

FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573 YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

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COUNCIL CHATTER

NOVEMBER 2025

FIFTY-SECOND YMI PRO PATRIA ESSAY CONTEST/RAFFLE

Enclosed with a previous Chatter, was the entry form for the annual essay contest. All members also should now have received a copy of the entry form from Grand Council. All members are encouraged to make copies of the entry form and encourage your seventh 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.

Extra copies of the essay contest entry form and the raffle ticket sheet are enclosed with this Chatter.

2025-2026 FRANCIS COUNCIL SOCIAL EVENTS

The Social Committee has met to set the social events calendar for the 2025-2026 term. Tentative dates and details are as follows:

Christmas Meeting/Social—Sunday, December 21, 2025, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 11:30 a.m. Free to all members and guests. Wrapped presents for Santa to give out to children are welcomed.

Grand President's Visit/Chaplain's Night—February 2026, exact dates, times, and details to be determined. (See note below)

Communion Breakfast—Sunday, March 8, 2026, further details to be determined. (See note below)

Family Day Picnic—Saturday, May 30, 2026, further details to be determined.

NOTE: Due to increased costs, commencing with the Chaplain's Night Social, to be held in conjunction with the Grand President's Visit, Council members and one (1) guest will be charged \$10.00 per person and additional guests will be charged a full price, to be determined based upon the restaurant charge, for social events held at community restaurants. Other social events will continue to be free of charge unless a charge is determined to be necessary on a case by case basis.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

As we all were informed upon our initiation into the Order, the Young Men's Institute fulfills three basic needs in the lives of its members—FAITH, PATRIOTISM, and FRATERNITY. While we all attend to our Faith and Patriotism in our homes, parishes, and communities, Francis Council would like to take the opportunity to enhance our Fraternity by strongly encouraging all Brothers, who are physically able, to make an effort to attend at least one Council meeting per year to increase the benefit of fraternity at our meetings. Brothers are reminded that Zoom access to our meetings is available for those who provide an email address to the Council.

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MEETING GUEST SPEAKERS

Along the lines of the previous article regarding meeting attendance, Francis Council is exploring the possibility of having guest speakers at our meetings to inform the members of important issues, events, services, and other topics of interest. We are hoping to begin this in January 2026. More details will follow.

POLO SHIRTS

Just a reminder that members still have the opportunity to have Francis Council Polo Shirts made. 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, November 16, 2025	Regular Monthly Meeting, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, Papaikou, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, November 27, 2025	HAPPY THIANKSGIVING!!!
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.