

MINUTES OF THE YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE
129TH GRAND COUNCIL SESSION
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014

Opening Ceremonies

Joseph Reza #100, GP, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Hotel Ballroom of the Lake Tahoe Hotel Resort in South Lake Tahoe, California.

Joseph Reza #100, GP, appointed Alex Schmitt #8, PGO, to be Acting Grand Marshal.

Joseph Reza #100, GP, expressed sorrow on behalf of the Grand Council of the Young Men's Institute on the recent death of Richard Burke #5, GM.

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

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

The opening song, "The YMI Song", in honor of recently departed Martin Procaccio #84/#900, PGP, was led by Richard Guaraldi #32, PGP, with the YMI Delegate Choir in complete harmony.

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

American Council #8 ~ Oakland, CA ~ Organized 1885

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| Br. Chris McCann, Grand Outside Sentinel | 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

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| Br. James Mullen, DDGP | 12-13-1983 | Excused | Excused |
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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

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| Rev. Agnel Jose De Heredia, Grand Chaplain | 06-14-2001 | Present | Present |
| Br. George Terry, Grand Second Vice 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 | Present | Present |
| Br. Bob Bartoli, PGP & Grand Director | 06-11-1992 | Present | Present |
| Br. John Musgrove, PGP | 05-12-1994 | Present | Present |
| Br. Sam Bonanno, Council Elected Delegate | 01-12-1989 | Present 1 st time del | Present 1 st time del |
| Br. Larry Andreatta, Council Elected Delegate | 11-09-1989 | Present | Present |
| Br. John Prouty, Council Elected Delegate | 05-12-1983 | 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. Joseph Languemi, PGO & Council Elected Delegate | 01-08-1995 | Present | Present |

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

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| Br. Bill McNeany, Grand Director | 06-14-1980 | Present | Present |
| Br. Mike Keefer, Council Elected Delegate | 11-04-2008 | Present 1 st time del | Present 1 st time del |
| Br. Gary Vice, Council Elected Delegate | 09-22-1969 | Present | Present |

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

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| Br. Manuel Drumonde, PGP | 04-18-1974 | Present | Present |
| Br. Kelly Cox, PGD & DDGP | 02-05-1987 | Present | Present |
| Br. Christopher Freeberg, PGD & Council Elected Delegate | 08-03-1989 | Present | Excused |

Sebastopol Council #54 ~ Sebastopol, CA ~ Organized 1923

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| 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 |
| Br. Bill Cole, Alt. Delegate | 11-12-1997 | Present | Present |

Sadoc Council #59 ~ Pittsburg, CA ~ Organized 1926

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| 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 | Present | Present |

Madera Council #60 ~ Madera, CA ~ Organized 1927

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

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| Br. Charles Baxter, DDGP | 02-07-1989 | Absent | Absent |
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Hayward Council #76 ~ Hayward, CA ~ Organized 1947

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

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| Br. Luther Evans, Grand First Vice President | 09-27-2000 | Present | Present |
| Br. William Effinger III, Grand Inside Sentinel | 02-23-2005 | Present | Present |
| Br. Larry Silva, PGP | 01-28-1959 | Present | Present |
| Br. Rudy Albritton, PGP | 03-26-2003 | Present | Present |
| Br. Billy Pimentel, Council Elected Delegate | 10-26-1964 | Present | Excused |
| Br. Michael Nelson, Council Elected Del. | 05-22-1996 | Present 1 st time del | Present 1 st time del |
| Br. Gary Frago, Council Elected Delegate | 12-19-2001 | Present | Excused |
| Br. Gerard Verderber, Council Elected Del. | 03-28-2012 | Present 1 st time del | Present 1 st time del |

Manteca Council #88 ~ Manteca, CA ~ Organized 1947

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| 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 | Excused | Excused |
| 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

