

# FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573 YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

*Pro Deo*

*Pro Patria*

## **COUNCIL CHATTER**

*MARCH 2024*

### **NEW MEMBER/MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UPDATE**

At our February meeting, we were pleased to initiate a new member:

Michael Joseph Udovic

At press time, Team 2 leads our membership drive, which is scheduled to run throughout 2024, six new members to zero for Team 1. The team bringing in the most members at the end of the year will be hosted at a potluck affair by the opposite team. Participation is completely voluntary.

### **NEW MEETING TIME**

At our February meeting, Francis Council approved a change in our meeting time to 11:30 a.m. Please make note of this for the future.

### **YMI PRO PATRIA RAFFLE**

The Grand Council Pro Patria Committee recently put out an update on the status of ticket sales for this year's raffle. As was mentioned in the last Chatter, only six of our Francis Council members had returned their raffle tickets. It is greatly concerning that, according to the new update, only eight of our members have returned their tickets. We can do better.

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. 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

### **2024 YMI EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BROTHER FRANK PIGNATI MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM**

At press time, the contributions toward Francis Council's Matching Funds program stands at \$331.00.

YMI Councils are allowed to request any amount up to \$1250.00 in Matching Funds. Upon approval of the request, the Educational Foundation will write a check matching the council's donation not to exceed the maximum \$2500.00. Francis Council utilizes the Matching Funds for the annual Council scholarship donation to the St. Joseph's High Scholl graduating class. As in years past, Francis Council is soliciting donations from our membership to help defray the Council's portion of the Matching Funds donation. The Council has committed to making the maximum \$1250.00 donation for the Matching Funds request and, therefore, will make up any difference between membership donations and the \$1250.00. Should membership donations exceed the \$1250.00, the surplus donations will be added to the St. Joseph's High School scholarship donation. A return envelope for your Matching Funds donation was enclosed with a previous Chatter. All contributions must be received by the Council by March 15, 2024.

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## **ANNUAL DUES**

Just a reminder for those few members who have not paid their annual dues for 2024. Please do so as soon as possible. All checks should be made out to “**Francis Council No. 573**”. Reminders will be sent to those still in arrears in the near future.

If there be any questions, please feel free to contact Treasurer Brother Clement A. Gusman at (808) 895-4498 or by e-mail at [clement.gusman@gmail.com](mailto:clement.gusman@gmail.com).

## **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY/ST. JOSEPH COFFEE HOURS**

Thank you to all who attended the Mass and Coffee Hour hosted by Francis Council on February, 18, 2024 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Papaikou.

Francis Council will tentatively be hosting a coffee hour at St. Joseph Church in Hilo on Sunday, April 28, 2024. This will be formally discussed at our regular monthly meeting on Sunday, March 17, 2024.

## **BROTHER RICHARD C. REZENTES, PGD**

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Brother Rezentes, a seventy-two year member of the former Windward Oahu Council and, subsequently, Francis Council, and a Past Grand Director of the YMI. Brother Rezentes served his community and the Young Men’s Institute faithfully and honorably throughout his time here on Earth. He will truly be missed. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

## **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. Cost is \$10.00 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.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, March 17, 2024	Regular Monthly Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, Papaikou.
Thursday, March 28, 2024	HOLY THURSDAY.
Friday, March 29, 2024	GOOD FRIDAY.
Saturday, March 30, 2024	HOLY SATURDAY
Sunday, March 31, 2024	EASTER SUNDAY. HALLELUJAH. THE LORD IS RISEN!!!
Sunday, April 21, 2024	Regular Monthly Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, Papaikou.
Sunday, April 28, 2024	TENTATIVE—St. Joseph Church Coffee Hour, Hilo.

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