

**MINUTES OF THE YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE
128TH GRAND COUNCIL SESSION
RENO, NEVADA**

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013

Opening Ceremonies

Frank Hepburn #2, GP, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Silver Baron Room D of the Silver Legacy Hotel in Reno, Nevada.

Alex Schmitt #8, Acting GM, reported on the readiness of the Grand Council chambers. He stated that the meeting chamber was properly prepared and all present were entitled to remain.

The opening prayer was led by Father Agnel De Heredia #32, GC.

The opening song, "God Bless America", was led by Frank Hepburn #2, GP with the YMI Delegate Choir in complete harmony.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alex Schmitt #8, Acting GM.

Roll Call

Grand Secretary Michael Amato #613 called the Roll. The Roll Call of the 128th Grand Council was updated to reflect those in attendance and those not on the roll at the time of printing. The following represents attendance for each day of the Session.

128th Grand Council Session Roll Call by Council

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Initiation</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	
		6/18/13	6/19/13

San Francisco Council #1 ~ San Francisco, CA ~ Organized 1883

Br. Jack Albrecht, Grand Treasurer	01-22-1957	Present	Present
Br. Edward DeLaTorre, PGP	07-28-1953	Absent	Absent
Br. Carl Franke, PGP	08-07-1957	Absent	Absent
Br. Frank Pignati, Council Elected Delegate	04-19-1967	Present	Present
Br. Ron Ennis, Council Elected Delegate	09-17-1997	Present	Present

San Jose Council #2 ~ San Jose, CA ~ Organized 1885

Br. Frank Hepburn, Grand President	11-09-1982	Present	Present
Br. Peter Pasini, Grand Director	09-07-1993	Present	Present
Br. Anthony Martino, Council Elected Delegate	10-05-2010	Present	Present
Br. Chuck Gullo, DDGP	02-07-1978	Present	Present
Br. Joe Valenti Council Elected Delegate	07-06-2010	Present	Present
Br. Lewis Borg, Council Elected Delegate	02-03-2009	Present	Present

Stockton Council #5 ~ Stockton, CA ~ Organized 1885

Br. Richard Burke, Grand Marshal	02-27-1964	Present	Excused
Br. Dan Casteline, PGP	07-25-1953	Absent	Absent
Br. Peter Basilio, Council Elected Delegate	08-08-2002	Present	Present
Br. Mark Cunningham, Guest	01-09-1989	Absent	Absent

Oakland Council #6 ~ Oakland, CA ~ Organized 1885

--	--	--	--

American Council #8 ~ Oakland, CA ~ Organized 1885

Br. Alex Schmitt, PGD & DDGP	11-12-2002	Present	Present
Br. Chris McCann Council Elected Delegate	02-17-1998	Present	Tardy

Petaluma Council #9 ~ Petaluma, CA ~ Organized 1885

--	--	--	--

Vallejo Council #13 ~ Vallejo, CA ~ Organized 1885

Br. James Mullen, DDGP	12-13-1983	Present	Present
-------------------------------	-------------------	----------------	----------------

Vinyes Council #16 ~ Benicia, CA ~ Organized 1885

--	--	--	--

South San Francisco Council #32 ~ South San Francisco, CA ~ Organized 1946

Br. Bob Bartoli, Past Grand President	06-11-1992	Present	Present
--	-------------------	----------------	----------------

Rev. Agnel Jose De Heredia, Grand Chaplain	06-14-2001	Present	Present
Br. George Terry, Grand Director	10-15-1993	Present	Present
Br. Clifford Smethurst, PGP	04-11-1985	Absent	Absent
Br. Thomas Fourie, PGP	08-14-1986	Present	Present
Br. Philip Oberst, PGP	10-12-1972	Present	Present
Br. Richard Guaraldi PGP	02-13-1975	Excused	Excused
Br. John West, PGP	03-12-1992	Present	Present
Br. Elmer Madrid, PGO Council Elected Delegate	12-11-1986	Present	Tardy
Br. Larry Andreatta, Council Elected Delegate	11-09-1989	Present	Present
Br. Dan Bartoli, Council Elected Delegate	01-07-1999	Present	Present
Br. Nenar Nicolas, Council Elected Delegate	03-14-1991	Present	Present
Br. Rufo Macaraeg, Council Elected Delegate	12-11-1997	Absent	Absent
Br. Steve Cresci, Council Elected Delegate	05-02-1990	Present	Present

Santa Rosa Council #40 ~ Santa Rosa, CA ~ Organized 1954

Br. Bill McNeany, Grand Director	06-14-1980	Present	Present
---	-------------------	----------------	----------------

