



**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613
AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER**

Next Meeting: AUG. 9th @ 7:00 p.m.

Please remember to wear your YMI Shirt!

Next Meeting will be in-person to be held in St. Cecilia's Green Room.

Dinner: provided by Br. John Bower (\$10 fee per member)

Grand Council Matters

YMI Death Benefits: To be eligible for YMI Death Benefits as recently modified to include former Associate Members, **all impacted YMI Members (i.e., those that were formerly Associate Members) will need to complete a short Beneficiary Designation Form and submit it to Br. Mike Amato so the YMI Grand Council can know the identity of the person(s) that should receive YMI Death Benefits at your passing.** To date about 18 YMI #613 Brothers still need to complete their beneficiary form. You can either print the Form attached to this newsletter or go to the YMI website and print the form at: http://ymiusa.org/files/forms/Beneficiary_Designation_Form.pdf

YMI Resolution: As reported in the last newsletter, a **YMI Resolution** was awarded to Br. Cosmo Amato at the Convention's Grand Banquet in June 2022 recognizing his 52 years of distinguished service to the Order, including his 22 years as YMI #613 Treasurer and his 13 years as the District Deputy of San Francisco. A copy of the resolution is appended to the end of this newsletter.

Council News & Activities:

YMI Bocce Ball Tournament: Please save the date of **Saturday, September 24th**, as we are resuming our popular Bocce Ball Tourney. Besides a few games of Bocce, the event comes with coffee/donuts in the morning and lunch around noon. The event also includes a raffle and the cost is just \$30 per person or \$120 for a 4-person team. **See the attached flyer for event info.** Questions about this event can be directed to **Br. Mike Dimech (650-922-2667).**

By-Law Changes: Because of the State of the Institute change that was adopted at Grand Council Session, it will be necessary for YMI #613 to amend our own By-Laws to conform our rules with YMI Grand Council. In addition, our YMI #613 Death Benefit Program may no longer be need since all dues paying YMI Members are covered under the Grand Council Program. Please find a By-Law Change Proposal addressing these matters at the end of this newsletter. The proposal will be discussed at upcoming meetings and we expect it will be **voted upon during the September 13th meeting.**

Italian Heritage Parade: We have applied to be in the Italian Heritage Parade on October 9th. We plan to work again with the Model A Club of San Francisco. If you are interested in joining us at the parade, please contact **Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-867-6702.**

Sweatshirts/Jackets: If any YMI #613 Brother is interested in ordering a YMI Sweatshirt or Lightweight Jacket, **please let Mike Amato (650-296-6297) know.** A ballpark price in the \$45-\$50 range can be expected but the price may vary depending on the item and quantity ordered and the size needed. We will need to have a minimum order of 12 items. So far, 3 YMI #613 Brothers have indicated interest in ordering jackets.

Meeting Matters:

- **Meal Coordinators- Line-Up:** Thank you to those YMI #613 Brothers volunteering to serve as meal coordinators as shown below. .
 - **September: Brs. Bordachar, Totah, & Panina**
 - **October: Br. Mike Dimech**
 - **November (Turkey): Br. Mike Amato**
- **COVID –** As masks requirements have lessened and activities return to normal, we remind Brothers to remain vigilant against COVID, get vaccinated & boosted as recommended, and stay home if you've tested positive or are feeling ill.

Membership News:

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

Stefano Fernando	8/1
Cosmo Amato	8/12
Sean Badger	8/17
Vilaska Nguyen	8/21
Dominic Bordachar	8/22

YMI GRAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Honoring Br. Cosmo Amato

WHEREAS Br. Cosmo Amato, as a young man, joined the St. John Bosco Council #613 (#613) of the Young Men's Institute (YMI) in 1970.

WHEREAS Br. Cosmo has faithfully served the YMI for 52 years. At his Council, YMI #613, Br. Cosmo has shown leadership serving as an officer for most of his tenure with the YMI, including 8 years as Council President and 22 years as its Council Treasurer. As the Treasurer, Br Cosmo timely and completely submitted YMI #613 Grand Council Semi-Annual Reports to the YMI Business Manager in good order. Br. Cosmo has also contributed to his YMI #613 by serving as event chairman or co-chairman for many successful events including its annual Hour of Memory Memorials, Christmas Parties, and Essay Contest Award Ceremonies.

