

MINUTES OF THE YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE
130TH GRAND COUNCIL SESSION
RENO, NEVADA

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015

Opening Ceremonies

Luther Evans #80, GP, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Silver Baron Room of the Silver Legacy Hotel in Reno, Nevada.

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

The Opening Song was moved to later in the agenda.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris McCann #8, GM.

Roll Call

Grand Secretary Michael Amato #613 called the Roll. The Roll Call of the 130th Grand Council was updated to reflect those in attendance and those not on the roll at the time of printing. The following represents attendance for each day of the Session.

130th Grand Council Session Roll Call by Council

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Initiation</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	
		6/16/15	6/17/15

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

Br. Jack Albrecht, Grand Treasurer	01-22-1957	Present	Present
Br. Edward DeLaTorre, PGP	07-28-1953	Present	Present
Br. Carl Franke, PGP	08-07-1957	Excused	Excused
Br. Frank Pignati, Council Elected Delegate	04-19-1967	Present	Present
Br. Mario DeVita, Council Elected Delegate	10-06-1982	Present 1 st time del	Present 1 st time del

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

Br. Frank Hepburn, Past Grand President	11-09-1982	Present	Present
Br. Peter Pasini, Grand Director	09-07-1993	Present	Present
Br. Chuck Gullo Jr., DDGP	02-07-1978	Absent	Absent
Br. Joseph Rotolo, Council Elected Delegate	06-07-2011	Present 1 st time del	Present 1 st time del
Br. Joseph Valenti, Council Elected Delegate	07-06-2010	Present	Present
Br. Lewis Borg, Council Elected Delegate	02-03-2009	Present	Present
Rev. Paolo Gobbo, Council Chaplain	06-01-2013	Present	Present

Stockton Council #5 ~ Stockton, CA ~ Organized 1885

Br. Dan Casteline, PGP	07-25-1953	Excused	Excused
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American Council #8 ~ Oakland, CA ~ Organized 1885

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

Petaluma Council #9 ~ Petaluma, CA ~ Organized 1885

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Vallejo Council #13 ~ Vallejo, CA ~ Organized 1885

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

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

Rev. Agnel Jose De Heredia, Grand Chaplain	06-14-2001	Present	Present
Br. George Terry, Grand First 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	Excused	Excused
Br. Bob Bartoli, PGP & Grand Director	06-11-1992	Present	Present
Br. John Musgrove, PGP	05-12-1994	Present	Present
Br. Danny Dong, Council Elected Delegate	06-11-1992	Present	Present
Br. Larry Andreatta, Grand Outside Sentinel	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. Elmer Madrid, Council Elected Delegate	12-11-1986	Absent	Absent

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

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

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

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	Present

Sebastopol Council #54 ~ Sebastopol, CA ~ Organized 1923

Br. Nick Franceschine, Grand Inside Sentinel	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	Absent	Present
Br. Michael Falvey, Council Elected Delegate	02-13-2008	Present 1 st time del	Present 1 st time del

Sadoc Council #59 ~ Pittsburg, CA ~ Organized 1926

Br. Michael Sanzeri, DDGP	04-01-1997	Present	Present
Br. Tonno Ciaramitaro, PGP	12-06-1944	Absent	Absent
Br. Salvatore Enea, PGP	10-19-1948	Present	Present
Br. Frank Di Maggio, PGP	11-07-1989	Excused	Excused

Madera Council #60 ~ Madera, CA ~ Organized 1927

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Hayward Council #76 ~ Hayward, CA ~ Organized 1947

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

Br. Luther Evans, Grand President	09-27-2000	Present	Present
Br. William Effinger III, Grand Director	02-23-2005	Present	Present
Br. Larry Silva, PGP	01-28-1959	Present	Present
Br. Rudy Albritton, PGP	03-26-2003	Present	Present
Br. Billy Pimentel, Council Elected Delegate	10-26-1964	Present	Excused
Br. Mike Nelson, Council Elected Delegate	05-22-1996	Present	Present
Br. Matt Nelson, Council Elected Delegate	06-2-2004	Present 1 st time del	Present 1 st time del
Br. Gerard Verderber, Council Elected Delegate	03-28-2012	Present	Present

Manteca Council #88 ~ Manteca, CA ~ Organized 1947

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

Tracy Council #92 ~ Tracy, CA ~ Organized 1940

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Gustine Council #93 ~ Gustine, CA ~ Organized 1941

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

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

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Bakersfield Council #100 ~ Bakersfield, CA ~ Organized 1946

Br. Joseph Reza, Junior Past Grand President	11-18-2006	Present	Present
Br. Paul Flores, DDGP	01-08-2005	Absent	Absent

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

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

Br. Phil Fondale, PGD & DDGP	10-17-1989	Present	Present
Br. John Laurent, Council Elected Delegate	01-04-2009	Present 1 st time del	Present 1 st time del
Br. Stan Rasmussen, Council Elected Delegate	01-04-2009	Excused	Excused

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

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Francis Council #573 ~ Hilo, Hawaii ~ Organized 1901

Br. James S. Souza, DDGP	09-27-1949	Absent	Absent
Br. James Mullen, PGP	11-10-1966	Present	Present
Br. Wendell Serrao, PGD & Council Elected Delegate	02-15-1963	Present	Present
Br. Michael Tavares, Council Elected Del.	07-20-2012	Absent	Absent
Br. Thomas Figueira, Council Elected Delegate	03-09-1979	Present	Present

