

# FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573 YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

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## **COUNCIL CHATTER**

*FEBRUARY 2023*

### **DUES BILLINGS/CHECK PAYMENTS**

Dues billings were recently sent out and 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, \$250.00 has been collected towards our efforts. All contributions must be sent in by March 25, 2023.

### **GRAND PRESIDENT'S VISIT/NEW MEMBER**

Francis Council was pleased to host our Worthy Grand President Brother Darrell Fonseca and our Worthy Grand First Vice-President Brother Steve Cresci and their wives on January 14, 2023 at a dinner in conjunction with our Chaplain's Night honoring our Worthy Chaplain Deacon Leroy Andrews at the Coconut Grill Restaurant. Those in attendance enjoyed a delicious dinner and Brothers Fonseca and Cresci made very impressive presentations.

At the dinner, we were honored to have our Worthy Grand President initiate a new member, Patrick M. Ferreira, to our Order. We welcome Brother Ferreira to Francis Council and look forward to his participation and contributions to our Council activities.

### **MEMBERSHIP/MEETING ATTENDANCE**

While we are thankful for the initiation of our new brother noted above, 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](http://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, February 19, 2023

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

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