

**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 9:02 a.m. on Saturday, November 2, 2013 in the World Headquarters of the YMI in South San Francisco, California.

**Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer was led by Grand Second Vice President George Terry requesting God's guidance on the officers and their deliberations throughout the meeting.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Special Order of Business**

Brother Michael Dimech, Chairman of the Board, introduced Brother Alan Patrick, #32, PGO as the new Grand Director to complete the vacant term until June 2014. Brother Tom Fourie #32, PGP, read the Installation Pledge to Br. Patrick and he agreed. Brother Alan conveyed his thanks to the Board and indicated his desire to complete the term.

**Roll Call**

The roll call was taken and the following Grand Officers were present: Grand Directors Michael Dimech, Bob Bartoli, Bill McNeany, Alan Patrick, Domenic Carinalli (via conference call), Rudy Gutierrez (via conference call), Nick Franceschine (tardy by conference call); Grand President Joseph Reza (via conference call), Grand Secretary Michael Amato; Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht; Grand Second Vice President George Terry, Grand Outside Sentinel Chris Mc Cann, Grand Inside Sentinel Bill Effinger (via conference call).

The following Grand Officers were excused by Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech: Grand Chaplain Father Agnel, Grand First Vice President Luther Evans, Grand Director Peter Pasini, Junior Past Grand President Frank Hepburn and Grand Marshal Richard Burke.

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

### **Reading of the Minutes**

The minutes from the September 21, 2013 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

**MSC** – Dimech/McNeany – Unanimous - that the minutes of the September 21, 2013 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 reported receipt of a letter from the Reno Aces to attend a meeting for the announcement of their new manager.

Brother George Terry read an invitation letter to YMI to attend the Junipero Serra High School Circle of Honor where the Order will be listed.

Brother Fourie reported on the following:

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (October), #2 (November and December), #32 (October), #40 (October), #573 (October), #613 (October)
- E-mail resignation from Br. McClure to continue on the Board of Grand Directors
- E-mails received on the vote (ballots) for the new Grand Director, Br. Alan Patrick
- Letter/form from the IRS for the annual updating of active Councils

- Cover letters for Assessment #152, Semi-Annual Reports and Bank Certification form mailed in September
- One copy of the Voice of the YLI
- Two issues of the Catholic San Francisco
- Three issues of the Catholic Voice
- A copy of the Serra Traditions
- A copy of the Mercy Oaks

### **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**

Grand Treasurer, Brother Jack Albrecht, presented his Treasurer's Reports dated October 22, 2013. Both the expense spreadsheet and income spreadsheet were presented and reviewed by the Board.

**MSC** – Bartoli/Patrick – to accept the Grand Treasurer's report of October 22, 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. Everything is fine as of now. Br. Patrick added to this committee replacing Br. McClure
- Finance ~ Br. Michael Dimech, Br. Bob Bartoli, and Br. Bill McNeany ~ Review and approve for payment all bills for Grand Council. All bills for September and October had been 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. Br. Patrick is added to this committee to replace Br. McClure. Brother Fourie raised the concern about how to handle the work of this group. They will meet at 4:00 p.m. on December 8, 2013 at World Headquarters

- Council Activities ~ Br. Bill McNeany ~ Review and sign off on forms submitted by Councils for activities which could gross more than \$1500. Br. Patrick added to this committee. Council #137 submitted a request for the pasta dinner and bingo on November 16, 2013.
- Supplies ~ Br. Michael Dimech and Br. Bob Bartoli ~ perform an annual inventory of YMI property at the World Headquarters. Audit will take place in February 2014. Orders are received by the World Headquarters on a monthly basis.
- Insurance ~ Br. Nick Franceschine ~ Work with the Grand Council Office on any possible liability claims against the Order through the Travelers Insurance Company. No report
- Fund Raising ~ All Grand Directors – will be considered under Unfinished Business
- “Proud To Be Catholic” ~ All Directors – will be discussed under the Grand President’s report

### **Grand President’s Report**

Brother Joseph Reza reviewed his most recent visits. September 29, 2013 to Pittsburg, CA at Good Shepherd Church with Br. Evans. They met with Brothers from both Council #59 and Council #111 after Mass. On October 10, 2013, he along with Brothers Drumonde and Cox met with Holy Rosary Council #44 where they spoke to the essay contest and raffle. On October 13, 2013, the Grand President and his wife participated in the Italian Heritage Parade (Columbus Day Parade) in San Francisco through the coordination of St. John Bosco Council #613, had a great time. Today, November 2, 2013, there will be an event with Bakersfield Council #100.

