



YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613 DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting: DEC 13TH @ 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: Meal by Br. Dominic Panina (\$10 fee per member)

Council News & Activities:

Hour of Memory: Thank you to **Br. Cosmo Amato** for serving as event chair and organizing the **Hour of Memory Ceremony** that was held on Sunday November 13th. We had a beautiful church ceremony at Sts. Peter & Paul Church followed by a terrific dinner at the SF Italian Athletic Club. About 32 people attended the event, including 2 widows of past YMI Brothers.

Christmas Party: Please plan to attend our **Christmas Party** on **Sunday December 11th** at **Dominic's Restaurant @ Oyster Point in South San Francisco**. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. with a no host bar & appetizers and followed by dinner. After the meal, we will have our traditional Christmas raffle. **See the attached flyer for event details**. We kindly asked those attending to bring a few canned food items as we will donate them to the Catholic Workers' Hospitality House. **Any questions about the event, please contact Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297.**

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest: The deadline for our 20th Annual Essay Contest is very near! This year's essay contest has the largest prize fund ever at \$21,000 for 50 students. As in past years, the contest has three divisions (middle school, high school, and college) and essays have a maximum limit of 350 words. The contest deadline is December 3, 2022. Any student in a family of a YMI #613 Brother is eligible to participate and each YMI Brother may sponsor two students that are not family members. **See the attached flyer for contest details & entry form.** If questions about the contest, please contact **Br. John Kavanagh at (650) 755-6358.**

YMI Pro Patria Essay Contest: The YMI Grand Council's Pro Patria Essay Contest #49 has also been released with a prize fund of \$10,700 (30 Prizes). This is a separate contest overseen by the YMI Grand Council. Essay contest rules for this Essay Contest require a 500-word essay submitted by January 19, 2023. Go to the following link for more info about rules and topics: http://ymiusa.org/files/forms/Essay_Contest_Form.pdf

YMI Pro Patria Raffle Tickets: To support the YMI Grand Council's Pro Patria Essay Contest \$10,700 prize fund, YMI Brothers are requested to purchase raffle tickets sent to you by the YMI Grand Council. Tickets prices ranged from \$10 per ticket, \$25 for 3 tickets, \$40 for 8 tickets, and the **special deal of \$80 for 24 tickets!** There are eight raffle prizes in total with the Grand Prize being \$1000! Please support this worthy cause as this is basically the only fundraiser, we do each year. **See attachment for raffle tickets.**

Grand President's Official Visit: Grand President Darrell Fonseca #99 is planning to visit the **San Francisco YMI District** on **Thursday January 12th**. YMI Council #32 will be hosting the official visit this year at **All Souls (school cafeteria)** and all YMI #613 Brothers are invited to attend. The cost of the dinner is \$20. Please let **Br. Mike Amato (650-296-6297)** know if you are attending by **Monday January 9th** as the YMI #32 cooks will need to plan the meal so there is enough food for dinner.

By-Law Update: The YMI's Law & Revision Committee has reported agreement with the October approved YMI #613 By-Law changes, which eliminated references to Associate Members given the recent YMI action to convert them to Benefit Members status. However, the Committee found one remaining reference to "Associate Members" in Article 4, Section 2. To fully conform our Council By-Laws to the YMI's By-Laws, we will take up the removal of the remaining reference to Associate Members at our December meeting.

Meeting Matters:

- **Meal Coordinators- Line-Up:** Here is the line-up of YMI #613 Brothers volunteering to serve as meal coordinators through the end of 2023.
 - **January:** Br. Bob Fiorito
 - **February:** Br. George Rehmet
 - **March:** Br. Mike Amato (Corned Beef/Cabbage)
 - **April:** Br. Rod Ordon (Teriyaki)
 - **May:** Br. John Kavanagh (Mexican)
 - **June:** Br. Art Jimenez
 - **July:** Br. Mario Balistreri
 - **August:** Br. George Totah
 - **September:** Br. Dominic Panina
 - **October:** Br. Mike Dimech
 - **November:** Br. Steven Goulding (Turkey)
 - **December:** Br. Paul Wuerstle
- **COVID –** Although masks are now optional, we remind Brothers to remain vigilant against COVID by getting vaccinated & boosted as recommended. Please stay home if you have tested positive for COVID or are feeling ill.

Membership News:

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

Br. AJ Del Campo	12/1
Br. James Daly	12/2
Br. Joseph O'Sullivan	12/3
Br. Joe Soracco	12/3
Br. Nicholas Bruna	12/5
Br. George Rehmet	12/8
Br. Fred Dayoan	12/10
Br. Steven Ureta	12/10
Br. Noel Laffey	12/12
Br. Nick Varanis	12/16
Fr. Andrew Spyrow	12/21
Br. Jessie Guajardo	12/25
Br. Carlos Del Campo	12/27
Br. Liam Reidy	12/30
Br. Jim Medeiros	12/30