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| Br. Joseph Reza, Grand President | 11-18-2006 | Present | Present |
| Br. Rudy Gutierrez, GD & DDGP | 11-18-2006 | Absent | Absent |
| Br. Tony Aguirre, Council Elected Delegate | 06-21-2004 | Present | Present |
| Br. Paul Flores, Council Elected Delegate | 01-08-2005 | Absent | Absent |
| Br. Tony Hernandez, Council Elected Delegate | 01-01-2013 | 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

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| Br. Phil Fondale, PGD & DDGP | 10-17-1989 | Present | Present |
| Br. Ron Burns, Council Elected Delegate | 01-04-2009 | Present | Present |
| Br. Stan Rasmussen, Council Elected Del. | 01-04-2009 | Present 1 st time del | Present 1 st time del |
| Br. Larry Trahey, Alternate Delegate | 03-21-1978 | Present | Present |

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

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Francis Council #573 ~ Hilo, Hawaii ~ Organized 1901

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| Br. James S. Souza, DDGP | 09-27-1949 | Excused | Excused |
| Br. James Mullen, PGP | 11-10-1966 | Absent | Absent |
| Br. Wendell Serrao, PGD Council Elected Delegate | 02-15-1963 | Present | Present |
| Br. Michael Tavares, Council Elected Del. | 07-20-2012 | Absent | Absent |

Gonzaga Council #612 ~ Richmond, Indiana ~ Organized 1907

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| Br. Scott Vogelgesang, DDGP | 07-25-1973 | Absent | Absent |
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St. John Bosco Council #613 ~ San Francisco, CA ~ Organized 1908

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| Br. Michael Amato, Grand Secretary | 09-14-2004 | Present | Present |
| Br. Michael Dimech, Grand Director | 11-28-2006 | Excused | Present |
| Br. Richard Pisciotta, Alternate Delegate | 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. Bill Gunn, Council Elected Delegate | 02-12-2008 | Present 1st time del | Present 1st time del |
| Br. Michael Infusino, Council Elected Del. | 09-14-2010 | Present | Present |
| Br. Joseph Soracco, Alternate Delegate | 04-13-2010 | Present | Present |
| Rev. Lodovico Landi, Council Chaplain | 01-01-2013 | Present | Present |

Communications

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

- Carl Franke #1, PGP, stating he was unable to attend the Session regretted not being present due to health conditions;
- Michael Dimech #613, GD, stating he was unable to attend the first day of the Session as he was traveling from his son’s college graduation in Oregon (but will be present for the second day of the Session); and
- Br. James Mullen #13, DDGP, stating he was unable to attend due to Jury Duty.

The Grand Secretary passed on the note from Frank Hepburn #2, JPGP, on the services for Brother Richard Burke #5, GM.

The Grand Secretary reported on three resolutions prepared and already distributed by Francis Council #573 for Richard Burke #5, GM; Martin Procaccio #84/#900 PGP; and Edward Medeiros #573.

Special Committees

Joseph Reza #100, GP, reviewed the appointment of Special Committees.

- Assistant to the Grand Secretary – Tom Fourie #32, PGP
- Assistant Grand Marshal – Tony Aguirre #100
- Parliamentarian – Christopher Freeberg #44, PGD
- Elections – Kelly Cox #44, PGD & DDGP
- Remembrance Ceremony – Tom Fourie #32, PGP
- Acting Grand Marshal – Alex Schmitt #8, PGD
- Acting Grand Director – Bill Gunn #613 and Wendell Serrao #573, PGD

Tom Fourie #32, PGP, acknowledged and thanked the three priests (Rev. De Heredia, Rev. Landi and Rev. Gobbo) for concelebrating the Opening Mass and also for Richard and Gloria Guaraldi #32, PGP, for leading the congregational singing at the Mass.

The first 50/50 (white tickets) drawing was conducted.

Rules of the Session

Joseph Reza #100, 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 – Richard Guaraldi #32, PGP/Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP – to accept the Rules of the 129th Grand Council Session as presented. Passed unanimously

Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP, advised all new delegates to sit near someone who has Grand Council Session experience.

Unfinished Business

Joseph Reza #100, GP, asked the Grand Secretary if there was any unfinished business from the 128th 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 64 delegates thus far, all of whom had submitted their credentials in proper order. Last year there were 63 delegates in attendance. In 2012 there were 48 delegates in attendance.

