



# 32's NEWS



March 2022

## President's Message

Greetings Brothers,

We had a great, albeit a little boisterous, crowd at February's Business meeting. A good time was had by all and the status of future events was determined.

One item that came up is the recurring issue of folks not RSVP'ing prior to attending Business Meetings and Socials. The cooking crew volunteers their time and they do a great job, but they can't do it efficiently, unless we remember to RSVP. They shouldn't have the added stress of figuring out how to divide the prepared food to include those that didn't RSVP. It's so simple ... Just please remember to call Garden Chapel during normal business hours to RSVP for your party at least three days prior to enjoying any meal at a business dinner or social dinner.

The February 13<sup>th</sup> blood drive was very successful and completely booked with 29 donors. Thank you to **Steve Firpo, Luis Alvarenga** and **Paul Galeotti** for helping out. The folks at Vitalant, the blood bank, were professional and very appreciative of our efforts.

## President's Message

The annual Red & White Anniversary Mass will be held on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Let's meet in front of All Souls Church at 4:45 p.m. Dinner and drinks will follow Mass. The \$25 price for dinner (\$15 for kids) will include a free drink. Please RSVP for the dinner to ensure you get a meal. There will be other Councils attending the Mass, but to get a meal, RSVP by 2/28/22.

At the March Social, **Paul Walsh** will be cooking corned beef and cabbage and we will have Irish Dancers for entertainment. Thank you Paul for stepping forward. It's great to see these events back on the calendar after the Covid hiatus.

**Joe Ortisi** and the crew will be cooking dinner at our next Business Meeting on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. The joker has not yet been picked – the deck is getting smaller and the kitty is getting larger! Please RSVP with Garden Chapel, and bring a friend for dinner, if you like.

Pro Deo, Pro Patria,

*Ken Stupi*  
President

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, Mar. 10** 7 pm  
Dinner  
Business Meeting Follows

**Sat., Mar. 12** 4:45 pm  
Red / White Mass  
Dinner Follows

**Thursday, Mar. 24** 7 pm  
Social with Corned Beef  
Dinner and Irish Dancers

*All diners must make meal reservations at least three days before the event date.*

*Call (650) 583-2510*



This is YOUR council and it is as strong as YOU make it. Please support events. Please support each other. Encourage your sons, nephews, brothers-in-law, sons-in-law or even fathers-in-law, to join us. Ask a friend that you go to church with to come to a dinner. When you bring a guest that is a potential member and you RSVP a dinner for him, he eats free! (You pay double!... haha... just kidding) Bring in younger folks too.... We need their muscles for the Food Drive. Let's start a Bocce league for members, or have our own Crab Cioppino dinner, or have a BBQ in the park for YMI families. This only happens if YOU are willing to step up with other brothers and make it happen. Otherwise we will continue to lose members and not grow. It's up to YOU, not only the President or other officers. You, the membership needs to support our organization. Give blood, buy dinners, help set-up the room for dinners, buy raffle tickets, help deliver food boxes, donate to a YMI project, or help plan an event you want to see us do, and we will thrive!

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

Council Chatter ....

Please keep in your prayers: All YMI Brothers and Friends of the YMI.

The YMI Red and White Mass event is coming on March 12th, and it's at All Souls Church. By the time you get this newsletter the deadline to RSVP for the dinner may have already passed, but.... you don't need a reservation to go to the Mass. So, if you're free at 5 pm, on Saturday the 12th, come and remember our YMI brothers that passed in 2021.

Our Council 32 (YMI) partnered with the Native Daughters of the Golden West Parlor No. 246 to host a Community Blood Drive for Vitalant. Blood is in critically short supply nationwide and this opportunity to live our motto (Pro Deo, Pro Patria) was one way to support our fellow Americans and live our Faith. While some couldn't give blood, our Worthy President, **Ken Stupi**, supported the effort by donating his blood. Other YMI members; **Luis Alvarenga, Paul Galeotti** and **Steve Firpo** volunteered at the event.

Steve's wife **Sandra Firpo**, is the current President of the local NDGW Local Parlor 246. Their crew of 4 assisted by checking in donors and coordinating with Vitalant. It also should be noted that **Father Jerome Bai**, a member of our Council, volunteered to donate blood. He even waited for 45 minutes, for an opening if someone didn't show, and he was ready just in case. Thanks, Fr. Jerome, for your support! Next time. All in all, a successful event with 20 units of blood donated. That means 60 human lives at local hospitals, potentially saved by donors at our Blood Drive! Pro Deo, Pro Patria



Photo credit: Sandra Firpo

Well, now that masked mandates have eased, and members are more comfortable indoors, we have seen an increase in meeting attendance. If you're still waiting a bit longer, that's ok. Support us by ordering a dinner and come by to pick it up at 7 pm (to go). Your support is always welcome and when you feel ready to come and eat indoors, then we will save a seat for you. Just remember, if you want a meal ... you must RSVP at least three days before all Council 32 business meetings and socials.

A little Catholic humor.... A Jesuit, a Dominican, and a Franciscan were walking along an old road, debating the greatness of their orders. Suddenly, an apparition of the Holy Family appeared in front of them, with Jesus in a manger and Mary and Joseph praying over him. The Franciscan fell on his face, overcome with awe at the sight of God born in such poverty. The Dominican fell to his knees, adoring the beautiful reflection of the Trinity and the Holy Family. The Jesuit walked up to Joseph, put his arm around his shoulder, and said, "So, have you thought about where to send him to school?"

Thanks to **Ken Stupi, Steve Cresci,** and **Sandra Firpo** for sharing YMI news or photos. Send a short note to [ciaosteve@comcast.net](mailto:ciaosteve@comcast.net) to share some brief news with brothers & friends of YMI Council 32.



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## YMI Special Events Need Your Support

Red & White Mass      Saturday, March 12      5 pm

March "Irish Dance" Social      Thursday, March 24      7 pm

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***Pro Deo, Pro Patria.***