

**YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE**  
**BOARD OF GRAND DIRECTORS BI-MONTHLY MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2014 in the World Headquarters of the YMI in South San Francisco, California.

**Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer was led by Junior Past Grand President Brother Frank Hepburn, requesting God's guidance on the officers and their deliberations throughout the meeting.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

In a true spirit of fraternalism, the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Grand Marshal Richard Burke, was recited in a strong voice by those assembled. All were asked to remember our country's service men.

**Roll Call**

The roll call was taken and the following Grand Officers were present: Grand Directors Michael Dimech, Bob Bartoli, Alan Patrick, Nick Franceschine (via conference call), Rudy Gutierrez (via conference call), Domenic Carinalli (via conference call); Grand President Joseph Reza (via conference call); Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht; Grand Second Vice President George Terry, Grand Marshal Richard Burke, and Junior Past Grand President Frank Hepburn.

The following Grand Officers were excused by Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech: Grand Chaplain Father Agnel, Grand Secretary Michael Amato; and Grand Directors Bill McNeany and Peter Pasini.

The following Grand Officers were marked as absent: Grand Outside Sentinel Chris McCann; Grand First Vice President Luther Evans, and Grand Inside Sentinel William Effinger.

The following YMI Brother was in attendance: Brother Tom Fourie, PGP and Business Manager.

## **Reading of the Minutes**

The minutes from the March 8, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

**MSC** – Patrick/Dimech – Unanimous - that the minutes of the March 8, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved as presented.

## **Communications**

The Business Manager and the Grand Secretary presented the following communications:

Brother Fourie reported on the following from the Grand Council Office:

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (March, April, May), #2 (April), #8 (May), #32 (May), #40 (April, May), #44 (2014 Calendar), #80 (March), #573 (March), #612 (March, April, May), #613 (April, May)
- Five copies of the Catholic Voice
- Copy of the credential for the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session
- Copy of the Board Letter and application form for the Council of the Year award
- Copy of literature sent to Councils with the Convention Packet
- Copy of the Voice of the YLI
- Copy of filing for YMI with the California Secretary of State
- Copy of the Catholic Herald (new auxiliary bishop for Diocese)
- Copy of Catholic San Francisco (picture from #613)
- Masters of cover letters sent with Assessment #154 and Semi Annual reports
- Cover letter for Pro Patria Raffle winners

## **Grand Chaplain's Report**

Father Agnel could not be present. He is celebrating a Parish First Communion Mass this morning and he continues to pray for us.

## **Grand Treasurer's Report**

Grand Treasurer, Brother Jack Albrecht, presented his Treasurer's Reports dated April 22, 2014. Both the expense spreadsheet and income spreadsheet were presented and reviewed by the Board.

The Grand Treasurer reported that at this time we are spending more than we're taking in and the shortfall will come from the Reserves. Presently the Reserve Account stands at \$212,833.09.

**MSC** – Bartoli/Carinalli – Unanimous - to accept the Grand Treasurer's report of April 22, 2014.

### **Board of Grand Directors' Committee Reports**

Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech asked for reports.

- Charters ~ Br. Bob Bartoli, Br. Michael Dimech, and Br. Alan Patrick ~ Review the need for anniversary charters and the replacement of lost charters as needed. Everything is fine as of now. No report.
- Finance ~ Br. Michael Dimech, Br. Bob Bartoli, and Br. Bill McNeany ~ Review and approve for payment all bills for Grand Council. All bills for March and April had been reviewed and approved for payment.
- Long Range Planning ~ Br. Alan Patrick and Br. Peter Pasini ~ Update and edit the Five-Year Plan for the Young Men's Institute. The plan has been reviewed and there was a need to correct some parts. Also there is a need to incorporate present and future Grand Officers in the planning process. The edited plan will be included in the Advance Proceedings.
- Council Activities ~ Br. Bill McNeany ~ Review and sign off on forms submitted by Councils for activities which could gross more than \$1500. No report
- Supplies ~ Br. Michael Dimech and Br. Bob Bartoli ~ perform an annual inventory of YMI property at the World Headquarters. A Grand Council YMI membership pin will be distributed to each delegate at the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session.
- Insurance ~ Br. Nick Franceschine ~ Work with the Grand Council Office on any possible liability claims against the Order through the Travelers Insurance Company. No report at this time.

- Fund Raising ~ All Grand Directors – A discussion took place. We will try to promote more Super Bowl Pools at the Grand Council Session.
- “Proud To Be Catholic” ~ All Directors – Br. Bill McNeany needs to be contacted to bring the plaque to South Lake Tahoe.

### **Grand President’s Report**

Brother Joseph Reza reported on his visit to Francis Council #573 in Hilo, Hawaii on April 1, 2014 as well as his visit to Our Lady of the Pines Council #137 in Pioneer, CA on May 4, 2014. He was invited to speak at the end of Mass in Pioneer. Br. Fourie asked the Grand President on the status of the Grand President’s approval of the Rules for the Grand Council Session, the Grand President’s Report, the Coordinating Committee Report and the Grand President’s meeting agendas for the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session, all needed for the Advance Proceedings. The Grand President agreed to call Br. Fourie at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday May 18, 2014 with his response.

