



32's NEWS



February 2026

President's Message

Ciao Tutti!

Hope everyone is having a nice start to the New Year!

The weather has been too nice this past month. Not much rain the past few weeks, so I hope we won't have another drought.

Disappointed the Niners season ended too soon, as I was hoping for a miracle drive to the Super Bowl. Well, they did have a great year despite all the injuries.

Giants spring training begins in a few weeks! With a new manager we'll see how the season plays out.

I am looking forward to our upcoming YMI events scheduled for February. First is the Pasta Bingo Dinner at St. Cecilia's in the city on February 14. Please RSVP before February 7. Try to attend as this dinner benefits the YMI annual essay contest. Flyer in this newsletter.

Secondly, our Lamb Dinner is on February 26 in the All Soul's cafeteria. **Ron Guaraldi** promises you will have a great dinner and a great time with friends and family! Deadline for reservations is Sunday, February 22. The dinner benefits the **Louis P. Guaraldi** Food Basket Program. Order Form is in this newsletter, so print it out and send it in today!

President's Message

Reminder: The Red and White Mass will be celebrated at St. Cecilia's on Saturday, March 14. Please RSVP by March 7 to Brother **Mario Balistreri**, GSVP at 415-810-0826, email: M_Balistreri@sbcglobal.net

**Mark your Calendars....
Council 32 May meeting date changes.**

The May Business Meeting date is changed to May 7.

This is due to All Soul's School having an art show the entire week and parking for our meeting was not guaranteed.

Also the May Social date is changed to May 21.

This is due to All Soul's School having their graduation events during our regular social week.

Hope to see everyone at these events!

Pro Dea, Pro Patria
Sempre Avanti Fratelli

Ron Serchia
President
YMI Council 32

Happy
Valentine's
Day



Upcoming Events

Thu. Feb 12 6:30 pm
Dinner & Business Meeting

Sat. Feb. 14 6:00 pm
Bingo and Dinner at St. Cecilia's in S.F.
Valentine's Special

Thu. Feb. 26 6:30 pm
Dinner & Social
Lamb Dinner RSVP by 2/22
Doors open at 5:30 pm

Thu. March 12 6:30 pm
Dinner & Business Meeting

Sat. March. 14 6:00 pm
Red & White Mass at St. Cecilia's followed by a dinner.

Thu. March. 26 6:30 pm
Dinner & Social

Note:

Lamb Dinner Order form is in this newsletter, Please bring your payment with your order form to a Social or Business Meeting by Feb 22.

Doors OPEN one hour prior to dinners for socializing. Join us!

*All diners must make meal reservations at least three days before the event date.
Call (650) 583-2510 to reserve your meal.*

Please keep in your daily prayers: Brothers, Sisters, and Friends of the YMI.

Council Chatter

The Grand Council asks all YMI members to consider purchasing the Pro Patria raffle tickets. All members were mailed tickets, and for your convenience you can also print some from this newsletter on a subsequent page. You can't win if you don't turn them in on time...and more importantly the students will get less prize money, too, without our support. Thanks, in advance, for your consideration

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Ron Guaraldi is putting a lot of effort into the planning and execution of the upcoming Lamb Dinner. See the flyer in this newsletter! Print it, fill it out, write your check and get it to us soon..... or come to a meeting and drop off your check with your food order. We need to know how many to buy and prepare for So, we need your commitment ASAP. Thanks for your support and bring the spouse, or relative or friend. All proceeds will go to our **Louis P. Guaraldi** Food Basket Program which is our signature event for the surrounding community.

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 This is your space to share some YMI family news. Email address is below. The subject line must say YMI and then I'll see it. Share news about upcoming or past events, milestones your kids have achieved, spouse accomplishments of interest to the group or your retirement or award received.... Something we can congratulate you for. It's also a great conversation starter during dinner or when socializing. Send an email this month!

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 Gentlemen Remember to do something special this month for your spouse, significant others and/or your daughters or mothers. St. Valentine's Day is a special day where we shower our loved ones to remind them that they are loved and appreciated. Be a man and step up ... Going to the Feb. 14th Bingo / Pasta Dinner, while fun, doesn't count, unless its accompanied by, say...flowers, chocolates, jewelry, cooking dinner, going out for dinner, maybe a weekend get-away or even brunch the next day. Be creative. Make your family proud and the recipients happy!

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 From Brother **Mario Balistreri**...

My plea is for the Red & White Mass and dinner. I have only received only a few reservations so far, through the mail. This is our 143rd Anniversary Mass & dinner and a good chance to meet other council members and to have good conversation and camaraderie with fellow brothers. Last year there was great participation with 75 attendees. Looking to have another successful event this year, with your cooperation. Please see attached flyer, and send in your reservations.

Flyers on the next few pages....