Holy Rosary Council #44 ~ Hilmar, CA ~ Organized 1951

Br. Manuel Drumonde, PGP	04-18-1974	Present	Present
Br. Kelly Cox, PGD DDGP	02-05-1987	Present	Present
Br. Daniel Ramos, PGD Council Elected Delegate	06-26-1951	Present	Present
Br. Chris Freeberg, PGD Council Elected Delegate	08-03-1989	Present	Excused

Sebastopol Council #54 ~ Sebastopol, CA ~ Organized 1923

Br. Domenic Carinalli, Council Elected Delegate	02-09-1966	Present	Present
Br. Nick Franceschine Grand Director	06-11-1986	Present	Present
Br. Charles Wallin, Council Elected Delegate	02-11-1998	Present	Present
Br. Bill Cole, Council Elected Delegate	11-12-1997	Tardy	Tardy

Sadoc Council #59 ~ Pittsburg, CA ~ Organized 1926

Br. Frank Di Maggio, PGP	11-07-1989	Present	Present
-------------------------------------	-------------------	----------------	----------------

Br. Michael Sanzeri, DDGP	04-01-1997	Present	Present
Br. Tonno Ciaramitaro, PGP	12-06-1944	Absent	Absent
Br. Salvatore Enea, PGP	10-19-1948	Present	Present

Madera Council #60 ~ Madera, CA ~ Organized 1927

--	--	--	--

Father Luis Jayme Council #65 ~ El Cajon, CA ~ Organized 1951

Br. Charles Baxter, DDGP	02-07-1989	Absent	Absent
-----------------------------	------------	--------	--------

Hayward Council #76 ~ Hayward, CA ~ Organized 1947

--	--	--	--

St. Christopher Council #80 ~ Atwater, CA ~ Organized 1935

Br. Rudy Albritton, PGP	03-26-2003	Absent	Absent
Br. William Effinger III, Grand Inside Sentinel	02-23-2005	Present	Present
Br. Luther Evans, Grand Second Vice President	09-27-2000	Present	Present
Br. Larry Silva, PGP	01-28-1959	Present	Present
Br. Billy Pimentel, Council Elected Delgate	10-26-1964	Present	Present
Br. Eddie Mello, Guest	04-22-1998	Present	Present

Centennial Council #83 ~ San Leandro, CA ~ organized 1982

Br. John Musgrove, Junior Past Grand President	05-12-1994	Present	Present
Br. Joseph Languemi, PGO & DDGP	01-08-1995	Present	Present
Rev. Leonard Marrujo, Council Elected Delegate	04-18-2011	Present	Present

Santa Clara Council #84 ~ Santa Clara, CA ~ Organized 1938

Br. Martin Procaccio, PGP	03-02-1968	Absent	Absent
------------------------------	------------	--------	--------

Manteca Council #88 ~ Manteca, CA ~ Organized 1947

Br. Jerry DeGroot, PGP	11-21-1967	Absent	Absent
Br. Ronald Thissen, PGP	03-03-1977	Absent	Absent

Br. Pantaleon Padron, PGP	10-15-1985	Present	Present
Br. Luis Barboza, Council Elected Delegate	04-01-1982	Present	Present

Tracy Council #92 ~ Tracy, CA ~ Organized 1940

--	--	--	--

Gustine Council #93 ~ Gustine, CA ~ Organized 1941

--	--	--	--

St. Columba Council #94 ~ Chowchilla, CA ~ Organized 1941

--	--	--	--

Dos Palos Council #99 ~ Dos Palos, CA ~ Organized 1946

--	--	--	--

Bakersfield Council #100 ~ Bakersfield, CA ~ Organized 1946

Br. Augustine Flores, Guest	03-17-1946	Present	Present
Br. Joseph Reza, Grand First Vice President	11-18-2004	Present	Present
Br. Tony Aguirre, Council Elected Delegate	06-21-2004	Present	Present
Br. Rudy Gutierrez, DDGP	11-18-2006	Present	Present
Br. Paul Flores, Council Elected Delegate	01-08-2005	Absent	Absent

Diablo Valley Council #111 ~ Concord, CA ~ Organized 1995

--	--	--	--

Our Lady of the Pines Council #137 ~ Pioneer, CA ~ Organized 2009

Br. Phil Fondale, PGD & DDGP	10-17-1989	Present	Present
Br. Larry Trahey, Council Elected Delegate	03-21-1978	Present	Present

St. Augustine Council #497 ~ Huntingburg, Indiana ~ Organized 1898

Br. Thomas Schnellenberger, DDGP	10-16-1992	Absent	Absent
-------------------------------------	------------	--------	--------