Charity Box

Joseph Reza #100, GP, designated the YMI Educational Foundation (50%) and the Seminarian Educational Foundation of the Young Men's Institute (50%) in memory of Brother Richard Burke #5 for the receipt of funds from the Charity Box (one half the proceeds from the 50/50 raffles).

Session Announcements

Grand Council Session Committee representative, Thomas Fourie #32, PGP, welcomed everyone on behalf of the Committee and encouraged all participants to be on time to the scheduled events. He introduced the members of the Planning Committee and invited all Brothers to become members of future Planning Committees. He thanked everyone for attending the Opening Mass/Remembrance Ceremony on Monday evening at St. Theresa's Catholic Church. He announced that 60 delegates bought lunches for today and he would be collecting the tickets. Sixty-eight individuals bought Dinner Cruise tickets for this evening, however, weather conditions will determine if the cruise ship will sail. Tomorrow (Wednesday) Sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. with the Installation Mass at 4:00 p.m. Br. Tom announced that a special rate of \$15/night for hotel valet parking will be charged to YMI registered guests. Also he acknowledged the hotel was providing YMI registered guests with two drink tickets/day (double what all other guests receive).

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:

- The Internet can be addictive
- Pope Francis – when we fail, those that are dependent on us will suffer and when the clergy “screws up” – all Catholics are affected
- Being a “cafeteria Catholic” is wrong – you must embrace everything just like how you love your children - we can’t just select what is convenient
- Parents need to spend more time teaching their children
- How many Catholics indicate in public that they are “Catholic”?
- We have two Holy Fathers that have become saints
- Priests are worried about dealing with children’s complaints which are taken seriously, but sometimes they are not valid – the priests’ reputation is ruined
- Money/sports do not sustain us
- Society has lot trust in one another
- Iran story about the person who killed someone and the choice of punishment: paying, be a slave, go into the criminal justice system, with a judgment possibly to be hung to death, however, the nearest kin can let him go because the mother did not want another mother to grieve.

Joseph Reza #100, GP, declares a short recess at 11:25 a.m. and resumes the Session at 11:40 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.

- Robert Bartoli #32, PGP, nominated Larry Andreatta #32 for the office of Grand Outside Sentinel, which was seconded by Alan Patrick #32, GD.
- Domenic Carinalli #54, GD, nominated Nick Franceschine #54, GD, for the office of Grand Inside Sentinel, which was seconded by Charles Wallin #54.
- Alex Schmitt #8, PGD, nominated Chris McCann #8, GOS, for the office of Grand Marshal, which was seconded by Bill McNeany #40, GD.
- Richard Guaraldi #32, PGP, nominated Alan Patrick #32, GD, for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Bob Bartoli #32, PGP and GD.
- Bob Figone #613 nominated Michael Infusino #613 for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Richard Pisciotta #613, PGD.
- Larry Silva #80, PGP, nominated William Effinger #80, PGD, for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Rudy Albritton #80, PGP.

- Anthony Martino #2 nominated Peter Pasini #2, GD, for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Charles Gullo #2, DDGP.
- 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 Cosmo Amato #613, DDGP.
- Michael Amato #613, GS, nominated Michael Dimech #613, GD, for the office of Grand Second Vice President which was seconded by Bill Gunn #613 and George Terry #32, GSVP.
- Bob Bartoli #32, PGP & GD, nominated George Terry #32, GSVP, for the office of Grand First Vice President which was seconded by Alan Patrick #32, GD, and Larry Andreatta #32.
- Rudy Albritton #80, PGP, nominated Luther Evans #80, GFVP, for the office of Grand President which was seconded by Larry Silva #80, PGP, and Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP.

Joseph Reza #100, GP, declared all the nominations closed.

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

Preliminary Budget Report

Jack Albrecht #1, GT, presented the proposed Grand Council Operating Budget for 2014-2015 as printed in the Advanced Proceedings on page 51. He reviewed all the accounts of planned expenditures and encouraged members to review the proposed budget for further discussion the next day. Thomas Fourie #32, PGP & BM, noted the significance of the budget relative to the per capita tax.

