

MINUTES OF THE YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

138th GRAND COUNCIL SESSION

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, NEVADA

TUESDAY - JUNE 20, 2023

Opening Ceremonies

Darrell Fonseca #99, GP, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Evergreen B Meeting Room of Bally's Hotel and Casino in South Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

He pointed out a statue of St. Joseph, patron saint of the YMI, a gift he received from the Brothers of Gonzaga Council #612 in Indiana, which he placed on the podium.

Phil Fondale #900, 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, "A YMI Song", was sung with the YMI Delegate Choir in complete harmony under the direction of Richard Guaraldi #32, PGP.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phil Fondale #900, GM.

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

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| Br. Steve Cresci, Grand First Vice President | 05-02-1990 | P | P |
| Rev. Agnel De Heredia, Grand Chaplain | 06-14-2001 | P | P |
| Br. Jack Albrecht, Grand Treasurer | 01-22-1957 | P | P |
| Br. Paul Larson, Grand Director | 12-09-2010 | P | P |
| Br. Clifford Smethurst, PGP | 04-11-1985 | A | A |
| Br. Thomas Fourie, PGP | 08-14-1986 | P | P |
| Br. Philip Oberst, PGP | 10-12-1972 | P | P |
| Br. Richard Guaraldi, PGP | 02-13-1975 | P | P |
| Br. John West, PGP | 03-12-1992 | E | E |
| Br. Bob Bartoli, PGP | 06-11-1992 | P | P |
| Br. George Terry, PGP | 10-15-1993 | A | A |
| Br. Brian Dunbar, Council Elected Delegate | 05-08-2003 | P | P |
| Br. Dennis Cresci, Council Elected Delegate | 10/11/2018 | P | P |
| Br. Rich Murphy, Council Elected Delegate | 10-10-2019 | P | P |
| Br. Robert Hanke, Council Elected Delegate | 06-13-1996 | P | P |
| Br. Mike Mahoney, Council Elected Delegate | 03-14-2013 | P | P |
| Br. Larry Andreatta, Council Elected Delegate | 11-09-1989 | P | P |
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Santa Rosa Council #40 ~ Santa Rosa, CA ~ Organized 1954

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| Br. Bill McNeany, Grand Director | 06-14-1988 | E | E |
| Br. Richard Pasquini, Council Elected Delegate | 01-06-2009 | P | P |
| Br. Richard Schoenstein, Council Elected Delegate | 03-07-2017 | P | P |
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Holy Rosary Council #44 ~ Hilmar, CA ~ Organized 1951

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| Br. Manuel Drumonde, PGP | 04-18-1974 | P | P |
| Br. Mario Borba, Council Elected Delegate | 08-25-2016 | P | P |
| Br. Daniel Santos Council Elected Delegate | 02-12-2015 | A | A |
| Br. Duarte Monteiro, Council Elected Delegate | 11-14-2002 | P | P |
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Sebastopol Council #54 ~ Sebastopol, CA ~ Organized 1923

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| Br. Nick Franceschine, Grand President | 06-11-1986 | E | E |
| Br. Domenic Carinalli, Grand Outside Sentinel | 02-09-1966 | P | P |
| Br. George Guy, Council Elected Delegate | 12-12-1980 | P | P |
| Br. Ed Silva, Council Elected Delegate | 10-13-1999 | P | P |
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Sadoc Council #59 ~ Pittsburg, CA ~ Organized 1926

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| Br. Frank DiMaggio, PGP & DDGP | 11-07-1989 | P | P |
| Br. Salvatore Enea, PGP | 10-19-1948 | E | E |
| Br. Mike Sanzeri, Council Elected Delegate | 04-01-1997 | P | P |
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Madera Council #60 ~ Madera, CA ~ Organized 1927

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

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| Br. Billy Avery, Grand Second Vice President | 08-25-2010 | P | P |
| Br. Mike Nelson, PGP | 05-22-1996 | P | P |
| Br. Larry Silva, PGP | 01-28-1959 | E | E |
| Br. Luther Evans, PGP | 09-27-2000 | P | P |

