

MINUTES OF THE YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE
131st GRAND COUNCIL SESSION
SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016

Opening Ceremonies

George Terry #32, GP, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Flamingo Ball Room of the Flamingo Conference Resort & Spa in Santa Rosa, California.

Chris McCann #8, 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 – “Come Holy Ghost” – was led by Brother Richard Guaraldi #32, PGP, and joined by the entire delegate choir.

George Terry #32, GP, requested all veterans in the chamber to please stand. He thanked each of them for their service to our country. All other delegates were then asked to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chris McCann #8, GM.

Roll Call

Grand Secretary Michael Amato #613 called the Roll. The Roll Call of the 131st 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.

131st Grand Council Session Roll Call by Council

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Initiation</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	
		6/21/16	6/22/16

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Initiation</i>	<i>Attendance 6/21/16</i>	<i>Attendance 6/22/16</i>
Br. Jack Albrecht, Grand Treasurer	01-22-1957	Present	Present
Br. Edward DeLaTorre, PGP	07-28-1953	Present	Present
Br. Carl Franke, PGP	08-07-1957	Excused	Excused
Br. Frank Pignati, Council Elected Delegate	04-19-1967	Present	Present
Br. Mario DeVita, Council Elected Delegate	10-06-1982	Present	Present
Br. Carl Elliott, Council Elected Delegate	06-02-1982	Present	Present

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Initiation</i>	<i>Attendance 6/21/16</i>	<i>Attendance 6/22/16</i>
Br. Frank Hepburn, Past Grand President	11-09-1982	Present	Present
Br. Peter Pasini, Grand Director	09-07-1993	Present	Present
Br. Chuck Gullo Jr., PDDGP, Guest	02-07-1978	Present	Present
Br. Richard Romano, Council Elected Delegate	12-01-1975	Present 1 st time del	Present 1 st time del
Br. Charles Scheller, Council Elected Delegate	08-04-2010	Present	Present
Br. Lewis Borg, Council Elected Delegate	02-03-2009	Present	Present
Rev. Paolo Gobbo, Council Chaplain	06-01-2013	Present	Present

Stockton Council #5 ~ Stockton, CA ~ Organized 1885

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Initiation</i>	<i>Attendance 6/21/16</i>	<i>Attendance 6/22/16</i>
Br. Dan Casteline, PGP	07-25-1953	RIP	RIP

American Council #8 ~ Oakland, CA ~ Organized 1885

Br. Chris McCann, Grand Marshal	02-17-1998	Present	Present
Br. Alex Schmitt, PGD & DDGP	11-12-2002	Present	Present

Petaluma Council #9 ~ Petaluma, CA ~ Organized 1885

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Vallejo Council #13 ~ Vallejo, CA ~ Organized 1885

Br. James Mullen, DDGP	12-13-1983	Present	Present
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Vinyes Council #16 ~ Benicia, CA ~ Organized 1885

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

Rev. Agnel Jose De Heredia, Grand Chaplain	06-14-2001	Present	Present
Br. George Terry, Grand President	10-15-1993	Present	Present
Br. Alan Patrick, Grand Director	04-11-1996	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	Present	Present
Br. John West, PGP	03-12-1992	Excused	Excused
Br. Bob Bartoli, PGP & Grand Director	06-11-1992	Present	Present
Br. John Musgrove, PGP	05-12-1994	Present	Present
Br. Paul Larson, Council Elected Delegate	12-09-2010	Present 1 st time del	Present 1 st time del
Br. Larry Andreatta, Grand Outside Sentinel	11-09-1989	Present	Present
Br. Sam Bonanno, Council Elected Delegate	01-12-1989	Present	Present
Br. Paul Walsh, Council Elected Delegate	09-14-1989	Present	Present
Br. Steve Cresci, Council Elected Delegate	05-02-1990	Present	Present
Br. Nenar Nicolas, Council Elected Delegate	12-11-1986	Present	Present
Br. Robert Kinney, Council Elected Delegate	03-13-2003	Present	Present
Br. Patrick Kidd, Guest	10-12-1972	Absent	Present

