

FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573 YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

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COUNCIL CHATTER

OCTOBER 2023

GRAND FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT VISIT

Our Worthy Grand First Vice-President Brother Billy Avery will visit Francis Council on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. The Council will host Brother Avery with an event on the 24th beginning with a Mass at 6:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Papaikou followed by a dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall and a short program to follow. While the event is free for all members and one guest each, it is requested that members call one of the following to notify of your attendance by Friday, October 20, 2023:

Thomas E. Figueira
Clement A. Gusman

(808) 964-5332 or (808) 895-0827
(808) 895-4498

FRANCIS COUNCIL POLO SHIRTS

Just a reminder that Francis Council has contracted with a vendor to print polo shirts for our members. Members must provide a **new and unwashed** polo shirt. **PLEASE NOTE: effective November 1, 2023, the cost per shirt for printing will be \$10.00.** Members may choose whatever color of shirt they want. However, it is requested that members have at least one white shirt for use when they attend funerals for Brothers that pass away. Those wishing to have shirts printed may provide their shirt(s) and printing fee(s) to our Worthy President Brother Thomas E. Figueira. Brother Figueira may be contacted at either (808) 964-5332 or (808) 895-0827.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE PROPOSAL

In an effort to recruit more members to our Order, Francis Council is proposing to have a membership drive throughout next year, 2024, and to offer cash prizes to members of two evenly-weighted teams of our current membership for recruitment of members. The Council will be considering and discussing parameters for the membership drive at our October meeting on Sunday, October 15, 2023. Items to be considered include the cash prizes to be offered, membership opt-in/out, minimum membership recruitment for team prize eligibility, and provisions for off-island and out of state members. All Brothers are encouraged to make every effort to attend the October 15th meeting, either in person or via Zoom, to discuss this important endeavor.

50TH ANNUAL YMI PRO PATRIA ESSAY CONTEST AND RAFFLE

The annual essay contest, along with the 2024 raffle is underway. The essay contest is open to any Catholic student in private or public school. A YMI member or Council must sponsor each student entry. All essays must be accompanied by an entry form, which was mailed to all Brothers along with the raffle tickets or may be obtained on the YMI website at www.ymiusa.org. All entries must be received by January 14, 2024.

The Pro Patria Raffle provides all of the funds used to support the 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. 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:

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 15, 2023	Regular Council Meeting, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 24, 2023	Grand First Vice-President's Visit, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church—Mass, 6:00 p.m./ Dinner, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 23, 2023	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!
Sunday, December 17, 2023	Regular Council Meeting and Christmas Social, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 11:00 a.m.
Monday, December 25, 2023	MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
Monday, January 1, 2024	HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

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