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| Br. Steve Ortiz, DDGP | 10-22-2003 | P | P |
| Br. Lee Avila, Council Elected Delegate | 10-23-2019 | P | P |
| Br. Bill Walls, Grand Directore | 08-25-2010 | P | P |
| Br. Bill Effinger, Council Elected Delegate | 02-23-2005 | P | P |
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Tracy Council #92 ~ Tracy, CA ~ Organized 1940

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

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| Br. Eugene Espinola, Grand Director & DDGP | 12-02-1981 | E | E |
| Br. Mike Thissen PGP | 03-01-1983 | P | P |
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Dos Palos Council #99 ~ Dos Palos, CA ~ Organized 1946

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| Br. Darrell Fonseca, Grand President | 05-14-1991 | P | P |
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St. Augustine Council #497 ~ Huntingburg, Indiana ~ Organized 1898

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Francis Council #573 ~ Hilo, Hawaii ~ Organized 1901

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| Br. Tommy Figueira, Grand Director | 03-09-1979 | P | P |
| Br. James Mullen, PGP | 11-10-1966 | A | A |
| Br. Clement Gusman, DDGP | 03-25-1983 | P | P |
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Gonzaga Council #612 ~ Richmond, Indiana ~ Organized 1907

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| Br. Scott Vogelgesang, DDGP | 07-25-1973 | A | A |
| Br. Jim Rohe, Council Elected Delegate | 07-09-1980 | P | P |
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St. John Bosco Council #613 ~ San Francisco, CA ~ Organized 1908

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| Br. Michael Amato, PGP & DDGP | 09-14-2004 | P | P |
| Br. Michael Dimech, PGP & Grand Secretary | 11-28-2006 | P | P |
| Br. Bob Fiorito, Grand Outside Sentinel | 05-08-2007 | P | P |
| Br. Cosmo Amato, Grand Inside Sentinel | 01-27-1970 | P | P |
| Br. Stephen Goulding, Council Elected Delegate | 12-12-1989 | E | E |
| Br. John Kavanagh, Council Elected Delegate | 11-12-2013 | P | P |
| Br. John Cleary, Council Elected Delegate | 11-14-2006 | P | P |
| Br. Joseph Soracco, Council Elected Delegate | 04-13-2004 | P | P |
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Grand Council #900 ~ San Francisco, CA ~ Organized 2004

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| Br. Phil Fondale, Grand Marshal | 10-17-1989 | P | P |
| Br. Joseph Reza, PGP | 11-18-2006 | P | P |

Introduction of first time Delegates

Grand President, Darrell Fonseca #99, asked that all first-time delegates to come forward, introduce themselves, announce their Council affiliation and what was their expectation as a Delegate.

Special Appointments

Nick Franceschine #54, GP, reviewed the appointment of Special Committees.

- Assistant to the Grand Secretary – Thomas Fourie #32, PGP
- Parliamentarian – Mike Nelson #80, PGP
- Elections – Phil Fondale #900, GM
- Remembrance Ceremony – Thomas Fourie #32, PGP
- Installation of Officers – Rev. Agnel De Heredia #32, GC

Rules of the Session

Darrell Fonseca #99, 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 Dimech #613, PGP, GS 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 – Darrell Fonseca #99, GP/ Bob Bartoli #32, PGP and Richard Guaraldi #32, PGP – to accept the Rules of the 138th Grand Council Session as presented. Passed unanimously.

Communications

Brother Michael Dimech #613, GS reported that he had not received any communications.

Unfinished Business

Darrell Fonseca #99, GP asked the Grand Secretary if there was any unfinished business from the 137th Grand Council Session. Michael Dimech #613, GS answered there was none.

Report of the Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee chairman, Michael Dimech #613, PGP,GS reported that in attendance were 48 delegates thus far, all of whom had submitted their credentials in proper order.

Charity Box

Darrell Fonseca #99, GP designated that the “United for Life Organization in Merced County”, a non-profit group to help mothers with young children to receive funds from the Charity Box (one half the proceeds from the 50/50 raffles).