Future plans show visits to Chowchilla #94 on November 6, Indiana on November 30, St. John Bosco #613 on December 8, Atwater on December 17, and South San Francisco on January 9, 2014.

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

Grand Secretary Michael Amato provided a written report and summarized its information concerning public relations (newspapers, facebook and the Columbus Day/Italian Heritage Parade), the website and the work being done by the new webmaster Ms. Wilson.

Much time spent working with her to provide a more efficient design and it should be up and running very soon.

Business Manager Tom Fourie reported on what had been done since the last Board meeting at the Grand Council Office:

- Mailed out the last issue of the Institute Journal – very time consuming process – help was received from Brothers Albrecht and Terry
- Sent out up-dates for the Grand Officers list, Council Presidents and Council Secretaries
- Prepared and sent out Assessment #152
- Prepared and sent out September 30, 2013 Semi Annual Report forms
- Made all travel arrangements for the Grand President's Official Visit to Indiana
- Attended a lunch meeting on October 1, 2013 in Martinez, CA with members of Burke #609. Closed the Council of 6 members to #900. They had contacted World Headquarters in May, 2013 to meet the following October.
- Prepared and e-mailed the minutes from the September 21, 2013 Board of Grand Directors meeting.
- Prepared and e-mailed background information on St. Augustine Council #497
- Distributed information to Grand Council Officers that was supplied by Council #497
- Hosted and set up a special Board of Grand Directors meeting on October 27, 2013 for discussion of #497's request
- On October 26, 2013 drove to Atwater, CA with raffle tickets, letters, etc. for a 6 ½ hour session of stuffing envelopes hosted by Br. Evans at the home of Br. Rudy Albritton
- On October 28, 2013 attended the Educational Foundation Board meeting in San Leandro, CA
- Began to collect articles and information for the next issue of the Institute Journal
- Begun to review and process the information from the September 30, 2013 SAR's received thus far
- Wrote article to be published in the YLI "Voice" thanking them for their participation in the Pro Patria raffle (this being the 40<sup>th</sup> year of the raffle)

To do list for the Grand Council Office;

- Mail the raffle tickets to YMI Brothers
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- Mail the raffle tickets to the YLI Institutes
- Summarize all the notes from the meeting in South Lake Tahoe
- Collect all remaining articles for the next issue of the Institute Journal
- Prepare the Journal
- Drive the Journal to Manteca and pick up when printed
- Prepare the Journal for mailing
- Mail the Journal
- Everyday things that come up
- Limited time with the birth of new grandson
- Concern still with Council #99, Brothers Reza and Cox to handle
- Council #614 is now closed, all moved to #900

## **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. Br Dimech reported that there will be some audits coming up in the near future and inquired as to which Councils need to be done?

Budget: Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr. – Br. Bob Bartoli and Br. Bill McNeany as Board members. The first meeting for the committee will be held on February 3, 2014 at World Headquarters beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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. Br. Reza reported on other Councils inviting other groups to their events: Knights of Columbus, and St. Vincend de Paul. Brother Fourie referenced the YLI article. Br. Bartoli mentioned the number of Knights of Columbus members who cook for Council #32.

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

credentials time line for the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session has been set by the planning committee on Monday and Tuesday (June 2014) at South Lake Tahoe

Institute Journal: Br. Tom Fourie, Chr. – Br. Rudy Gutierrez, Board member. Br. Fourie reported on the new process for sending the Lamp Posts and how rigorous the tasks have become. The next edition should have articles from the Board (Gutierrez), Educational Foundation (Tassey) and the website (Amato).

Laws and Revisions: Br. Rob Bartoli, Chr. – Br. Rudy Gutierrez, Board member. Supposedly current, however, Br. Fourie inquired on whether the changes for Council #80 had been made. The issue was solved.

Man of the Year: Br. Bob Bartoli & Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. Peter Pasini, Board member. The committee issued its report for the Journal.

