



YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613

May 2026 NEWSLETTER

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

Dinner organized by Br. Jeff Schwind

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

The meeting concludes with our popular "Find the Joker" game.

YMI #613 Events & Activities:

YMI #613 Elections: Per the YMI #613 By-Law, elections for the various Council Offices are held every two years on even years. **This year, all incumbents in the various YMI #613 offices and committees have agreed to serve for another two-year term through June 2028!** A listing of all elected YMI #613 Brothers can be found at the end of this newsletter. We thank all these YMI #613 Brothers for their renewed commitment and we wish them well.

YMI Golf Tournament: YMI #613 sponsored 7 foursomes for the YMI Golf Tournament on April 19th (*the most of any YMI Council*) and we scored very well, taking both 1st and 2nd Place! Our 1st Place team was led by **Br. John and Jonathan Cleary**, who finished 8 under par and earned a \$400 prize! Honorable mention to the following YMI #613 teams:

1. 5th Place – team led by **Br. Victor Totah (Jr. YMI)** and his cousins
2. 7th Place – team led by our **President Bob Fiorito**
3. 9th Place – team led by **Br. Dom Panina, Br. George Totah & St. Gabe's buddies**
4. 10th Place – team led by **Br. Paul Larson**
5. 11th Place – team led by **Br. Liam Reidy**

YMI #613 did well too on individual performance awards, winning "Closest to the Hole" (**Br. George Totah's nephew Nader Nasrah**) and "The Straightest Drive" (**Br. Paul Larson**). Both the golf tournament and the following dinner banquet went well. Many thanks to **Br. Bob Fiorito and Br. Paul Larson** for co-chairing the event.

YMI Family Mass: The YMI's turn to host the **St. Cecilia's Family Mass** is **Sunday May 31st**. Please save the date to help as we will need volunteers. Specifically, we will need several YMI #613 Brothers to assist at the 9:30 a.m. Mass and afterwards to serve coffee and donuts. We plan to take sign-ups at the YMI #613 May Meeting.

YMI #613 Food Bank Support: Thanks to the efforts of **Br. Jeff Schwind**, YMI #613 has committed to assist the SF-Marin Food Bank on **Saturday July 18th**. Our shift will be from 8:00-10:00 am that morning. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Br. Jeff Schwind** at 415-596-3565 or plan to sign-up at the YMI #613 May Meeting.

Upcoming Summer/Fall YMI Events: Please Save the Dates:

1. **YMI San Jose Giants Baseball Game - July 25th (Saturday)**
2. **YMI Summer Picnic - August 23rd (Sunday)**
3. **YMI Bocce Ball Tourney – October 5th (Saturday)**
4. **YMI Italian Heritage Parade – October 13th (Sunday)**

YMI Grand Council News

YMI Convention: YMI #613 has selected 4 of its 5 elected delegates to attend the Grand Council Session (aka YMI Convention) to take place in Lake Tahoe between June 15-18th.

Those elected delegates are **Br. Stephen Goulding, Br. Jeff Morrow, Br. Dominic Panina and Br. Joe Soracco**. The 4 elected delegates will join up at the convention with those YMI #613 Brothers who are currently Grand Officers (i.e. **Br. Mike Amato, Br. Mario Balistreri, Br. John Cleary, Br. Mike Dimech, Br. Bob Fiorito, Br. Paul Larson**). Hence, we will have a strong delegation of 10 Brothers at the YMI Convention.

By-Law Proposal: One of the more significant By-Law proposals this year under review would be to increase the **YMI Death Benefits from \$2500 to \$3000**. The combination of growing investments and declining YMI membership overall has made it possible for the YMI Finance Committee to recommend a death benefit increase for its Benefit Members beginning in July 2026. The matter will be voted upon by delegates at the YMI Convention.

YMI Pro Patria Essay Contest Name Change: For 52 years, the YMI has sponsored its "Pro Patria" Essay Contest, awarding 30 students annually with prizes. In recognition of many years of extensive and excellent work running our YMI Pro Patria Essay Contest, the YMI Board of Grand Directors approved a motion made by **Grand Secretary Br. Mike Dimech** to rename the contest. Starting with the 53rd year, the essay contest will be referred to as the **YMI "Thomas A. Fourie" Essay Contest**. The prize fund will be increasing from \$10,700 to \$12,000 too.

YMI #613 Council Info:

Membership Status:

1. Our YMI #613 membership level decreased to **111 members**, with the addition of our newest member **Br. Paul Larson**. While new to YMI #613, Br. Paul is a seasoned YMI member having served in YMI South San Francisco #32 for the past 15 years. He has also been active in the YMI Grand Council for several years and is the current Grand Outside Sentinel and Golf Tourney co-chair. In 2020, Br. Paul was named YMI "Man of the Year"! Br. Paul opted to transfer to YMI #613 after having attended several of our meetings/events over the past few years and feeling impressed with our Council. We are thrilled to welcome Br. Paul to YMI #613!
2. **Please consider bringing a relative, friend, co-worker, or a neighbor to become part of our terrific 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: Here is the line-up of YMI #613 Brothers volunteering to serve as **meal coordinators in 2026**. As a meal coordinator, you basically just need 1) to place an order for food for about 25-30 people at a restaurant that either delivers or has pick-up service and 2) take a lead role with the meal set-up & clean-up during the meeting.

1. **May: Br. Jeff Schwind**
 2. **June: Br. John Kavanagh**
 3. **July: Br. Mario Balistreri**
 4. **August: Br. John Bower**
 5. **September: Br. Dominic Panina**
 6. **October: Br. Mike Dimech**
 7. **November: Br. Stephen Goulding (Thanksgiving: Turkey)**
 8. **December: Br. Bob Fiori**
- Names in purple switched**

Congratulations, Salutes, & Sentiments:

1. Achievements/Milestones:

1. We congratulate **Br. Rod Ordon** on the recent wedding of his son, Matt. The wedding was a beautiful destination-style event held in Vietnam!
2. We congratulate **Br. George Totah** on the news of his daughter Alyssa being accepted to Sonoma State University in the Fall.

2. Condolences/Prayers:

1. We sent prayers to all YMI #613 Brothers dealing with health issues.

3. If anyone has a personal/family milestone or event to share with your YMI Brothers or are seeking prayers for a loved one from the YMI network, 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 May:

Br. Mike Baglin	5/1
Br. Peter Malatesta	5/2
Br. Ron Mertes	5/12
Br. Joseph Curran	5/12
Br. Jeffrey Schwind	5/12
Br. Saji Vithayathil	5/13
Br. John Bringas	5/18
Br. Paul Biagi	5/22
Br. Jeffrey Wu	5/27
Br. Michael Mendoza	5/31

2026-28 Offices

Brothers

1. President:	Bob Fiorito
2. 1st Vice-President:	Joe Soracco
3. 2nd Vice-President:	Rod Ordon
4. Past President/Business Manager	Mike Amato
5. Financial Secretary:	John Kavanagh
6. Recording Secretary:	Mike Dimech
7. Marshall:	Mario Balistreri
8. Sentinel:	Dominic Panina
9. Chaplain	Deacon Rory Desmond
10. Investment Committee (3):	1. John Cleary 2. John Kavanagh 3. Paul Wuerstle
11. Executive Committee (5):	1. Art Jimenez 2. Bill Pallas 3. John Smith 4 Steven Goulding 5 Cosmo Amato