Message from the Grand Chaplain

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 presented two possible topics for his remarks and the delegates chose the Shroud of Turin. Highlights of his presentation follow:

- From the Gospels of Sts. John, Matthew & Luke.
- The dead are covered by cloth prior to burial.
- Judas was disturbed when the feet of Jesus were cleaned with oil.
- Jesus tells Judas to leave the Last Supper room to do what he needs to do.
- The Shroud of Turin was Fr. Agnel’s thesis for his Doctorate Degree.

- Father Fitzer was a classmate of Fr. Agnel and was present when the shroud was being examined.
- Fr. Agnel spoke about the carbon testing that was performed on the shroud.
- The cloth dimensions of the shroud were 5 ft 7 in. x 6 ft. 2 in.
- The shroud was known to have been stored in different locations and was eventually to have been found in Turin, Italy in a silver box.
- The individual on the Cross (assume it is Jesus) had the following features on the cloth:
 - Bruises, broken ribs, swollen left eye, bleeding from the left shoulder.
 - Dried up blood stains all over the cloth, collapsed chest, knees cracked, pierced ears.
 - Blood type: AB
 - Carbon testing performed estimated that the shroud dated to 1200 AD.
 - Father Agnel commented that carbon testing does not show what we can see with our eyes.
 - New testing was performed with updated testing methods which now show that the shroud dates back to 30-40 AD.

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.

Joe Soracco #613, nominated Bob Fiorito #613, GOS for the office of Grand Outside Sentinel, which was seconded by Cosmo Amato #613, GIS.

Joe Soracco #613, nominated Cosmo Amato #613, GIS for the office of Grand Inside Sentinel, which was seconded by Bob Fiorito #613, GOS.

Tom Fourie #32, PGP nominated Phil Fondale #900, GM for the office of Grand Marshal, which was seconded by Bob Bartoli #32, PGP.

Michael Dimech #613, GS, nominated Mario Balistreri #613 for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Michael Amato #613, PGP.

Alex Schmitt #8, GD nominated Nick Franceschine, #54, IPGP, for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by George Guy #54.

Alex Schmitt #8, GD was called upon and accepted to fill in the remaining year on the Board to replace Bill Walls #80, GD.

Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP nominated Jack Albrecht #32, GT for the office of Grand Treasurer which was seconded by Tom Fourie #32, PGP.

Michael Amato #613, PGP, nominated Michael Dimech #613, PGP, GS for the office of Grand Secretary which was seconded by Tom Fourie #32, PGP.

Luther Evans #80, PGP nominated Bill Walls #80, GD for the office of Grand Second Vice President which was seconded by Lee Avila #80.

Steve Ortiz #80, DDGP nominated Billy Avery #80, GSVP for the office of Grand First Vice President which was seconded by Luther Evans #80, PGP.

Dennis Cresci #32 nominated Steve Cresci #32, GFVP for the office of Grand President which was seconded by Paul Larson #32, GD.

MSC – Phil Oberst #32, PGP/Joe Reza #900, PGP that the nominations by closed.
(passed unanimously)

Preliminary Budget Report

Jack Albrecht #1, GT, presented the proposed Grand Council Operating Budget for 2023-2024 as printed in the Advanced Proceedings on page 46. He reviewed all the accounts of planned expenditures. He asked if there were any questions, however, there were none. He thanked all the Brothers who assisted him in preparing the budget and that the budget had been in place for the last two months.

A motion was made by Brother Richard Guaraldi #32, PGP to accept the proposed budget and seconded by Brother Frank DiMaggio #59, PGP. The motion was approved unanimously.

Special Announcements

A motion was made to re-open the nominations for Grand Council Office by Brother Billy Avery #80, GSVP and seconded by Brother Joe Reza #900, PGP so as to fill in the one vacancy on the Board of Grand Directors.