Joseph Reza #100, GP, called a recess at 12:20 p.m. for lunch. The Session will resume in one hour. The lunch was served in the Hotel Banquet Room.

Recess

At 1:21 p.m. Joseph Reza #100, GP, called the Session back to order.

Joseph Reza #100, GP, recessed the Session at 1:21 p.m. in order for the Seminarian Educational Foundation and the YMI Educational Foundation to conduct their respective annual general meetings.

At 2:30 p.m. Joseph Reza #100, GP, call the Session back to order.

State of the Institute Report

Frank Hepburn #2, JGP, reviewed the one State of the Institute report presented in the Advance Proceedings to reduce the number of Brothers necessary to form a new Council from 15 to 6. All delegates had been requested to read this report prior to the start of the Session. There were no questions at this time from the delegates. A motion by Guaraldi #32, PGP/Infusino #613 to accept the proposal as presented. Under the question:

- Phil Fondale #137, PGD & DDGP, supported the proposal but was concerned about the dissolution of Councils. Thomas Fourie #32, PGP and Business Manager, addressed his concerns.
- Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP, was supportive but concerned about majority vote with only 6 members.
- Larry Trahey #137 stated that inactive Councils should be removed.
- Michael Amato #613, GS, explained the rationale so that it could be easier to form new Councils; it had nothing to do with dissolution of Councils.

The vote on the State of the Institute proposal would be taken by secret ballot later in the Session.

Grand Council Committee Reports

Joseph Reza #100, GP reviewed the various Grand Council reports presented in the Advance Proceedings. He asked if there were any questions regarding these reports as well as those submitted by the District Deputy Grand Presidents. All delegates had been requested to read these reports prior to the start of the Sessions. Many of the reports had been referenced in various specific agenda items of the Session. Comments:

- Thomas Fourie #32, PGP – the Institute Journal will be taken up during the Workshop tomorrow.
- Nick Franceschine #54, GD – Resolutions will be presented tomorrow.
- Pro Patria Committee under the chairmanship of Luther Evans #80, GFVP, encouraged Brothers to use the Essay Contest to bring in new members. Thomas Fourie #32, PGP, elaborated on the Pro Patria Essay Contest being the largest outreach program of the Young Men’s Institute. He covered some general statistics about the contest and referred to charts in the Advance Proceedings.

Special Recognition of 2013-2014 District Deputy Grand Presidents

Joseph Reza #100, GP, had nothing but good things to say about the District Deputies. He noted that they all did an awesome job – very helpful. He felt a spiritual connection at several Councils and had a wonderful experience as Grand President.

Announcements

Several announcements were then made:

- Phil Fondale #137, DDGP, relayed a find on e-bay about a Council in Los Angeles at the turn of the 20th century (1904) on a fund raising drama production and dances.
- Michael Amato #613, GS, asked for donation in memory of Richard Burke #5, GM, using the new YMI Donation Form.
- Michael Sanzeri #59, PGO, suggested that any ideas for membership improvement should go to your YMI leaders.
- Steve Cresci #32 covered the SJ Giants Baseball Game fundraiser on August 21, 2014 and invited all to join.

Distribution of Ballots

Grand President Joseph Reza #100 requested that the Election Committee please distribute the prepared ballots for the voting on the State of the Institute proposal. This being a secret ballot, all delegates were asked to sign in and present their completed ballot to the Election Committee this afternoon.

Following the 50/50 raffle, a closing prayer was led by Rev. Agnel De Heredia #32, GC, and Joseph Reza #100, GP, declared a recess at 3:28 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 2014.

Recess

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014

Call to order at 9:05 a.m. by Joseph Reza #100, GP, in the Hotel Ballroom of the Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel in South Lake Tahoe, California.

Opening Ceremonies

Alex Schmitt #8, PGD and Acting 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.

