

# FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573 YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

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## **COUNCIL CHATTER**

### **BROTHER FRANK PIGNATI MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM**

Just a reminder regarding this worthwhile program. Francis Council has utilized the program to enhance our annual sponsorship of graduation awards to St. Joseph's High School. Last year, the maximum matching funds from the foundation was \$800.00, which Francis Council matched with membership contributions, resulting in a total donation of \$1600.00 to St. Joseph's High School. This year, the maximum matching funds is \$1000.00. As of this writing, we are just a little more than \$100.00 away from that \$1000.00 mark and any amount of donations beyond the \$1000.00 will be added to the graduation awards. If you have not already done so, please send in your donation by March 21, 2022.

### **ANNUAL DUES**

Just a friendly reminder for those who have yet to remit their 2022 membership dues. Please do so as soon as possible. The value of membership in the Young Men's Institute cannot be overestimated.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

As has been mentioned in previous Chatters, membership in Francis Council has fallen to a critically low level. Francis Council is currently the only council in the Hawaii District and, thus, the sole presence of the Young Men's Institute in the State of Hawaii. Every brother must be very concerned about this and should make every effort to recruit new members to our Order.

The Worthy Hawaii District Deputy Grand President Brother Clement A. Gusman, our Worthy Grand Director and President Brother Thomas E. Figueira, and our Worthy Chaplain Deacon Leroy Andrews will be leading an effort to promote the YMI in the Diocese of Honolulu, starting with the parishes in the East Hawaii Vicariate, followed by the West Hawaii Vicariate, and then the Oahu, Maui, and Kauai vicariates. In addition to increasing membership in Francis Council, the hope is also to expand the YMI in Hawaii through the establishment of new councils throughout the State.

As this effort launches, the assistance of all Hawaii members of the YMI is requested in promoting our Order with your respective pastors and within your respective parishes. While, as noted above, there is a tentative timeline for this effort to spread throughout the diocese, deviation can certainly be done to steer the effort toward where interest is most noted. If you find such interest in your parish, please contact Brother Gusman at (808) 895-4498 or via e-mail at [clement.gusman@gmail.com](mailto:clement.gusman@gmail.com).

### **APRIL MEETING CHANGE**

As our April meeting is scheduled to fall on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022, it is expected that the meeting will be rescheduled to the following Sunday, April 24, 2022. The change will be confirmed in our next Chatter.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, March 20, 2022

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

Monday, March 21, 2022

Deadline for Matching Funds Donations.

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