Membership: Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr. – Br. Pete Pasini as Board member. Forty new members have been added to the data base since April 1, 2013. Need to promote YMI membership in the Journal.

Organization: Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. Bob Bartoli, Board member. Brother Bartoli had checked with Br. Guaraldi for the Las Vegas, Nevada possibility – seems doubtful.

Pro Deo: Br. George Terry, Chr. – Br. Michael Dimech as Board member. Br. Terry distributed the invitation flyer to the Board (it will also appear in the next Journal) and asked that everyone talk up our Red and White Mass.

Pro Patria: Br. Luther Evans, Chr. – Br. Michael Dimech, Board member. Brother Fourie distributed more raffle tickets to the Board members present.

Reserve Fund: Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr. – Br. Bill McNeany, Board member. Everything is wonderful – the stock market is good.

Resolutions: Br. Nick Franceschine, Chr. – Br. Domenic Carinalli, Board member. No suggestions have been received thus far.

State of the Institute: Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr. – Br. Pete Pasini as Board member. Br. Hepburn provided an article for the next Journal requesting suggestions for his committee to consider.

Workshop: Br. Tom Fourie, Chr. – All Directors on committee. No report at this time.

## **Unfinished Business**

Brother Dimech reviewed the work done with regard to the request from St. Augustine Council #497 for financial assistance. He covered the past three years, letters of request, and the conference call of October 27, 2013.

Brother Albrecht reported that the reserves presently held \$190,000.

Each of the Board members presented their stand on the request:

- a. Carinalli, Franceschine and Gutierrez – in support of giving the \$2500
- b. Bartoli – gives support but questions when will it end
- c. Patrick – gives support and agrees with Bartoli but with a stipulation on end of gifts
- d. Dimech – supportive
- e. Pasini and McNeany – both support

Further discussion resulted in how to word the motion. The concept of use just for the electrical problems was very clear.

**MSC** – Dimech/Gutierrez – Unanimous – The YMI Board of Grand Directors approves a one time gift of \$2500 to St. Augustine Council #497 to be used only for the repair of the electrical system in their hall.

There was no current report on the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session planning thus far for South Lake Tahoe in 2014.

Brother Evans has indicated to the Grand Council Office that he would like the 130<sup>th</sup> to be at the Silver Legacy in Reno.

Br. Dimech recapped the Bocce Ball Tournament and there will be an article in the Journal with a similar summary.

Br. Dimech is still working on the concept of a Grand Directors Award to a Council each year. He will have more information for a discussion at the next meeting.



What is happening in Petaluma?? Br. Fourie asked for a report from Brothers Franceschine and Carinalli. They have spoken to Brother Jim Smith #9. They plan to meet after Thanksgiving and hope to merge with Sebastopol Council #54. Br. Carinalli will coordinate this process with Br. Fourie.

Fund Raising Idea: a 50/50 raffle, with tickets sold at \$100 each. Particular concerns were raised on why raising money and whether this effort is problematic.

### **New Business**

Future Board Meeting dates were set for January 18, 2014, March 8, 2014 and May 17, 2014.

Br. Mike Amato, our Grand Secretary, presented a new Donation Form for reaction from the Board. The Board liked the idea and concurred.

**MSC** – Bartoli/Dimech – to make the Donation Form available to all Brothers through the Journal and the website.

Brother Hal Boyd is back in the hospital. Br. Richard Burke is not well and Br. Evans' wife, Emily, is also having medical problems.

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

Brother Luther's report was read by Br. Fourie. His report centered on visits to other Councils, namely #59/#111 and also to Chowchilla. He also had gone to Madera Council #60 and Holy Rosary #44. Start selling those raffle tickets and get those essays in by January 15, 2014.

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

Again, Br. Terry already referenced the Red and White Mass. He reported that he planned to increase his visits to other Councils. He is pushing for the sales of the raffle tickets

## **Junior Past Grand President Report**

Brother Frank's was attending his Council's Remembrance Ceremony this morning and could not be present.

### **Good of the Order**

Please pray for all the members listed in the minutes and family members who are ill.

### **Closing Prayer**

The closing prayer led by Br. Michael Dimech.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Happy Thanksgiving to All!!

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

*Michael Amato #613*

**Grand Secretary**

*Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP*

**Business Manager**