Brother Tom Fourie #32, PGP nominated Brother Richard Murphy #32 to fill the vacancy that existed on the Board of Grand Directors. This nomination was seconded by Dennis Cresci #32.

MSC – Brother Bob Bartoli #32, PGP/Brother Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP that the Grand Secretary should cast a ballot for all the uncontested offices and the candidates be elected. Passed unanimously.

Given the time available before the lunch break, Grand President Darrell Fonseca #99, asked that the Seminarian Foundation conduct their annual meeting at this time.

**THE SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION MEETING WAS
CONDUCTED**

Darrell Fonseca #99, GP called a recess for lunch at 12:10 p.m. The Session would resume in one hour.

At 1:15 p.m. Darrell Fonseca #99, GP called the Session back to order. He asked that the Educational Foundation conduct their annual meeting at this time.

THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION MEETING WAS CONDUCTED

At 2:00 p.m. Darrell Fonseca #99, GP called the Session back to order.

State of the Institute Report

Brother Nick Franceschine #4, IPGP, over Zoom, provided a summary of each of the four proposals his committee proposed. Each proposal was discussed extensively by the delegates to this Grand Council Session. There were many delegates who voiced their support as well as their disapproval of the proposals. The discussion of the proposals lasted an hour and a half. A big thank you went out to the committee members for the many hours spent coming up with each proposal and providing a rationale. At the end of the day's session, the Election Committee would provide paper ballots to each delegate for their vote. The election committee would then count the votes and provide the delegates with its findings the following day. According to the Grand Council By-Laws, a State of the Institute proposal needs a 2/3 vote to pass.

Grand Council Committee Reports

Darrell Fonseca #99, 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. There were no specific comments on any of these committee reports from the delegates in attendance at this Grand Council Session.

Special Recognition of 2022-2023 District Deputy Grand Presidents

Darrell Fonseca #99, GP had nothing but good things to say about the District Deputies. He thanked all District Deputies for outstanding contributions in carrying forth their duties. He named each District Deputy and recognized them for their service. They were thanked for their participation and support this past YMI year.

Announcements

Brother Michael Dimech #613, GS reminded everyone that the dinner this evening would be at Club Blue for members and guests who would be attending. The dinner would begin at 6:00 p.m.

The second 50/50 Raffle drawing was held.

Distribution of Ballots

Darrell Fonseca #99, GP requested that the Election Committee please distribute the prepared ballots for the voting on the State of the Institute Proposals. This being a secret ballot, all delegates were asked to sign in and present their completed ballot to the Election Committee this afternoon before they leave the Session Room.

Darrell Fonseca #99, GP declared a recess at 3:28 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

Recess

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023

Call to order at 9:25 a.m.in the Evergreen Meeting Room of Bally's Hotel and Resort in South Lake Tahoe, California.

Opening Ceremonies

Phil Fondale #900, 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

Phil Fondale #900, GM led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance which was loudly and proudly recited.

Roll Call

Darrell Fonseca #99, GP asked all the Delegates to come forward and account for their presence. The results were similar to the roll taken on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. See the official roll sheet listed on previous pages of these minutes.

Communications

Michael Dimech #613, GS, reported there were none.

Credentials Report

The Credentials Committee Chairman, Michael Dimech #613, PGP,GS announced that we were still at 48 Delegates with credentials received, same as reported on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

Election Report

The Election Committee Chairman Phil Fondale #900, GM, made the following report based on the vote for the State of the Institute Proposals: 48 ballots were distributed, only 47 were returned.

