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

Call to Order

Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2013 in the World Headquarters of the YMI in South San Francisco, California.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Junior Past Grand President Frank Hepburn requesting God's guidance on the officers and their deliberations throughout the meeting. At the conclusion of the prayer, everyone present wished a Happy Birthday to the Business Manager, Brother Tom Fourie

Pledge of Allegiance

In a true spirit of fraternalism, the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Grand Marshal Richard Burke, was recited in a strong voice by those assembled. All were asked to remember our country's service men.

Roll Call

The roll call was taken and the following Grand Officers were present: Grand Directors Nick Franceschine (via conference call), Rudy Gutierrez (via conference call), Bill McNeany (via conference call), Michael Dimech, Bob Bartoli (via conference call), Domenic Carinalli (via conference call); Grand First Vice President Luther Evans; Grand Secretary Michael Amato; Grand Marshal Richard Burke; Grand Inside Sentinel William Effinger (via conference call); Junior Past Grand President Frank Hepburn and Grand Second Vice President George Terry.

The following Grand Officers were excused by Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech: Grand Chaplain Father Agnel, Grand President Joseph Reza, Grand Director Peter Pasini, Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht, and Grand Outside Sentinel Chris Mc Cann. The following Grand Officers were declared absent by Chairman of

the Board, Brother Michael Dimech: Grand Director Charles McClure.

The following YMI Brother was in attendance: Brother Tom Fourie, PGP and Business Manager.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes from the May 18, 2013 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

MSC – Dimech/Gutierrez – Unanimous - that the minutes of the May 18, 2013 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved as presented.

The minutes from the 128th Grand Council Session were reviewed. A few corrections were presented and accepted.

MSC – Dimech/Franceschine – Unanimous – that the corrected minutes of the 128th Grand Council Session be approved.

The Grand Council Session minutes need to be sent to the Website as well as copies made available to all delegates and a copy to those Councils not represented at the Session.

The minutes from the June 18, 2013 special meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

MSC – Dimech/Bartoli – that the minutes of the June 18, 2013 special meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved as presented.

Communications

The Business Manager and the Grand Secretary presented the following communications:

Brother Amato acknowledged the thank you correspondence from the Reno Aces for our attendance at their game during the 128th

Grand Council Session. Also, Brother Amato referenced a fundraiser for the St. Patrick's Seminary Four Pillars Gala.

Brother Fourie reported on the following:

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (July & August), #2 (July & August), #8 (July & August), #32 (June, July & August), #40 (June, July & August), #573 (June), #612 (July & August)
- Acknowledgement of scholarship from Notre Dame High School in Belmont. CA
- Thank you from Mr. & Mrs. Robert White for the Mass in memory of their deceased son Eric.
- Memo from the licensed fiduciary for John Whittaker #26.
- Announcement for the Stockton Bishop's Awards Dinner on October 5, 2013
- Acknowledgement letter from The Catholic Voice for the ad welcoming the new bishop for the Oakland Diocese
- Cover letters for copies of tax returns, liability insurance forms and Assessment #151
- One copy of the Voice of the YLI
- Sts. Peter/Paul School's Annual Report
- One copy of the Catholic Herald (Sacramento Diocese)
- Five copies of the Catholic Voice
- Three copies of the Catholic San Francisco
- A thank you note from Br. Domenic Carinalli for electing him to the Board of Grand Directors

Grand Chaplain's Report

Father Agnel could not be present. However, he continues to pray for the Grand Council Officers and their work.

Grand Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Grand Treasurer, Brother Jack Albrecht, Br. Tom Fourie presented his Treasurer's Reports dated July 2013. The report included the monies received and expended for the 128th Grand Council Session. A profit of \$287.00 was listed. Both the expense spreadsheet and income spreadsheet were presented and reviewed by the Board

Brother Fourie reported that Br. Albrecht had successfully completed and submitted the Federal and State Income Tax forms for Grand Council for the year ending March 31, 2013. These were completed with the assistance of Br. Ed DeLaTorre. A question was raised concerning these tax forms being presented to the Board before final submission.

