

FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573 YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

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COUNCIL CHATTER

DECEMBER 2024

SOCIAL COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Following up on the previous Chatter, the following are updates:

Christmas Meeting and Social, Sunday, December 15, 2024, 11:30 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, Papaikou—After a short meeting, lunch is planned. All members and one guest each are invited as guests of Francis Council as well as surviving widows of deceased members and one guest each. Minor children and grandchildren are also invited. Members may choose to bring wrapped presents for the children to be presented by Santa. Please assure to label the presents with the children's names. Francis Council will provide soft drinks and members may bring their own beverages, if they choose. Caroling, lucky number drawings, and games are planned. If members wish to do so, voluntary donations of small prizes are being accepted for the lucky number drawings.

Grand President's Visit, Thursday, February 6 through Sunday, February 9, 2025—Events will include the Grand President's Official visit to Francis Council at our regular Meeting on the 9th and a combination YMI Day and Chaplain's Night Dinner at Kenichi Restaurant on the 6th. More details will be provided in future Chatters.

Communion Breakfast, to be determined on a Lenten Sunday—Mass to be followed by breakfast at a location to be determined. More details will be provided in future Chatters.

Family Picnic, Saturday, May 17, 2025, Onekahakaha Beach Park, Pavilion #4—More details will be provided in future Chatters.

2024 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

2024 is nearing its end. All members are once again reminded of our 2024 membership drive. The numbers remain the same with Team 2 leading 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.

It should be noted that, while we have initiated six new members during the Membership Drive, we also have lost three members so far this year. We need to continue our efforts to recruit new members to our Council.

51ST ANNUAL YMI PRO PATRIA ESSAY CONTEST AND PRO PATRIA RAFFLE

All members should have received from the Grand Council Office a communication regarding the essay contest and raffle. As the costs of tuition have risen steadily, we encourage all Catholic students to compete in the essay contest and assist themselves and their parents in fundraising for their educational costs. Please share the contest entry with as many students as possible. Additional entry forms can be downloaded from the YMI website at www.ymiusa.org or by contacting any Council officer.

As for the raffle, each ticket sheet includes eight tickets and various donation levels are available for you to consider. Each member is kindly encouraged to make a \$40 donation and purchase all eight tickets or, as a Special Deal, you can purchase twenty-four tickets for \$80—that's three sheets for the price of two!

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Those wanting more tickets may feel free to copy the raffle ticket sheet or call Grand First Vice-President Brother Bill Walls at (209) 604-6407. Please complete the tickets, cut the completed tickets, and return them along with your check payable to the YMI by February 15, 2025. The raffle tickets and your check are to be mailed to YMI Grand Council Office, P.O. Box 281047, San Francisco, California 94128-1047. The raffle will be held during the YMI Red & White Mass on March 1, 2025. Attendance is not required at the mass to win.

YMI EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BROTHER FRANK PIGNATI MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM

The Educational Foundation is once again announcing the Matching Funds program for 2025. The intent of this program is to enhance and support YMI Councils which have viable student scholarship programs in existence or are planning to have one during this school year. Each Council may request any amount up to \$1,250 in Matching Funds. Upon approval of the request, the Educational Foundation will return a check of up to \$2,500 to the educational institution selected by the Council.

Francis Council has once again chosen to participate in this program with the anticipated Matching Funds going to the 2025 St. Joseph High School graduation awards. As in previous years, the Council will guarantee the \$1,250 Matching Funds request thus guaranteeing the \$2,500 contribution to the St. Joseph graduation awards. Included with the upcoming 2025 dues billings scheduled to be sent out in January, will be the option to donate toward Francis Council's Matching Funds request. Francis Council will supplement the total donations toward the \$1,250 request. Should donations exceed \$1,250, the excess donations will be added to the graduation awards donation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 15, 2024	Christmas Meeting and Social, 11:30 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, Papaikou.
Wednesday, December 25, 2024	MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
Wednesday, January 1, 2025	HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
Sunday, January 19, 2025	Regular Monthly Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, Papaikou.
Thursday, February 6, 2025	YMI Day/Chaplain's Night Dinner, Kenichi Restaurant, more details in future Chatters.
Sunday, February 9, 2025	Grand President's Official Visit to Francis Council, 11:30 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, Papaikou.

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