



YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613 OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting: OCT. 11th @ 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. Mike Dimech (\$10 fee per member)

Council News & Activities:

By-Law Changes: Due to the YMI State of the Institute change adopted in June 2022 concerning the expansion of YMI Death Benefits and the elimination of the Associate membership category, YMI #613 Brothers voted unanimously during the September Business Meeting to approve several modest adjustments to our own By-Laws to conform them with the YMI Grand Council's By-Laws. In addition, because a separate YMI #613 Death Benefit Program was deemed unnecessary given this State of the Institute change, the YMI #613 By-Laws have been amended to eliminate our Death Benefit Program at the end of the year. Any remaining funds in the YMI #613 Death Benefit Account will be moved to our YMI #613 Scholarship Account per the same vote. All the By-Law adjustment approved had been posted in the prior two YMI newsletters (August & September). **Attached please find a copy of the current YMI #613 By-Laws as approved in September 2022.** Please feel free to print a copy for your records.

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest: Our 20th Annual Essay Contest is now underway! **Br. John Kavanagh** (the contest chair) shared contest details at the YMI #613 Business Meeting in September. This year's 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. Students in families of all YMI #613 Brothers are eligible to participate and each 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

Italian Heritage Parade: The Italian Heritage Parade is set for **Sunday October 9th**. We plan to have an old Muni Bus and several beautiful classic cars from the 1960's and the YMI Grand President is expected to join us. **If you are interested in riding in or helping us set up for the parade, please contact Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-867-6702.**

Hour of Memory: Please save the date of **Sunday November 13th** for our annual **Hour of Memory** event, where we will honor our past YMI Brothers who have died after faithfully serving our YMI Council for many years. The event will take place beginning at 3:30 p.m. with a Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul Church and followed by dinner at the SF Italian Athletic Club. **See the attached flyer for event details.** Any questions, please contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297 or Br. Cosmo Amato at 415-392-3560.**

Christmas Party: Please also save the date of **Sunday December 11th**, as we will hold our annual Christmas Party that day. Details to be provided in the coming weeks!

YMI Bocce Ball Tournament: The YMI Bocce Ball Tourney scheduled for **Saturday, September 24th** sadly had to be cancelled due to low participation. Only 5 teams had signed up for the tourney. Hopefully, we can get the tourney going again in 2023.

YMI Death Benefits: Thank you to all those former YMI #613 Associate Members for filling out their Beneficiary Designation Form. Virtually all (about 95%) of the impacted members have now submitted their forms to Br. Mike Amato, who in turn provided them to the YMI Grand Council. For those few members who have not complied yet or for any member that needs to change their listed beneficiary, please complete and submit the beneficiary form below from the following link::

http://ymiusa.org/files/forms/Beneficiary_Designation_Form.pdf

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, 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:** Here is the line-up of YMI #613 Brothers volunteering to serve as meal coordinators for the remainder of 2022.
 - **November (Turkey): Br. Mike Amato**
 - **December: Br. Dominic Panina****At our October meeting, we will be circulating a list for YMI #613 Brothers to volunteer for our 2023 meetings.**
- **COVID –** As masks requirements have eased and as activities return to normal, we remind Brothers to remain vigilant against COVID by getting vaccinated & boosted as recommended. Please stay home if you have tested positive or are feeling ill.

Membership News:

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

Aldo Didero	10/6
Luis Jimenez	10/9
Mike Cooley,	10/10
Bernardo Silva,	10/10
Bill Pallas	10/11
Michael Delaurenti	10/18
Rod Ordon	10/21
John McCarthy	10/31
Leandro Fernando	10/31