

FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573 YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

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COUNCIL CHATTER

MARCH 2026

2026 DUES REMINDER

We still have a few brothers who have not paid their 2026 dues yet. Please check your records and, if you have not yet remitted your dues payment, please send it in as soon as possible. As in years past, members may choose to make an optional donation to the 2026 YMI Educational Foundation Brother Frank Pignati Matching Funds Program along with their dues payment. Details of the program were included in a previous Chatter. 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. At press time, total Matching Funds donations stand at \$1085.00.

RAFFLE TICKETS

We are in the final weeks of the 2026 Pro Patria Raffle leading up to the drawing at the Red and White Mass on March 14, 2026. Please get your tickets in as soon as possible.

141ST GRAND COUNCIL SESSION

The 2026 Grand Council Convention will be held at the Bally's Hotel and Casino in South Lake Tahoe from June 15-17, 2026. Francis Council will be electing our delegates to the convention in the coming months. Those interested in serving as a delegate to the convention are encouraged to make your intentions known to the Council.

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

A nominating committee is being formed in preparation for the upcoming elections of officers in June 2026. We are anticipating some critical vacancies for the 2026-2027 term. If you are asked, please consider lending yourself to the Council leadership.

PERSONAL INFORMATION UPDATES

Thank you to those brothers who returned their information updates. Thanks especially to those who provided new email addresses. That will continue to reduce the printing and postage costs for putting out our Chatter and Lamp Post journal and allow for Zoom access to our meetings, if you so choose.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 15, 2026	Regular Monthly Meeting, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, Papaikou, 11:30 a.m.
Friday, April 3, 2026	GOOD FRIDAY
Sunday, April 6, 2026	EASTER SUNDAY--HALLELUJAH, HE IS RISEN!!!
Sunday, April 19, 2026	Regular Monthly Meeting, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, Papaikou, 11:30 a.m.