

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

**Call to Order**

Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Fiorito, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at the World Headquarters of the YMI in South San Francisco, California.

**Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer, led by Grand Director Mario De Vita requested God's guidance on the officers and their deliberations throughout the meeting. He acknowledged all veterans and thanked them for their service.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

In a true spirit of fraternalism, the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Grand Marshal Bill Avery, 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 Steve Cresci, Mario De Vita, Bob Fiorito, John Kavanagh (tardy), Matt Nelson (via conference call), Bill Walls, Junior Past Grand President Michael Dimech; Grand Secretary Michael Amato (via conference call); Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht ; Grand Marshal Bill Avery (via conference call); Grand Inside Sentinel Domenic Carinalli (via conference call) and Grand Outside Sentinel Nick Franceschine (via conference call).

The following Grand Officers were excused by Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Fiorito: Grand Director Manuel Drumonde, Grand Director Paul Walsh, Grand President Mike Nelson, Grand Second Vice President Michael Thissen, and Grand Chaplain Father Agnel De Heredia.

The following YMI Brothers were in attendance: Brother Tom Fourie #32, PGP and Business Manager, Brother Bob Bartoli, #32, PGP, Technical Advisor.

## **Reading of the Minutes**

The minutes from the March 3, 2018 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

**MSC** – Fiorito/De Vita – Unanimous - that the minutes of the March 3, 2018 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: Council #1 (April, May), Council #2 (May), Council #8 (April, May), Council #32 (April, May), Council #40 (April, May), Council #59 (May, June), Council #613 (April, May).
- Cover letters for the following Grand Council mailings: raffle winners, essay winners, Councils who sponsored student writers, Assessment #170 and the Semi Annual Report.
- The California Secretary of State receipt for filing the Statement of Information.
- Four thank you cards from student essay winners.
- St. Cecilia's Parish Newsletter featuring the works of YMI Council #613.
- Two copies of the Catholic Herald.
- Five copies of the Catholic Voice.
- Copy of the ICF Bollentino

## **Grand Treasurer's Report**

Brother Jack Albrecht referenced his two reports which were e-mailed to all Grand Council Officers the week previous. These reports, dated April, 2018, were the expense spreadsheet and the income spreadsheet for the 2017-2018 year thus far. He opened the floor for any questions. Bottom line was that we have money in the bank.

**MSC** – De Vita/Walls that the Grand Treasurer’s Report be accepted as presented. Passed unanimously.

## **Board of Grand Directors’ Committees**

Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Fiorito, requested reports from the various Grand Director’s Committees:

Charters/Archives – Brother Bill Walls, Chr. – There has been no change from what was reported in previous minutes.

Finance: Brother Bob Fiorito, Chr. - reported all bills were in order and they have been paid for March and April.

Long Range Planning – Br. Matt Nelson, Chr. – the chairman reported that he had turned in his reports to the Business Manager and made some minor changes. He will draft a letter to the new bishop of the Stockton Diocese similar to what had been sent out previously to all the other bishops and congratulate him on his new position.

Council Activities – Br. Paul Walsh, Chr. – Sebastopol Council #54 had a Mother’s Day Breakfast which went just fine.

Insurance – Br. Franceschine reported that there were no changes to his knowledge and Brother Fourie agreed. The current policy expires on June 18, 2018, and we hope to have it renewed.

Fund Raising – Brother Bob Fiorito, Chr. – reported that the next Pasta Bingo Dinner will be on November 17, 2018 and the Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 3, 2018.

Supplies – Brother Mario De Vita, Chr. – The inventory was completed in January and a final report showing a current value of \$9,712.50.

## **Grand President’s Report**

Grand President Brother Mike Nelson reported on the YLI invitation to speak at their Convention this year on July 17, 2018 in Fresno at 3:15 p.m. He announced that Brother Mike Thissen will attend on behalf of the YMI.

He reported on his suggestions for the 134<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session as far as having it in the Valley. Three sites were mentioned in Sonora and Eastern Madera. He suggested that a decision needs to be made quickly for the 2019 Session. We need to secure a site.

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

Office is currently vacant.

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

No report as the Grand Second Vice President was not in attendance.

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

Grand Secretary Michael Amato and Business Manager Tom Fourie reported on a lengthy list of activities completed by the Grand Council Office since the last Board meeting, which included the following:

Brother Amato's written report was reviewed as it spoke on his arranging of a bus from the San Francisco District to the Red and White Mass with 45 people attending. He commented on the nice job Council #94 did on the event. He continues to post information on the website, the Lampost is on the website as well as the Golf Tournament and the Sinatra Night Fund Raiser of #613.

Brother Fourie presented the following updates from the Grand Council Office:

- a. Announced that 10 members of Council #16 have transferred to Vallejo Council #13, thanks to the work of Br. Jim Mullen, President of the Vallejo Council.
- b. Processed March, April and May YMI bills.