Francis Council #573 ~ Hilo, Hawaii ~ Organized 1901

Br. James S. Souza, DDGP	09-27-1949	Absent	Absent
-----------------------------	------------	--------	--------

Br. Wendell Serrao, PGD Council Elected Delegate	02-15-1963	Present	Present
Br. James Mullen, PGP	11-10-1966	Absent	Absent

Burke Council #609 ~ San Pablo, CA ~ Organized 1907

--	--	--	--

Gonzaga Council #612 ~ Richmond, Indiana ~ Organized 1907

Br. Scott Vogelgesang, DDGP	07-25-1973	Absent	Absent
Br. Charles McClure, Grand Director	01-14-1982	Absent	Absent

St. John Bosco Council #613 ~ San Francisco, CA ~ Organized 1908

Br. Michael Amato, Grand Secretary	09-14-2004	Present	Present
Br. Michael Dimech, Grand Director	11-28-2006	Present	Excused
Br. Richard Pisciotta, Grand Director	11-08-1960	Present	Present
Br. Cosmo Amato, DDGP	01-27-1970	Present	Present
Br. Stephen Steczynski, Guest	04-08-2003	Present	Present
Br. Bob Figone, Council Elected Delegate	04-13-2010	Present	Present
Br. Bill Gunn, Council Elected Delegate	02-12-2008	Present	Present
Br. Michael Infusion, Council Elected Delegate	09-14-2010	Present	Present
Br. Joseph Soracco, Guest	09-14-2004	Present	Present
Rev. Lodovico Landi Council Chaplain	01-01-2013	Present	Present

Cabrilho Council #614 ~ Oakland, CA ~ Organized 1908

--	--	--	--

Communications

Two communications were read by Michael Amato #613, GS: Brother Richard Guaraldi #32, PGP stating he was unable to attend the Session and regretted not being present and Br. Al Didero #613, suggesting to amend the YMI prayer to add the phrase “through Jesus Christ Our Lord”.

Special Committees

Frank Hepburn #2, GP, reviewed the appointment of Special Committees.

- Assistant to the Grand Secretary – Tom Fourie #32, PGP
- Assistant Marshal – Anthony Martino #2
- Parliamentarian – Christopher Freeberg #44, PGD
- Elections – Joseph Languemi #83, PGD
- Remembrance Ceremony – Nick Franceschine #54, GD, Tom Fourie #32, PGP
- Acting Marshal – Alex Schmitt #8, PGD
- Acting Grand Director – Dan Ramos #44, PGD

Rules of the Session

Frank Hepburn #2, GP, referred to the Rules of the Grand Council Session on page 17 of the Advance Proceedings. He hoped that all had read the Rules, however, since there were first time delegates present, he asked that the Grand Secretary, Michael Amato #613, to read the Rules aloud. Following the reading, the Grand President asked if there were any questions. Hearing none he entertained a motion to accept the Rules.

MSC – Thomas Fourie #32, PGP/Bob Bartoli #32, PGP – to accept the Rules of the 128th Grand Council Session as presented. Passed unanimously

Unfinished Business

Frank Hepburn #2, GP asked the Grand Secretary if there was any unfinished business from the 127th Grand Council Session. Michael Amato #613, GS, answered there was one consideration. He reported that the six yearly meetings of the Grand Directors were now aided by teleconferencing which has improved both efficiency and productivity.

Credentials

The Credentials Committee chairman, Michael Amato #613, GS reported that in attendance were 63 delegates, all of whom had submitted their credentials in proper order. Last year there were 48 delegates in attendance. This year there was an increase of 15 delegates.

Charity Box

Frank Hepburn #2, GP designated Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sparks, Nevada for the receipt of funds from the Charity Box (one half the proceeds from the 50/50 raffles).

Session Announcements

Grand Council Session Committee representative, Thomas Fourie #32, PGP welcomed everyone on behalf of the Committee and encouraged all participants to be on time to the scheduled events. He introduced the members of the Planning Committee and invited all Brothers to become members of future Planning Committees. He shared some remarks about how well events were going with the Opening Mass and Remembrance Ceremony, Welcome Dinner and the Grand Breakfast.

Grand Chaplain's Report

Rev. Agnel Jose De Heredia #32, GC welcomed everyone to the Grand Council Session and how nice it was to be together once again. He asked that all remember those in the Order who are ill and not able to attend the annual meeting. He commented on how much the world had changed since our meeting last year and identified different parts of the country. There are less Catholics in church as individuals feel pressured and fear to attend Church. Anti-American views were softening, especially in Arab countries. South San Francisco is divided over a Planned Parenthood clinic and San Rafael is next. We may not be persecuted like the Middle East, but there is persecution of the Church. We should encourage young people to consider the YMI. Parents can't give up on their children. Gang life is hard, we need to keep kids away from the gangs.