WHEREAS Br. Cosmo expanded his YMI service 13 years ago to support the YMI Grand Council when he accepted the role of District Deputy to the Grand President for the San Francisco Area. In this role, Br. Cosmo often attended meetings of the YMI San Francisco-based Councils (i.e., San Francisco #1, South San Francisco #32, & St. John Bosco #613), as well as joined 13 Grand Presidents on their official visits to the San Francisco area. Br. Cosmo is noteworthy in providing comprehensive and informative reports for the Advanced Proceedings these past 13 years. Besides serving as the San Francisco District Deputy, Br. Cosmo has also aided the YMI Grand Council by serving as a Sentinel for the past 3 years. As a Sentinel, Br. Cosmo greeted many convention delegates and sold YMI raffle tickets and merchandise.

WHEREAS, after many years of exemplary service to the YMI, Br. Cosmo has recently decided to lighten his YMI commitment by stepping down as both YMI #613 Treasurer and as San Francisco District Deputy to the Grand President. While we know Br. Cosmo will continue to do good work on behalf of the YMI in the future, we seek to acknowledge his vast contributions to the YMI Order these past 52 years.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that

1. The Board gratefully acknowledges Br. Cosmo Amato for 52 years of faithful and outstanding service to the YMI, including 1) many years of service as a YMI #613 Officer and 2) these past 13 years serving YMI Grand Presidents as their San Francisco District Deputy.
2. The Board directs that this Resolution be read in its entirety at the Grand Council Sessions in June 2022 and be presented to him thereafter.

Resolved this 22th day of June 2022.

YMI#613
BY-LAW CHANGE PROPOSAL

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Changes to By-Laws are to eliminate to implement YMI State of Institute Change adopted at Grand Council Session in June 20022, which 1)eliminated the Associate Member category 2) removed the age criteria formerly in place for Benefit Members and 3) added a 5-year service requirement for YMI Grand Council Death Benefit eligibility. Those By-Law Changes are shown below in Articles 2, 5, 6, 8, & 10 and would become effective October 1, 2022.

Additional change to By-Laws would eliminate Council 613's Death Benefit Program given it may no longer be necessary since members would be eligible for the YMI Grand Council Death Benefit Program. Those By-Law proposals are reflected in Articles 9 & 11 below and would become effective January 1, 2023.

A vote on these By-Law Changes is scheduled to take place during September 13th meeting. If you have comments (pro or con) and can't be at the meeting to comment, please send written comments to Br. Mike Amato by September 6th and they will be share with membership.

Proposed Changes:

ARTICLE 2
Membership

Section 2 – Classes of Membership: Membership shall be divided in the following classes:

- (a) Benefit Members shall consist of those members of this Council who are entitled to the Grand Council Death Benefit and Educational Foundation Benefits, providing they are in good standing with this Council as defined in these By-Laws and the Grand Council By-Laws. **Applicants under forty-five (45) years of age must apply for Benefit Membership, unless they are students.** Benefit Members with at least six (6) months of time in the Council are excused from dues and assessments, while serving abroad in the military.
- (b) **Associate Members shall consist of those members of this Council who are entitled to the Educational Foundation Benefits only. Applicants forty-five (45) years of age or over must apply as Associate Members.**
- (c) Honorary Members may include Catholic priests, seminarians, and members of religious communities. Such members shall be exempt from all dues and assessments but may vote on Council affairs. Honorary Members may apply for Benefit **or Associate** Membership, subject to the same requirements as other applicants.

ARTICLE 5
Elections

Section 2 – Eligibility to Vote: Only Benefit **and Associate** Members in good standing with Council #613 shall be eligible to vote at Council elections.

ARTICLE 6

Duties of Elected Officers

Section 4 – Treasurer: The Treasurer shall maintain a correct and clear financial record of all Council finances. As part of this function, he shall receive and disburse all Council moneys, and keep an account of all his transactions. He shall keep separate accounts of all moneys so as to show the amount of dollar balances in all funds. He shall deposit all Council moneys in the bank, or banks, approved by the Executive Committee and in the name of the Council, subject to withdrawal as approved by the Council. He shall receive and maintain receipts to support checks written and he shall work with the Investment Committee to ensure sufficient fund balance exist to pay bills. He shall also provide a report at Council meetings summarizing the monthly financial transactions and seeking Council approval for the payment of the bills. He will propose a budget for each calendar year and handle any tax preparation requirements mandated by federal or state law in coordination with the Grand Council. He will work with other offices and take the lead in preparing the Semi-Annual Report for the Grand Council for the terms ending on March 31st and September 30th of each year, as well as provide other financial data required by the Grand Council.

