

FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573 YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

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COUNCIL CHATTER

SEPTEMBER 2022

SEPTEMBER MEETING CHANGE/REVISED FRANCIS COUNCIL BY-LAWS

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our August meeting was cancelled. As a result, the voting on the changes to our by-laws necessary to bring the by-laws up to date, that was scheduled to take place at the August meeting, will occur at our September meeting, **which has been moved to Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Parish Hall.**

The three (3) proposed changes to be voted upon at the meeting are as follows:

1. To formally create the Junior YMI Member class in Francis Council. Junior YMI Members shall be limited to young men between the ages of 13 – 23, who are either full-time students or active in military service. Such members shall be exempt from all dues, but shall not be entitled to the Grand Council Death Benefit nor the Educational Foundation Benefits. At age 24, said members shall convert to Benefit Membership status and be eligible for the Grand Council Death Benefit and Educational Foundation Benefits.
2. Effective January 1, 2023, the annual dues for former Associate Members shall be raised to the Benefit Membership dues of forty-eight dollars (\$48.00) per year.
3. The Commission on Dues paid to the Financial Secretary shall be eliminated and the Financial Secretary shall be added to the Recording Secretary and Treasurer as officers exempt from monthly dues in consideration of the services performed by them in their respective offices.

All brothers are encouraged to attend the meeting on September 11th in order to be informed and involved in these important proceedings.

REMINDER—BENEFICIARY INFORMATION NEEDED FROM FORMER ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

This is a reminder that, as a result of the by-law change adopted at the recent Grand Convention, wherein the Associate Member class was eliminated and all dues-paying members are now Benefit Members, 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 was included in the July Chatter mailing. A listing of impacted members was also included in that Chatter mailing.

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 impacted brothers should return the designation form promptly to Francis Council at P.O. Box 79, Papaikou, Hawaii 96781.

To date, we still have not received responses from the majority of the impacted brothers. In the next week or so, your officers will be attempting to individually contact those brothers who have yet to respond.

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.

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E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We are once again appealing to all brothers to provide the Council with your e-mail addresses. Providing e-mail addresses allows us to better communicate information such as the above-mentioned August meeting cancellation, provides brothers with access to the Grand Council "Lamp Post" journal, which is only available via e-mail or on the YMI website at ymiusa.org, and allows brothers to have Zoom access to our regular monthly meetings, as well as reduces the expense of postage for our Chatter mailings. E-mail addresses may be provided to Chatter Editor, Brother Clement A. Gusman at (808) 895-4498 or at clement.gusman@gmail.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 11, 2022	Regular Monthly Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Parish Hall.
Sunday, October 16, 2022	Regular Monthly Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Parish Hall.
Sunday, November 20, 2022	Regular Monthly Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Parish Hall.
Thursday, November 24, 2022	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

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