



YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613 JULY & AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

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

Dinner to be organized by Br. Mario Balistreri

Come between 6:30-6:45 p.m. for a beverage; followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.

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

YMI Grand Council Session News

YMI Man of the Year: Congratulations to **Br. Mario Balistreri** for being named the **YMI Man of the Year** for 2026. Br. Mario distinguished himself this year with his impressive efforts and positive attitude supporting the YMI as the chairman for the **YMI Red & White Mass** and **YMI #613 Hour of Memory** events. In addition, Br. Mario was recognized for his faith as an active parishioner at St. Cecilia's Church, as well as his supporting participation in a broad array of YMI activities and community organizations. Congratulations Br. Mario for a well-deserved honor! (See photo in the attachment)

YMI Grand Council Elections: Congratulations to those YMI #613 Brothers (i.e. **Br. Mario Balistreri, Br. Mike Dimech, Br. Bob Fiorito, Br. Paul Larson, Br. Mike Amato, & Br. John Cleary**) on successfully being elected as Grand Council officers for 2026-27 term. Moreover **Br. Mike Amato** was selected to be the Chairman of the Board for the 3rd consecutive year. A full listing of elected YMI Brothers (including several from YMI #613) is shown at the end of this newsletter.

By-Law Proposal on Death Benefits: The YMI By-Law State of the Institute Proposal to increase the **YMI Death Benefits from \$2500 to \$3000** passed unanimously. This means effective July 1st, the YMI Death Benefits to be paid out to a designated beneficiary upon the passing of an eligible Brother's is \$3000 (*Note: to be eligible for death benefits, a YMI Brother needs to have at least 5 years of YMI service.*)

YMI Golf Tourney: YMI Golf Tourney co-chairs (**Br. Bob Fiorito and Br. Paul Larson**) officially presented **Br. John Cleary** with the 1st Place Trophy from the YMI Golf Tourney. His son, **Br. Jonathan Cleary**, also played on the 1st place team.

Seminarian Awards: Thanks mainly to the efforts of **Br. Cosmo Amato**, YMI #613 received scholarship checks from the YMI Seminarian Educational Foundation for sponsoring 4 seminarians this year, including **Honorary YMI #613 Brother Kyle Franz Lalluces**. Checks will be distributed to those seminarians in the coming months.

YMI #613 Convention Participation: YMI #613 had **10 delegates** attend the Grand Council Sessions (aka YMI Convention) in Lake Tahoe. YMI #613 distinguished themselves at the Convention with their active participation as summarized below:

- Raffle Ticket Sales: **Br. Bob Fiorito & Br. Paul Larson**
- Church Offertory Collections: **Br. Joe Soracco & Br. Stephen Goulding**
- Election Committee: **Br. Jeff Morrow**
- Grand Breakfast Emcee & Speaker: **Br. Bob Fiorito & Br. Mario Balistreri**
- Grand Banquet Co-Emcee: **Br. Mike Amato**

YMI #613 Events & Activities:

YMI #613 Food Bank Support: YMI #613 is signed up to do community goodwill by assisting the SF-Marin Food Bank on **Saturday July 18th** thanks to the efforts of **Br. Jeff Schwind**. Our shift is scheduled from 8:00-10:00 a.m. that morning and it likely will involve sorting various bulk food items into smaller individual packets. If you are interested in volunteering to do community goodwill, please contact **Br. Jeff Schwind** at **415-596-3565**.

YMI San Jose Giants Baseball Game – Please consider attending this event organized by YMI #32 Brother **Steve Cresci**. Come see an exciting baseball game on **July 25th (Saturday)** involving potential future Giant stars of the future and enjoy a terrific BBQ meal to boot. Details for buying tickets can be found on the YMI website at:
https://www.ymiusa.org/files/events/ymi_night_2026_at_the_ballpark.pdf

YMI Summer Picnic – Please plan to attend our annual **Summer Picnic** on **Sunday August 23rd** at the **Junipero Serra Park's Bayview Sheter** in nearby **San Bruno**. The picnic will feature an awesome BBQ steak lunch and an array of tasty side dishes and desserts. Afterwards, we will have our phenomenal picnic raffle which will include many, many great prizes. The weather is always terrific at this beautiful venue overlooking the SF Airport. **Please see the attached Picnic Flyer for more information.** To make picnic reservations, please submit your payment to **Br. Mike Amato (650-296-6297)** as instructed in the flyer.

- Also, if anyone has a raffle prize to donate, please let Br. Amato know,

YMI Bocce Ball Tourney: Please plan to join us for our annual bocce ball tourney on **Saturday October 3rd** at **Orange Park in South San Francisco**. This fun event will feature several games of bocce ball in a team play tourney. In the morning, coffee and tasty donuts will be served and a great BBQ lunch at midday. All are invited to play including ladies and children. **Please see the attached Bocce Ball Flyer for more information.** Please contact **Br. Mike Dimech at 650-922-2667** to make reservations or ask questions.