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

Roll Call

Michael Amato #613, GS, called the Roll. The results were similar to the roll taken on Tuesday, June 17, 2014. See the official roll sheet listed on previous pages of these minutes.

Communications

Br. Michael Amato #613, GS, reported there were none.

Credentials Report

The Credentials Committee Chairman, Grand Secretary Michael Amato #613, GS, announced that we received 65 credentials, which is 2 more than last year and 17 more than 2012.

Election Report

Brother Kelly Cox #44, PGD & DDGP, made the following report based on the vote for the State of the Institute Proposal: 60 votes were cast, with 58 votes in favor of the proposal and 2 votes against the proposal. The proposal passed.

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

MSC – Fourie #32, PGP/Amato #613, GS – to accept the report of the Election Committee (unanimous)

MSC – Franceschine #54, GD/Oberst #32, PGP – to authorize the chairman of the Election Committee to destroy the ballots (unanimous)

Thomas Fourie #32, PGP, informed the delegates that the results of the State of the Institute election would be given to the Chairman of the Laws and Revisions Committee (Br. Rob Bartoli, #32) to be incorporated into the current Grand Council By-Laws and/or Constitution. Each Council will be provided a new set of Grand Council By-Laws following a vote by the Board of Grand Directors on August 2, 2014.

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 – Brother Rudy Albritton #80, PGP
- Guardian of the Flag – Brother Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP

Workshop

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

- Spoke positively about the Dinner Cruise last evening – 69 YMI members, wives and guests attended.
- Reminded delegates to turn in their name tags at the end of the Session.
- Reminded everyone that today's Installation Mass will begin at 4:00 p.m.
- Announced that the Grand Banquet starts at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the Hotel Banquet Room, please bring all your red, white and blue 50/50 tickets.
- Thomas Fourie #32, PGP, recognized the other members of the Grand Council Session Planning Committee: together with Br. Fourie #32, Br. Bob Bartoli #32, Br. Michael Amato #613, Br. Kelly Cox #44, and Br. Richard Pisciotta #613. The committee members received tremendous support from their wives.
- The Business Manager expressed his satisfaction with the number of delegates this year; however, he was disappointed with the number of Councils present.

- All delegates retain their responsibilities to their Councils for the entire YMI year.
- A review of all the forms contained in the registration packet:
 - o Membership
 - o Change of Beneficiary, Councils need to keep copies
 - o YMI death certificate – the death benefit cannot be paid until Grand Council receives this certificate.
- The Young Men’s Institute, as a whole, is getting very lax about doing things ON TIME! Several examples were presented.
- Semi-Annual Reports must be mathematically correct. What would happen if a Council received a letter from the IRS for an audit? Think about it! Check your math and complete only the information requested.
- All Councils should inform Tom Fourie #32, PGP and Business Manager, if they receive any government letter.
- Out tax deadline is August 15.
- Concerning the Pro Patria Essay Contest:
 - o 1500+ essays this year
 - o We need many, many more judges (in groups of 3)
 - o George Terry #32, GFVP, will be this year’s chairman
 - o Judges need to promptly review the essays
 - o Winners’ checks should be given out promptly so that they can be cashed on time
 - o This is the largest outreach program for the YMI each year
- The Institute Journal has been increasingly challenging. The Business Manager is tired of writing all 12 pages. The publishing process was explained – 4 times a year. Articles needed for next issue by 7-31-2014 (Br. Evans and Br. Reza in particular)
- Future Grand Council Sessions: 2015 (per Br. Luther Evans) is the Silver Legacy Hotel in Reno, Nevada; 2016 (per Br. George Terry) still to be determined for either a cruise or a return to the Santa Rosa area; 2017 (per Br. Michael Dimech) still thinking about it.
- Phil Oberst #32, PGP presented edited booklets for Council Procedures.

Joseph Reza #100, GP, called for a short recess at 10.15 a.m.

Joseph Reza #100, GP, resumed the Session at 10:26 a.m.

New Business

Joseph Reza #100, GP, asked for any new business.

Frank Hepburn #2, JPGP, will continue as Chairman of the Grand Council Membership Committee. Please call him if you need any help.

