

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

**Call to Order**

Chairman of the Board, Brother Alan Patrick, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2015 at the World Headquarters of the YMI in South San Francisco, California.

**Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer, "The Brotherhood Prayer", was led by Grand Director Alan Patrick in honor of the new Grand President, Brother George Terry, 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 Outside Sentinel Larry Andreatta, 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 Bob Bartoli, Alan Patrick, Domenic Carinalli (via conference call), William Effinger (via conference call), Manuel Drumonde (via conference call), Peter Pasini (via conference call); Grand President George Terry; Grand First Vice President Michael Dimech; Grand Second Vice President Michael Nelson (via conference call); Grand Secretary Michael Amato; Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht; Grand Inside Sentinel Richard Pisciotta; Grand Outside Sentinel Larry Andreatta and Junior Past Grand President Luther Evans (via conference call).

The following Grand Officers were excused by Chairman of the Board, Brother Alan Patrick: Grand Chaplain Father Agnel, Grand Directors Nick Franceschine and Michael Infusino, Grand Marshal Chris McCann was marked absent.

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

### **Reading of the Minutes**

The minutes from the May 9, 2015 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

**MSC** – Bartoli/Effinger – Unanimous - that the minutes of the May 9, 2015 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved as presented.

The minutes from the 130<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session were reviewed (a 20 page document). Five minor edits were made and the updated minutes were to be sent to all the delegates at the Grand Council session.

**MSC** – Patrick/Effinger – Unanimous- that the edited minutes of the 130<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session be approved as presented.

The minutes from the Special Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors on June 16, 2015 were reviewed.

**MSC** – Bartoli/Drumonde – Unanimous – that the minutes from the Special Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved as presented.

### **Communications**

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

Brother Amato read two letters, one from our web-master Mrs. Wilson, thanking us for breakfast in Reno; and the other one from an essay winner, Ms. Breidenger, thanking us for her check.

Brother Amato also informed the Board that another essay winner, Sabrina Santander from St. Ignatius College Preparatory High School, donated her essay winnings to a charity that helps released inmates make a smooth transition back into society.

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

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (June), #8 (June), #32 (June), #40 (June), #612 (June), #613 (June)
- Thank you letter from Rita Deitz (essay winner from Seton Catholic High School in Richmond, Indiana) for her essay check; Sabrina Santander (essay winner from St. Ignatius College Preparatory High School in San Francisco) for her essay check; Ecole Notre Dame in San Francisco for their matching funds check
- One copy of the Voice of the YLI
- A copy of the Patrician, the magazine from St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, CA
- Three copies of the Catholic Voice

### **Grand Chaplain's Report**

Father Agnel could not be present. There was no report.

### **Grand Treasurer's Report**

Grand Treasurer, Brother Jack Albrecht, reviewed his two reports dated June 22, 2015. These reports were the expense spreadsheet and the income spreadsheet. He also reported that the reserve funds were at \$211,722.

Brother Bob Bartoli asked a question about the Awards category.

**MSC** – Patrick/Bartoli – Unanimous - to accept the Grand Treasurer's report of June 22, 2015.

### **Board of Grand Directors' Committees**

Chairman of the Board, Brother Alan Patrick, wants to keep Brothers on the same committees they were on the previous year. He asked if there were any comments to this plan. He asked that all Brothers review their responsibilities. He appointed Brother Manuel Drumonde to the Long Range Planning Committee. He also hoped that the Chair Officers would join this committee. Individual committee

reports are expected at the next Board of Grand Directors Meeting in September.

### **Grand President's Report**

Grand President Brother George Terry announced he would be making an appearance at the YLI Convention in Modesto tomorrow. He will be accompanied by Brother Tom Fourie, #32, PGP.

He also related the following dates:

- July 13, 2015 – to present the bowling award
- July 14, 2015 – visit Dos Palos Council #99
- July 15, 2015 – visit San Francisco Council #1 by attending their dinner presentation to Seminarians at the Italian American Club
- August 1, 2015 – look to confirm a visit to Tracy #92 (perhaps with Brother Dimech)
- Hawaii will be late February or early March 2016
- Indiana will again be the week after Thanksgiving 2015

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

Grand Secretary Michael Amato spoke to the Internet and what was happening as of this day. Brother Albrecht asked questions concerning Memorials, updating Council information and seeking input from Councils about changes.

Business Manager Tom Fourie reviewed the work of the World Headquarters since the last Board of Grand Directors meeting:

- The semi-annual report from Stockton Council #5 has yet to be received.
- On this past Tuesday, he drove to the Flamingo Hotel in Santa Rosa, CA to discuss the 2016 Grand Council Session. He informed the hotel that we would have one less day for the Session and they were still willing to hold the price to \$129 per night (the same as years past). Br. Fourie reported on the poor quality of food served at the Grand Banquet a few years back. The representatives said that has all changed and we will have a new menu from which to choose. The Hotel will send a confirmation letter and contract and will need a \$1000 deposit.

A complimentary room for the Grand President and Grand Chaplain will be provided. \$300 will need to be spent at the bar prior to the Grand Banquet. Brother Dimech asked if a minimum number of rooms have to be reserved, the answer is yes ---- 61 rooms.

