

FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573 YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

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COUNCIL CHATTER

JANUARY 2023

2023 MEETING CHANGES

As a reminder, due to dwindling attendance at our regular monthly meetings, commencing in 2023, we will temporarily change our meetings to the even-numbered months only (February, April, June, August, October, and December). It is hoped that increased membership and increased meeting attendance will occur so we can return to monthly meetings as soon as possible.

GRAND PRESIDENT'S VISIT

Our Worthy Grand President Brother Darrell Fonseca will make his official visit to the Council on Saturday, January 14, 2023. The Worthy Grand First Vice-President Brother Steve Cresci will be accompanying the Grand President on his visit. In conjunction with the Grand President's Visit, Francis Council will be holding its combination YMI Day and Chaplain's Night, where the Grand President will be speaking about his program and we will honor our Worthy Chaplain Deacon Leroy Andrews. The function will be held at the Coconut Grill Restaurant, 136 Banyan Way in Hilo, and will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to be served at 6:30 p.m. The function will be free for Francis Council members and one guest each. The charge for additional guests will be \$40.00. The menu will consist of Mahi Mahi, Hibachi Chicken, rice, sweet potato salad, Iced Tea, and Sodas. Reservations are required and must be called in to one of the following by Wednesday, January 4, 2023:

Thomas E. Figueira (808) 964-5332 or (808) 895-0827
Clement A. Gusman (808) 895-4498

2023 YMI EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, BROTHER FRANK PIGNATI MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM

Francis Council will once again be participating in the Matching Funds program. The program provides for a matching donation from the Educational Foundation for any donation from the Council up to a maximum of \$1000.00. The total donation will be directed to our 2023 graduation awards to St. Joseph's High School. The membership of Francis Council is encouraged to contribute as generously as possible to the Council's donation. Enclosed with this Chatter is a return envelope for those wishing to contribute. All contributions must be sent in by March 25, 2023.

MEMBERSHIP/MEETING ATTENDANCE

As noted earlier, beginning in 2023, Francis Council will only be meeting in even-numbered months due to dwindling attendance at our regular meetings. The reduced amount of meetings, decline in meeting attendance, and the continued decline in our membership numbers represent a serious crisis for our Council. The continued presence and prosperity of Francis Council and the Young Men's Institute is of the utmost importance. We again appeal to the membership to recruit new members to our order and to support Francis Council and the YMI by making every effort to attend our regular meetings. If desired, additional information on the YMI is available on the YMI website at www.ymiusa.org or by calling President Brother Thomas E. Figueira at (808) 964-5332 or (808) 895-0827 or Treasurer Brother Clement A. Gusman at (808) 895-4498.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Reservations deadline for Grand President's Visit/Chaplain's Night Dinner.

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Saturday, January 14, 2023

Grand President's Visit and YMI Day/Chaplain's Night Dinner,
6:00 p.m., Coconut Grill Restaurant, Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Regular Council Meeting, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
Hall, 11:00 a.m.

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