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

Br. Bill McNeany, Council Elected Delegate	06-14-1980	Present	Present
Br. Mike Keefer, Council Elected Delegate	11-04-2008	Present	Present
Br. Carlos Rivas, DDGP	06-07-2005	Present	Present
Br. Dick Colombini, Council Elected Delegate	04-01-2003	Present 1 st time del	Present 1 st time del
Br. Steve May, Council Elected Delegate	11-04-1997	Present 1 st time del	Present 1 st time del
Br. Gordon Forsythe, Council Elected Delegate	01-23-1984	Present	Present
Br. Tom Keefer, Guest	09-04-2007	Absent	Absent
Br. Dan Brinker, Guest	01-09-2007	Absent	Absent

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

Br. Manuel Drumonde, PGP & GD	04-18-1974	Present	Present
Br. Kelly Cox, PGD & Council Elected Delegate	02-05-1987	Present	Present
Br. Christopher Freeberg, PGD & Council Elected Delegate	08-03-1989	Present	Present
Br. Virgil Pacheco, Council Elected Delegate	05-28-1998	Present 1 st time del	Present 1 st time del
Br. Daniel Santos, Council Elected Delegate	02-12-2015	Absent	Absent
Br. Dan Ramos, Alternate	06-26-1951	Absent	Absent

Sebastopol Council #54 ~ Sebastopol, CA ~ Organized 1923

Br. Nick Franceschine, Grand Director	06-11-1986	Present	Present
Br. Domenic Carinalli, Grand Director	02-09-1966	Present	Present
Br. Charles Wallin, Council Elect Delegate	02-11-1998	Present	Present

Sadoc Council #59 ~ Pittsburg, CA ~ Organized 1926

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

Madera Council #60 ~ Madera, CA ~ Organized 1927

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Hayward Council #76 ~ Hayward, CA ~ Organized 1947

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

Br. Luther Evans, Junior Past Grand President	09-27-2000	Present	Present
Br. William Effinger III, Grand Director	02-23-2005	Present	Present
Br. Larry Silva, PGP	01-28-1959	Excused	Excused
Br. Rudy Albritton, Past Grand President	03-26-2003	Present	Present
Br. Billy Pimentel, Council Elected Delegate	10-26-1964	Present	Present
Br. Mike Nelson, Grand Second Vice President	05-22-1996	Present	Present
Br. Matt Nelson, Council Elected Delegate	06-2-2004	Present	Present
Br. Bill Avery, Council Elected Delegate	08-25-2010	Present 1st time del	Present 1st time del
Br. Bill Walls, Council Elected Delegate	08-25-2010	Present 1st time del	Present 1st time del

Manteca Council #88 ~ Manteca, CA ~ Organized 1947

Br. Jerry DeGroot, PGP	11-21-1967	Excused	Excused
Br. Ronald Thissen, PGP	03-03-1977	Absent	Absent
Br. Panteleon Padron, PGP	10-15-1985	Absent	Absent
Br. Luis Barboza, Council Elected Delegate	04-01-1982	Present	Present

Tracy Council #92 ~ Tracy, CA ~ Organized 1940

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Gustine Council #93 ~ Gustine, CA ~ Organized 1941

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

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

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Bakersfield Council #100 ~ Bakersfield, CA ~ Organized 1946

Br. Joseph Reza, PGP	11-18-2006	Absent	Absent
Br. Rudolpho Gutierrez, DDGP	01-08-2005	Absent	Absent

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

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

Br. Phil Fondale, PGD & DDGP	10-17-1989	Present	Present
Br. John Laurent, Council Elected Delegate	01-04-2009	Absent	Absent

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

Br. John Mundy, DDGP	10-16-1992	Absent	Absent
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Francis Council #573 ~ Hilo, Hawaii ~ Organized 1901

Br. James S. Souza, DDGP	09-27-1949	Absent	Absent
Br. James Mullen, PGP	11-10-1966	Present	Present
Br. Wendell Serrao, PGD & Council Elected Delegate	02-15-1963	Present	Present
Br. Thomas Figueira, Council Elected Delegate	03-09-1979	Absent	Absent

Gonzaga Council #612 ~ Richmond, Indiana ~ Organized 1907

Br. Scott Vogelgesang, DDGP	07-25-1973	Absent	Absent
Br. Jim Rohe, Council Elected Delegate	07-09-1980	Present	Present