Nomination of Grand Council Officers

Nomination of Officers for Grand Council: all candidates were referred to Rule #5 on page 17. All nominees accepted their nomination.

Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP nominated Chris McCann #8 for the office of Grand Outside Sentinel, which was seconded by Alex Schmitt #8, PGD.

Larry Silva #80, PGP nominated William Effinger III #80, PGD for the office of Grand Inside Sentinel, which was seconded by Luther Evans #80, GSVP.

Pete Basillio #5 nominated Richard Burke #5, GM for the office of Grand Marshal, which was seconded by Alex Schmitt #8, PGD.

Thomas Fourie #32, PGP nominated Bob Bartoli #32, PGP for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Michael Amato #613, GS.

Nick Franceschine #54, GD nominated Bill McNeany #40, GD for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Frank Pignati #1.

Michael Amato #613, GS nominated Michael Dimech #613, GD for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Joseph Reza #100, GFVP.

Charles Wallin #54 nominated Domenic Carinalli #54 for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Bill Cole #54.

Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP nominated Jack Albrecht #1, GT for the office of Grand Treasurer, which was seconded by Frank Pignati #1.

Bob Bartoli #32, PGP nominated Michael Amato #613, GS for the office of Grand Secretary, which was seconded by Cosmo Amato #613 DDGP.

Bob Bartoli #32, PGP nominated George Terry #32, GD for the office of Grand Second Vice President which was seconded by Dan Bartoli #32 and Larry Andreatta #32.

Larry Silva #80, PGP nominated Luther Evans #80 GSVP for the office of Grand First Vice President which was seconded by Billy Pimentel #80 and Eddie Mello #80, PGD.

Rudy Gutierrez #100, GD nominated Joseph Reza #100 GFVP for the office of Grand President which was seconded by Michael Sanzeri #59, Tony Aguirre #100 and Augustine Flores #100.

Frank Hepburn #2, GP declared all the nominations closed.

MSC – Thomas Fourie #32, PGP/John West #32, PGP that the Grand Secretary cast a ballot for all the uncontested offices and they be declared elected by acclamation. (passed unanimously)

Preliminary Budget Report

Jack Albrecht #1, GT presented the proposed Grand Council Operating Budget for 2013-2014 as printed in the Advanced Proceedings. He reviewed all the accounts of planned expenditures and brought to everyone's attention the per capita tax for the next year which would be \$26.40. He compared this to the current per capita tax of \$22.00. He explained what had happened in previous years to keep the per capita tax at \$22.00 and that basically meant using the reserve funds to meet the difference each year. Several delegates asked for clarification of using the reserve funds. Tom Fourie #32, PGP and the YMI Business Manager made it very clear that the Budget Committee has cut the budget as much as possible over the past three years. He reminded all present that we need to focus on increasing membership to maintain a viable Order.

Due to the time left before lunch, Brother Frank Hepburn #2, GP called upon Brother John Musgrove #83, JPGP to present the State of the Institute Report.

State of the Institute Report

John Musgrove #83, JPGP referred the delegates to the three State of the Institute Proposals for 2013 printed on pages 71-75 of the Advance Proceedings. John Musgrove #83, JPGP covered the three proposals by reading each aloud.

Proposal 1: Reimbursement of Delegates to Grand Council
John Musgrove #83, JPGP to accept the motion
Chris McCann #8, GOS seconded

Discussion: Philip Fondale #137, DDGP suggested a change from "shall" to "may". John Musgrove #83, JPGP accepted the change.

Proposal 2: Duties/Number of Grand Officers on Supply Committee
John Musgrove #83, JPGP to accept the motion

Phil Oberst #32, PGP seconded

Discussion: There was none as Tom Fourie #32, PGP labeled this proposal a no brainer.

Proposal 3: Duties of Grand Treasurer relative to income tax filing
John Musgrove #83, JGP to accept the motion
Frank DiMaggio #59, PGP seconded

Discussion: Philip Oberst #32, PGP asked for clarification of some of the funds for the CPA that was not coming from the Grand Treasurer

Frank Hepburn #2, GP asked Brothers Alex Schmitt, Bill Effinger and Chris McCann to assist with the 50/50 raffle. Frank Hepburn #2, GP called for the lunch break from 12:10 p.m. to 1:10 p.m.

Recess

At 1:10 p.m. Grand President Frank Hepburn #2 called the Session back to order.

Frank Hepburn #2, GP recessed the Session at 1:10 p.m. in order for the Seminarian Educational Foundation and the YMI Educational Foundation to conduct their annual general meetings.

