

FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573 YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

Pro Deo

Pro Patria

COUNCIL CHATTER

JANUARY 2024

2024 RETURN TO MONTHLY MEETINGS

Just a reminder that, thanks to increased membership and meeting attendance, Francis Council will return to monthly meetings beginning with our January 21, 2024 meeting. Meetings are on the Third Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall in Papaikou. Let's continue to grow our membership both in numbers and meeting participation.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Just a reminder that, in an effort to recruit more members to our Order, Francis Council has begun a membership drive to run throughout 2024. Our current membership has been divided into two evenly-weighted teams that were listed in a previous Chatter and, at the end of 2024, the team bringing in the most members will be hosted at a potluck affair by the opposite team. Participation is completely voluntary.

YMI PRO PATRIA RAFFLE

The Pro Patria Raffle provides all of the funds used to support the Pro Patria essay contest. We simply cannot provide the essay contest scholarship prizes without the raffle. Tickets are \$10.00 per ticket, \$25.00 for three tickets, and \$40.00 for eight tickets. There is also a Special Deal of twenty-four tickets for \$80.00—that's three sheets of tickets for the price of two. All Brothers are reminded to return their raffle tickets. If more tickets are desired, please feel free to copy the raffle ticket sheets that were sent to you or call (209) 756-3837 for more tickets. Please complete the ticket stubs, cut the completed tickets, and return them along with a check payable to the YMI by March 15, 2024. Tickets and checks are to be mailed to:

YMI Grand Council Office
P.O. Box 281047
San Francisco, California 94128-1047

2024 YMI EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BROTHER FRANK PIGNATI MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM

Just a reminder that the YMI Educational Foundation has announced its Matching Funds Program for 2024. This year, YMI Councils are allowed to request any amount up to \$1250.00 in Matching Funds. Upon approval of the request, the Educational Foundation will write a check matching the council's donation not to exceed the maximum \$2500.00. Francis Council utilizes the Matching Funds for the annual Council scholarship donation to the St. Joseph's High Scholl graduating class. As in years past, Francis Council is soliciting donations from our membership to help defray the Council's portion of the Matching Funds donation. The Council has committed to making the maximum \$1250.00 donation for the Matching Funds request and, therefore, will make up any difference between membership donations and the \$1250.00. Should membership donations exceed the \$1250.00, the surplus donations will be added to the St. Joseph's High School scholarship donation. A return envelope for your Matching Funds donation was enclosed with the last Chatter. All contributions must be received by the Council by March 15, 2024.

ANNUAL DUES BILLINGS

For those Brothers owing dues for 2024, the annual billing is enclosed with this Chatter. As a reminder, all Brothers are now Benefit Members and, as such, the yearly dues is now \$48.00 for all Brothers. As usual, Brothers have the option to donate to the YMI Seminarian Educational Foundation in addition to their annual
(over)

dues. As was noted in the last Chatter, if you choose to make the additional Seminarian Foundation donation and/or the previously-mentioned Matching Funds donation to the Educational Foundation, please specify on your check or in a separate note the funds distribution so that proper crediting can be done. All checks should be made out to “**Francis Council No. 573**”. A return envelope is enclosed with this Chatter.

If there be any questions, please feel free to contact Treasurer Brother Clement A. Gusman at (808) 895-4498 or by e-mail at clement.gusman@gmail.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 21, 2024	Regular Council Meeting, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, February 18, 2024	Regular Council Meeting, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 11:00 a.m.

*FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573
YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE
c/o 1595 Lei Lehua Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720*