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**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 61#  
JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER**

**Next Meeting: JAN 10<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Please remember to wear your YMI Shirt!**

***Next Meeting will be held in St. Cecilia's Green Room.***

***Dinner: Meal by President Br. Bob Fiorito (\$10 fee per member)***

**Council News & Activities:**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Grand President's Official Visit:** Grand President Darrell Fonseca #99 will be visiting the **San Francisco YMI District** on **Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup>**. As YMI Council #32 will be hosting this visit and serving dinner, the event will be at **All Souls (school cafeteria)**. **All YMI #613 Brothers are invited to attend and there will be no costs to us for dinner.** Please let **Br. Mike Amato (650-296-6297)** know if you are attending by **Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup>** as the YMI #32 cooks can plan the meal so there is enough food for those that attend.

**Jim Calabretta Essay Contest:** We received 73 essay submission for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Essay Contest! The essay breakdown by division is as follows:

- College: 10 entries (We pay the top ten, so all contestants will win a prize!)
- High School: 23 entries (We pay top fifteen contestants.)
- Elementary: 40 entries (We pay top twenty-five)

This year's essay contest has the largest prize fund ever at \$21,000. At this point, the essays are in the hands of the judges, and we are anticipating letters to go out around February 2023. We are hoping this year to have an in-person awards ceremony in the Spring so please stay tuned for more info. **If any 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 30 prizes totaling \$10,700! This is a separate essay contest and is overseen by the YMI Grand Council. Essay contest rules

for this Essay Contest require a 500-word essay and **essays need to be 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](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.**

**Christmas Party:** Thank you to all those that attended our **Christmas Party** on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Although the participation level was noticeably lower, those that attended enjoyed a great time and a fabulous meal! Many thanks to the generous support provided as many attendees donated canned items and toiletries that evening and they were subsequently delivered to a grateful Catholic Workers' Hospitality House. As has become a recent tradition, the remarks of our **YMI #613 Business Manager (Br. Mike Amato)** delivered during the Party are attached at the end of this newsletter.

### **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)**

o **December: Br. Paul Wuerstle**

- **COVID** – Although masks are now optional, COVID is still out there, as well as other flus and viruses. 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:**

- **Condolences:** We send out condolences to the family of **Br. Joe Basuino**, who died on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the grand age of 96. Br. Joe was a 11-year member of the YMI #613 and had been active at our Council meetings before COVID struck. In addition, Br. Joe had been a Navy Veteran during World War II, an active parishioner at St. Cecilia's Parish, and a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He will be missed by many!
- **Birthdays:** Happy Birthday to the following YMI #613 Brothers who will be celebrating birthdays in January:

Br. John Repetto	1/4
Br. Art Jimenez	1/4
Br. Paul Wuerstle	1/5
Br. Mike Bottarini	1/10
Rev. Phil D'Aubyl	1/13
Br. John Cleary	1/14
Br. Joseph Grazioli	1/19
Br. Dominic Panina	1/22
Br. Thomas O'Connor	1/26
Br. Brendan Dimech	1/26