At 2:10 p.m. Grand Frank Hepburn #2 called the Session back to order.

Grand Council Committee Reports

Frank Hepburn #2, GP reviewed the various Grand Council reports presented in the Advance Proceedings. He asked if there were any questions regarding these reports as well as those submitted by the District Deputy Grand Presidents. All delegates had been requested to read these reports prior to the start of the Sessions. Many of the reports had been referenced in various specific agenda items of the Session. There were no questions at this time from the delegates.

Special Recognition of 2012-2013 District Deputy Grand Presidents

Frank Hepburn #2, GP had nothing but good things to say about the District Deputies. He commented that Joseph Reza #100, Grand President Elect would be so fortunate to have these Brothers stay on in this capacity. The Grand President also thanked the Acting Marshal and Sentinels for their help with the raffle today.

Announcements

Several announcements were then made:

- a. Br. Dimech #613, GD informed the Grand President and all delegates present about the upcoming Bocce Ball Tournament in September, and encouraged all Councils to sign up their team.
- b. Br. Amato #613, GS notified all that tickets were available for the SF Giants game on July 6 against the LA Dodgers. He also reminded everyone to check their registration packets for the tickets to attend the Reno Aces Baseball game.

Distribution of Ballots

Grand President Frank Hepburn requested that the Election Committee please distribute the prepared ballots for the voting on the three State of the Institute proposals. This being a secret ballot, all delegates were asked to sign in and present their completed ballot as they left the meeting chamber this afternoon.

Following the 50/50 raffle, Frank Hepburn #2, GP declared a recess at 2:30 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2013.

Recess

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013

Call to order at 9:00 a.m. by Frank Hepburn #2, GP in the Silver Baron D Room of the Silver Legacy Hotel in Reno, Nevada.

Frank Hepburn #2, GP appointed Bob Bartoli #32, PGP to serve as Parliamentarian replacing Christopher Freeberg #44, PGD and Wendell Serrao #573, PGD, to serve as Grand Director replacing Michael Dimech #613, GD.

Opening Ceremonies

Alex Schmitt #8, PGD and Acting Marshal reported that the Council Chamber was properly prepared and all present were entitled to remain. Frank Hepburn #2, GP asked that delegates to change their seats from the previous Session and sit next to different delegates.

The Opening Prayer was led by Father Agnel #32, GC.

Alex Schmitt #8, PGD and Acting Marshal led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance which was loudly and proudly recited.

Roll Call

Michael Amato #613, GS called the Roll. The results were similar to the roll taken on Tuesday, June 18, 2013. See the official roll sheet listed on previous pages of these minutes.

Communications

Br. Michael Amato reported on the Reno Aces Baseball Game the night before.

Credentials Report

The Credentials Committee Chairman, Grand Secretary Michael Amato #613, announced that we were 63 credentials submitted.

Election Report

Brother Joseph Languemi made the following report based on the vote for State of the Institute Proposals: (A total of 58 votes were cast)

Proposal #1	51 votes for	7 votes against	passed
Proposal #2	57 votes for	1 votes against	passed
Proposal #3	58 votes for	0 votes against	passed

A motion was made to accept the results of the secret ballot vote.

MSC – Fourie/Franceschine – to accept the report of the Election Committee (unanimous)

MSC – Fourie/Franceschine – to authorize the chairman of the Election Committee to destroy the ballots (59 yes, 2 no)

Thomas Fourie #32, PGP informed the delegates that the results of the State of the Institute election would be given to the Chairman of the Laws and Revisions Committee (Br. Rob Bartoli, #32) to be incorporated into the current Grand Council By-Laws and/or Constitution.

Special Committee Appointments for Installation of Grand Officers

Frank Hepburn #2, GP reviewed the appointment of the special committee for the Installation of Grand Officers.

- Installing Officer for the Installation Ceremony – Rev. Agnel De Heredia #32, GC
- Installing Marshal for the Installation Ceremony – Brother Kelly Cox #4, PGD
- Guardian of the Flag – Brother Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP

Workshop

The workshop was conducted by members of the Grand Council Office under the direction of the Business Manager, Br. Thomas Fourie #32, PGP:

- The two statues standing on either side of the podium (St. Joseph and our Blessed Mother) were brought by Br. Pete Padron #88, PGP from Manteca. The history of how YMI came to own these statues was retold by the Business Manager

