



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

**Next Meeting: Nov 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. (St. Cecilia's Green Room)**

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

***Dinner: Meal organized by Br. Steven Goulding (\$10 per member)***

### Council News & Activities:

**Italian Heritage Parade:** As has become a tradition for nearly twenty years, YMI #613 participated again in the San Francisco Italian Heritage Parade (the oldest Columbus Day celebration parade in America) that was held on October 8th. Led by the efforts of **Br. Bob Fiorito & Br. Mike Amato**, YMI #613 partnered with a local auto club to provide 8 beautiful 1960 era American classic cars. Each vehicle was adorned with large signs prominently bearing our YMI name/logo, as well as decorated with American/Italian flags and red, green, and white balloons (the colors of the Italian flag). **YMI Grand President Steve Cresci and his wife Linda** led the YMI parade delegation that also included the following YMI #613 Brothers who either rode in the parade or watched from the parade route: **Bob Fiorito, Cosmo, Mike, & Chris Amato, John & Jack Kavanagh, Joe & Kevin Soracco, Dave Allan, Mike Baglin, Mario Balistrieri, Nick Bruna, Mike Dimech, Chris McGovern, and George Totah.** All YMI participants reported having a wonderful experience witnessing thousands of people cheering the YMI entry as they traveled along the parade route that began in Fisherman Wharf and ended in North Beach by Saints Peter & Paul Church. **The YMI #613 classic car entry impressed the parade judges and earned a 3<sup>rd</sup> place award in the Antique/Vintage Vehicle Division!**

This year's Italian Heritage Parade was extra special in that **Mia Soracco served as the 2023 Parade Queen.** Mia is the daughter of **Br. Joe Soracco** and the granddaughter of **Br. Cosmo Amato.** As the Queen, Mia had a prominent role in the parade riding on the main float, as well as speaking at various events connected to the parade. Not surprisingly, Mia performed her role magnificently! YMI #613 is thrilled that she was named the 2023 Queen and is proud to be one of the 2023 Italian Heritage Parade Sponsors.

**Hour of Memory:** Please make your reservations today to attend the **Hour of Memory Event** on **Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>**, when 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 Saints Peter & Paul Church and followed by dinner at the SF Italian Athletic Club. The cost for YMI Brothers and their families for the dinner is just \$50 per person. All YMI #613 widows are free! **The reservation deadline is November 4<sup>th</sup>.** **See the attached flyer for event details and menu options.** Any questions, please contact **Br. Br. Cosmo Amato** at 415-392-3560.

**Christmas Party:** Please also send in your reservations to attend our festive **Christmas Party** on **Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>** 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 30<sup>th</sup>. Any questions about the event, please contact Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297.**

**Jim Calabretta YMI #613 Essay Contest:** At the last YMI #613 meeting, Br. John Kavanagh passed out essay contest flyers for the **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Jim Calabretta Essay Contest** organized by YMI #613. Essay Contest #21 will have a combined prize fund of \$21,000 for 50 students. **The contest submission deadline is December 4<sup>th</sup>. See the attached essay contest flyer for important information about the contest rules and topics.** For questions about the essay contest, please contact Br. John Kavanagh at [jkavesq@gmail.com](mailto:jkavesq@gmail.com).

#### **YMI Grand Council News:**

- Grand President's Steve Cresci will be making his Official Visit to the SF District on **Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup>**. YMI #613 will host the event at St. Cecilia's and we will be joined by Brothers from YMI #32 that evening.
- Information about the YMI Grand Council Pro Patria Essay Contest has been distributed by mail to all YMI Members in September. *(Please note that this is a separate contest to the Jim Calabretta Essay Contest 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](http://ymiusa.org/files/forms/Essay_Contest_Form.pdf)  
The deadline to submit essays for this contest is January 19<sup>th</sup>. YMI Brothers are encouraged to invite Catholic students to participate in this YMI contest.
- In the same mailing, YMI Brothers should have received information about the **YMI Pro Patria Raffle**. This raffle is a worthwhile cause as 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 the next couple of months:
  - December: Br. Paul Wuerstle
  - January: Br. Bob Fiorito
- **Congratulations, Salutes, & Condolences:**
  - In the October newsletter, we recognized YMI #613 Brothers with 40 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 for between 20-40 years:
    - Br. John Cardinale – 23 years
    - Br. Steven Goulding – 34 years
    - Br. Bryan Handlos – 20 years
    - Br. Brendan Kenneally – 34 years
    - Br. Noel Laffey – 30 years
    - Br. Thomas O'Conner – 39 years
    - Br. James O'Sullivan – 24 years
    - Br. Bill Pallas – 23 years
    - Br. Steve Welch - 35 years
    - Br. William Welch = 37 years

- Kudos to **Br. George Rehmet** for being nominated by [A Runner's Mind](#) (a specialty store for runners) as the “Runner of the Month”.
- Happy Anniversary (#38) to **Br. Rafael “Jessie” Guajardo** and his wife Dorothy.
- Condolences to **Br. Bill Pallas** and his wife Kathleen on the recent passing of Kathleen’s father Patrick Ryan. Patrick lived 103 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](mailto:mamato871@aol.com))**

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

Br. Rober Aicardi	11/3
Br. Reagan Calaguas	11/3
Br. Reggie Calaguas	11/6
Br. Maurice Tokay (Seminarian)	11/8
Br. Mario Lim	11/14
Br. Jerry Nolan	11/16
Br. Zachery White	11/16
Br. George Venezia	11/19
Br. Brendan Kenneally	11/23
Br. John Madrid	11/24
Br. Leandro Calingasan (Seminarian)	11/26
Br. Dennis Aicardi	11/29
Br. Ray Taylor	11/29