The Treasurer position shall also maintain a record of Council members with information listing the name, age, birth date, and residence of each member. The record shall track dues owed. For those members in arrears, he shall send dues notices to those members, notifying them of fees owed and informing them that they may be suspended, retired or removed from membership. At elections, he shall challenge members not in good standing and disqualify them from voting. He shall prepare, within sixty (60) days after the death of a Benefit Member, the necessary paperwork necessary for receiving death benefits and forward it to the Grand Secretary-YMI Death Certificate. In addition, if the deceased (Benefit or Associate) member has surviving minor children, he shall submit an application for the benefits of the Educational Foundation in their names through the Grand Secretary.

ARTICLE 8

Fees, Dues and Arrears

Section 2 – Council Dues: The annual Council dues for all Benefit Members and Associate Members shall be determined each year at the time the annual budget is adopted. The Council shall waive the collection of dues for all members with 50 years or more of service to the Council or those members enrolled in school. Dues shall become due and payable by January 1st of each calendar year and shall be provided no later than March 31st.

ARTICLE 9

Revenues

Section 2 – Other Funds: The Council shall determine the number of funds it deems necessary to conduct Council business and may initiate or terminate these funds as approved by the Council. Committees established by the Council for whatever purpose shall promptly return Council moneys to the Treasurer for distribution to the proper fund or funds as approved by the Council. Payment from these funds shall be made only upon the approval of the Executive Committee and ordered paid by the Council. Council #613 has established the following funds:

- a. Council #613 Education & Scholarship Fund – to keep funds used to promote education and scholarship programs authorized by the members.
- b. Council #613 Death Benefit Fund – to keep funds used for death benefits as discussed in Article 11.

ARTICLE 10

Grand Council Benefits

Section 1 –Death Benefit: A Benefit Member shall be entitled to the Grand Council Death Benefit, providing he has been a Benefit Member for at least five years and is in good standing with his Council as required for Grand Council Benefits.

Section 2 – Educational Benefits: Benefit Members and Associate Members shall be entitled to the Educational Benefits made available to Grand Council through the Young Men’s Educational Foundation providing they have been members for at least six (6) months and are in good standing with their Council as required for Grand Council Benefits.

Section 4 – Grand Council Assessments: The Board of Grand Directors shall levy the Grand Council Benefit Assessments on each Council as required in the Grand Council By-Laws. For the purpose of paying the Grand Council Assessments, each Council shall levy the Death Benefit Assessment on Benefit Members only and the Educational Assessments on both Benefit and Associate Members. In no case shall the Benefit Assessments be greater than those required by Grand Council. The Benefit Assessments may be included with the monthly dues, or collected separately from them, and shall be due and payable on the date of levy of the monthly dues.

ARTICLE 11

Council #613 Benefits

Section 1 – Death Benefits: For those Council members in good standing submitting a designated fee annually, Council #613 shall provide a \$1000 death benefit to a member’s designated beneficiary. This is an optional program for members and the fee must be paid by February 1st to be effective for the current year. In addition, the Council shall donate \$100 to a charity of the deceased member’s choosing as specified by the obituary notice or by the surviving family. The beneficiary of anyone who takes his own life is not eligible to receive these death benefits. Effective January 2010, participation in the Council’s death benefit program will be restricted to (a) Council members who joined before January 1, 2010 and (b) Council members that join after January, 1 2010, but who are under the age of sixty (60) at the time they became members.

Section 2 – Beneficiaries: Each Council benefit member must indicate his beneficiary and it is his responsibility to ensure such information is current and accurate. The Treasurer shall keep a file of all beneficiary information. Changes in beneficiary shall be made in writing, with a proper signature and date and submitted to the Treasurer.

Section 3 – Process for Claiming Benefits: YMI Death Certificates must be submitted to the Treasurer within 60 days. Benefits will be paid to the listed beneficiary after approval is received from the Council’s Executive Committee. In the event, the beneficiary indicated on record is no longer living; the Executive Committee shall seek to determine who shall legally receive the death benefits.

Section 4 – Non-Transferable Death Benefits: Any member of Council #613 that transfers to another Council is not eligible for the Council’s death benefit as discussed in this article.