- The question of who can vote at the Grand Council Session was answered by the Business Manager in reviewing the four eligible categories: current Grand Officer, elected Council delegates, Past Grand Presidents and District Deputy Grand Presidents
- The Business Manager referenced the Advance Proceedings booklet for this year, the best effort in recent years. He acknowledged the timely submission of all the reports this year. All delegates will receive copies of the minutes of the 128th session and should place them with the Proceedings beginning on page 109. Br. Phil Oberst #32, PGP will also place them on the website
- A review of the year in taxes was undertaken. The Franchise Tax Board of the State of California wanted all YMI Councils to be in one tax exempt group. The Grand Council Office worked in conjunction with the State Tax Exempt Office to accomplish this goal. Both Federal and State taxes need to be filed before August 15, 2013. Council #2 and Council #32 file their own, Councils #497 and #612 in Indiana file their own. Council #573 does not file state taxes in California. If any Council receives any letters from either the IRS or the Franchise Tax Board, please notify the Business Manager immediately. All Councils are incorporated under the YMI. Please do not contact any tax offices without first speaking with the Grand Council Office.
- The Business Manager reviewed the status of Tracy Council #92 this past year. The Board of Grand Directors had been kept informed throughout the year of this Council's delinquency in paying assessments and submitting Semi Annual Reports. After expending all patience the Board voted to suspend Council #92. Following the Official visit in December of 2012, the Business Manager took the bull by the horn, contacted Council #92 and within a month's time cleaned up the past bills and reports and now the Council is functional again
- Each March 31, Councils are to submit an updated membership list (this is in accordance with the Grand Council By-Laws). Many Councils have not done that this year and the Grand Council Officers will be contacting Councils immediately to have this done
- The 15 year old YMI computer system died a couple of months ago. Purchasing a new system, transferring the files and getting everything in working order was a challenge. Thanks to many YMI Brothers and their family members and the Geek Squad at Best Buy, we are now in working order.
- The membership numbers reported on Semi Annual Reports and were then computed for the Advance Proceedings are used for determining per capita calculations. Councils #83 and #84 are presently being dissolved. The question of student or junior YMI members was asked for reporting purposes. These members should be included in the Honorary column.
- The YMI Death Certificate is all that is needed to be sent to the Grand Council Office when a benefit member dies. The reporting of Associate or Honorary members deaths should be on the six month Semi Annual Reports. Reminder: All Benefit and Associate members are eligible for the YMI Educational Foundation benefits. Also, the Death Benefit for benefit members is not an Insurance Policy.

- Application for Consent to Sponsor an Event is not needed if a Council announces their events in their monthly bulletins which are sent to the Grand Council Office. If there is no newsletter then the form must be sent to the office in advance of the event to cover liability insurance. A yearly Council calendar of events is also acceptable and can be sent via e-mail. The insurance year is June 18, 2013-June 18, 2014.
- Please return all name badges (and those of the wives) at the end of the Session.
- The Grand Banquet cocktail party begins this evening at 5:30 p.m. in Silver Baron Room A, followed by dinner and the program.
- Br. Augustine Flores #100 presented a religious concept to all the delegates concerning positive incentives to encourage people to do better, prayers and placards/banners that could be used by the membership. Brother Phil Fondale #137, DDGP and Brother Phil Oberst #32, PGP extended this idea by using a background of a flag.
- Br. Luis Barboza #88 was concerned about individual Councils and tax numbers. He was assured that each Council has an EIN number from the Federal Government and a corporate number from the Franchise Tax Board.

At this time, Frank Hepburn #2, GP acknowledged Larry Andreatta #32 to come to the microphone. Br. Larry once again challenged all the delegates present to a collection of monies for the Seminarian Educational Foundation. His efforts yielded \$225.00

New Business

Frank Hepburn #2, GP asked for any new business.

Pete Padron #88, PGP questioned the Proud to be Catholic Events, that were held in San Francisco, Stockton, Los Banos, and where are they now. He also would like the Order to return to attending retreats.

Thomas Fourie #32, PGP reported that a Mr. Noel Miller, deceased, had left a portion of his estate to the YMI with the stipulation that the trust monies would be used for the youth of San Mateo County. The Board of Grand Directors met to discuss what to do with the \$75,000 and eventually decided that the monies would be awarded to three Catholic High Schools on the San Mateo Peninsula (Mercy-Burlingame, Serra and Notre Dame). Each school was presented with \$25,000 to set up an annual YMI scholarship of \$2500 for a deserving Junior at the school.