Upcoming Line-Up of Fall/Winter YMI Events: Please Save the Dates:

- **YMI Italian Heritage Parade – October 13th (Sunday)**
- **Hour of Memory – November 1st (Sunday)**
- **Christmas Party – December 13th (Sunday)**

YMI #613 Council Info:

Membership Status:

- Our YMI #613 membership level has increased to **116 members**, with the addition of the following 3 new YMI Brothers each sponsored by **Br. John Kavanagh** and approved by the YMI #613 membership at the June Meeting:
 - o **Br. Juan Carlos “Jon Jon” Noble** (husband, father of 4, living in San Bruno)
 - o **Br. Rene Alberto Tanjuakio** (husband, father of 3, living in South SF)
 - o **Br. Francis Custodio** (husband, father of 3, living in South SF)**We welcome these 3 new Brothers to the YMI!**
- Please consider bringing a relative, friend, co-worker, or a neighbor to become part of our terrific YMI Order!

YMI Jackets/Shirts:

- We're planning to order YMI Jackets again in mid-July. The cost of a jacket is expected to be around \$50 or so. If interested in a jacket, please let **Br. Mike Amato (650-296-6297)** know by July 14th. **I will need: 1) your size and 2) the name you want on the jacket.** No payment is needed currently.
- We recently replenished our inventory of YMI Shirts, ranging from Small to 3 XL. If your shirt is looking worn and you're in need of a new one, you can purchase a shirt from Br. M. Amato for \$30 with a check made out to YMI #613.

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 for 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.

- **August:** Br. John Bower
- **September:** Br. Dominic Panina
- **October:** Br. Mike Dimech
- **November:** Br. Stephen Goulding (Thanksgiving: Turkey)
- **December:** Br. Bob Fiorito

Newsletter Summer Break: Please note this newsletter edition covers a two-month period (July & August), and there will be no newsletter issued around August 1st. The next newsletter will be distributed about September 1st.

Congratulations, Salutes, & Sentiments:

- **Achievements/Milestones:**
 - **YMI "Cosmo Amato Scholarship" Winners:** As reported in the June YMI #613 Newsletter, we again congratulate the following 10 graduating students for winning \$3000 scholarship awards from YMI #613 to attend a Catholic High School this Fall:
 - St. Cecilia School
 - **Ryan Russo** – attending St. Ignatius
 - Leonardo Mainella – attending St. Ignatius
 - St. Thomas More School
 - Kyle Rebecca Lubiano – attending Mercy
 - **Russell Nguyen** - attending St. Ignatius
 - Sts. Peter & Paul School
 - Antonella Germano – attending Sacred Heart Cathedral
 - Maximilian Taylor – attending Stuart Hall
 - St. Steven School
 - Chase Kilroy – attending St. Ignatius
 - Palma Dyer - attending St. Ignatius
 - St. Gabriel School
 - Damien Louie- attending Serra
 - Ava Bunac – attending Riordan
- **Prayers/Condolences:**
 - We kindly ask for prayers for **Br. Bill Pallas**, who has been dealing with a serious medical issue.
 - We offer our prayers for all YMI Brothers and their family members who are dealing with illnesses.

Highlighted names are the sons/grandsons of YMI members

- 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 July & August:

Br. Joey Werblun	7/2
Deacon John Rory Desmond,	7/5
Br. Ryan Casey	7/5
Br. Frank Weber	7/15
Br. Bob Kensic	7/21
Br. Vincent Anibale	7/25
Br. Jonathan Cleary	7/25

Br. Stefano Fernando	8/1
Br. Chris McGovern	8/7
Br. Cosmo Amato (Age 92)	8/12
Br. Sean Badger	8/17
Br. Vilaska Nguyen	8/21
Br. Dominic Bordachar	8/22
Br. Stephen Goulding	8/31
Br. Jon Jon Noble	8/20

YMI GRAND COUNCIL

2026-2027 Officers

Grand Officers

Grand President – Richard Murphy #32
Grand First Vice President – Mario Balistreri #613
Grand Second Vice President – Ed Silva #54
Immediate Past Grand President – Bill Walls #80
Grand Chaplain – Rev. Agnel De Heredia #32
Grand Secretary - Mike Dimech #613
Grand Treasurer – Bob Bartoli, #32
Grand Marshall – Mario Borba #44
Grand Inside Sentinel – Bob Fiorito #613
Grand Outside Sentinel – Paul Larson #613
Business Manager – Tom Fourie #32

Board of Grand Directors (GD)

1. Mike Amato #613: Chairman (term to 6/27)
2. Danny Avila #44 (term to 6/27)
3. John Cleary #613 (term to 6/27)
4. Joe Reza #59 (term to 6/27)
5. Steve Cresci #32: Vice Chair (term to 6/28)
6. Ron Serchia #32 (term to 6/28)
7. Gus Solidum #94 (term to 6/28)
8. Antonio Melo #44 (term to 6/28)

Yellow Highlighted: YMI #613 Brother

Green Type.... The Brother was nominated and elected for the position at June Grand Council Sessions.

Blue Type....No election was necessary; The Brother is in a position pursuant to the YMI By-Laws, or his term has another year of service per the YMI By-Laws.