

**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 8:31 a.m. on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at the World Headquarters of the YMI in South San Francisco, California.

**Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer, led by Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht, was followed by a prayer read by Grand President 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 Treasurer Jack Albrecht, 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, William Effinger, Alan Patrick, Domenic Carinalli (via conference call), Bob Fiorito, Manuel Drumonde (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 Peter Pasini and Nick Franceschine. 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 November 7, 2015 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

**MSC** – Bartoli/Fiorito – Unanimous - that the minutes of the November 7, 2015 meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved.

## **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 (December and January), #2 (January), #8 (December and January), #32 (December and January), #40 (December and January), #573 (December), #613 (December and January)
- Cover letter for Assessment #161 – January 1, 2016
- Three Christmas cards: Virginia Keegan (YLI), San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey and Francis Kalow (Seminarian for San Jose)
- Acknowledgement from family of Ed Cullinane #6/#900 for the Death Benefit
- Request for money from St. Joseph's Catholic School in Hilo, HI
- Serra High School Annual Report – YMI mentioned and invited to the Fund a Dream Luncheon
- Two copies of the Voice of the YLI
- Fall 2015 copy of the Patrician – seminary publication with new seminarians listed for this year (SF, SJ, Sac, Honolulu and Oakland)
- Two copies of the Catholic Herald from the Sacramento Diocese
- ICF Bollentino (letter from Mara Amato and #92's activity at St. Bernard's in Tracy)

- Copy of the Catholic San Francisco – page 2 article on #32's Xmas Food Baskets
- Four copies of the Catholic Voice from the Oakland Diocese

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

Grand Treasurer, Brother Jack Albrecht, reviewed his two reports dated from December 22, 2015. These reports were the expense spreadsheet and the income spreadsheet.

He invited all to ask questions. He stated that the report is slightly over budget - \$14,000 – but it is not a concern as he is waiting to input the latest assessment payments.

Brother Fourie clarified the Pro Patria Raffle account as it includes a recent deposit from the Noel Smith Estate.

**MSC** – Effinger/Fiorito – Unanimous - to accept the Grand Treasurer's report of December 22, 2015.

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

Chairman of the Board, Brother Alan Patrick, asked for reports from the various Grand Director Committees:

Charters/Archives – Brother Alan Patrick referred to his written report and that the archives had been moved from Ripon to All Souls School. Brothers Fourie, Albrecht, Joaquin, Bartoli, Patrick and Terry helped with the move.

Finance: Brother Bartoli reported all bills were in order and they have been paid.

Long Range Planning – Br. Drumonde reported that he had not yet looked at the plan but would do so soon and he wanted to work with the Membership Committee.

Council Activities – Br. Carinalli did not have any knowledge of any requests.

Insurance – Br. Franceschine reported that there was no activity since the last Board Meeting and that everything was up to date. Br. Fourie brought the Board up to date on the insurance issues for Gonzaga Council #612.

Fund Raising – Br. Dimech reported on the Pasta/Bingo fund raiser to be held on April 23, 2016 at St. Veronica's Falcon Hall. The parish asked for use fees of \$400 for the gym and \$300 for the cafeteria. He was discussing this charge with the parish staff. Br. Joe Ortisi would be happy to call the bingo games, Br. Sam Bonanno would assist with the cooking Insurance was discussed and determined we were covered.

Supplies – all is in order, and the committee would be counting the pins, etc. next month.

## **Grand President's Report**

Grand President Brother George Terry has returned from his Official Visit to Indiana and he shared his positive comments about how friendly the Indiana Councils were. All the Valley Councils have been completed except for Bakersfield. He was visiting Santa Rosa on January 11 and on the 12<sup>th</sup> he would be going to #613 with Br. Bob Bartoli. He was looking forward to the joint visit at Council #1 for the three Councils in the San Francisco District. On February 5, he would be traveling to Hawaii for a five day visit. He mentioned the Walk for Life event but he could not attend.

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

Brother Fourie read aloud the Grand First Vice President's report. He covered the Councils he had visited, and he had called 70% of the Council secretaries or the Pro Patria Raffle. Next week is the essay contest deadline. The raffle sales were at \$8002 banked. 262 Brothers had bought tickets thus far, 14 out of 27 Councils had bought their tickets and 51 out of 87 YLI Institutes had bought tickets. Council performance is lagging, all big talkers but no action.

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

Br. Nelson stated he was happy for the rain. He reviewed the Red and White Mass for March 5, 2016, dinner set up, Fr. Agnel needs to be re-contacted. He attended council visits with the Grand President and of course he needs to get the vases from Br. Dimech.

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

Grand Secretary Michael Amato referred all present to his written report and he summarized his comments on the YMI Webiste/Facebook, media/print advertising and other activities.

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

- Daily pick up of raffle tickets and essays at the post office box, however will be limited due to purchasing a new car in the next few day.
- Ripon has been emptied. (NB – Grand Treasurer has boxes to be moved to All Souls)
- Accompanied the Grand President on the Official Visit to Indiana
- Attended a meeting in Santa Rosa to plan for the June Grand Council Session
- Met with Br. Effinger about Council Accounting practices. Will be visiting Stockton Council #5 next week on their financial situation. Brothers Drumonde and Evans are planning to also attend.
- Attended three YMI Christmas parties (#32, #1, and #613).
- Helped pack and deliver Council #32's Xmas Food Boxes.

