



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

Next Meeting: July 11th @ 7:00 p.m. (St. Cecilia's Green Room)
Please remember to wear your YMI Shirt & bring a buddy!
Dinner: Meal organized by Br. Mario Balistreri (\$10 per member)

Council News & Activities:

YMI #613 Grand Council Sessions: The YMI Grand Council Session (aka YMI Convention) was held in South Lake Tahoe between June 19-22. YMI #613 had 8 delegates on hand among about 50 delegates that attended. Meeting highlights included:

- 5 YMI #613 Brothers were elected to various Grand Council Offices as follows:
 - **Grand Secretary – Br. Mike Dimech**
 - **Grand Inside Sentinel – Br. Cosmo Amato**
 - **Grand Outside Sentinel – Br. Bob Fiorito**
 - **Grand Director – Br. Mario Balistreri**
 - **Grand Director – Br. Mike Amato**
- **As a couple of the above YMI #613 Brothers were unable to attend the Installment Ceremony/Mass in Lake Tahoe, YMI Grand Council (GC) Representatives will be on hand to install all 5 YMI #613 elected GC officers during a mini-ceremony during our July 11th Meeting.**
- The following YMI Brothers were elected and installed to lead the YMI in 2023-24:
 - **Grand President – Br. Steve Cresci (So. SF Council #32)**
 - **Grand 1st VP – Br. Bill Avery (St. Christopher Council #80: Atwater, CA)**
 - **Grand 2nd VP – Br. Bill Walls (St. Christopher Council #80: Atwater, CA)**
- All 4 State of the Institute Proposals that were submitted to change the YMI By-Laws failed to get enough "Ayes" to pass the 2/3 voting requirement. Hence, there will be no changes to the YMI By-Laws this year. (The vote to pass proposals (i.e. Aye votes) ranged from just 19% to 43%...more info will be shared at the July meeting regarding these proposals).
- YMI Seminarian Education Foundation (SEF) awarded 8 scholarships to Seminararians sponsored by YMI #613. Altogether, the SEF awarded about \$35,000 in scholarships to 59 Seminararians.
- YMI Annual Awards were presented to:
 - **Man of the Year: Br. Edward Silva, YMI #54 from Sebastopol**
 - **Council of the Year: Frances Council #573 from Hilo, Hawaii**
- YMI raised almost \$1400 from three 50/50 Raffles held during the Grand Council Session benefitting two charities selected by outgoing **Grand President Darrell Fonseca**. One of the big raffle winners was our own **Br. Steven Goulding**.
- **Outgoing Grand President Darrell Fonseca** was presented with a Grand President's Insignia and given a standing ovation before the close of the Session.
- **New Grand President Steve Cresci** named **Br. Bob Fiorito** and **Br. Mike Dimech** as **Golf and Bocce Ball Chairs** and **Br. Mike Amato** as the **Grand President's District Deputy for San Francisco for 2023-24.**

YMI Summer Picnic: YMI #613 has reserved the **Bay View picnic site in Junipero Serra Park in San Bruno** on **Sunday August 13th** for its annual Summer Picnic. Please plan to attend with your family and have a wonderful day enjoying juicy BBQ steaks, tasty side dishes, a scenic picnic site near a playground, and an awesome raffle. The more, the merrier as we hope to attain pre-COVID attendance levels! **See the attachment for event details and how to make picnic reservations. If any questions about the event, please contact Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297.**

YMI Oakland A's Baseball Game: YMI Grand President **Steve Cresci** has organized a "Day at the Ballpark" for Sunday August 20th. The game between the Orioles and the A's begins at 1:00 p.m. and tickets are just \$40 each. Please RSVP by July 1st to **Br. Steve Cresci (414-297-5816 or scresci@gmail.com).**

YMI Bocce Ball Tourney: The YMI's Bocce Ball Tourney is set for **September 30th in South San Francisco's Orange Park.** We hope to have some teams from YMI #613 on hand to compete against other YMI Councils. Come join us for a typical wonderful & sunny day playing bocce, eating well, and meeting YMI Brothers from other Councils. Wives and children are very welcome to play too. No bocce ball experience is necessary. **See the attachment for event details and how to make reservations. If any questions about this event, please contact Br. Mike Dimech at 650-922-2667.**

Other Save the Dates: For 2023, please mark the following YMI events on your calendars:

- **Italian Heritage Parade – October 8th in North Beach**
- **Hour of Memory - November 12th at SF Italian Athletic Club**
- **Christmas Party – December 10th at Dominic's @ Oyster Point**

Successful Membership Recruitment Month: In response to our decision to name the month of June as "Membership Recruitment Month", we were elated to welcome the following 6 new YMI #613 Brothers to our roster:

- 1. Br. Robert (Bob) Kensic (sponsored by Br. Dominic Panina)**
- 2. Br. Christopher McGovern (sponsored by Br. Mario Balistreri)**
- 3. Br. Robert Aicardi (sponsored by Br. Dennis Aicardi)**
- 4. Br. Michael Aicardi (sponsored by Br. Dennis Aicardi)**
- 5. Br. James Aicardi (sponsored by Br. Dennis Aicardi)**
- 6. Br. Richard Aicardi (sponsored by Br. Dennis Aicardi)**

We congratulate all our new YMI Brothers and thank their YMI sponsors for helping YMI #613 grow.

Council Business 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.
 - 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
- **Death Benefit Beneficiary:** We take this moment to remind all YMI #613 Brothers to update their beneficiary info if there has been any recent change in your personal family situation. The person listed on your submitted death benefit application is the person that will receive \$2500 from the YMI at your passing. The forms are on

the YMI website, and you can call **Br. Mike Amato (650-296-6297)** if you have any questions about the process.

Membership News:

• **Congratulation Messages**

- We congratulate **Mia Soracco (daughter of Br. Joe Soracco)** for being selected as **Queen Isabella** for the **2023 Italian Heritage Parade!** YMI #613 is proud to be one of your sponsors in this year's parade!
- We congratulate **Br. Christopher McGovern** on his recent engagement to his fiancé Angela (daughter of **Br. Mario Balistreri**)
- We congratulate **Br. Brendan Dimech** on the news that his wife is expecting a child in December.
- We congratulate the following two beloved YMI couples on their 50th Year Wedding Anniversaries:
 - **Br. Bob & Pola Fiorito (June 10th)**
 - **Br. Tom & Pat Fourie (June 23rd)**
- We congratulate **Br. George Rehmet** for being recently named as a "Game Changer" for his fine work on behalf of Diversity, Education, and Inclusion, as well as for his impressive long-distance running results in various road races.
- We congratulate YMI Brothers who have recently retired or are now semi-retired, including **Br. John Kavanagh, Br. John Cleary, and Br. Mike Cooley.**
- If anyone has a milestone 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 July:

Br. Joseph Werblun	7/2
Br. Ryan Casey	7/5
Rev. Mark Teheny	7/6
Br. Frank Weber	7/15
Br Bob Kensic	7/21
Br. Vincent Anibale	7/25
Br. Jonathan Cleary	7/25