

FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573 YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

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COUNCIL CHATTER

JULY 2022

JULY MEETING DATE CHANGE

Due to scheduling conflicts, our July regular monthly meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday, July 24, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Parish Hall.

2022 GRAND COUNCIL SESSION

After being relegated to online meetings in 2020 and 2021 due to the worldwide pandemic, the Young Men's Institute was pleased to return to an in-person convention at the Bally's Lake Tahoe Casino Resort, formerly the Montbleu Resort, from Monday, June 20 through Wednesday, June 22, 2022. Francis Council was represented by our Worthy President and Grand Director Brother Thomas E. Figueira. Brother Figueira was re-elected to the Board of Grand Directors at the convention and, in addition, Brother Figueira was selected to serve as the Chairman of the Board. We are proud to have Brother Figueira represent our Council in such an auspicious position and we wish him great success.

NEWLY ADOPTED STATE OF THE INSTITUTE BY-LAW CHANGE

At the recent Grand Convention, a by-law change was adopted that allows all dues-paying members to potentially be able to receive Death Benefits. The by-law change eliminates the Associate Member class and converts those brothers to Benefit Members by also removing the 45-year age criteria, creating a single-class of dues-paying brothers that will equally be able to have their beneficiaries receive the YMI Death Benefit (currently set at \$2500). The by-law change further requires former Associate Members and new YMI Members joining after July 2022 to be in the Order for at least 5 years before becoming eligible for the YMI Death Benefit. Those YMI Benefit Members who joined prior to July 2022 are automatically grandfathered into the Death Benefit program and do not need to wait for five years to be eligible.

As a result of the by-law change, the Grand Council will need to collect beneficiary information from all former Associate Members so that it can have a complete record of designated beneficiaries. Accordingly, all impacted brothers will need to complete the brief Beneficiary Designation Form that is included in this Chatter mailing. **THE IMPACTED FRANCIS COUNCIL BROTHERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**NORBERT P. CORREIA
DAMIEN A. MONIZ
EDWARD S. SPENCER**

**WALLACE KAHAPEA
JOHN R. SOUZA
MICHAEL V. TAVARES**

**MATTHEW P. LIGATICH
CLIFFORD F. SOUZA**

If the Grand Council does not have beneficiary information on hand for a YMI Brother, it could impact the ability to process a Death Benefit claim on a timely basis. The above impacted brothers should return the designation form promptly to Francis Council at P.O. Box 79, Papaikou, Hawaii 96781.

As the Beneficiary Designation Form is being sent to all Francis Council brothers, all brothers may take this opportunity to make changes to their designated beneficiaries at this time. If there be any questions regarding this, please feel free to call President Brother Thomas E. Figueira at (808) 964-5332 or (808) 895-0827 or Treasurer Brother Clement A. Gusman at (808) 895-4498.

In addition, the Grand Council has modified its Membership Application in response to the by-law change. A copy of the new application form is included in this Chatter mailing. Please use the new application form (dated July 1, 2022) in your recruiting efforts. The application will also be posted on the YMI website.

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REVISED FRANCIS COUNCIL BY-LAWS

In order to incorporate the previously-mentioned by-law change and bring our by-laws up to date, Francis Council will be voting on the necessary changes to our by-laws at our August meeting scheduled for Sunday, August 21, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Parish Hall. The proposed changes will be discussed at our July meeting. All brothers are encouraged to attend these meetings in order to be informed and involved in these important proceedings.

BROTHER DOMINADOR "DON" L. COLOMA

Francis Council sadly reports the passing of our Brother Don Coloma. Brother Don was a retired Deputy Chief of the Hawaii Fire Department, County of Hawaii Housing Inspector, Hawaii County Civil Defense Commissioner, Instructor at Hawaii Community College, U.S. Army Veteran, and well-respected as a member of St. Joseph Church and as a member of our community. Francis Council extends our heartfelt sympathy to Brother Don's wife Vivian, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and family.

Services for Brother Don will be held at St. Joseph Church on Thursday, July 14, 2022 with visitation from 8 – 9:30 a.m. and Mass to follow. All brothers should make an effort to attend the services to honor our departed Brother.

2022 – 2023 FRANCIS COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A listing of the 2022 – 2023 committees is included in this Chatter mailing. Please continue to support your officers and committees in the work they do for our Council.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, July 14, 2022	Brother Don Coloma Funeral Services, 8:00 a.m., St. Joseph Church.
Sunday, July 24, 2022	Regular Monthly Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Parish Hall.
Sunday, August 21, 2022	Regular Monthly Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Parish Hall.

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