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

Chairman of the Board, Brother Alan Patrick requested reports from all Committee Chairman:

**Audit** (Br. Bill Effinger, Chr.): met with Br. Fourie about problem Councils #13 and #16, both are inactive and don't meet.

**Budget** (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.): The Grand Treasurer reported that the first meeting of the committee will take place on February 23, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at World Headquarters.

**Coordinating** (Br. George Terry, Chr.): Referred to the Walk for Life event in San Francisco

**Ceremonials** (Br. Phil Oberst): nothing had been sent in, however, new regalia ribbons have been ordered for Grand Council Officers via Brother and Mrs Oberst.

**Grand Session Planning Committee** (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – Meeting with Santa Rosa/Sebastopol Brothers. Two churches being lined up due to construction problems at the Cathedral. Tuesday evening will be at the White Oak Saddle Club. Looking to organize a wine tasting trip for the ladies. A menu from the hotel has been received.

**Grand Session/Credentials Working Committee** (Br. Michael Amato, Chr): will be ready in June 2016.

**Institute Journal** (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – Br. Fourie highlighted information that will appear in the next issue.

**Laws and Revisions** (Br. Rob Bartoli, Chr) – no report at this time.

**Man of the Year and Council of the Year** (Br. Bob Bartoli, Chr.) – application flyers have been printed in the Institute Journal and they appear on the website.

**Membership** (Br. Kelly Cox and Br. Larry Andreatta, Chr.): Br. Fourie reported that 64 new members had been enrolled thus far this YMI year.

**Organization** (Br. Michael Amato, Chr.): no report at this time

**Pro Deo** (Michael Nelson, Chr.): no specific report at this time, already reported previously on the Red and White Mass.

**Pro Patria** (Michael Dimech, Chr.): completed under the Grand First Vice President's report

**Reserve Fund** (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.) – reported the reserve balances at this time which fluctuate with the stock market.

**Resolutions** (Br. Nick Franceschine, Chr.): none submitted so far this year.

**State of the Institute** (Br. Luther Evans, Chr.): Br. Luther had submitted a written report. He was expecting a proposal from San Jose Council #2 and had not received any more.

**Workshop Committee** (Brother Tom Fourie): will be ready in June 2016.

## **Unfinished Business**

The report on the 131<sup>st</sup> Grand Council planning was already given. The 132<sup>nd</sup> Grand Council is being planned for South Lake Tahoe – a bid has been received. More information at the next meeting.

The results of the Death Benefit Surveys have been compiled. Br. Nick did a great job of summarizing the results. Everyone present responded to the results from Brother Nick. Many felt that the benefit has to stay with Benefit members and that it should be raised to \$1500. A few Brothers wanted to explore more on how to deal with Associate members and any benefits that could be arranged for them. There were many different opinions about age and benefits. Chairman of the Board, Brother Alan Patrick, determined that a special one topic meeting should be called and he would work with Brother Nick to arrange this gathering. This would be an action item. Brother Amato has kept notes on everyone's opinions and will have them for this special meeting.

## **New Business**

Brother Michael Keefer #40 had written a letter asking about the YMI permitting social members who would not be a YMI member. Br. Fourie has spoken to Br. Keefer as the topic had been discussed at the Grand Council Session in years past.

Br. Amato reviewed bus options for the Red and White Mass. Councils need to survey their members and how it can be subsidized.

Brother Terry brought forward the Korean Veteran's Memorial program at the SF Presidio. Donations were being solicited to help build the memorial. A discussion followed and a motion was made.

**MSC** – Patrick/Bartoli – to donate \$500 from the reserves as the YMI contribution to the building of this memorial.

Brother Dimech asked to have pre-approved checks for the Pasta/Bingo fund raiser up to \$800 since the Board would not meet until March.

**MSC** – Fiorito/Effinger – that the Grand Treasurer would provide the necessary checks for the April Pasta Bingo event up to \$800.

Brother Alan Patrick made a motion to hire an attorney to look at the death benefit program and possible changes. The motion died for the lack of a second. It can be raised in the future.

A special motion was made with regard to Pope Francis:

**MSC** – Bartoli/Fiorito – to make Pope Francis an honorary member of the Young Men's Institute.

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

Brother Fourie read Br. Evans report aloud. It reflected his activities during the past two months including visits to Councils, and Hour of Memory ceremonies.

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

Father Agnel could not be present. He is doing fine. He is praying for us.

### **Good of the Order**

The Educational and Seminarian Foundation are looking for candidates for Directors to be elected at the Grand Council Session.

Donations for the Convention raffle are requested by May 1, 2016.

Br. Dimech wished everyone a Happy New Year

Br. Carinalli reported he was doing fine after surgery.

### **Closing Prayer**

The closing prayer was led by Br. Bill Effinger.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

*Michael Amato #613*

**Grand Secretary**

*Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP*

**Business Manager**