613 Brothers may invite their children, as well as any child meeting the eligibility criteria to write and submit an original essay. All contest information and applications can be found at https://ymiusa.org/files/forms/Essay_Contest_Form.pdf

Membership News:

- **YMI Jackets:** We found a local vendor in Pacifica who can process YMI jacket orders without a minimum order requirement. Please contact **Br. Mike Amato if you would like to have a YMI #613 jacket (phone: 650-296-6297)** Also provide your size and the name you want to be placed on the jacket. The cost is \$45 per jacket.
- **Meal Coordinators- Line-Up:** Here is the line-up of YMI #613 Brothers volunteering to serve as meal coordinators for the coming months:
 - December: Br. John Bower
 - January: Br. Mike Baglin
 - February: Br. George Rehmet
 - March: Br. Mike Amato
 - April: Br. Rod Ordon
 - May: Br. John Kavanagh
 - June: Br. Stephen Goulding
 - July: Br. Mario Balistreri
 - August: Br. George Totah
 - September: Br. Dom Panina
 - October: Br. Mike Dimech
 - November: **Volunteer Needed**
 - December: Br. Bob Fiorito

Congratulations, Salutes & Sentiments:

- **Welcome:** YMI #613 welcomes our newest Brother...**Br. Dereck Delgado.** Br. Delgado is a seminarian at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park studying to become a priest in the San Francisco diocese. He is originally from Guam. Welcome aboard Br. Dereck!
- **Congratulations:** We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the following seminarians, who are also YMI #613 Brothers, for winning scholarships from the YMI Seminarian Education Foundation:
 - **Br. Leandro Calingasan**
 - **Br. Dereck Delgado**
 - **Br. Alphonse Tolenga**
- **Condolences:** We extend condolences to the family of **Br. James (Bill) O' Sullivan** who passed away in late August. Br O'Sullivan was a 24-year member of YM #613. A graduate of St. Ignatius, Br. O'Sullivan earned a CPA license and worked in the Controller's Office for the City of San Francisco for many years. He was 94 years old at his passing.
- If anyone has a personal/family milestone, event, or accomplishment to share with your YMI Brothers, 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 November:

Br. Robert Aicardi	11/3
Br. Reagan Calaguas	11/3
Br. Reginald Calaguas	11/6
Br. Maurice Tokay-Seminarian	11/8
Br. Mario Lim	11/14
Br. Jerry Nolan	11/16
Br. Zachery White	11/16
Br. Joseph McFadden	11/18
Br. John Madrid	11/24
Br. Leandro Calingasan- Sem	11/26
Br. Dennis Aicardi	11/29
Br. Ray Taylor	11/29