

FRANCIS COUNCIL NO. 573 YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

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COUNCIL CHATTER

APRIL 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.

2026 YMI EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BROTHER FRANK PIGNATI MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM

Francis Council's solicitation of donations from our membership to help offset the Council's matching funds request has officially ended. We are pleased to announce that this year's campaign resulted in a record collection of \$1237.00. The Council supplemented that total up to the maximum \$1500.00 request, which will result in a \$3000.00 donation to the 2026 St. Joseph's High School Graduation Awards.

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.

CHECK DEPOSIT PROCESSING

Francis Council often receives member inquiries regarding the processing of checks sent to the Council. This is an attempt to provide insight into the deposit processing the Council must utilize.

Our primary checking is with Merrill Lynch. Doing so creates a slightly less efficient process than with a conventional bank or credit union. However, Merrill Lynch is more financially advantageous for the Council.

Checks mailed to the Council go to the Post Office Box the Council shares with Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Papaikou and then go to the Treasurer either by transport to Hilo or remain in the Parish Office until the monthly meeting in Papaikou. All checks received are then part of the Monthly Financial Reporting at the meeting. After the meeting, the check deposit is mailed to Merrill Lynch. Merrill Lynch does not allow for in-person deposits. Once Merrill Lynch receives the deposit, the checks are posted to the Council's account.

As a result of this processing, checks may take approximately a month to clear, depending upon when the checks are received.

Further questions may be addressed to Treasurer Clement A. Gusman at (808) 895-4498 or via email at clement.gusman@gmail.com. Questions may also be addressed at our monthly meetings, which all brothers are encouraged to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.
Sunday, May 10, 2026	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!
Sunday May 17, 2026	Regular Monthly Meeting, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, Papaikou, 11:30 a.m.
Monday, June 15 to Wednesday, June 17,2026	141 st Grand Council Session, Bally's Hotel and Casino, South Lake Tahoe.
Sunday, June 21, 2026	HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!! (Note: Regular Monthly Meeting scheduled for this date, may be rescheduled)