

FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

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COUNCIL CHATTER

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2025 CHRISTMAS MEETING/SOCIAL

Francis Council will hold its annual Christmas Meeting and Social at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 21, 2025 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall in Papaikou. The social function will follow a short business meeting. Lunch and juice will be provided and the event is free to all members and guests. Dessert donations are welcomed. Games and Lucky Number drawings will be held. Prize donations are welcomed. Wrapped presents for children may be brought to the event for Santa to present. Although the event is free to all, reservations are requested to facilitate a headcount and ordering of social items. Please call one of the following with your reservations by Wednesday, December 17, 2025:

Thomas E. Figueira
Clement A. Gusman

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

GRAND PRESIDENT'S VISIT

Just a reminder that we are anticipating the visit from our Worthy Grand President Brother Bill Walls. The exact dates of the Grand President's visit have not been confirmed yet but it is expected to be surrounding our regular monthly meeting, February 15, 2026. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

FIFTY-SECOND YMI PRO PATRIA ESSAY CONTEST/RAFFLE

All members should now have received a copy of the essay contest entry form from Grand Council. All members are encouraged to make copies of the entry form and encourage your 7th through 12th grade Catholic family and friends to submit essays for the contest. All essays must be received by Grand Council by January 16, 2026.

Also included with the Grand Council mailing was a copy of the 2026 Pro Patria Raffle ticket sheet. The raffle provides all of the funds used to support the essay contest. Each raffle ticket sheet includes eight (8) tickets and various donation level options. The best value ticket purchase is twenty-four (24) tickets for \$80.00—that's three sheets for the price of two.

2026 YMI EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BROTHER FRANK PIGNATI MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM

The Educational Foundation announces the matching funds program for 2026. The intent of the program is to enhance and support YMI Councils that have viable student scholarship programs in existence or are planning to have one during this school year. This year, the foundation voted to increase the matching funds amount to \$1500.00. Each council may request any amount up to \$1500.00. Upon approval of the request, the foundation will issue a check to the Council's designated scholarship program with a matching donation up to a maximum of \$3000.00.

As in years past, Francis Council has designated the 2026 St. Joseph's High School Graduation Awards for the matching funds donation. Once again, the Council is soliciting donations from our membership to help offset the Council's matching funds request. The Council will supplement the membership donations up to the maximum \$1500.00 request. Please note that the increased maximum matching funds request amount will undoubtedly increase the Council's share of the request amount. In years past, a few members have been extraordinarily generous in their donations to this effort. While continued and possibly increased generosity would be appreciated, the Council strongly appeals to the vast majority of the membership that

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has not participated in the effort in the past to please add your contributions to the effort. An envelope is included with this Chatter to begin the donation drive. Please make your checks payable to **Francis Council No. 573, YMI**. The membership will also have an opportunity to make donations in conjunction with the upcoming 2026 dues billings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 21, 2025	Christmas Meeting/Social, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, Papaikou, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, December 25, 2025	MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! For unto us a Savior is born.
Thursday, January 1, 2026	HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
Sunday, January 18, 2026	Regular Monthly Meeting, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, Papaikou, 11:30 a.m.
February 2026	Grand President's Visit, events to be determined.