The results of the secret ballot vote were as follows:

Proposal #1

9 votes for

38 votes against

19% of delegates in favor

Proposal fails

Proposal #2

17 votes for

30 votes against

36% of delegate in favor

Proposal fails

Proposal #3

18 votes for

29 votes against

38% of delegates in favor

Proposal fails

Proposal #4

20 votes for

27 votes against

43% of delegates in favor

Proposal fails

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

MSC – Steve Cresci #32, GFVP and seconded by Brother Billy Avery #80, GSVP and Brother Robert Hanke #32 – to authorize the chairman of the Election Committee to destroy the ballots (unanimous)

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 – Bob Bartoli #32, PGP
- Guardian of the Flag – Phil Oberst #32, PGP

Workshop

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

- As the Liability Insurance Policy for the YMI is renewed annually on June 18 of each year, Brother Fourie reviewed the process for review and said all the necessary steps had been completed. The insurance company had forwarded the Council certificates for the 2023-2024 YMI year. Brother Fourie called each Council present to come forward and receive their Council's certificates for this next year.
- Several Councils have changed their Council By-Laws and are in compliance with the YMI in reference to the State of the Institute By-Law changes approved at the 2022 Grand Council Session. However, many Councils are not in compliance as of this date. The following Councils have updated their By-Laws: #2, #8, #32, #54, #573 and #613.
- Brother Fourie brought to everyone's attention, the fact that at least 400 Benefit Beneficiary forms have not been turned in by YMI Brothers since the 2022 State of the Institute By-Law changes. Brother Tom reminded the delegates to have their Council keep a copy of the Benefit form for themselves as well as send it into the Grand Council.
- Brother Tom also reminded the delegates that the next Council Semi-Annual Report is due at the end of September 2023.

New Business

There was no new business to report at this time.

Sports Report

Michael Dimech #613, GP, announced that the next Bocce Ball Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 2023 at Orange Avenue Park in South San Francisco, CA. A flyer has been sent and is also available on the YMI Web page. Everyone, please try to make an effort to attend this year's tournament.

The Bowling Chairman, Brother Michael Sanzeri #59 spoke about this year's bowling tournament. Five teams participated on behalf of Councils #99, #80, #94, #80 and #59. Brother Sanzeri thanked Brother Frank DiMaggio #59, PGP Brother Darrell Fonseca #99, GP and Brother Bill Avery #80, GSVP for supporting the bowling tournament. Brother Sanzeri concluded his report by presenting trophies to respective bowlers and teams for their outstanding performances. The next tournament is scheduled for May 19, 2024.

There was no golf tournament this year as reported by Brother Bob Fiorito #613, GOS. The tournament was cancelled due to lack of participation as only three teams had entered. The Golf Course was guaranteed a minimum of 10 teams to be participating. The chairman was very disappointed. However, Brother Fiorito has agreed to continue to chair the golf tournament for one more year in 2024. He encouraged each Council to send in at least one team.

Darrell Fonseca #99, GP called for a break for the delegates at this time. (10 minutes)

Grand Council Officers' Summary Reports

Brother Darrell Fonseca #99, GP provided the delegates with a summary of his year as the Grand President.

- He enjoyed his year as the Grand President.
- He visited every Council during the year including Hawaii and Indiana.
- He thanked Brother Tommy Figueira and Brother Clement Gusman from Council #573 for their generosity and for taking him on many site-seeing tours while in Hawaii.
- He spoke about his Bay Area visit and attending Council #613's annual picnic.
- He thanked Brother Mike Amato #613, PGP and Brother Mike Nelson #80, PGP for their support during this year.
- He visited with seminarians and attended Masses, met with several priests and engaged with many parish priests.

Brother Darrell further commented on:

- The YMI needs to support parish priests as they can help the YMI.
- There is a need to re-engage everyone in the YMI i.e. more communication with the YMI and the need to modernize the YMI.
- He spoke about visiting the Veterans Park in Richmond, Indiana with members of Gonzaga Council #612, and how the YMI gives tours at the park which promotes the YMI and honors the legacy of the YMI.
- He thanked the Sports Chairmen for their work in trying to put on the activities this year.
- He suggested that the YMI needs more activities within the YMI.

- He acknowledged how the YMI essay contest promotes the YMI.
- He attended the YLI convention and promoted the YMI essay contest within that organization.
- He highly suggested that we need to continue to practice our Catholic faith and receive the sacraments.
- We need to be open- minded, engage more youth to bring them into the Brotherhood.