Sports Report

Grand President Frank Hepburn #2 called upon Michael Sanzeri #59, PGO for the final report on the Bowling Tournament. Brother John West assisted by giving the financial report. 17 teams played totaling 85 bowlers. The results were as follows:

San Jose #2 ~ Team 1 ~ 3348 pins
St. Christopher #80 ~ Team 1 ~ 3281 pins

Sebastopol #54 ~ Team 1 ~ 3242 pins
Manteca #88 ~ Team 1 ~ 3230 pins
South San Francisco #32 ~ Team 1 ~ 3224 pins
Stockton #5 ~ Team 1 ~ 3218 pin
St. Christopher #80 ~ Team 3 ~ 3215 pins
St. John Bosco #613 ~ Team 2 ~ 3202 pins
Stockton #5 ~ Team 2 ~ 3197 pins
Holy Rosary #44 ~ Team 1 ~ 3196 pins
Holy Rosary #44 ~ Team 2 ~ 3196 pins
St. Christopher #80 ~ Team 2 ~ 3136 pins
Sadoc #59 ~ Team 1 ~ 3131 pins
American #8 ~ Team 1 ~ 3126 pins
St. John Bosco #613 ~ Team 1 ~ 3126 pins
Stockton #5 ~ Team 3 ~ 3046 pins
Holy Rosary #44 ~ Team 3 ~ 3012 pins

High Game Scratch – Score of 286 – Kevin Folan #613
High Game Handicap – Score of 286 – Tim Pimentel #80
Best Team Score – San Jose #2 – 3281 pins

The next tournament will be April 6, 2014.

Brother Michael Amato #613, GS recapped last year's Bocce Ball Tournament with the results on page 76 in the Advance Proceedings. All Brothers are invited this year to play in September 2013 at Orange Avenue Park in South San Francisco.

Michael Amato #613, GS presented a recap of the summary on the Golf Tournament as printed in the Advance Proceedings. The team from Bakersfield was awarded the golf trophy.

Fund Raising

Brother George Terry #32 reported that the only fundraiser was the Super Bowl Pool which generated \$300 for Grand Council.

Adoption of the 2013-2014 Budget

Jack Albecht #1, GT returned with the proposed Operating Budget for Grand Council that had a preliminary reading the day before.

A motion was made by Frank DiMaggio #59, PGP and seconded by Eddie Mello #80, PGD to accept the proposed budget to include the per capita tax of \$26.40. Under the question, Br. Michael Infusino spoke that the per capita had not been raised in five years but still feels that the per capita tax should not be raised. Br. Michael Amato #613, GS suggested that the per capita tax be raised to \$24 and the balance be borrowed from the Reserve Fund. This became the form of the new amended motion and was seconded by

Joseph Reza #100, GFVP. The Grand Treasurer had no problem with the revised proposal

MSC – Amato/Reza – to set the 2013-2014 per capita tax at \$24.00 (yes 36, no 19)

MSC – DiMaggio/Mello – to accept the 2013-2014 Operating Budget as amended (passed unanimously)

Grand Council Officers' Summary Reports

Frank Hepburn #2, GP referred to the Grand Officers Reports which began with his report on page 27 of the Advance Proceedings. He referred the Brothers to read these comprehensive reports contained in the Advance Proceedings and if there were any questions to please speak to the author of that report. He also asked that each delegate share these reports with the Brothers of their Council. Augustine Flores #100 suggested that every Council review the 8 challenges in the Grand Chaplain's Report. In connection to the Pro Patria report, the Grand Treasurer asked that all Councils dispense the essay award checks, only four checks have been cashed thus far.

Resolutions

Anthony Martino #2, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee and Nick Franceschine #54, GD, Committee member read the three resolutions prepared for this year:

a. Resolution for Brother Edward Burke (father of GM)#26 – recipient of many community awards in Antioch, California for his work with young people in forming baseball leagues, YMI teams, and a foundation block for St. Lawrence #26.

MSC – Nick Franceschine #54 GD/Thomas Fourie #32, PGP to accept and present the resolution. Unanimously approved.

b. Resolution for Fr. Austin Conterno #613 – on the 75th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood

MSC – Nick Franceschine #54, GD/Michael Amato #613, GS to accept and present the resolution. Unanimously approved.

c. Resolution for Fr. Norman King, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Sparks, Nevada – for his welcome and support for three Grand Council Sessions at his parish and his liaison work with the Sons of Italy for dinner preparation at the welcome dinner

MSC – Nick Franceschine #54, GD/Thomas Fourie #2, PGP to accept and present the resolution. Unanimously approved.

Report on the 2014 Grand Council Session

Brother Thomas Fourie reported that next year's Grand Council Session (129th) will be held in South Lake Tahoe (South Lake Tahoe Resort) from June 15-19, 2014. There is a

flyer in the registration packet with the initial details. Reservations can be made now (\$129 per night). Breakfast and cocktail hours are included in the room fee.

Br. Barboza #88 asked that the committee reserve a night out on the Lake on the Tahoe Queen.

Br. Fondale encouraged everyone to come next year, you cannot beat the price that Br. Fourie arranged given the meals and cocktails...this is Lake Tahoe during the summer.

