



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

Next Meeting: Oct. 3rd @ 7:00 p.m. (St. Cecilia's Green Room)

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

Dinner: Meal organized by Br. Mike Dimech (\$10 per member)

Council News & Activities:

Meeting Date Change (Please read): Because St. Cecilia has its parish festival in mid-October, our October YMI #613 Meeting has been rescheduled from **October 10th to October 3rd**. The meeting will be held in the Green Room as usual. **Please make a note of this change.**

Italian Heritage Parade: Please plan to join us on **October 8th in North Beach** for the annual **Italian Heritage Parade**. This year's parade will be extra special as its Queen is **Mia Soracco (the daughter of Br. Joe Soracco)**. As we did last year, we expect to be riding thru the parade in style in about 10 gorgeous classic cars from the 1950's/60's era! **If you want to join us for the event and ride in one of the cars, please contact Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-867-6702.** By the way, YMI #613 is one of many official sponsors of the Italian Heritage Parade. For the complete the list of parade sponsors and information about the parade activities, please visit <https://sfitalianheritage.org/sponsors/>.

Jim Calabretta YMI #613 Essay Contest: Br. John Kavanagh passed out essay contest flyers for the **21st 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 4th. **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.

Hour of Memory: Please save the date of **Sunday November 12th** 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. The cost for YMI Brothers and their families for the dinner is just \$50 per person. **All YMI #613 widows are free!** **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 plan 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. **Any questions about the event, please contact Br. Mike Amato at 650-296-6297.**

YMI Grand Council News:

- Grand President's Steve Cresci is expected to make 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.
- Information about the YMI Grand Council Pro Patria Essay Contest has been recently distributed by mail to all YMI Members. *(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
The deadline to submit essays for this contest is January 19th. YMI #613 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 ask all YMI #613 Brothers to be generous and buy raffle tickets!
- The 2024 Grand Council Session will return to Bally's Hotel in South Lake Tahoe in June 2024.

Membership News:

- **Meal Coordinators- Line-Up:** Here is the line-up of YMI #613 Brothers volunteering to serve as meal coordinators through the end of 2023.
 - October: Br. Mike Dimech
 - November: Br. Steven Goulding (Turkey)
 - December: Br. Paul Wuerstle
- **Meal Coordinators-2024:** At the next meeting, we will be seeking volunteers to coordinate meal coordinator duties for our 2024 YMI #613 meetings. Please consider volunteering to coordinate a meal. There is a \$25 stipend available for those volunteering.
- **Congratulations & Salutes:**
 - We congratulate **Br. Mario Balistreri** on the birth of his 1st grandchild Joseph earlier this year.
 - We salute our long-time YMI #613 members who have served our YMI Order faithfully for over 50 years! They are:
 1. Br. Thomas Hayes - 65 years
 2. Br. Richard "Dick" Pisciotta – 63 years
 3. Br. John Repetto – 63 years
 4. Br. George Venezia – 55 years
 5. Br. Cosmo Amato – 53 years
 6. Br. Dennis Aicardi – 52 years
 7. Br. Aldo Didero – 51 years
 8. Br. Jerry Nolan – 50 years
 - While we're at it, let's give a shout out to our YMI #613 Brothers with service to the order between 40-50 years. They include:
 1. Br. Paul Biagi – 49 years
 2. Br. Joseph Grazioli – 45 years
 3. Br. James Vavuris – 44 years
 4. Br. Peter Malatesta – 41 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 October:

Br. Kyle Franz Laluces	10/2
Br. Aldo Didero Age 96!	10/6
Br. Luis Jimenez	10/9
Br. Mike Cooley	10/10
Br. Bernardo Silva	10/10
Br. Bill Pallas	10/11
Br. Mike Delaurenti,	10/18
Br. Rod Ordon	10/21
Br. Leandro Fernando	10/31