Brother Darrell then concluded his remarks by thanking all of the delegates for their support during his year as the YMI Grand President. The entire assembly of delegates stood and applauded Brother Darrell for his work this year as Grand President.

Grand First Vice President Steve Cresci #32 summarized his year as the Grand First Vice President and mentioned that his report was in the Advance Proceedings for everyone to review. Brother Steve really enjoyed his year. He thanked Br. Tommy Figueira #573, GD for being a wonderful tour guide when he visited Council #573. The Pro Patria Essay Contest raffle sold over \$14K in tickets. He also stated that we as members will have some disagreements but that all organizations have disagreements.

Grand Second Vice President Billy Avery #80 summarized his year by speaking about the Red & White Mass that he and his Council put on this past March, and thanked the

Bay Area Councils for attending on the bus and for their assistance in setting up the hall for the Red & White Mass banquet.

All other Grand Council Officers asked the delegates to review their reports in the Advance Proceedings.

Resolutions

Alex Schmitt #8, GD, DDGP announced that there would be no resolutions presented at this Grand Council Session.

Charity Box Total and Disposition

The final amount will be announced at the Grand Banquet.

Special Presentation

Michael Amato #613, PGP presented Darrell Fonseca #99, 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 Fonseca.

Presentation of Grand President Elect

Darrell Fonseca #99, GP proudly presented the Grand President Elect, Steve Cresci #32, GFVP, who was greeted with applause by the Delegates. Brother Cresci expressed his pleasure and honor to begin his YMI journey. Brother Cresci distributed his Grand

President's Program to all the Delegates. He spoke to the Delegates and commented on the following subjects:

- a. The YMI will continue to promote the membership committee.
- b. The YMI will continue to promote patriotism during the year.
- c. He recommended that all delegates continue to attend Mass.
- d. He will provide additional remarks at the Grand Banquet this evening.

Brother Joe Reza #900, PGP wanted the Grand Council to recognize the passing of Brother Auggie Flores #100.

Brother Manuel Drumonde thanked the Grand President for his service to the YMI.

Presentation and Installation of District Deputy Grand Presidents

Brother Steve Cresci #32, 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. The six Brothers present to serve as 2023-2024 District Deputies were sworn in and deputized by the Grand President Elect.

Impressions of First Time Delegates

Grand President Darrell Fonseca #99 requested that all of the first time Delegates come forward and share their impressions of the past two days. Several of the comments were:

- a. The session was well organized and took a lot of hard work.

- b. It was a very successful Session.
- c. Thanked Council #32 for sending him to attend the Session.
- d. The Advance Proceedings were very informative.
- e. Happy to attend the Session.
- f. Great Organization, hope for warmer weather next year.

Good of the Order

- a. Brother Darrell Fonseca, #99, GP asked all the Brothers who had served in the military to stand and be recognized for their service.
- b. Brother Nick Franceschine #54, PGP announced that his Council will be having a BBQ on the fourth Wednesday of August, all Brothers and family members are invited. It will be a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Sebastopol Council #54.
- c. Brother Rich Guaraldi #32, PGP, asked if the YMI was willing to travel for a future Grand Council Session....to a big city....Las Vegas.
- d. Br. Michael Amato #613, PGP spoke on Council #613's upcoming Council Picnic scheduled for August 13, 2023 in San Bruno – all are invited. He also mentioned the Italian Heritage Parade in San Francisco this year (Fleet Week) and the year's Queen Isabella will be Mia Soracco, daughter of Brother Joe Soracco of Council #613.
- e. Brother Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP invited all to Hilmar in August of this year for a lunch after Mass in the hopes of bringing in a few prospective members.

- f. Brother Fourie reminded all Officers to turn in their regalias at the conclusion of the meeting and all Brothers to be Initiated this afternoon at Mass to stay for a practice.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

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

Grand President Darrell Fonseca #99, GP together with Grand President Elect Steve Cresci #32 adjourned the 138th Grand Council Session at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dimech #613, GS

Thomas Fourie #32, PGP

Business Manager

To be approved by the Board of Grand Directors on August 5, 2023 .