Sports Report

Grand President Joseph Reza #100 called upon Michael Sanzeri #59, PGO, for the final report on the Bowling Tournament. Brother John West #32 PGP, also assisted by giving the financial report. 10 teams played this year. The bowling results were as follows:

Sebastopol #54 ~ Team 1 ~ 3489 pins
Manteca #88 ~ Team 1 ~ 3429 pins
St. Christopher #80 ~ Team 1 ~ 3405 pins
Sadoc #59 ~ Team 1 ~ 3401 pins
San Jose #2 ~ Team 1 ~ 3393 pins
Holy Rosary #44 ~ Team 3 ~ 3379 pin
St. Christopher #80 ~ Team 2 ~ 3340 pins
South San Francisco #32 ~ Team 1 ~ 3336 pins
Holy Rosary #44 ~ Team 1 ~ 3296 pins
San Francisco #613 ~ Team 1 ~ 3052 pins

Individual Awards

High Game Scratch – Score of 254 – Jeff Mendoca #44
High Game Handicap – Score of 309 – Joshua Hepburn #2
Best Team Score – Sebastopol #54

The next tournament will be May 16, 2015

Remember that family members are encouraged to bowl.

Michael Dimech #613, GS, recapped last year's Bocce Ball Tournament with the results on page 82 in the Advance Proceedings. All Brothers are invited this year to play in next year's tournament on September 27, 2014 at Orange Avenue Park in South San Francisco.

Luis Barboza #88 did not have the results of the Golf Tournament from Leo DeGroot #88. However, it was learned that the team from Bakersfield was awarded the golf trophy.

Fund Raising

George Terry #32, GSVP, reported that the only fundraiser was the Super Bowl Pool which generated \$300 for Grand Council – a minimal fund raising effort. He challenged the Grand Directors to come up with additional ideas for 2014-2015.

Adoption of the 2013-2014 Budget

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

Thomas Fourie #32, PGP and Business Manager, proposed keeping the per capita tax at \$24.00, not to raise it to \$26.60, and obtain the additional monies from the Reserve Fund as needed (same process used in 2013-2014).

This proposal was made in the form of a motion by Thomas. Fourie #32, PGP & BM, and seconded by Bill McNeany #40, GD. Under the question, Richard Guaraldi #32, PGP, spoke in support of the motion. A question was asked concerning expense money for District Deputy Grand Presidents – Br. Fourie #32, PGP and Business Manager, responded that these expenses, if determined, are paid from the Grand President's Expense Account.

MSC – Fourie/McNeany – to approve the presented budget, per capita tax of \$24.00 and the balance to be obtained from the Reserves. (passed unanimously)

Grand Council Officers' Summary Reports

Joseph Reza #100, GP, referred to the Grand Officers Reports which began with his report on page 29 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. He reflected on his year as Grand President as “a spiritual awakening”, it was a wonderful year, went fast, great

brotherhood and a special thanks to Brothers Bob Bartoli #32, PGP; Michael Amato #613, GS; Tom Fourie #32, PGP and Father Agnel De Heredia #32, GC.

Luther Evans #80, GFVP referred to his report and personally thanked Brothers Larry Silva #80, PGP; Rudy Albritton #80, PGP; Tom Fourie #32, PGP and the Brothers of St. Christopher #80.

George Terry #32, GSVP, spoke to next year's Pro Patria Essay Contest and distributed the 41st Essay entry forms.

Michael Dimech #613, GD, thanked all the Grand Directors for their work, announced the 2015 Red and White Mass to be held on March 14, 2015 at St. Veronica's Catholic Church in South San Francisco, CA beginning at 5:00 p.m. with dinner to follow.

Michael Amato #613, GS, referred to his report in the Advance Proceedings on pages 44-46. He highlighted the following two points: the new YMI Website, inviting all to use and secondly Junior YMI members, encouraging other Councils to bring in students to improve membership.

Frank Hepburn #2, JPGP, read a passage on commitment.

