

A few things from National Chapter

National Website with updates:

[2026 National Fraternity Chapter](#)
secularfranciscansusa.org

Thanks to Sharon Winzeler and Michael Hancock who put most of it together.

Vocation Communication Commission:

This commission was the result of a bequest of ~\$420K to National.

The focus is just as the title indicates improving/helping vocations and communications.

The consulting firm KP Consulting was hired after several companies submitted proposals. They did several focus groups, some to members of the NEC. The attached presentation is the result of their initial work.

[October Presentation](#)
canva.com

National is looking for a Commission Chair. The application is attached. A critical skill is experience in program management as there are many components to the Commission. If you know of someone please forward them the application.

Multicultural activity will fall under this until the multicultural activities and be clearly shaped.

Statues

Spent a significant time discussing medications to the Statues. They are still in work and have not yet been approved. After they are approved they need to go to CIOFS for final approval.

Key items:

- To serve on the NEC must be professed 4 years

- To serve on a fraternity council must be professed 2 years.

2027 Budget

Was approved. We finally approved a balanced budget.

Elections

A topic discussed was updating Regional Guidelines addressing that the Minister and Vice minister cannot be married. One of the reasons was if one were to leave then you would lose both Minister and VM.

My personal opinion is that they would rely on each other and the rest of the council could possibly be left out.

I would appreciate your feedback on this.

CNSA

- Recognizing the challenges of having correctly formed Spiritual Assistants. They are setting up a SA Working Group, I volunteered to be a member.
- Revisiting the SA Liaison position.

Formation

Looking at the new formation materials to come out at the RFD/RSA meeting in Sept this is the breakdown for formation.

2026 Annual Report

- Guidelines from Diane Menditto out early Nov
- NAFRA DB will be closed for the year 12/28 1pm
- Regional Reports due 3/1/2027
- FAir Share due 3/1/2027

State of the Order

[National Minister Calls for
Thriving Fraternities Rooted in
Gospel Living](#)
secularfranciscansusa.org

What's Next:

We've been celebrating our Father Francis Centenaries.

2028

- 50th Anniversary of our Rule
- 800th Anniversary of Canonization

Please let me know if you have any questions.

*Peace and all good
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*"We should seek not so much to pray but to become prayer."
— St. Francis of Assisi*

VCC Chair Position Application