

FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573 YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

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COUNCIL CHATTER

MARCH 2023

DUES BILLINGS/CHECK PAYMENTS

All members are reminded to promptly remit payment for your 2023 dues.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN NOTIFIED BY OUR BANKING INSTITUTION, MERRILL LYNCH, THAT THEY CANNOT PROCESS CHECKS FOR THE COUNCIL THAT ARE MADE OUT TO "YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE" OR "YMI". CHECKS MUST BE MADE OUT TO "FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573". BE ASSURED THAT, IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SENT A CHECK MADE OUT TO "YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE" OR "YMI", THE TREASURER WILL FLAG THE CHECKS AND RECONCILE THE MATTER WITH MERRILL LYNCH. PLEASE REMEMBER THIS FOR THE FUTURE AND A NOTATION WILL BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE DUES BILLINGS AND SOLICITATIONS.

2023 YMI EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, BROTHER FRANK PIGNATI MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM

As a reminder, Francis Council is once again 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. At press time, \$355.00 has been collected towards our efforts. All contributions must be sent in by March 25, 2023.

2023 YMI GRAND CONVENTION/ELECTION OF DELEGATES

The 2023 Grand Session will be held in South Lake Tahoe, California from June 19-21, 2023 at the Bally's Lake Tahoe Casino Resort. Francis Council will be electing delegates to the Grand Session at our April 16, 2023 regular meeting. Members interested in being a delegate may call either President Brother Thomas E. Figueira at (808) 964-5332 or (808) 895-0827 or Treasurer Brother Clement A. Gusman at (808) 895-4498.

JUNE 2023 MEETING

As noted above, the Grand Session will begin on June 19, 2023. Our regular meeting scheduled for Sunday, June 18, 2023 will likely be moved. A decision on that will be made at our April meeting and notice will follow in the Chatter.

MEMBERSHIP/MEETING ATTENDANCE

We continue to 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. The recently 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. 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

Sunday, April 16, 2023

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

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