



**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613
NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER**

Next Meeting: Dec 12th @ 7:00 p.m. (St. Cecilia's Green Room)

Please remember to wear your YMI Shirt & bring a buddy!

Dinner: Meal organized by Br. Paul Wurstle (\$10 per member)

Council News & Activities:

Christmas Party: Last call Please send in your reservations to attend our festive **Christmas Party** on **Sunday December 10th** at **Dominic's Restaurant @ Oyster Point in South San Francisco**. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a no-host bar & appetizers and it will be followed by a great dinner. Afterwards, we will hold our fabulous Christmas raffle, so please plan to buy raffle tickets. **See the attached flyer for event details and menu options**. We kindly asked those attending to bring a few canned food items as we will donate them to the Catholic Workers' Hospitality House. **The reservation deadline is November 30th**. **Any questions about the event, please contact Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297.**

Jim Calabretta YMI #613 Essay Contest: The deadline for the **21st Annual Jim Calabretta Essay Contest** is fast approaching...**December 4th**. Please remind students in your families to submit their essays before the deadline, so they can compete in this Contest boasting a combined prize fund of \$21,000 for 50 talented students. **See the attached essay contest flyer for important information about the contest rules and topics**. For any questions about the essay contest, please contact Br. John Kavanagh at jkavesq@gmail.com.

YMI Grand Council News:

- After about 20 years of service, **Br. Jack Albrecht #32** has retired from his post as Grand Treasurer. **Br. Bob Bartoli #32** was nominated by **Grand President Steve Cresci** to replace Br. Albrecht as the Grand Treasurer and his nomination was approved by the Board of Grand Directors at their November 18th meeting. Congratulations and much thanks to Br. Bob Bartoli!
- **Grand President Steve Cresci** will be making his Official Visit to the SF District on **Tuesday January 9th**. YMI #613 will host the event at St. Cecilia's and we will be joined by Brothers from YMI #32 that evening.
- Info about the YMI Grand Council Pro Patria Essay Contest has been distributed by mail to all YMI Members last September. *(Please note this is a separate contest to the Jim Calabretta Essay Contest as discussed above.)* This essay contest offers \$10,400 in prizes to 30 students from Grade 7 to High School Senior. The contest flyer with rules and topics can be downloaded from the following link. http://ymiusa.org/files/forms/Essay_Contest_Form.pdf The deadline to submit essays for this contest is January 19th. YMI Brothers are encouraged to invite students to participate in this YMI contest.
- In the same mailing, YMI Brothers should have received info about the **YMI Pro Patria Raffle**. This raffle is a worthwhile cause, because it supports the \$10,400 prize fund for the YMI Pro Patria Essay Contest. **We respectfully ask all YMI #613 Brothers to be generous and buy raffle tickets!**

Membership News:

- **Meal Coordinators- Line-Up:** Here is the line-up of YMI #613 Brothers volunteering to serve as meal coordinators for 2024:
 - January: Br. Bob Fiorito
 - February: Br. George Totah
 - March: Br. Mike Amato (Corned Beef & Cabbage)
 - April: Br. Rod Ordon
 - May: Br. John Kavanagh (Mexican)
 - June: Br. Art Jimenez
 - July: Br. Mike Baglin
 - August: Br. Dom Bordachar
 - September: Br. Dom Panina
 - October: Br. Mike Dimech
 - November: Br. Stephen Goulding (Turkey)
 - December: Br. John Bower
- **Congratulations & Salutes:**
 - We were honored to have both **Connie Mertes (the wife of Br. Chuck Mertes-RIP and daughter of Br. John Musso-RIP) and Irma Calabretta (the wife of Br. Jim Calabretta-RIP)** join us at the YMI #613 Hour of Memory Mass & Dinner in November. Both are doing well and hopefully will be joining us again for our Christmas Party in December.
 - Speaking of the Hour of Memory, a big **“Thank You”** to co-Chairs **Br. Cosmo Amato** and **Br. Mario Balistreri** for doing an amazing job organizing this event.
 - In the October and November newsletters, we previously recognized YMI #613 Brothers with 20 or more years of service to the YMI. In this newsletter, we salute the following YMI #613 Brothers who have served our YMI Order faithfully between 10-20 years:
 - Br. Chris Amato -15 years
 - Br. Mike Amato – 19 years
 - Br. Mike Bottarini - 11 years
 - Br. Nick Bruna – 15 years
 - Br. John Campus – 14 years
 - Br. Ryan Casey – 12 years
 - Br. Frank Cisek – 13 years
 - Br. John Cleary – 17 years
 - Br. Jonathan Cleary - 15 years
 - Br. Brendan Dimech – 12 years
 - Br. Mike Dimech – 17 years
 - Br. Leandro Fernando – 16 years
 - Br. Stefano Fernando - 12 years
 - Br. Bob Fiorito - 16 years
 - Br. Nick Goultas – 11 years
 - Br. Jessie Guajardo- 12 years
 - Br. Art Jimenez – 15 years
 - Br. John Kavanagh – 10 years
 - Br. Ron Mertes – 10 years
 - Br. Rod Ordon – 14 years
 - Br. George Rehmet – 10 years
 - Br. Richard Rosemont – 13 years
 - Br. Bernardo Silva – 10 years
 - Br. John Smith -14 years
 - Br. Joe Soracco – 19 years
 - Br. Kevin Soracco – 15 years
 - Br. Nick Varanis - 11 years
 - Br. Joseph Werblun – 12 years
 - Br. Paul Wuerstle – 14 years
 - Br. Grant Young – 11 years

- If anyone has a personal/family milestone, event, or accomplishment to share, please send info to **Br. Mike Amato (text to 650-296-6297 or e-mail to mamato871@aol.com)**

- **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. James O'Sullivan	12/3
Br. Joe Soracco	12/3
Br. Nick Bruna	12/5
Br. George Rehmet	12/8
Br. Fred Dayoan	12/10
Br. Steven Ureta	12/10
Br. Noel Laffey	12/12
Br. Alphonse Tolenga,(Semin.)	12/13
Br. Nick Varanis	12/16
Fr. Andrew Spyrow	12/21
Br. David Mees (Seminararian)	12/23
Br. Jessie Guajardo	12/25
Br. Carlos Del Campo	12/27
Br. Jerick Rea (Seminararian)	12/28
Br. Liam Reidy	12/30