- c. Completed raffle tickets submitted, sent raffle winners their checks.
- d. Attended the Red and White Mass.
- e. Many phone calls with Br. Thissen on the Red and White Mass.
- f. Attended Council #32's Business meetings in March, April and May
- g. Dealt with YLI, Maureen Institute #136 raffle concerns.
- h. Prepared letters for the Assessment #170 mailing.
- i. Prepared all paperwork for the March 31 Semi Annual Report mailing.
- j. Prepared paperwork for the multi Death Benefit requests.
- k. Hosted the State of the Institute Committee meeting.
- l. Prepared and sent out March 3, 2018 Board minutes.
- m. MC'd #32's Parishioner of the Year Program and the Communion Breakfast held at St. Veronica's Church
- n. Numerous calls, etc. with Immaculate Conception Church in Sparks, Nevada – sent letter to the new pastor.
- o. Spoke with the Sons of Italy in Sparks
- p. Prepared Council Convention Packets.
- q. Prepared packets to return essays to sponsoring Councils (made 600 certificates)
- r. Sent checks to student essay winners.
- s. Attended a family wedding in Chicago.
- t. Hosted Education Foundation and Seminarian Foundation meetings.
- u. Began all the paperwork for the 133<sup>rd</sup> Grand Council Session.
- v. Frequent phone calls with the El Dorado Hotel and Casino.
- w. Attended Council #613's Ladies Night at Scoma's.
- x. Began to process all convention reservation paperwork.
- y. Hosted the Convention Committee meeting.
- z. Worked on the Institute Journal.
- aa. Prepared for this Board Meeting.

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

Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Fiorito, requested reports from Grand Directors serving on Grand Council Committees.

**Audit** (Br. Steve Cresci, Chr.): The Chairman deferred to Brother Fourie. We are done for this year.

**Budget** (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.): All work is completed.

**Coordinating** (Br. Mike Nelson, Chr.): Done.

**Ceremonials** (Br. Manuel Drumonde, #44, PGP): No report.

**Grand Session Planning Committee** (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – under Unfinished Business.

**Institute Journal** (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – the Journal has been sent out.

**Laws and Revisions** (Br. Rob Bartoli, Chr) – sent report to the Business Manager for the Advance Proceedings.

**Man of the Year and Council of the Year** (Br. Bob Bartoli, Chr.) – still a work in progress. Councils need to vote for members and Councils of the Year.

**Membership** (Br. Steve Cresci and Br John Kavanagh, Co-Chr): The committee met twice since the last Board of Grand Directors meeting. A report was provided to the Business Manger for printing in the Advance Proceedings. The committee is attempting to update the YMI pamphlet. Brother Matt Nelson to share materials their Council uses for membership drives.

**Organization** (Br. Michael Amato, Chr.): no report at this time, and his report for the Advance Proceedings has been submitted.

**Reserve Fund** (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.) – Brother Albrecht continues to keep in contact with our investment advisor and everything is in good shape. Brother Jack reported the amounts in both the Death Benefit Reserve and the Grand Council Reserve.

**Resolutions** (Br. Nick Franceschine, Chr.): no report at this time.

**State of the Institute** (Br. Michael Dimech, Chr.): The committee has provided their report for the Advance Proceedings. Two proposals will be offered at the Grand Council Session. He thanked the members of his committee for participating.

**Workshop Committee** (Brother Tom Fourie): will be ready in June 2018.

## **Unfinished Business**

Brother Amato's written report had recapped the Red and White Mass....it was a good event.

Brother Fourie recapped the Pro Patria Raffle - \$9463.00. 313 Brothers bought tickets which was near 17% of the total membership. These facts will be brought up at the Grand Council Session.

All offices are covered for Grand Council Office for next year. There is one vacancy on the Board of Grand Director as Br. Walls will be leaving.

Registration Packets are being put together for the 133<sup>rd</sup> Convention, the Church has been contacted, a new pastor to work with, musicians for Church are set, Father Agnel is ready, we will remember Br. Wendell Serrao at the Remembrance Ceremony, others from Hawaii will be present.

Food at the convention revolves around an Italian Dinner for the Welcome Dinner, cooked by the Parish Council. Banquet execution orders have been prepared for the Hotel for our meals and meetings.

There was no information for the 134<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session, as it has been tabled for discussion given that it is connected to the Chair Officers.

The Grand Council Golf Tournament was reviewed as to times, sponsors, monies from sponsorships, presentation at the Grand Council Session, Tournament Dinner, more teams coming, who donated money, raffle at the dinner. etc.

## **New Business**

Br. Dimech mentioned the next Bocce Ball Tournament: date, times, sign-ups, etc. He then added the Sinatra Tribute Event in July sponsored by Council #613.

Brother Amato requested in writing that Councils need to continuously update their information for the website as to officers, meeting times, etc.

## **Junior Past Grand President Report**

No specific report at this time. See above for all his activities.

## **Grand Chaplain's Report**

Father Agnel continues to pray for all of us.

## **Good of the Order**

Brother Domenic Carinalli reported he would be donating wine for the raffle at the Grand Banquet.

## **Closing Prayer**

The closing prayer was led by Brother Bill Walls, thanking all for participating and to please remember all veterans.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

The next meeting is July 28, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

*Michael Amato #613*

**Grand Secretary**

*Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP*

**Business Manager**