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

Br. Michael Amato, Grand Secretary	09-14-2004	Present	Present
Br. Michael Dimech, Grand First Vice President	11-28-2006	Present	Present
Br. Richard Pisciotta, Grand Inside Sentinel	11-08-1960	Present	Present
Br. Cosmo Amato, DDGP	01-27-1970	Present	Present
Br. Bob Figone, Council Elected Delegate	04-13-2010	Present	Present
Br. Bob Fiorito, Grand Director	05-08-2007	Present	Present
Br. Stephen Steczynski, Council Elected Delegate	04-08-2003	Present	Present
Br. Joseph Soracco, Council Elected Delegate	04-13-2010	Present	Present
Br. Angel Dimech, Guest	02-09-2016	Absent	Absent

Communications

Two communications were read by Michael Amato #613, GS:

- Frank DiMaggio #59, PGP, stating he was unable to attend the Session, regretted not being present due to work requirements;
- John West #32, PGP, stating he was unable to attend the Session due to care of his mother and his own health problems.

Special Committees

George Terry #32, GP, reviewed the appointment of Special Committees.

- Assistant to the Grand Secretary – Tom Fourie #32, PGP
- Assistant Grand Marshal – Bob Kinney #32
- Parliamentarian – Christopher Freeberg #44, PGD
- Elections – Wendell Serrao #573, PGD & Jim Rohe #612
- Remembrance Ceremony – Tom Fourie #32, PGP

Rules of the Session

George Terry #32, 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 – Chris McCann #8, GM/Phil Oberst #32, PGP – to accept the Rules of the 131st Grand Council Session as presented. Passed unanimously

Unfinished Business

George Terry #32, GP, asked the Grand Secretary if there was any unfinished business from the 130th Grand Council Session. Michael Amato #613, GS, answered there was none.

Credentials

The Credentials Committee chairman, Michael Amato #613, GS, reported that in attendance were 69 delegates thus far, all of whom had submitted their credentials in proper order. Last year (2015) there were 59 credentials submitted.

Charity Box

George Terry #32, GP, designated the YMI Educational Foundation (50%) and the Seminarian Educational Foundation of the Young Men's Institute (50%) 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 have a good time. He thanked Fr. Agnel and everyone for attending the Opening Mass/Remembrance Ceremony on Monday evening at St. Rose of Lima Church in Santa Rosa and complimented the singing. He thanked all those who helped with the planning of this year's Grand Council Session including Sebastopol Council #54 and Santa Rosa Council #40. There would be a menu change for the Grand Banquet – Sirloin steak to replace the Flat-iron steak. A reminder of cocktails beginning this evening at 5: 00 p.m., casual wear and the wine on the table is courtesy of Santa Rosa Council #40. He thanked Br. Domenic Carinalli and his crew for the BBQ last evening.

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. His presentation is summarized below:

- Mercy: Given by God and we are to share it with others.
- In this year of Mercy that the Holy Father has called, we need to be Ready and be Open.
- How many have seen cactus growing, a thorny bush but edible
- It is not easy to show mercy to groups such as ISIS
- When we are open to show mercy, God rewards us.
- Talked about the Iranian capital punishment process and recounted a true story about an Iranian execution where the mother of the victim showed mercy to the killer. The mother slapped the criminal, and the noose around his neck was removed
- Delegates gave Father Agnel applause for providing an excellent presentation

George Terry #32, GP, declares a short recess at 10:50 a.m. and resumes the Session at 11:00 a.m.

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.

- Paul Larson #32, nominated Steve Cresci #32 for the office of Grand Outside Sentinel, which was seconded by Bob Kinney #32.
- Thomas Fourie #32, PGP, nominated Richard Pisciotta #613, PGD, for the office of Grand Inside Sentinel, which was seconded by Robert Bartoli #32, PGP &GD.
- Luther Evans #80, JPGP, nominated Chris McCann #8, GM, for the office of Grand Marshal, which was seconded by Michael Amato #613, GS.
- Ed DeLaTorre #1, PGP, nominated Mario DeVita #1, for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Frank Pignati #1.
- Rudy Albritton #80, PGP, nominated Matt Nelson #80, for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Bill Effinger #80, GD.
- Paul Larson #32, nominated Bob Fiorito #613, for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Bob Figone #613.