Report on the 2015 Grand Council Session

The announcement for the 2015 Grand Council Session will be made public once Brother Luther Evans requests a specific location.

Pro Patria Essay and Raffle

At this time, Grand First Vice President Elect Luther Evans #80 distributed the student entry forms for the 40th Pro Patria Essay Contest – the largest outreach program of the YMI. He would like to see 2000 entries this year (up over 1750).

Grand President Elect Joseph Reza #100 reminded everyone that only 17% of our Brothers support the Pro Patria Raffle which is the only financial support for the Pro Patria Essay Contest. Two Councils this past year (#613 at 50% and #100 at 43%) were the only two bright spots for sales. We have to do much better in the selling/buying of raffle tickets as it all goes to the students.

Charity Box Distribution

Frank Hepburn #2, GP reminded everyone that the 50/50 raffles will go towards Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sparks, Nevada. (Breaking News: Following the Grand Banquet and final drawing \$1025 was realized and sent to the Church)

Special Presentation

John Musgrove #83, JGP presented Frank Hepburn #2, GP with his YMI Official pocket insignia, the Official indication of a Grand President of the Young Men's Institute. All delegates stood and loudly applauded Brother Frank for his service. Brother Frank (a bit emotional) offered his closing remarks as Grand President by thanking everyone for their work this past year, all the District Deputies and Grand Officers. He will remember his experience always.

Presentation of Grand President Elect

Frank Hepburn #2, GP proudly presented the Grand President Elect, Joseph Reza #100, GFVP who was greeted with applause by the delegates. Brother Joseph thanked Brother Frank for his year at the helm. Brother Joseph commented that we (the YMI) are examples to represent the Catholic faith. He expects us to “put our boots on” and go to work, cast our nets to net new members. He plans to visit Councils to help build their membership. Br. Joseph wants us all to be fishermen as were the Apostles, to catch men

that follow our example. The Grand President plans to be at all membership drives. He has listed in his program four specific events to take place in each Council.

Brother Joseph had his Program for 2013-2014 distributed to all delegates.

Presentation and Installation of District Deputy Grand Presidents

Brother Joseph Reza #100, Grand President Elect, read aloud the names and the duties of the twelve District Deputy Grand Presidents covering the YMI territories this year. The District Deputies are working for the Grand President.

MSC – Joseph Reza #100, GFVP/Michael Amato #613 GS to accept the nominated Brothers (Brother Cosmo Amato, Kelly Cox, Rudy Gutierrez, James Souza, Alex Schmitt, Michael Sanzeri, Scott Vogelgesang, Phil Fondale, Charles Gullo Jr., Jim Mullen, Charles Baxter, and one TBA) as District Deputy Grand Presidents with all the responsibilities and privileges as stated in the Grand Council Constitution and By-Laws. Unanimously passed.

Brother Reza initiated his new District Deputies and they took their Oath of office.

Good of the Order

Br. Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP inquired as to the expenses for the membership committee (\$1500). Br. Albrecht reviewed what was covered. Br. Drumonde made the following challenge...any Brother bringing in 5 or more new members this year, he will personally hand them \$25. In addition, Brothers from the Valley, led by Br. Larry Silva #80, PGP offered a lamb to those who brought in 5 members.

Br. Michael Sanzeri #59 felt that there were less inter council visits. He encouraged that concept to increase.

Br. Bill McNeany #40, GD reported that Santa Rosa Council #40 has great success in getting new members by approaching the parish Dad's Club.

Br. Charles Gullo, Jr. #2, DDGP reported that it was not pleasant to be part of the process to close Santa Clara Council #84.

Br. Joseph Reza #100, GFVP will present the Proud to be Catholic award at the Grand Banquet this evening.

Br. Alex Schmitt #8, PGD and acting Marshal asked everyone to keep Br. Richard Burke #5, GM in their prayers.

Br. Michael Infusino #613 – spoke to the correlation between Council budgets and membership as well as Grand Council budgets and membership

Br. Michael Amato #613, GS – reminded everyone of the Junior YMI as a way to bring in young students.

Br. Kelly Cox #44, PGD – reminded all Councils that their activities should serve a dual purpose: attract new members, and keep current members active.

Brother Tom Fourie #32 PGP asked that Officers please turn in their regalias before leaving the chambers.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

The closing prayer, the prayer of St. Joseph, was led by Father Agnel De Heredia #32,
GC

Grand President Frank Hepburn #2 adjourned the 128th Grand Council Session at 12:10
p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Amato #613, GS

Thomas Fourie #32, PGP
Business Manager

Minutes approved by the Board of Grand Directors on August 17, 2013 .