FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573
YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

Pro Deo *Pro Patria*

COUNCIL CHATTER

NOVEMBER 2026

CHRISTMAS MEETING/SOCIAL

Just a reminder of our upcoming Christmas Meeting and Social to be held on Sunday, December 20, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall. Final details will be in the December Chatter.

GRAND PRESIDENT'S VISIT

Just a reminder of the upcoming visit of our Worthy Grand President Brother Richard Murphy. Current plans are for our Chaplain's Night and YMI Day function to be held on Saturday, January 23, 2027 and the Grand President's Official Visit to Francis Council to be held at our meeting on Sunday, January 24, 2027 at 11:30 a.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall. **Please note that this meeting has been moved to the Fourth Sunday of January.** Further details for these functions and, possibly, others will be in coming Chatters.

53RD ANNUAL BROTHER THOMAS A. FOURIE ESSAY CONTEST

The Grand Council proudly announces our 53rd annual essay contest, newly named for our longtime Business Manager Brother Thomas A. Fourie. The essay contest is an outreach to the community of Catholic students and their parents and is truly a membership building tool. The contest is open to any Catholic student (private or public school). All members should be receiving a copy of the application form in the mail in the coming days. Please copy the form and reach out to as many of your Catholic friends and family to encourage participation. All entries must be received by January 15, 2027.

2027 PRO PATRIA RAFFLE

The Pro Patria Raffle provides the funds used to support the above-mentioned essay contest. We cannot provide the essay contest scholarship prizes without the raffle. Along with the copy of the essay contest application form, all members will be receiving a copy of the raffle ticket sheet, which includes eight tickets with various donation options available. Tickets are $10.00 per ticket, $25.00 for three tickets, and $40.00 for eight tickets. A special deal is also available offering twenty-four tickets for $80.00—that's three sheets for the price of two. The raffle drawing will be held at the Red & White Dinner in Sebastopol, California on February 20, 2027. Attendance is not necessary to win prizes. Winners will be notified. Mail your tickets and checks by February 20, 2027 to:

Grand Council Office
P.O. Box 281047
San Francisco, California 94128-1047

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 Brother Thomas E. Figueira. Brother Figueira may be contacted at either (808) 964-5332 or (808) 895-0827.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 15, 2026	Regular Monthly Meeting, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, Papaikou, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, November 26, 2026	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Sunday, December 20, 2026	Christmas Meeting/Social, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, Papaikou, 11:30 a.m.
Friday, December 25, 2026	MERRY CHRISTMAS
Friday, January 1, 2027	HAPPY NEW YEAR
Saturday, January 23, 2027	Chaplain's Night/YMI Day, further details in coming Chatters.
Sunday, January 24, 2027	Grand President's Official Visit/Meeting, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 11:30 a.m.