- Bill Avery #80, nominated Bill Walls #80, for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Rudy Albritton #80, PGP.
- Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP, nominated Jack Albrecht #1, GT, for the office of Grand Treasurer, which was seconded by Frank Pignati #1.
- Thomas Fourie #32, PGP, nominated Michael Amato #613, GS, for the office of Grand Secretary, which was seconded by Michael Dimech 3613, GFVP.
- Bill McNeany #40, PGD, nominated Carlos Rivas #40, for the office of Grand Second Vice President which was seconded by Mike Keefer #40, and Steve May #40.
- Rudy Albritton #80, PGP, nominated Mike Nelson #80 GSVP, for the office of Grand First Vice President which was seconded by Bill Avery #80 and Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP. *Br. Matt Nelson accepted the nomination for his father who was indisposed at this time.
- Michael Amato #613, GS, nominated Michael Dimech #613, GFVP, for the office of Grand President which was seconded by Larry Andreatta #32, GOS and Mike Keefer #40.

George Terry #32, GP, declared all the nominations closed.

MSC – Thomas Fourie #32, PGP/Robert Bartoli #32, PGP & GD, 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 2016-2017 as printed in the Advanced Proceedings on page 48. He reviewed all the accounts of planned expenditures and encouraged members to review the proposed budget for further discussion the next day. He noted that the total budget being proposed was basically the same as the year previous. He asked if there were any questions at this time. There were none.

Thomas Fourie #32, PGP & Bus. Mgr. noted that we could not complete the membership report because some Councils did not provide information by the deadline. He then

distributed a new membership count (page 83). The numbers reflected 2035 Benefit and Associate members combined as of 3/31/2016. The Grand Council Office had to refer to the most recent reports from those Councils not providing their Semi Annual Report as of March 31, 2016.

George Terry #32 GP recessed the Session at 11:45 a.m. for lunch.

George Terry #32, GP called the Session back to order at 12:30 p.m.

George Terry #32, GP recessed the Session at 12:31 p.m. in order for the Seminarian Educational Foundation and the YMI Educational Foundation to conduct their respective annual general meetings.

At 1:30 p.m. George Terry #32, GP, called the Session back to order.

State of the Institute Report

Luther Evans #80, JGP and chairman of the State of the Institute Committee referred everyone to page 76 in the Advance Proceedings where the two proposals for this year appeared.

Brother Evans read the first proposal concerning the change to the Death Benefit Program, moved for its adoption which was seconded by Thomas Fourie #32, PGP.

The following comments were offered by the delegates:

- Richard Guaraldi #32, PGP – the Death Benefit is a tool to bring people in to the Council and as such supports the change.
- Jim Mullen #573, PGP – against the death benefit increase, suggested a new benefit member program.
- Nick Franceschine #54, GIS – as chair of the research on this subject, there was a great deal of discussion, a special meeting of the Board of Grand Directors,

reviewed the survey results and there was a lot of interest to include Associate members in some type of death benefit program. He supports the current proposal and would report back next year on what can be done for the Associate members.

- Phil Fondale #137, PGD – coming from the newest Council formed, most of their members are Associate members, and it is a “can of worms” when the topic is approached. More Associate members are coming in than Benefit members. Therefore something should be done for them.
- Frank Hepburn #2, PGP – there isn’t money for the Associate members currently. He would prefer that all members be considered as equals.
- Alan Patrick #32, GD – speaking on behalf of the Board of Grand Directors who made this proposal – simply, raise the death benefit amount.

Luther Evans, #80, JPGP read the second proposal concerning the eligibility as delegates, moved for its adoption and was seconded by Richard Guaraldi #32, PGP. The following comments were made in reference to this second proposal.

Rudy Albritton #80, PGP – asked questions for clarification

Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP – was not clear as to the point of this change, did not make sense and did not feel it needed to be changed.

