



## YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613 JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER

**Next Meeting: JULY 12<sup>th</sup> @ 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: Pizza provided by Br. Art Jimenez (\$10 fee per member)**

### Grand Council Convention News

Brothers & YMI #613 Supporters... We had 8 YMI #613 Brothers (Brs. C & M Amato, Fiorito, Soracco, Dimech, Cleary, Balistreri & Morrow) attend this year's YMI Grand Council Sessions (aka Convention) on June 20-23 in South Lake Tahoe at Bally's Lake Tahoe Casino. The Convention was presided over by Grand President (Br. Nick Franceschine Sebastopol #54) went very smoothly and much was accomplished.

**Most notably, we were able to pass a significant YMI By-Law Proposal that will allow ALL dues-paying members to be able to receive Death Benefits.** Previously and for the past 100-plus years, only YMI Benefit Members were permitted to have their families receive Death Benefits at their passing, while Associate Members (who joined the YMI after age 45) were precluded from receiving this benefit. The Death Benefit is worth \$2500, having been raised in 2020 to that level.

Led by the efforts of **State of the Institute Committee Members Mike Amato (Chair) & Mike Dimech** and supported strongly by the YMI #613 delegates, the YMI delegates considered a proposal at this Convention that sought to eliminate the Associate Member class and convert them into "Benefit Members" by removing the arbitrary 45-year age criteria. Basically, this proposal intended to create a **single class** of YMI Brothers that would be equally eligible to receive the YMI Death Benefits and pay the same death benefit fee of \$12 per year for the death benefit privilege. After a lengthy discussion where many delegates expressed their point of view, the YMI delegates voted and **passed the proposal by an overwhelming 45-6 vote margin**, easily surpassing the 2/3 vote requirement for By-Law changes.

To be eligible for YMI Death Benefits, the adopted proposal requires former Associate Members and new YMI Members joining after July 2022 to be in the YMI Order for at least 5 years before becoming eligible (sort of like how vesting works). Consequently, the vast majority of YMI #613 Brothers are now eligible for YMI Death Benefits and a few YMI #613 Brothers just need to wait a bit until they reach the 5-year eligibility point. **All impacted YMI Members (i.e., those that were formerly Associates) 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. 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](http://ymiusa.org/files/forms/Beneficiary_Designation_Form.pdf)

More Convention news:

- Three YMI #613 Brothers were elected at Grand Council Officers for 2022-23
  - **Br. Mike Dimech – Grand Secretary**
  - **Br. Cosmo Amato - Grand Inside Sentinel**
  - **Br. Bob Fiorito – Grand Outside Sentinel**
- **Br. Mike Amato** was named the **District Deputy to the Grand President for the San Francisco District** by newly elected **Grand President Darrel Fonseca** of Dos Palos #99.
- **Br. Cosmo Amato** was re-elected to another 3-year term on the Seminarian Education Foundation.
- **Br. Cosmo Amato** was unanimously awarded a **YMI Resolution** at the Convention's Grand Banquet recognizing his 52 years of distinguished service to the Order, including 22 years as YMI #613 Treasurer and 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:**

**Summer Picnic:** Please plan to attend the Summer Picnic on **Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup>**. We are resuming our annual summer picnic after a two-year break due to COVID. The picnic will be held at the **Bayview Shelter at Junipero Serra Park in San Bruno**. The venue offers a beautiful view of SF Airport and the weather is very pleasant normally. The menu features a BBQ steak lunch and a variety of tasty sides and desserts. Afterwards, we will hold a spectacular raffle. **See the attached flyer for event info.** Questions about this event can be directed to **Br. Mike Amato (650-296-6297)**.

**YMI Bocce Ball Tournament:** Please save the date of **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**, 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)**.

**Pro Deo, Pro Patria Scholarship Winners:** YMI #613 again awarded scholarships to 8 8<sup>th</sup> Graders from local Catholic Schools to attend Catholic School. Four of the 8 scholarship winners are children of YMI #613 Brothers (*shown below in bold type*). We congratulate all the winners listed below and wish them well at their new high school:

#### **ST. CECILIA SCHOOL, SAN FRANCISCO**

<b>Aoibhinn Reidy *</b>	<b>Convent of Sacred Heart</b>
Chance Engel	St Ignatius

#### **ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL, SAN FRANCISCO**

<b>Veronica Panina *</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Cathedral</b>
<b>Alyssa Totah *</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Cathedral</b>

#### **STS. PETER & PAUL SCHOOL, SAN FRANCISCO**

Mateo Pacheco	Sacred Heart Cathedral
Dylan John Pacubas	Sacred Heart Cathedral

#### **ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL, SAN FRANCISCO**

<b>Jasmine Jimenez *</b>	<b>Mercy Burlingame</b>
Kaylee Custodio	Mercy Burlingame

**St. Cecilia's Family Mass:** After a two-plus year break from the Sunday Family Mass due to COVID, St. Cecilia's Church is resuming this weekly parish tradition. YMI #613 will be handling the **July 31<sup>st</sup> 9:30 a.m. Mass**, by supplying several Brothers to greet parishioners, to present the offertory gifts, and to serve donuts & coffee. **If you can come and help, please let Mike Amato know (650-296-6297).**

**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.** We have found a vendor that can apply our YMI Logo onto these items. 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:

- **By-Law Update Needed:** Because of the State of the Institute change discussed above, it will be necessary for YMI #613 to amend our own By-Laws to conform our rules with Grand Council. We will likely take up a By-Law Change in August.
- **Meal Coordinators- Line-Up:** Thank you to those YMI #613 Brothers volunteering to serve as meal coordinators as shown below. We are **still in need of YMI #613 Brothers to volunteer to coordinate the dinner for July & December.**
  - July: Br. Art Jimenez
  - August: Br. John Bower
  - September: Brs. Bordachar, Totah, & Pannina
  - October: Br. Mike Dimech
  - November (Turkey): Br. Mike Amato
  - December: ???
- **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 symptoms of COVID.

### Membership News:

- **Congratulations:** We congratulate **Mia Soracco** (daughter of **Br. Joe Soracco**) on being named a Contessa on the Royal Court for the Italian Heritage Parade this October. YMI #613 is proud to be one of her sponsors!
- **Wedding Bells:** We also send out congratulations to **Br. Kevin Soracco (son of Br. Joe Soracco)** on his upcoming wedding on July 2<sup>nd</sup> to **Brandi Allan (daughter of Br. Dave Allan).**
- **Birthdays:** Happy Birthday to the following YMI #613 Brothers who will be celebrating birthdays in July:

Joey Werblun	7/2
Ryan Casey	7/5
Rev. Mark Teheny	7/6
Kyle Dowd	7/14
Gus Farrell	7/20
Vincent Anibale	7/25
Jonathan Cleary	7/25

## **YMI GRAND Council Resolution Honoring 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 22<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.