

FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573 YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

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COUNCIL CHATTER

SEPTEMBER 2023

GRAND FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT VISIT

Our Worthy Grand First Vice-President Brother Billy Avery is expected to visit Francis Council on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. Plans are currently being made to have a get-together with the Grand First Vice-President on the evening of October 24th. Further details will be included in the next issue of the Chatter.

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 plus \$9.00 per shirt for printing. 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.

2023-2024 FRANCIS COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The committee listing for 2023-2024 is included with this Chatter.

SUMMER 2023 UNDER THE LAMP POST ISSUE

The newest issue of the Under the Lamp Post journal is included with this Chatter. The Chatter and Lamp Post journal are being mailed to those members who have not provided email addresses to the Council. Mailing the Chatter and, more so, the Lamp Post is very expensive for the Council. We once again appeal to the membership to provide email addresses to the Council, if at all possible, to help to defray the postal expense.

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, details to be announced in the next Chatter issue.
Thursday, November 23, 2023	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

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