Grand Council Committee Reports

George Terry #32, 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 Session. Many of the reports had been referenced in various specific agenda items of the Session. Comments:

- Bill Effinger #80, GD – announced the second stage of audits would begin this coming year. The entire YMI is at risk if Councils do not comply with the proper bookkeeping requirements.
- Thomas Fourie #32, PGP – announced that if anyone wanted to become the editor of the Institute Journal to please contact him. The amount of time to edit the Journal, write articles, prepare for mailing, etc. is a burden on many of the Officers. The Post Office changes its bulk mailing rules each year.
- George Terry #32, GP, thanked Brothers Larry Andreatta #32 and Kelly Cox #44 for their work on the Membership Committee.
- Michael Amato #613, GS, referenced the Organization Committee Report on page 66.
- Jack Albrecht #1, GT, referenced the Reserve Fund Report on page 45.
- Nick Franceschine #54, GIS announced that resolutions would be presented tomorrow.
- George Terry #32, GP thanked the District Deputies for their timely reports.
- Michael Dimech #613, GFVP reviewed the essay contest with over 1500 students competing, to please support the next contest in reading the essays. Almost \$12,000 was generated by the raffle and he thanked everyone for their support. Phi Fondale #137, PGD offered a unique way to sell the tickets outside of his church.

Special Recognition of 2015-2016 District Deputy Grand Presidents

George Terry #32, GP asked all District Deputy Grand Presidents in attendance to stand and be recognized for the work they did this year. He mentioned that the Order needs to make better use of this position and should reap larger benefits.

Announcements

George Terry #32, GP reminded everyone of the special event this evening and asked everyone to have a good time and be on time tomorrow morning.

Distribution of Ballots

Brother Fourie reviewed the process of the secret ballot vote for the State of the Institute Proposals. Brothers were called forward to receive their ballots and vote. A 2/3 majority was needed for a proposal to pass. Results will be announced tomorrow.

The first 50/50 raffle was conducted at the Grand Breakfast. The second 50/50 raffle was conducted at this time.

A closing prayer was led by Rev. Agnel De Heredia #32, GC, and George Terry #32, GP, declared a recess at 3:03 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2016.

Recess

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016

Call to order at 9:02 a.m. by George Terry #32, GP, in the Flamingo Ball Room of the Flamingo Conference and Resort Spa in Santa Rosa, California.

Opening Ceremonies

Chris McCann #8, GM, reported that the Council Chamber was properly prepared and all present were entitled to remain.

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

George Terry #32, GP acknowledged the good work of Santa Rosa Council #40 and Sebastopol #54, then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Michael Amato #613, GS, called the Roll. The results were similar to the roll taken on Tuesday, June 21, 2016. See the official roll sheet listed on previous pages of these minutes.

Communications

There were none.

Credentials Report

The Credentials Committee Chairman, Michael Amato #613, GS, announced that after double checking, we had 67 credentials received. We received 59 credentials in 2015.

Election Report

The Election Committee reported on the secret ballot election for State of the Institute proposals:

Proposal #1 – Death Benefit Change in Amount

Yes....53 votes

No.....10 votes

The Proposal is adopted.

Proposal #2 – Eligibility of Delegates

Yes....46 votes

No.....17 votes

The Proposal is adopted.

Thomas Fourie #32, PGP explained the process of by-law changes involving the Grand Council Laws and Revisions Committee.

MSC – Wendell Serrao #573, PGD/Jim Rohe, #623- to have the ballots destroyed. Passed unanimously.

Special Committee Appointments for Installation of Grand Officers

Thomas Fourie #32, PGP, 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 – Luther Evans #80, JGP
- Guardian of the Flag – Joseph Soracco #613

Workshop

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

- Br. Fourie began by “thanking” all for doing their respective jobs well and it is reflective in getting all the information turned in, and especially thanked all wives.
- The Business Manager commented on a few items in the registration packet:
 1. The application for new members – be clear, it is on the website.
 2. The donation form which is also on the website
 3. Death Certificate Form – we do not need a death certificate, but we do need to identify the proper beneficiary.

4. Page 2 of the semi-annual reports should reflect all membership levels and changes, including deaths.

- Brother Fourie spoke to the semi-annual reports due on April 1 and October 1 of each and every year. Five Councils did not submit their reports this year. There is a penalty and the Board of Grand directors can vote to suspend the Councils. Please double check the math when submitting the data on page 1 of the semi-annual report...just too many mistakes.
 - Please review the information on the Financial Page (page 82) to see the status of your Council.
 - Liability Insurance covers Council activities if notification is provided ahead of time, especially if the activity does not take place at the Council's meeting site. Our new policy took effect on June 18, 2016. One time events can be covered as long as the Grand Council Office is notified in advance.
 - One more reminder for later today: Mass at 4:00 p.m. and Dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m.....take the same route to the Church as you did last night to dinner.
- Nick Francschine #54, GIS, reviewed all the work that he and his committee had done this past year on the Death Benefit Issue. He explained the basics of the program, its history, and covered the surveys from Councils and Brothers that were returned. He provided the mathematics involved in raising the Death Benefit to \$1500. He stated that the next step for this year it to research the possibility of having a death benefit program for Associate Members. We need to find out what can be done legally, and so getting an attorney to advise is on the calendar. Question: How to set up a second fund???