Resolutions

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

1. Resolution for recently deceased Brother Richard Burke #5, GM – recipient of many community awards in Antioch, California for his work with young people and his leadership in the Pro Patria Essay Contest.

MSC – Nick Franceschine #54 GD/All Delegates to accept and present the resolution. Unanimously approved.

2. Resolution for John Spillane #54, for his many years of service in the Sebastopol/Santa Rosa District.

MSC – Nick Franceshine #54, GD/Luther Evans #80, GFVP, to accept and present the resolution. Unanimously approved.

3. Resolution for Ron Ennis #1, president of San Francisco #1 for his welcoming attitude and support of YMI activities over the past several years in spite of very poor health.

MSC – Nick Franceschine #54, GD/Luther Evans #80, GFVP, to accept and present the resolution. Unanimously approved.

Report on the 2015 Grand Council Session

Brother Thomas Fourie #32, PGP and Business Manager, reported that this topic was covered during the Workshop.

Report on the 2016 Grand Council Session

The announcement for the 2016 Grand Council Session will be made public once Brother George Terry requests a specific location.

Charity Box Distribution

Joseph Reza #100, GP, reminded everyone that the 50/50 raffles will go towards the two YMI Foundations. (Breaking News: Following the Grand Banquet and final drawing \$1130 was realized and split between the two Foundations)

Special Presentation

Frank Hepburn #2, JGP, presented Joseph Reza #100, 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 Joseph for his service. With some emotion, Br. Joseph 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

Joseph Reza #100, GP, proudly presented the Grand President Elect, Luther Evans #80, GFVP, who was greeted with applause by the delegates. Brother Luther expressed his pleasure and honor to begin his YMI journey. He remarked that YMI used to have over 5000 members and asked WHY DID MEN STOP JOINING THE YMI? Get them to turn off their televisions. Working on Membership was his main message. Br. Luther distributed his Grand President's Program for 2014-2015.

Presentation and Installation of District Deputy Grand Presidents

Luther Evans #80, 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.

MSC – Luther Evans #80, GFVP/Thomas Fourie #32, PGP, to accept the nominated Brothers (Brother Cosmo Amato, Kelly Cox, Rudy Gutierrez, James Souza, Alex Schmitt, Michael Sanzeri, Phil Fondale, Charles Gullo Jr., Jim Mullen, Charles Baxter, and two TBA) as District Deputy Grand Presidents with all the responsibilities and privileges as stated in the Grand Council Constitution and By-Laws. Unanimously passed.

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

Good of the Order

- Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP, stated that all went well at this Session Br. Drumonde made the following challenge (again)..any Brother bringing in 5 or more new members this year, he will personally hand them \$25.
- Larry Silva #80, PGP, congratulated the Convention Planning Committee, He said it was good to see young Officers, good to see new delegates, he is proud of the Business of YMI.
- Thomas Fourie #32, PGP, announced that with Br. Michael Dimech #613, GD, moving to Grand Second Vice President, he asked Br. Luther Evans #80, GP Elect, to make his first appointment to the Board of Grand Directors. Br.

Luther Evans #80, GP Elect, appointed Br. Bill Gunn #613 to fill the final year of Br. Dimech's term on the Board. This appointment was unanimously approved by the delegates present.

- First time delegate, Gerard Verderber #80, thanked everyone for their fellowship – it was an awesome program.
- First time delegate Mike Keefer #40, thanked Br. Bill McNeany #40 for bringing him into the YMI and this Convention gave him a better perspective.
- First time delegate, Sam Bonanno #32 was honored to be present, enjoyed the fellowship and wished he had attended when he was younger.
- Thomas Fourie #32, PGP & BM, asked that Officers please turn in their regalias before leaving the chambers.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

The closing prayer, the prayer of St. Joseph, was led by Father Agnel De Heredia #32, GC, in memory of Brother Richard Burke #5, GM.

Grand President Joseph Reza #100 adjourned the 129th Grand Council Session at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Amato #613, GS

Thomas Fourie #32, PGP
Business Manager

Minutes approved by the Board of Grand Directors on August 2, 2014