



**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613
APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER**

Next Meeting: April 14 @ 7:00 p.m. (St. Cecilia's Green Room.)

Dinner organized by Br. George Totah

Stop by between 6:30-7:00 p.m. for a beverage; dinner at about 7:00 p.m.

The meeting concludes with our popular "Find the Joker" game.

YMI #613 Events & Activities:

Ladies Night: Please plan to attend our popular **Ladies Night Dinner to be held on Sunday May 3rd at Westlake Joe's Restaurant.** The event begins at 5:00 p.m. for cocktails and 5:45 p.m. for dinner. We have discounted the price for the ladies, so you can get 2 dinners for just \$140. Bonus: All ladies receive a gift! **To make reservations, please see the attached flyer.** If any questions, please contact the event chair, **Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-867-6702.**

YMI Golf Tourney: Get ready to hit the links on **Sunday April 19th.** The YMI will be hosting its annual golf tournament at nearby **Crystal Springs Golf Course** this year. The cost per golfer is \$150, but YMI #613 will likely subsidize a good portion of the golf fees from those playing for YMI #613. You may also attend the banquet for just \$50. If any questions about this event, please contact **Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-867-6702.**

Elections: Per the **YMI #613 By-Law, elections for the various Council Offices are held every two years in May of an even year.** Each office post has a 2-year term and there are no term limits for the various YMI #613 Brothers holding an office or serving on a committee. As we are almost in May, all YMI #613 Brothers are requested to consider their willingness to serve (or continue to serve) the YMI as an officer or committee member for the term beginning July 2026-June 2028. You may contact the **Business Manager (Br. Mike Amato) at 650-296-6297** if you are interested in being a candidate for any office or if questions about any of the duties associated with those positions. ***FYI---Heard a rumor that Br. Fiorito has agreed to another two-year term. Other incumbents should decide if they want to join Br. Bob, by declaring their intentions during the April Business Meeting.***

YMI Convention: YMI #613 selected **4 of its 5 elected delegates** to attend the Grand Council Session (aka YMI Convention) to take place in Lake Tahoe between June 15-18th. Those elected delegates are **Br. Stephen Goulding, Jeff Morrow, Dominic Panina and Joe Soracco.** These 4 elected delegates will join up at the convention with those YMI #613 Brothers who are currently Grand Officers (i.e. **Br. Mike Amato, Br. Mario Balistreri, Br. John Cleary, Br. Mike Dimech, Br. Bob Fiorito, Br. Paul Larson**). Hence, we may have a delegation of 11 Brothers at the YMI Convention. A good portion of a delegate's costs to attend are covered by the YMI #613 Council. ***If you're interested in being an elected delegate for the one remaining spot, please let Br. Mike Amato know of your interest before the April 14th meeting, so YMI #613 can vote to approve you.***

YMI Jim Calabretta Essay Contest: YMI#613 recently awarded 50 prizes to students between Grade 6 and College Senior level in our Jim Calabretta Essay Contest. 27 of those prizes went to children/relatives of YMI Brothers. Br. John Kavanagh organized an awards ceremony on Saturday March 28th at St Cecilia's Church, whereby the prizes were awarded to the winning contestants. A winner's list is attached to this newsletter. We congratulate all the contestants!

YMI Pro Patria Essay Contest: In addition, the winners list for the YMI Grand Council's Pro Patria Essay Contest is presented at the end of this newsletter. Congratulations to **Aoibhinn Reidy (daughter of Br. Liam Reidy)** for finishing in 6th Place in the High School Division (\$500) and **Russell Nguyen (son of Br. Vilaska Nguyen)** for finishing 4th in the Middle School Division (\$400). YMI #613 can also boast sponsoring two winners from Riordan High School: Annelisse Hall - 1st Place (\$2000) & Karen Ngan – 11th Place (\$200).

YMI Family Mass: The YMI's turn to host the **St. Cecilia's Family Mass** is **Sunday May 31st**. Please save the date to help as we will need volunteers. Specifically, we will need YMI #613 Brothers to assist at the 9:30 a.m. Mass and afterwards to serve coffee and donuts. We will likely take sign-ups at the May Meeting.

Upcoming Summer/Fall YMI Events: Saves the Dates:

- **YMI San Jose Giants Baseball Game - July 25th (Saturday)**
- **YMI Summer Picnic - August 23rd (Sunday)**
- **YMI Bocce Ball Tourney – October 3rd (Saturday)**

YMI #613 Council Info:

Membership Status:

- Our YMI #613 membership level decreased to 110 members, as we dropped a few members who owed dues and we had the passing of Br. Frank Cisek.
- New Members: We welcome
 - **Br James Lewis** into YMI #613. Br. Lewis joined us at the recent Pasta Bingo dinner in February, after being sponsored by **Br. Art Jimenez**. He is a musician.
 - **Br Robert "Bob" O'Neill**. Br. O'Neill joined us at our March Business Meeting, after being sponsored by **Br. Brendan Falvey**. Br. O'Neill is not new to the YMI having served in the YMI #613 as an officer in the 1980's & 90's. We are pleased to have him re-join us!
- YMI currently 94 Benefit Members, 4 Junior Members, & 15 Honorary Members and we are **the 4th largest YMI Council!**
- **Please consider bringing a relative, friend, co-worker, or a neighbor to become part of our terrific YMI Order!**

Personal Info Changes: **If you have recently changed any of your personal info (e.g., phone number, e-mail address, mailing address, etc.), please contact Br. Mike Amato at mamato871@aol.com to update your YMI contact information.** We have noted that several members have either cancelled landline phones or changed their e-mail addresses. If you haven't already, **please let us know in writing of any updated info** in case we need to contact you. **Similarly, for YMI Death Benefit coverage, please advise us in writing if there have been any recent changes to your listed beneficiary.**

Canned Good Reminder: Please remember to bring canned goods or toiletries to our monthly YMI #613 meetings. All items collected are delivered monthly by **Br. Mike Dimech** to the Catholic Workers' Hospitality House in San Bruno.