New Business

George Terry #32, GP, asked for any new business. There was none.

Sports Report

Grand President George Terry #32 called upon Michael Sanzeri #59, DDGP, for the final report on the Bowling Tournament. 11 teams played this year, and the tournament will be held next year (May 7, 2017). The bowling results were as follows and trophies presented:

Individual Awards

High Game Scratch – Score of 297 – Jeff Mendoza #44

High Handicap Game – Score of 308 – Leo Mattard #5

Team Award – Stockton #5, Team #1 – 3450 pins.

Remember that family members are encouraged to bowl.

Phil Fondate #137, DDGP & PGD discussed general details of the golf tournament. Look in the Institute Journal and page 80 of the Advance Proceedings for more details. The cost continues to be \$70/person for the Manteca Course.

Michael Dimech #613, GSVP, recapped last year's Bocce Ball Tournament with the results on page 79 in the Advance Proceedings. All Brothers are invited this year to play in next year's tournament on September 24, 2016 at Orange Avenue Park in South San Francisco.

Fund Raising

Alan Patrick #32, GD, reported that the fund raising reports can be found on Page 32 in the Advance Proceedings (Pasta Bingo Dinner) and the Super Bowl Pool, etc. on page 38.

Adoption of the 2016-2017 Budget

Jack Albecht #1, GT, returned with the proposed Operating Budget for Grand Council that had a preliminary reading the day before. He requested a motion to approve the budget.

MSC – Richard Guaraldi #32, PGP/Phil Oberst #32, PGP – Unanimous – to approve the presented operating budget for 2016-2017.

George Terry #32, GP called for a brief recess at 10:25 a.m.

George Terry #32, GP called the Session back in order at 10:35 a.m.

Grand Council Officers' Summary Reports

George Terry #32, GP, referred to the Grand Officers Reports which began with his report on page 28 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. The Grand President highlighted the quote in his report and spoke how meaningful it was for him this year.

Michael Dimech #613, GFVP, spoke to both this and next year's Pro Patria Essay Contest. It has been an honor to serve and the future is bright. He looks forward to his year as the Grand President.

Mike Nelson #80, GSVP was honored to serve this year. His report reflected on the successful Red and White Mass. Next year's Pro Patria Essay entry form is in the packets, so let us go and get more student writers.

Alan Patrick #32, GD, thanked the Grand President for a great job this year and all the help he provided the Board of Grand Directors.

Jack Albrecht #1, GT reported the treasury is in decent shape, however, he complained that students to not cash their prize checks in a timely fashion.

The Grand Secretary, Michael Amato #613 reported his summary was on pages 41-43 and covered the YMI website and Facebook page.

Junior Past Grand President Luther Evans #80 referred all to his report in the Advance Proceedings.

The Long Range Plan was addressed by Manuel Drumonde #44, GD as it related to the Stockton Bishop's Awards Dinner, and acknowledgement for Manteca Council #88. He referred to page 55 and urged incoming Grand Officers to review the entire document. Brother Tom Fourie #32 PGP and Business Manager asked that taking a look at it is not enough. It needs to be talked about, updated, changes for improvement made and shared with each and every Council. Br. Ed De La Torre #1, PGP said the District Deputy Grand Presidents should be in the business of explaining this document to all the Councils in their District.

Resolutions

Nick Franceschine #54, GD, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee read the two resolutions prepared for this year:

1. Resolution for Fr. Dennis O'Sullivan, pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church in Santa Rosa, California for providing his church for our Opening Mass and Remembrance Ceremony.

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

2. Resolution for Fr. James Pulscan, pastor of Star of the Valley Church in Santa Rosa, California for opening his church to our Celebration and Installation of New Officers Mass.

