



YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613 JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

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

Menu: Dinner coordinated by Br. Mario Balistreri (\$10).

Stop by between 6:30-7:00 p.m. for a beverage before dinner.

Council Events & Activities:

YMI Summer Picnic: Please plan to attend our annual YMI Summer Picnic on **August 17th** to be held at the scenic **Bay View Shelter at Junipero Serra Park** in San Bruno. Enjoy a fun day in the sunny outdoors with your family and friends! As usual, the picnic lunch will feature a delicious BBQ steak meal with plenty of tasty side dishes and desserts. **All are welcome to attend, but reservations are required. See the attached flyer for event details.** Please contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297** if any questions about the YMI picnic or if you have items to donate for our picnic raffle.

Italian Heritage Parade – YMI #613 has applied to participate in the Italian Heritage Parade again. This year's parade is on **Sunday, October 12th** and we expect we will be riding in vintage classic cars from the 1950-60 era. In addition, we have invited our new **Grand President Bill Walls** to ride in the parade with us. More details to be provided as we get closer to the parade date, but please save the day for those that would like to participate.

YMI Bocce Ball Tourney: The YMI Bocce Ball Tourney date has been changed to **Saturday, November 8th**. We were recently informed that the City of South San Francisco will be doing extensive park maintenance during September/October at Orange Park and we cannot use the bocce ball facilities as planned on September 27th. Despite the date change, we are holding the tourney and we invite all to participate in this fun event. You don't need to be an expert to play in our tourney and we welcome ladies and children to play too. Coffee/donuts will be available in the morning and BBQ burgers & hot dogs will be served for lunch. **See the revised attached flyer for event details.** Please contact **Br. Mike Dimech at 650-922-2667** if any questions about the Bocce Ball Tourney.

YMI Hour of Memory: Our annual Hour of Memory will be held this year on **Sunday November 2nd**. Consistent with past years, we are planning a Mass at Saints Peter & Paul's Church and a dinner at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club as focal points of this event honoring our deceased YMI Brothers. Further details are being developed by **Br. Mario Balistreri** currently so please stay tune for more info and save the day.

YMI Grand Council Session News:

Convention News- The **140th YMI Grand Council Sessions** were held at Bally's Hotel in beautiful **South Lake Tahoe** from **June 16th-19th**. YMI #613 was well represented by 8 delegates (i.e., **Br. Mike Dimech, Br. Mike Amato, Br. Mario Balistreri, Br. John Cleary, Br. Bob Fiorito, Br. Stephen Goulding, Br. Joe Soracco & Br. Jeff Morrow**). The Grand Council Sessions went very smoothly this year, including all held delegate

events. Many thanks to the Grand Council Session Planning Committee Chair **Br. Tom Fourie #32** and Committee members (**Br. Bob Bartoli #32, Br. Mike Dimech & Br. Mike Amato**). The following are highlights of this year's Sessions.

- **Grand Council Elections - 2025-26:**

- Elections took place with all Grand Council offices getting filled. Heading the slate of officers are **Br. Bill Walls #80 & Br. Richard Murphy #32**, who were selected as the Grand President and Grand 1st Vice President respectively.
- YMI #613 was well-represented on the YMI Grand Council next year by the following YMI #613 Brothers:
 - Grand 2nd Vice President: **Br. Mario Balistreri**
 - Grand Secretary: **Br. Mike Dimech**
 - Grand Inside Sentinel : **Br. Bob Fiorito**
 - Grand Directors: **Br. Mike Amato & Br. John Cleary**
- **Br. Mike Amato** was named the Chairman of the Board of YMI Grand Directors again.

- **By Law Changes:** All six By-Law Proposals presented by the State of the Institute Committee were easily approved. This year's By-Law Proposals were mainly administrative (e.g. reducing committee sizes; clarifying By-Law language, discrepancies, and processes; & officially adding a new advanced technology committee). The changes adopted should improve how YMI operates. We thank **Br. Mike Dimech and Br. Mike Amato** who served on this year's State of the Institute Committee chaired by **Br. Steve Cresci #32**.

- **Insurance Assessment Fee Increase –** With the cost of liability insurance rising substantially lately, the YMI delegates authorized a \$4 per member annual increase. This increase should eliminate the noted shortfall between billed YMI insurance fees and funds collected for insurance through Council assessments. The fee increase will commence in July 2025.