Pasta Dinner and Bingo February 14
 Lamb Dinner February 26
 Red and White Mass March 14
 Pro Patria Raffle tickets

Print them out....Fill them out....write the check, send the flyer and check in to the address shown....call the phone number on the flyer if you have questions.

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 Thanks to **Ron Serchia, Ron Guaraldi, Sreve Cresci, Mike Amato, Mario Balistreri and Richard Murphy** for sharing YMI news or photos. Send your news to ciaosteve@comcast.net to share with your YMI brothers and friends of the YMI.



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This monthly newsletter is sent to over 100 YMI members. Advertise your business & support Council #32. Good deal for \$5/ month. Contact Bob at (650) 871-7878.

Fundraiser for 2026 Louis P. Guaraldi Food Basket Program



THE RACK of LAMB DINNER DATE is Thursday, **FEB. 26th**, 2026

Celebrate Valentine's Day or just come and enjoy a rack of lamb dinner with the YMI.

Start with a "no-host" beverage prior to the dinner, chat awhile, then sit down and enjoy a salad, followed by a Rack of Lamb entrée with potatoes, and frenched beans. Then unbuckle the belt for dessert and coffee.

Please bring a Valentine's guest OR friends to share the experience. The cost is \$55.00 per person. Not a lamb fan? OK. We'll have MARY's special chicken dinner for you.

This social and dinner is open to all who pay, till the room is full, you don't need to be a Y M I member. Please make your reservations prior to February 22nd.

It's a fundraiser folks....Lets help feed those who need the help while we gather with friends in community for a good cause!

Our very own **Ron Guaraldi** and his crew will prepare the Lamb and Chicken Dinner.

(print) Name _____

How many dinners?

Lamb

Chicken

Total # of meals _____ times \$55 each = \$ _____

Checks payable to **YMI 32**. We need to know how much to order, so order soon and mail check & this form to: **YMI PO BOX 1161 South San Francisco, CA 94080-1161**
OR bring check and this form to any Council 32 event prior to February 22, 2026

We need 50+ at a minimum. Prefer 100+. So please spread the word and invite someone and start the new year off right!



The YMI Red and White Mass

Celebrating 143 years of Brotherhood

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Where **St. Cecilia's Catholic Church**
2555 17th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94116

When **Saturday, March 14, 2026**
4:30 pm - YMI Banner Procession
5:00 pm - Mass
6:00 pm - No Host Bar
6:45 pm - Dinner
7:30 pm - Pro Patria Raffle

Cost **Dinner Prices**
Adults \$30 | Children (17 and under) \$15



RSVP by March 7, 2026

For more information, please contact: Br. Mario Balistreri, GSVP

Tel: 415.810.0826 E-mail: M_Balistreri@sbcglobal.net

YMI Red and White Mass Saturday, March 14, 2026			
Name		Council	
Telephone		Email Address	
Number of Adults			\$30
Number of Children (17 and Under)			\$15
Total Enclosed			

Please make checks payable to **YMI #613** by March 7, 2026 and mail to:
Br. Mario Balistreri, GSVP, 1718 33rd Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122



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YMI GRAND COUNCIL PASTA BINGO DINNER TO BENEFIT THE YMI 52ND ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

When: Saturday, February 14, 2026

Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m. followed by
Bingo and a Raffle

Where: St. Cecilia's Lower Church
2555 17th Ave. San Francisco, CA 94116

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Includes: Pasta dinner, salad, dessert
2 Bingo cards



Reservations by: Feb 7, 2026

Make your check payable to:
YMI Grand Council

Mail your check and form to:

Young Men's Institute
c/o Br. Mike Dimech
P.O. Box 281047
San Francisco, CA 94128

YMI Grand Council Pasta Bingo Dinner

Name:

Email:

Number of adults attending dinner @ \$40.00

Number of children (13 and under) attending dinner @ \$15.00

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Questions: Br. Mike Dimech Tel: 650.922.2667 | Email: mdimech7@gmail.com



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PRO PATRIA RAFFLE 2026

Donation Options: \$10 per ticket \$25 for 3 tickets \$40 for 8 tickets

Special Deal! **24 tickets for \$80 – that's THREE sheets for the price of two!**
(free tickets available for those unable to donate)

Prize Fund:	Grand Prize \$1,000	2nd Prize \$500	3rd Prize \$250
	4th Prize \$250	5th Prize \$200	6-8th Prizes \$100

- Proceeds provide scholarship funds for the YMI Pro Patria Essay Contest.
- Prizes to be awarded after the 2023 Red & White Mass. Attendance not necessary to win prizes.
- Winners will be notified.
- Cut completed tickets below and return them along with a check payable to the YMI.
Mail to YMI Grand Council Office, P.O. Box 281047, San Francisco CA 94128-1047

<p align="center">YMI Pro Patria Raffle Ticket</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, Zip _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Council # _____</p>	<p align="center">YMI Pro Patria Raffle Ticket</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, Zip _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Council # _____</p>
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Pro Deo, Pro Patria.