



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

**Next Meeting: Oct. 8 @ 7:00 p.m. (St. Cecilia's Green Room)**

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

***Dinner: Meal coordinated by Br. Mike Dimech (\$10 per person!)***

**Council News & Activities:**

**YMI's Entry in the Italian Heritage Parade in SF:** Please join us in San Francisco's North Beach neighborhood to participate in the **Italian Heritage Parade on Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>**. We are again joining forces again with a local auto club to have 8-12 classic cars in the parade that day. Please contact **Br. Mike Amato (650-296-6297)** if you (&/or your family) would like to ride in the parade this year. The parade begins at 12:30 p.m. that day and we usually meet at a designated spot near Fisherman's Wharf between 10:30-11:00 a.m.

**Hour of Memory:** Please save the date of **Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>** for our annual **Hour of Memory** event. As has been the tradition, the event will feature a 3:30 p.m. Mass 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 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 Christmas Party on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> 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 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 prize.

**Jim Calabretta Essay Contest:** This year's YMI #613's Essay Contest (#22) is underway with a **prize fund featuring 50 prizes totaling \$21,000!** Students have until **Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** to submit an original essay of up to 350 words on specific topics associated with a 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 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](mailto:jkavesq@gmail.com)**.

**Bocce Ball Tourney Recap:** On a beautiful Saturday (September 14<sup>th</sup>), YMI #613 hosted its popular YMI Bocce Ball Tourney at Orange Park in South San Francisco. **Br. Mike Dimech** again chaired the event, and the tourney drew 14 teams from 3 different YMI

Councils (up from the 12 teams who participated in 2023). As usual, the tourney included coffee/donuts for breakfast in the morning and a BBQ lunch of burgers/hot dogs at noon. Many enjoyed playing bocce ball in a pool-play tourney, which allowed all teams to play a minimum of four games. In the end, the reigning champion "On a Roll" of Council #32 earned 1<sup>st</sup> place again, but Council #613 managed to get a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish with a team organized by our president, **Br. Bob Fiorito**. Many thanks to Br. Dimech and to those YMI #613 Brothers who participated in the tourney or helped that day.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### 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:
  - November: Br. Stephen Goulding (Turkey)
  - December: Br. John Bower
  - January: Br. Mike Baglin

### Congratulations, Salutes & Sentiments:

- **Mia Soracco** (the daughter of **Br. Joe Soracco**) will be prominently featured in the **Italian Heritage Parade** as the outgoing Queen. Look for her in the parade and give her a royal wave! She will likely be escorted by **Kara Allan and Brandi Allan Soracco** (the wife & daughter of **Br. Dave Allan**).
- 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](mailto:mamato871@aol.com))**

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

Kyle Franz Laluces, (Sem)	10/2
Aldo Didero	10/6
Luis Jimenez	10/9
Mike Cooley	10/10
Bernardo Silva	10/10
Bill Pallas	10/11
Michael Delaurenti	10/18
Victor Totah	10/20
Rod Ordona	10/21
Leandro Fernando	10/31