Meal Coordinators: Here is the line-up of YMI #613 Brothers volunteering to serve as **meal coordinators in 2026**. As a meal coordinator, you basically just need 1) to place an order for food for about 25-30 people at a restaurant that either delivers or has pick-up service and 2) take a lead role with the meal set-up & clean-up during the meeting.

- **May: Br. Jeff Schwind**
 - **June: Br. John Kavanagh**
 - **July: Br. Mario Balistreri**
 - **August: Br. John Bower**
 - **September: Br. Dominic Panina**
 - **October: Br. Mike Dimech**
 - **November: Br. Stephen Goulding (Thanksgiving: Turkey)**
 - **December: Br. Bob Fiorito**
- Names in purple switched**

Congratulations, Salutes, & Sentiments:

- **Achievements/Milestones:**
 - We congratulate **Br Mario Balistreri** for hosting a very successful Red & White Mass. Although he battled a serious case of laryngitis before the event, the event went well with about 86 people attending from about 6-7 YMI Councils. Many thanks to Br. Mario and his wife Theresa for their hard work as well to the many YMI #613 Brothers and several wives who helped with the set-up, serving, and clean-up.
 - We congratulate **Br. George Totah** on being one of the ten winners of the YMI Pro Patria Raffle.
- **Condolences/Prayers:**
 - We send out condolences to the family of **Br. Frank Cisek**. Br. Frank was a 16-year of YMI, as well a World War II vet and a retired federal worker. He lived to the grand age of 101 years.
 - We ask for prayers for **Br. Cosmo Amato**, who is presently in the hospital dealing with an infection
- If anyone has a personal/family milestone or event to share with your YMI Brothers or are seeking prayers for a loved one from the YMI network, 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 April

Br. Dave Allan	4/9
Br. Michael Aicardi	4/21
Br. Steve Welch	4/22
Fr. Celestine Tyowua	4/24
Br. John Gill	4/25
Br. Jack Kavanagh	4/29

2026 Pro Patria Essay Winners.....Congratulations !!!

Gr. 7/8	Amt.	Sponsor	Winner	School
1st	\$1000	Council #44	Jazlene Hanks - 8th	Sacred Heart School – Turlock, CA
2nd	\$500	#612	Ibaini Song - 7th	Seton Catholic High School
3rd	\$500	#32	Josep JPabroP - 8th	St. Robert Catholic School
4th	\$400	#613	Russell Nguyen - 8 th	St. Thomas More Catholic School
5th	\$200	#32	Althea Nicolas - 7th	All Souls Catholic School
6th	\$200	#32	Naima LaTorrarre - 7th	Good Shepard Catholic School
7th	\$100	#32	Santiago Aldana - 8th	Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School
8th	\$100	#32	Avery Kim - 7th	St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

9th	\$100	#32	Araceli Tirado - 8th	St. Robert Catholic School
10th	\$100	#5	Alli Rodriguez - 8th	St. Anthony Catholic School, Manteca, CA
11th	\$100	#612	Jaxson Webster - 7th	Seton Catholic High School
12th	\$100	#32	Gemma Nevarez - 8th	St. John the Evangelist Catholic School
13th	\$100	#44	Grace Madruga - 8th	Sacred Heart Catholic School – Turlock, CA
14th	\$100	#32	Elena Kibblewhite 8th	Good Shepherd Catholic School
15th	\$100	#32	Arianna Oropeza 7 th	All Souls Catholic School
Grades 9-12	Amount	Sponsored by	Winner	School
1st	\$2000	#613	Annelise Hall - 12th	Archbishop Riordan High School

2nd	\$800	#32	Kately Dunbar - 11th	Notre dame High School
3rd	\$800	#40	Lorelei Stuhlmuller - 12th	Cardinal Newman High School
4th	\$600	#32	William Murray - 12th	Junipero Serra High School
5th	\$500	#612	Samuel Himes - 12th	Seton Catholic High School
6th	\$500	#613	Aoibhinn Reidy - 12th	Convent of the Sacred Heart High School
7th	\$200	#573	Treysyn Carvalho - 12th	St. Joseph High School – Hilo, HI
8th	\$200	#80	Alexa Cisneros - 10th	Atwater High School
9th	\$200	#612	Abigail Bayby - 9th	Seton Catholic High School
10th	\$200	#13	Soleil Contreras - 9th	St. Patrick- St. Vincent High School – Vallejo
11th	\$200	#40	Morgan Cameron - 12 th	Cardinal Newman High School

12th	\$200	#613	Karen Ngan - 11th	Archbishop Riordan High School
13th	\$200	#94	Lelani Badillo - 12th	Chowchilla Union High School
14th	\$200	#612	Colin Murray - 10th	Seton Catholic High School
15th	\$200	#573	Ethan Fisher - 12 th	St. Joseph High School – Hilo, HI