### **Grand Secretary’s Report/Business Manager’s Report**

Grand Secretary Michael Amato was absent. Business Manager Tom Fourie reported on what had been done since the last Board meeting at the Grand Council Office:

- Sent out Pro Patria Raffle checks
- Sent out Education Foundation Memorials
- Attended the Education Foundation meeting
- Attended the Seminarian Education Foundation meeting
- Supervised and orchestrated the judging of 1500+ Pro Patria Essays
- Determined the Po Patria Essay winners
- Made 1500+ individual certificates for all student participants in the Pro Patria Essay Contest
- Prepared the mailing of 1500+ essays to sponsoring Councils
- Sent out Assessment #154 to all Councils
- Sent our March 31, 2014 Semi Annual Reports to all Councils
- Sent out Council Convention Packets
- Daily conversations with Lake Tahoe Hotel Resort

- Processing delegate reservations
- Begin preparing the Advance Proceedings document
- Begin processing the Semi Annual Reports

To Do List for Grand Council Office:

- Complete and send all delegates the Advance Proceedings document
- Work on the Institute Journal
- Preparations for the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Sessions

The Grand Council Office is missing Assessment #154 from Councils #40, #92 and #93.

The Grand Council Office is missing all or part of the Semi Annual Report from Councils #1, #5, #8, #9, #40, #92, #93, #49 and #612.

## **Grand Directors Report on Grand Council Committees**

Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech asked for reports:

Audit: Br. Michael Dimech, Chr. – the Chairman reported that he now has copies of the last audit sheets and wants to discuss Councils #9, #88 and #93, however, still no report.

Budget: Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr. – Br. Bob Bartoli and Br. Bill McNeany as Board members. The proposed 2014-2015 Grand Council Operating Budget was presented to the Board with final adoption at the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session. Br. Albrecht explained changes from the previous years' figures.

Ceremonials: Br. Phil Oberst, Chr. – Br. Nick Franceschine and Br. Domenic Carinalli as Board members. No report

Coordinating: Br. Joe Reza, Chr. – Br. Rudy Gutierrez, Board member. No report.

Credentials: Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. Nick Franschine and Br. Domenic Carinalli as Board members. The collection of credentials time line for the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session has been set by the planning committee on Monday and Tuesday (June 2014) at South Lake Tahoe

Institute Journal: Br. Tom Fourie, Chr. – Br. Rudy Gutierrez, Board member. Br. Fourie reported that the bulk mailing rate will be

increased very soon and as such total cost of the Journal. We now need to apply three mailing seals on each copy mailed. He referenced a more detailed presentation in South Lake Tahoe.

Laws and Revisions: Br. Rob Bartoli, Chr. – Br. Rudy Gutierrez, Board member. All work has been completed.

Man of the Year: Br. Bob Bartoli & Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. Peter Pasini, Board member. The committee has already advertised and received nominations. Winner will be announced at the Grand Banquet.

Membership: Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr. – Br. Pete Pasini as Board member. Br. Hepburn distributed a written report and summarized recent visits to both Sadoc Council #59 and American Council #8.

Organization: Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. Bob Bartoli, Board member. No report

Pro Deo: Br. George Terry, Chr. – Br. Michael Dimech as Board member. His work has been completed for 2013-2014. He is looking forward to his presentation in South Lake Tahoe.

Pro Patria: Br. Luther Evans, Chr. – Br. Michael Dimech, Board member. As Br. Luther was not present, his report in the Advance Proceedings and at the Grand Council Session will suffice.

Reserve Fund: Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr. – Br. Bill McNeany, Board member. Everything is wonderful – the stock market is good.

Resolutions: Br. Nick Franceschine, Chr. – Br. Domenic Carinalli, Board member. Received info from Br. Fourie for a resolution and also one more request has come forward for June.

State of the Institute: Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr. – Br. Pete Pasini as Board member. One proposal has been received and a copy was passed out by Br. Hepburn. It will be brought to the floor at the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session.

Workshop: Br. Tom Fourie, Chr. – All Directors on committee. A variety of topics have been recommended for discussion. The Business Manager will moderate the workshop.

## **Unfinished Business**

Additional news for the Grand Council Session:

- 94% of contract has been met for hotel rooms
- Church Masses are ready to go
- Meal counts increase daily

## **New Business**

Update on 2015 Red and White Mass – March 2015 at St. Veronica's Church in South San Francisco, CA.

Future Board Positions: Br. Fourie announced that all Grand Council Offices are open again this year with the exception of Dimech, Bartoli, McNeany and Carinalli who have one more year as a Grand Director. Br. Fourie reviewed all other candidates.

Br. Dimech would like to present each delegate present in South Lake Tahoe with a pin – pins will be brought.

## **Grand First Vice President's Report**

Already covered above.

## **Grand Second Vice President's Report**

Already covered above.

## **Junior Past Grand President Report**

Brother Frank – see you in South Lake Tahoe.

## **Good of the Order**

The next Board Meeting will be at the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session

Wardrobe for Installation Ceremony – coat and tie

Mercy High School – Burlingame presentation by Br. Fourie

Pray for Br. John Spillane #54

## **Closing Prayer**

The closing prayer led by Br. Joseph Reza

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

*Michael Amato #613*

**Grand Secretary**

*Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP*

**Business Manager**