

FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573 YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

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COUNCIL CHATTER

JULY 2024



2024 GRAND COUNCILSESSION/MAN OF THE YEAR

The 139th Grand Session of the Young Men's Institute was held from Monday, June 17 – Wednesday, June 19, 2023 at the Bally's Resort and Casino in South Lake Tahoe. Francis Council was represented by the Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors Brother Thomas E. Figueira and Delegate Brother Richard Rodero. We look forward to the report from Brothers Figueira and Rodero on the session proceedings at our next meeting on July 21, 2024.

The highlight for our delegation was when Brother Figueira was named the YMI Man of the Year. Francis Council congratulates Brother Figueira on his award and it should be noted that Brother Figueira's award follows up on Francis Council being named YMI Council of the Year at the 2023 Grand Session. Great going for our Council.

BROTHER ALBERT A. MATTOS

Francis Council sadly reports the passing of Brother Albert A. Mattos, a fifty-four year member of our Council. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to Brother Albert's family.

Services for Brother Albert will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2024 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Dodo Mortuary, with burial to follow. Our Worthy Chaplain, Deacon Leroy Andrews will preside at Brother Albert's service. All Council members are encouraged to attend the services to honor our deceased brother and, for those who have them, please wear your white Council polo shirts for the service.

ST. JOSEPH COFFEE HOUR

Just a reminder that Francis Council will be hosting a coffee hour at St. Joseph Church in Hilo on Sunday, July 28, 2024, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All Brothers and their families are encouraged to attend the Mass

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and join our St. Joseph brothers and sisters at the coffee hour after Mass. St. Joseph Church will provide the beverages and paper goods while Francis Council will provide the food (pastries, sandwiches, etc.) for the coffee hour. If anyone is interested in donating food items for the coffee hour, please contact Brother Clement A. Gusman at (808) 895-4498 before our meeting on July 21, 2024. Final decisions on our contribution to the coffee hour will be made at the July meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Continuing the narrative from the last Chatter on our 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.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

As was noted in the last Chatter, Francis Council was looking forward to nominating and electing new officers for the 2024-2025 term. The Worthy President Brother Thomas E. Figueira was tasked with appointing a Nominating Committee to present a slate of candidates for office. Unfortunately, when Brother Figueira attempted to do so, he was unable to find willing nominees. This is very concerning. While we all recognize the great things that the Young Men's Institute does and stands for, those things do not happen without active stewardship from all its members. Let us please remember that for the future of our great Order.

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

Thursday, July 11, 2024	Funeral Services for Brother Albert A. Mattos, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., Dodo Mortuary.
Sunday, July 21, 2024	Regular Monthly Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, Papaikou.
Sunday, July 28, 2024	St. Joseph Church Coffee Hour, Mass 9:00 a.m., Coffee Hour to follow.
Sunday, August 18, 2024	Regular Monthly Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, Papaikou.

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