



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

**Next Meeting: Sept. 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. Dominic Panina (\$10 per member)***

**Council News & Activities:**

**YMI Bocce Ball Tourney:** The YMI's Bocce Ball Tourney is set for **September 30<sup>th</sup> in South San Francisco's Orange Park**. At last report, we have nine teams signed-up to compete and we hope to see more entries. 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, as this tourney is more about having fun. **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.**

**Meeting Date Change:** Because St. Cecilia has its parish festival in mid-October, our October **YMI #613 Meeting has been rescheduled from October 10<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8-10 gorgeous classic cars from the 1950's/60's era, as well as a refurbished Muni Bus from that era! **If you want to join us for the event, 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 reports that he will have essay contest flyers available at the next YMI Meeting. YMI #613 will be embarking on Essay Contest #21 with a combined prize fund of \$22,000 for 50 students. The essay flyer has important information about the contest rules and topics, so please be sure to pick one up that evening. **For questions about the contest, please contact Br. John Kavanagh at [jkavesq@gmail.com](mailto:jkavesq@gmail.com).**

**YMI Summer Picnic:** **Br. Mike Amato** extends his heartfelt "**Thanks**" to his picnic crew (i.e. **Brs. C. Amato, Dimech, Fiorito, Goulding, Soracco, Varanis, & Vavuris**), who helped at the YMI picnic on August 13<sup>th</sup> at Junipero Serra Park, as well as to those many folks that attended. In total, we had 71 people at the picnic (64 were adults) . Most picnic guests (53) were from YMI #613, but we also had guests (18) from nearby Council #32 (So SF) and Council #8 (Oakland), including

**Grand President Steve Cresci.** All appeared to have a great time, enjoying the wonderful sunny day, the delicious, plentiful food, and the fabulous raffle. The steaks were terrific (kudos to both the meat cutters...**Br. Cosmo Amato & Steve Goulding** and the cooks...**Br. Bob Fiorito & Joe Sorocco** worked in harmony to produce an excellent meal). The salads were great and presented guests with nice options (green, potato or fruit), and the hot baked beans were very tasty. We also offered a great variety of tempting desserts (cakes, cookies and cobblers) and hot coffee from Starbucks. Lastly, the sausage appetizers before lunch were a big hit with many!

According to my unofficial records (subject to our Treasurer's concurrence), we made a net profit over \$900. A breakdown is presented below:

Revenues:	
Reservations	\$2200
Leftover Food Sales	\$ 80
Raffle Proceeds	\$ 795
Sub	\$ 3095
Expenses:	
Picnic Site Fee	\$ 242
Raffle Prizes	\$ 437
Food/Supplies	\$1499
Sub	<u>\$2178</u>
PROFIT	\$917

Additional thanks for generous donations from:

Original Joe's Restaurant	\$50 Gift Card
<b>Br. Dominic Bordachar</b>	several bottles of wine
<b>Br. Nick Bruna</b>	several bottles of wine
<b>Br. Stephen Goulding</b>	two bottles of wine
Irma Calabretta	large gift basket with a \$40 gift card
Pola Fiorito	two desserts
Lourdes Varanis	lemon cake
Mara Amato	carrot cake

Last (but not least), a big thanks to **Mia Soracco and the Panina girls (Bridget, Veronica, Michaela & Lizzie)** for their awesome help with the raffle. Made my job of running the raffle so much easier!

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

- **Hour of Memory - November 12<sup>th</sup> at SF Italian Athletic Club**
- **Christmas Party – December 10<sup>th</sup> at Dominic's @ Oyster Point**
- **Grand President's Official Visit – January 9<sup>th</sup> @ St. Cecilia Parish**

### Membership News:

- **New Members:** After awarding scholarships from the YMI Seminarian Education Fund, YMI #613 gleefully welcomed 8 new YMI members into the Order at our August 2023 meeting! Each of the following new members are seminarians from St. Patrick's Seminary located in Menlo Park:
  - **Br. Leandro Calingasan (from the Philippines)**
  - **Br. Kyle Franz Laluces (from the Philippines)**
  - **Br. Joseph McIntire (from Virginia)**
  - **Br. David Mees (from San Jose)**
  - **Br. Jerick Rea (from the Philippines)**
  - **Br. Cameron Sellers (from South Korea)**
  - **Br. Maurice Tokay (from the Congo)**
  - **Br. Alphonse Tolenga (from the Congo)**

Welcome Brothers to the YMI!

- **Meal Coordinators- Line-Up:** Here is the line-up of YMI #613 Brothers volunteering to serve as meal coordinators through the end of 2023.
  - September: Br. Dominic Panina
  - October: Br. Mike Dimech
  - November: Br. Steven Goulding (Turkey)
  - December: Br. Paul Wuerstle
- **Congratulation Messages**
  - We congratulate **Br. Rod Ordon**a on the recent engagement of his daughter Alexis to her fiancé James.
  - Happy Wedding Anniversary Greetings:
    - **Br. Mike Amato** & his wife Mara (41 Years)
    - **Br. Rich Rosemont** & his wife Sandy (35 Years)
  - We congratulate **Yvonne Soracco (the wife of Br. Joe Soracco & daughter of Br. Cosmo Amato)** for being recognized by KPIX Channel 5 News for her outstanding 42-year education career teaching kindergarten at Saints Peter & Paul Salesian School! The news segment was aired on the news on August 15<sup>th</sup>. To view the segment, go to the following link:  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/sanfrancisco/news/back-to-school-23-sf-kindergarten-teacher-42nd-year-sts-peter-and-paul/>
  - If anyone has a milestone/event 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 September:
 

Rev. Joe Landi (No. 90)	9/3
Br. Bob Fiorito	9/3
Br. Mike Dimech	9/5
Br. Richard Rosemont	9/7
Br. Jeff Morrow	9/13
Br. Joseph McIntire,	9/18
Br. John McQuaid,	9/19
Br. Gilbert Tan	9/27

