

FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573 YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

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COUNCIL CHATTER

NOVEMBER 2023

MEETING CHANGE/CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Francis Council has moved our December meeting to November, on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall in Papaikou.

Francis Council will hold its annual Christmas Social on Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 12:00 noon at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall in Papaikou. All members and guest are invited to attend for some Holiday Cheer.

2024 RETURN TO MONTHLY MEETINGS

Thanks to increased membership and meeting attendance, Francis Council will return to monthly meetings beginning January 2024. 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.

NEW MEMBERS

Francis Council was pleased to have our Worthy Grand First Vice-President Brother Billy Avery visit the Council on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. As part of his visit, Brother Avery initiated two new members to Francis Council—Brothers Dennis Don Lee and Ian M. Terpstra. We welcome our new brothers and look forward to their participation in our Council activities.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

In an effort to recruit more members to our Order, Francis Council has begun a membership drive to run throughout next year, 2024. Our current membership has been divided into two evenly-weighted teams:

TEAM ONE: Clement Andrade, Edward Andrade, Morton Carter, Norbert Correia, Ronald De Lima, Anthony Ferreira, Patrick Ferreira, Clement A. Gusman, Melvin Iokepa, Belden C. Kaaumoana, Dennis Don Lee, Albert Mattos, Bernard Mendonca, James Mullen, Peter J. Perry, Richard Rezentes, Richard Rodero, John R. Souza, Joseph Souza, Edward Spencer, Joseph Victorino.

TEAM TWO: William Andrade, Deacon Leroy Andrews, Anthony Arruda, B. Nick Balingit, Dennis Cabral, Rod David Cambra, Raymond G. Carvalho, Harvey Chong Jr., Thomas E. Figueira, Wallace Kahapea, Alan Konishi, Matthew Ligatich, Edward Medeiros, Robert Medeiros, Damien Moniz, Lester Oliveira, Michael Riviera, John A. Souza, Willibrord Tallett, Michael Tavares, Ian M. Terpstra.

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.

It is understood that participation is difficult for off-island and out of state members. For those such members choosing to participate and recruit members, provisions will be made for initiation of new members via Zoom, if necessary, or for new members to join nearby councils with credit given to the sponsoring member's team.

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To assist with recruitment efforts, a copy of the current Application for Membership is enclosed with this Chatter.

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

READING/RESPONDING TO THE CHATTER

The Chatter is Francis Council's effort to communicate important information to our members. While there is some significant effort and expense put into publishing the Chatter, that is not the point of this article. The concern being addressed here is that we frequently encounter issues where it is clear that some members are not making the effort to read the Chatter and, when called for, responding to items in the Chatter that require a response. Brothers, WE CAN DO BETTER.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 19, 2023	Regular Council Meeting, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 23, 2023	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!
Sunday, December 17, 2023	Christmas Social, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 12:00 noon.
Monday, December 25, 2023	MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
Monday, January 1, 2024	HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
Sunday, January 21, 2024	Regular Council Meeting, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 11:00 a.m.

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