A copy of the tax forms will be given to the Board's Finance Committee to review.

MSC – Dimech/McNeany – to accept the Grand Treasurer's report of July 2013.

Board of Grand Directors' Committee Reports

Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech asked for reports.

- Charters ~ Br. Bob Bartoli, Br. Michael Dimech, and Br. Charles McClure ~ Review the need for anniversary charters and the replacement of lost charters as needed.
- Finance ~ Br. Michael Dimech, Br. Bob Bartoli, and Br. Bill McNeany ~ Review and approve for payment all bills for Grand Council. All bills for July reviewed and approved for payment.
- Long Range Planning ~ Br. Charles McClure and Br. Peter Pasini ~ Update and edit the Five-Year Plan for the Young Men's Institute.
- Council Activities ~ Br. Bill McNeany ~ Review and sign off on forms submitted by Councils for activities which could gross more than \$1500. Two requests from Sebastopol Council #54 were submitted, signed and filed.
- Supplies ~ Br. Michael Dimech and Br. Bob Bartoli ~ perform an annual inventory of YMI property at the World Headquarters.
- Insurance ~ Br. Nick Franceschine ~ Work with the Grand Council Office on any possible liability claims against the Order through the Travelers Insurance Company.
- Fund Raising ~ All Grand Directors
- "Proud To Be Catholic" ~ All Directors

Grand President's Report

In the absence of the Grand President, Brother Fourie asked the two Grand Vice Presidents of whether there had been a meeting with the three chair officers to coordinate Official Visits. Had the District Deputy Grand Presidents been contacted as to their role in these visits? There was no answer. However, the BBQ in Sebastopol was discussed and those planning to go made their reservations with Br. Nick Franceschine via the conference phone.

Grand Secretary's Report/Business Manager's Report

Grand Secretary Michael Amato recapped the plan for advertising this year in light of his budget.

Business Manager Tom Fourie reported that Assessment #151 payments were missing from Councils #5, #137, #92, #93, #94 and #99. Assessment #152 will go out by October 1 and the Semi Annual Report for September 30, 2013 will also be mailed. Death Benefits are paid up as of this date. Our Insurance Policy is still with Travelers, and again this year another agent has been assigned our account. Educating them on them on the mailing of certificates and billing is an on-going challenge. All taxes reporting is done, need to have Council #2 send in a copy. With regard to our new computer system, the last four years of input with regard to new members, changes in member information and deaths were never kept when the files were transferred over. So everything is having to be done again, very time consuming. The Grand Council Officers list has been sent out. The Council President/Secretary List will be forthcoming.

Grand Directors Report on Grand Council Committees

Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech asked for reports:

Audit: Br. Michael Dimech, Chr. – Br. Charles McClure, Board member. No report

Budget: Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr. – Br. Bob Bartoli and Br. Bill McNeany as Board members.

Ceremonials: Br. Phil Oberst, Chr. – Br. Nick Franceschine and Br. Domenic Carinalli as Board members. No report

Coordinating: Br. Joe Reza, Chr. – Br. Rudy Gutierrez, Board member.

Credentials: Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. Nick Franschine and Br. Domenic Carinalli as Board members.

Institute Journal: Br. Tom Fourie, Chr. – Br. Rudy Gutierrez, Board member. Br. Fourie reported that Br. Padron and group would no longer be handling distribution. Therefore, the Grand Council Office will use the permit for #32. Br. Fourie will need help four times each year for the Journal and will also need help with getting the raffle mailing out.

Laws and Revisions: Br. Rob Bartoli, Chr. – Br. Rudy Gutierrez, Board member. Br. George Terry, Grand Second Vice President read the report from the Laws and Revision Committee chairman in accepting all three proposals from the 128th Grand Council with no conflict to the by-laws. Also the committee accepted the proposed changes from St. Christopher #80 and Br. Effinger thanked the committee.

Man of the Year: Br. Bob Bartoli & Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. Peter Pasini, Board member.

Membership: Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr. – Br. Pete Pasini as Board member. The chairman will be sending out a survey to all Councils.