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

Report on the 2017 Grand Council Session

Brother Michael Amato #613, GS, gave an overview of the Grand Council Session at the MontBleu Hotel in South Lake Tahoe. Br. Fourie asked for a response to a riverboat dinner/dance cruise, and Br. Amato said that next year we will pre-order YMI shirts. Information was in the registration packet.

Report on the 2018 Grand Council Session

An announcement has been made by Grand Second Vice President Mike Nelson that he wished to return to the Reno area. The Committee will begin the process of making arrangements.

Report of the 2019 Grand Council Session

Br. Fourie asked Br. Rivas if Santa Rosa might be re-visited in a few years. Br. Rivas answered in the affirmative....work to be done.

Charity Box Distribution

George Terry #32, GP, reminded everyone that the 50/50 raffles will go towards the two YMI Foundations. (Breaking News: Following the Grand Banquet and final drawing, \$1240 was realized and split between the two Foundations)

Special Presentation

Luther Evans #80, JGP, presented George Terry #32, 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 George for his service. With some emotion, Br. George 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 and will continue to work in the name of the Young Men's Institute.

Presentation of Grand President Elect

George Terry #32, GP proudly presented the Grand President Elect, Michael Dimech #613, GFVP, who was greeted with applause by the delegates. Brother Michael expressed his pleasure and honor to begin his YMI journey.

He remarked that the future of the Order is bright and with 2100 members currently on the roll, he will work hard to increase the total. He will attempt to visit all Councils, encourage parish involvement and community service. Councils have to get more involved in their parish and work in a creative manner with our volunteer assistance. Make a connection with the 7th and 8th grade school teachers and parents, sponsor a school team.

Support charitable work in the community, get recognition of good work in bulletins, send photos to the website.

Br. Dimech offered the following challenge to each and every YMI Brother: **Each Brother needs to bring in one new member this YMI year.**

Make use of Junior members, use Grand Council funds to help for membership drives.

November should be Armed Services Month in the YMI – invite them all to dinner and waive the cost.

Every Council at each meeting should have a Safety Moment to bring attention to so many different ways we can be more safe in our daily lives.

Br. Michael Dimech #613, GFVP had his program distributed to all the delegates and asked them to read each page very carefully thanking them in advance for their help this year.

Presentation and Installation of District Deputy Grand Presidents

Michael Dimech #613, Grand President Elect, read aloud the names and the duties of the District Deputy Grand Presidents covering the YMI territories this year. The District Deputies are working for the Grand President. Those present included: Luther Evans, #80, PGP; Cosmo Amato #613; Phil Fondale #137, PGD; Michael Sanzeri #59, PGO; Steven May #40; Alex Schmitt #8, PGD; and Richard Romano #2.

MSC – Thomas Fourie #32, PGP/Michael Amato #613, GS, to accept the nominated Brothers (as listed in the Grand President's Program as District Deputy Grand Presidents with all the responsibilities and privileges as stated in the Grand Council Constitution and By-Laws. Unanimously passed.

Brother Dimech #613, GFVP, initiated his new District Deputies and they took their Oath of office.

Good of the Order

- Brother Steve May #40, First Time Delegate: proud to be in the YMI and recognized all the preparation work that was done for this Grand Council Session
- Bill Avery #80, First Time Delegate: his Dad was a long time member of the YMI and he was inspired by attending the Session
- Bill Walls #80, First Time Delegate: the Session was well organized and he was inspired to do more
- Dick Colombini #40, First Time Delegate: he did not know what to expect, and it was well organized
- Richard Romano #2, First Time Delegate: he is hoping for many more years in the YMI
- Paul Larson #32, First Time Delegate: it went very smoothly and all deserve a round of applause
- Virgil Pacheco #44, First Time Delegate: he is glad he came
- Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP: challenge to members to bring in 5 new members, come to the Session and get \$25.00
- Michael Amato #613, GS: poolside reception for the new Grand President on Wednesday evening, and a formal reception on July 23, 2016
- Phil Fondale #137: worked on a committee for tuition assistance – SEEDS, also shared that Jerry DeGroot is suffering from Alzheimer's and asked Fr. Agnel to pray for him.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

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

Grand President George Terry stated that "It's been an honor to serve".

Grand President George Terry #32 adjourned the 131st Grand Council Session at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Amato #613, GS

Thomas Fourie #32, PGP
Business Manager

Minutes approved by the Board of Grand Directors on