FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573 YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

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COUNCIL CHATTER

GRAND PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL VISIT

Our Worthy Grand President, Brother Nick Franceschine, will make his official visit to Francis Council on Sunday, January 16, 2022. Our Worthy Grand First Vice-President, Brother Darrell Fonseca, and his wife Maria were scheduled to accompany the Worthy Grand President but another commitment prevented Brother Darrell and his wife from doing so. Brothers and their guests are encouraged to attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Papaikou and then attend our meeting at 10:00 a.m., with a social to follow. Please note the time change for our meeting. Zoom access will be provided for the meeting for those who have provided email addresses.

CHAPLAIN'S NIGHT

Francis Council will honor our Worthy Chaplain, Deacon Leroy Andrews, on Monday, January 17, 2022. The event will be held at Coconut Grill Restaurant, 136 Banyan Way in Hilo, at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to be served at 6:30 p.m. Our Worthy Grand President will be our guest at the function. The dinner menu will consist of a pre-plated meal of Hibachi Chicken, Mahi Mahi, Sweet Potato Salad, and Rice. Refillable Soda, Iced Tea, Hot Coffee, and Hot Tea will be included. The dinner will be free for all members and one guest. The cost for additional guests will be a nominal \$10.00. Reservations are required by Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Please phone in your reservations to the following:

Thomas E. Figueira (808) 964-5332 or (808) 895-0827

Clement A. Gusman (808) 895-4498

BROTHER FRANK PIGNATI MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM

The Young Men's Institute Educational Foundation is once again holding its Matching Funds Program. The program matches Council donations for schools and scholarship programs. Francis Council has utilized the program to enhance our annual sponsorship of graduation awards to St. Joseph's High School. Last year, the maximum matching funds from the foundation was \$800.00, which Francis Council matched with membership contributions, resulting in a total donation of \$1600.00 to St. Joseph's High School. This year, the maximum matching funds is \$1000.00. An envelope is enclosed with this Chatter for those wishing to contribute to this year's Francis Council donation. Please send in your donation by March 21, 2022.

PRO PATRIA RAFFLE TICKETS

Just a reminder to return your raffle tickets to Grand Council by January 9, 2022. Those needing ticket forms may obtain them on the YMI Website, www.ymiusa.org, or by contacting Brother Clement A. Gusman at (808) 895-4498.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

As we are now well aware, the U.S. Postal Service continues to experience delays in mail delivery. This obviously delays your receiving of your Chatter, which may hinder timely notifications of Council functions and other matters. This makes providing an e-mail address even more important. While we realize that not all members may have e-mail addresses of their own, those that do and have not yet provided one to the Council and those who may be able to utilize a friend or relative's e-mail address are strongly encouraged to submit one to the Council. Providing an e-mail address also allows you to receive your quarterly Lamp Post newsletter from Grand Council as the Lamp Post is no longer sent via mail. E-mail addresses may be submitted by contacting Brother Clement A. Gusman at (808) 895-4498 or at clement.gusman@gmail.com.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, January 1, 2022 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Wednesday, January 12, 2020 Deadline for Chaplain's Night Reservations.

Sunday, January 16, 2022 Sunday Mass, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 9:00

a.m.

Sunday, January 16, 2022 Grand President's Official Visit, 10:00 a.m., Immaculate

Heart of Mary Church Parish Hall.

Monday, January 17, 2022 Chaplain's Night, 6:00 p.m., Coconut Grill Restaurant.

Sunday, February 20, 2022 Regular Monthly Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Immaculate Heart

of Mary Church Parish Hall.

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