- Brother Fourie reported on Council #94's questionable membership roster. He spoke with Br. Red, Council Secretary, about the 12 missing membership applications.
- The next Assessments will be redone in line with the membership reports presented at the Grand Council Session (which were derived from the Semi Annual Reports).
- The Liability Insurance policy turnover date is June 18, 2015. The agent has once again changed, however, we are bound over and now more forms need to be completed and certificates need to be issued. Fourie to take care of this.
- Looking for articles for the next Institute Journal (7-31-2015)
- Brother Fourie represented the YMI at Mercy Burnlingame with the Pro Patria Essay prizes
- Much follow up to the 130<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session

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

Chairman of the Board, Brother Alan Patrick requested that all Committee Chairman send the Grand Secretary by the end of July suggestions for committee assignments.

**Audit** (Br. Bill Effinger, Chr.): there is a possibility that all the Councils will need to be revisited this year concerning financial records.

**Budget** (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.): The Grand Treasurer reported that the Reserve had \$211,754.24 and the Death Benefit was at 1.6 million.

**Coordinating** (Br. George Terry, Chr.):

**Ceremonials** (Br. Phil Oberst): new regalia ribbons need to be ordered.

**Grand Session Planning Committee** (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – all the information was presented in the report previously given by the Business Manager.

**Grand Session/Credentials Working Committee** (Br. Michael Amato, Chr.):

**Institute Journal** (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – Br. Fourie announced the next deadline is July 31, 2015.

**Laws and Revisions** (Br. Rob Bartoli, Chr) – Br. Bob Bartoli read the report of the committee on Council #32 changes for delegate compensation:

**MSC** – Bartoli/Patrick, passed on a 6-1 vote

Br. Bob Bartoli read the committees report on changes for San Jose Council #2's by laws.

**MSC** – Bartoli/Effinger, passed unanimously

**Man of the Year and Council of the Year** (Br. Bob Bartoli, Chr.) – review the application forms

**Membership** (Br. Kelly Cox and Br. Larry Andreatta, Chr.):

**Organization** (Br. Michael Amato, Chr.):

**Pro Deo** (Michael Nelson, Chr.):

**Pro Patria** (Michael Dimech, Chr.):

**Reserve Fund** (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.) – Already reported

**Resolutions** (Br. Nick Franceschine, Chr.):

**State of the Institute** (Br. Luther Evans, Chr.):

**Workshop Committee** (Brother Tom Fourie):

## **Unfinished Business**

The summary of the 130<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session were receipts of \$15,125.03 and with all the expenses there was a positive balance of \$483.07. We still owe \$150 to the Church for the music. \$1220 was collected from the 50/50 raffle and given to the two Foundations. A final profit will be \$333.07. No complaints were received. Br. Dimech commented that the Committee did a great job, as usual!

The 131<sup>st</sup> Grand Council Session (with Br. George Terry presiding) has been researched in the Santa Rosa Area and the Business Manager has already reported

The next Bocce Ball Tournament is set for September and there are 7 teams signed up thus far for September 26, 2015.

## **New Business**

Brother Nick Franceschine asked everyone to save August 26, 2015 for #54's BBQ in the vineyard.

A brief discussion on the Death Benefit Survey ensued. Some discussion about clarity of instructions at the Grand Council Session was entertained. The survey is on the website.

Future dates for the Board of Grand Directors meetings: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 8:30 a.m., March 12, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. and Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. All meetings will be held at the World Headquarters, with the conference call being in place.

There was no fund raising report at this time.

Chairman of the Board, Br. Alan Patrick, asked what the Board wanted to accomplish this year:

- a. getting the archives taken care of.
- b. working the long range planning with the chair officers.
- c. to give something back to the Councils - \$?
- d. need to look at the website to send out the Journals as well as an e-mail attachment.
- e. Death Benefit – to become a State of the Institute issue.

Plans for the 131<sup>st</sup> Grand Council Session: Br. Dimech asked when to make a decision. Other items were the cruise, the Peppermill in Reno, etc. Need a decision by the end of 2015.

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

Brother Dimech wants to visit more Councils working with Br. Terry. He wants to talk to each Council about having a raffle chairman. He is presently working on the Bocce Tournament. He is aiming for October 2, 2016 to mail out the Pro Patria Tickers.

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

Br. Luther Evans spoke on behalf of Br. Mike Nelson. The date of March 5, 2016 has been set for the Red and White Mass in Atwater, CA. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church and dinner at St. Anthony's Hall.

### **Junior Past Grand President Report**

Br. Evans thanked all Board members and Grand Council Officers. He wondered aloud why there isn't a two year term for the Grand President???? Br. Luther was asked to write a summary article of the 130<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session for the Journal. He agreed.

### **Good of the Order**

Brother Albrecht said we were wasting time making name tags for the ladies at the Grand Council Session...they don't wear them.

Brother Fourie will send out the updated Grand Council Officers List very soon as he now has all the information needed.

Br. Drumonde will attempt to participate at all meetings. He would like one to be a face to face Board meeting. The district Deputies of the Grand President need to enforce compliance. Br. Terry should call Br Manuel if visiting in the Valley. He has ideas on the Death Benefit and will offer them by September 30, 2015.

### **Closing Prayer**

The closing prayer was led by Br. George Terry.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

*Michael Amato #613*  
**Grand Secretary**



*Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP*  
**Business Manager**