Organization: Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. Bob Bartoli, Board member.

Pro Deo: Br. George Terry, Chr. – Br. Michael Dimech as Board member. Br. Terry announced the Red and White Mass will be held on March 1, 2014 at All Souls Church in South San Francisco.

Pro Patria: Br. Luther Evans, Chr. – Br. Michael Dimech, Board member. Raffle tickets will be ordered on Monday.

Reserve Fund: Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr. – Br. Bill McNeany, Board member.

Resolutions: Br. Nick Franceschine, Chr. – Br. Domenic Carinalli, Board member. Brother Franceschine asked that anyone who thinks someone deserves a resolution to please let him know.

State of the Institute: Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr. – Br. Pete Pasini as Board member. He is open to collect proposals at any time.

Workshop: Br. Tom Fourie, Chr. – All Directors on committee.

Unfinished Business

A final report on the 128th Grand Council Session was presented by Br. Fourie on behalf of the committee. Financially there was a profit and as the Grand Treasurer's report noted, the Grand Council Session balance now sits at \$787.14. All expenses were listed on a written report. The 50/50 raffle disbursement was also included.

Br. Fourie reported on the 129th Grand Council Session scheduled for South Lake Tahoe in June 2014. The Committee will be traveling to the hotel in September, 2013 to make all the necessary arrangements. Brother Kelly Cox and his wife Nisa have volunteered to join the existing committee for this year.

Br. Michael Dimech spoke on the upcoming Bocce Ball Tournament in South San Francisco on September 28, 2013. 57 Brothers have signed up thus far. It is a fun day and all are invited to come.

Two Councils are now closed: Centennial #83 and Santa Clara #84. They are just about both finished with closing their books, bank accounts and post office boxes.

New Business

The next two Board of Grand Directors meetings have been set for September 21, 2013 and November 2, 2013.

There needs to be a serious discussion at the September Board meeting on the topic of fundraising.

Br. Michael Dimech asked what do we want to accomplish this year? New membership is on everyone's mind...do we set a goal of 5% or 10% per Council? We need to better market our charity work. Will there be a Council of the Year? The Chairman of the Board will present a written presentation for the next meeting.

The website needs desperate help. Better input of information needs to take place.

Huntingburg Council #497 wrote a letter in February asking for financial assistance. Brother Fourie distributed the letter and asked that it be considered under Unfinished Business at the next meeting. A copy of the letter will need to be mailed to all Officers not physically present at this meeting.

There needs to be movement on Petaluma Council #9. Someone needs to start the ball rolling.

The Columbus Day Parade in San Francisco will take place on Oct. 13. Grand President Reza and wife will be participating.

St. Patrick's Seminary's request for the purchase of raffle tickets was delegated to the Seminarian Educational Foundation.

Br. Frank Hepburn read a certificate expressing special appreciation to Br. Richard Burke for his work this past year.

Grand First Vice President's Report

Brother Luther reported that he had attended a YLI picnic. Hilmar will have its summer picnic on August 28, 2013. St. Christopher Council #80 is forming a membership committee. He will be attending a meeting with St. Columba Council #94 in Chowchilla, he needs to coordinate the agenda.

Grand Second Vice President's Report

Again, Br. Terry reported on the Red and White Mass: March 1, 2013 at All Souls Catholic Church in South San Francisco, looking to cater from the Outback Restaurant.

A retreat will take place October 4-6, 2013 in San Ramon.

Br. George visited Santa Rosa Council #40, and spoke to their group on membership, had a great time.

Br. George and his wife were in attendance at Br. Reza's Mass and reception in Bakersfield, along with the Albrechts, Fouries, Br. Luther, Br. Frank Hepburn, Br. Chuck Gullo.

Junior Past Grand President Report

Br. Frank thanked the Grand Council Session Committee for their work on the event in Reno this year.

He also was present in Bakersfield.

Good of the Order

Happy Birthday again to Br. Tom. An important agenda item for the next meeting will be the YMI website.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer led by Br. Frank Hepburn.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

Michael Amato #613
Grand Secretary

Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP Business Manager