- **Awards Made:**

- Man of The Year: **Br. Darryl Fonseca** - Dos Palos #99 from Dos Palos CA
- Council of the Year – Holy Rosary Council #44 from Hilmar CA
- Golf Tourney Champion - Dos Palos #99 (YMI #613 finished 2nd & 3rd.)
- Bowling Tourney Champion –Holy Rosary Council #44

- **YMI Seminarian Education Foundation (SEF):** The SEF awarded 39 scholarships totaling \$24,100. Thanks to the efforts of **Br. Cosmo Amato**, YMI #613 sponsored 7 of those 39 scholarships with applicants coming from either St. Patrick's Seminary or the Salesian Seminary. 2 of the winners are YMI #613 Brothers: **Br. Joseph McIntire & Br. Dereck Delgado**.

- **YMI SEF Elections:** **Br. Cosmo Amato** was elected to another 3-year term to serve on the SEF Board.

- **YMI Fundraising Raffle:** Over \$2600 was raised via three 50/50 raffles held during the Sessions. Half of the funds (about \$1300) were donated evenly to 2 charities: 1) YMI Seminarian Education Foundation and 2) St. Theresa Church in Lake Tahoe. Many thanks to **Brs. Bob Fiorito, Br. Mario Balistreri and Br. Mike Dimech** (as well as **Br. Paul Larson #32**) who sold raffle tickets during the week.

- **Other Recognitions:**

- Thanks to **Br. John Cleary** for serving as the Grand Marshall during this year's Sessions.
- Thanks to **Br. Joe Soracco & Br. Stephen Goulding** for heading up the collection effort at the Masses held at St Theresa's Church.
- Thanks to **Br. Bob Fiorito & Br. Paul Larson #32** for counting the voting ballots.
- Thanks to **Br. Jeff Morrow** for agreeing to join the Budget Committee.
- Thanks to **Br. Mike Amato & Br. Bob Bartoli #32** for ably serving as the emcees for the Grand Banquet.

YMI #613 Info:

Membership Status: At this point, YMI #613 Membership count is 111 (i.e., 90 Benefit Members, 5 Junior Members, and 16 Honorary Members). While the YMI #613 membership level remains strong (**We are now the 4th largest YMI Council!**), please consider bringing in a new member to one of our next meetings. **Consider inviting a brother, cousin, friend, co-worker, or a neighbor to become part of our YMI Order!**

Canned Good Reminder: Please remember to bring canned goods or toiletries to our monthly YMI #613 meetings. All items collected are delivered monthly by **Br. Mike Dimech** to the Catholic Workers' Hospitality House in San Bruno.

Meal Coordinators- Line-Up: Here is the line-up of YMI #613 Brothers volunteering to serve as meal coordinators for the remainder of 2025. In parenthesis, are the likely dinner entrees for certain months. It's not difficult to be a meal coordinator. Basically, you just need 1) to place an order for food for about 25-30 people at a restaurant that either delivers or has a pick-up service and 2) take a lead role with the food set-up and clean-up during the meeting.

- August: Br. George Totah
- September: Br. Dom Panina
- October: Br. Mike Dimech (Pizza)
- November: Br. Stephen Goulding (Turkey)
- December: Br. Bob Fiorito

Congratulations, Salutes, & Sentiments:

- **Congratulations:**
 - To **Br. Cosmo Amato** for becoming a **great-grandfather** for the **6th time** recently with the June birth of Liam Patrick to his granddaughter Rebecca.
 - To **Br. Chris Amato** on his new job working for the City of San Jose as an electrician.
- **Get Well Prayers & Wishes:**
 - To **Br. Jerick Rea's father** who recently suffered a stroke and underwent a surgical procedure at Stanford Hospital. Please offer prayers for a complete and speedy recovery for his dad, as well as prayers for the Rea family.
- **Prayers & Condolences:**
 - To **Br. George Rehmet** on the recent, sudden passing of his sister Robin.
 - To **Br. Manuel Drummond #44** on the recent passing of his wife Celeste.
- 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 July:

Br. Joey Werblun	7/2
Br. Ryan Casey	7/5
Br. Frank Weber	7/15
Br. Bob Kensic,	7/21
Br. Vincent Anibale	7/25
Br. Jonathan Cleary	7/25