Gonzaga Council #612 ~ Richmond, Indiana ~ Organized 1907

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

Br. Michael Amato, Grand Secretary	09-14-2004	Present	Present
Br. Michael Dimech, Grand Second Vice President	11-28-2006	Present	Present
Br. Richard Pisciotta, Council Elected 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, Grand Director	02-12-2008	Excused	Excused
Br. Michael Infusino, Grand Director	09-14-2010	Present	Present
Br. Joseph Soracco, Council Elected Delegate	04-13-2010	Present	Present

Communications

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

- Frank DiMaggio #59, PGP, stating he was unable to attend the Session, regretted not being present due to work requirements;

- John West #32, PGP, stating he was unable to attend the Session due to care of his mother and
- Br. Stan Rasmussen #137, stating he was unable to attend due to a family medical emergency.

The first 50/50 drawing (red tickets) was held.

Special Committees

Luther Evans #80, GP, reviewed the appointment of Special Committees.

- Assistant to the Grand Secretary – Tom Fourie #32, PGP
- Assistant Grand Marshal – No appointment made
- Parliamentarian – Christopher Freeberg #44, PGD
- Elections – Mike Nelson #80
- Remembrance Ceremony – Tom Fourie #32, PGP
- Acting Grand Director – Wendell Serrao #573, PGD
- Acting Grand Director – Thomas Figueira #573

Rules of the Session

Luther Evans #80, 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 – Manuel Drumonde #44 PGP/John Prouty #32, PGD – to accept the Rules of the 130th Grand Council Session as presented. Passed unanimously

Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP, advised all new delegates as well as veteran delegates to greet each other during the Session.

Unfinished Business

Luther Evans #80, GP, asked the Grand Secretary if there was any unfinished business from the 129th 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 58 delegates thus far, all of whom had submitted their credentials in proper order.

Charity Box

Luther Evans #80, GP, designated the YMI Educational Foundation (50%) and the Seminarian Educational Foundation of the Young Men's Institute (50%) for the receipt of funds from the Charity Box (one half the proceeds from the 50/50 raffles).

Session Announcements

Grand Council Session Committee representative, Thomas Fourie #32, PGP, welcomed everyone on behalf of the Committee and encouraged all participants to have a good time. Get to know everyone in the meeting chamber. Please bring your meal tickets with you at the appropriate time. He thanked everyone for attending the Opening Mass/Remembrance Ceremony on Monday evening at Immaculate Conception Church in Sparks, Nevada. He announced that 56 delegates bought lunches for today and the tickets would be collected by the hotel staff.

Br. Sal Enea #59, PGP asked all first time delegates to stand, and they were applauded.

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:

- Covered the story of how St. Francis of Assisi found God
- Relayed the story of the cross in San Damiano and how it impacted St. Francis with the message to FIX my Church
- Reminded all of us of the prayer of St. Francis
- Delegates gave Father Agnel applause for providing an excellent presentation

Luther Evans #80, GP, declares a short recess at 10:30 a.m. and resumes the Session at 10:40 a.m.

Opening Song – (moved up from the Opening Ceremony)

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

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.
- Thomas Fourie #32, PGP, nominated Richard Pisciotta #613, PGD, for the office of Grand Inside Sentinel, which was seconded by Robert Bartoli #32.
- Alan Patrick #32, GD, nominated Chris McCann #8, GM, for the office of Grand Marshal, which was seconded by Luther Evans #80, GP.
- Rudy Albritton #80, PGP, nominated Robert Bartoli #32, PGP, for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Philip Oberst #32, PGP.
- Chris Freeberg #44, PGD, nominated Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP, for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Wendell Serrao #573, PGD.
- Nick Franceschine #54, GIS, nominated Domenic Carinalli #54, GD, for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Rudy Albritton #80, PGP.
- Charles Wallin #54 nominated Nick Franceschine #54, GIS, for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Michael Falvey #54.
- Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP, nominated Jack Albrecht #1, GT, for the office of Grand Treasurer, which was seconded by Frank Pignati #1.
- Michael Dimech #613, GSVP, nominated Michael Amato #613, GS, for the office of Grand Secretary, which was seconded by Thomas Fourie #32, PGP.

- Rudy Albritton #80, PGP, nominated Mike Nelson #80, for the office of Grand Second Vice President which was seconded by Bill Effinger #80, GD, and Gerald Verderber #80.
- Michael Amato #613, GS, nominated Michael Dimech #613, GSVP, for the office of Grand First Vice President which was seconded by Robert Bartoli #32, PGP, and Frank Hepburn #2, PGP.
- Robert Bartoli #32, PGP, nominated George Terry #32, GFVP, for the office of Grand President which was seconded by Alan Patrick #32, GD, and Frank Hepburn #2, PGP.

Luther Evans #80, 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)

Luther Evans recessed the Session for lunch at 11:50 a.m.

Luther Evans called the Session back into order at 12:53 p.m.

Preliminary Budget Report

Jack Albrecht #1, GT, presented the proposed Grand Council Operating Budget for 2015-2016 as printed in the Advanced Proceedings on page 53. He reviewed all the accounts of planned expenditures and encouraged members to review the proposed budget for further discussion the next day. He noted an increase in postage and office supplies. He mentioned that some funds will come from the Reserve Fund. Thomas Fourie #32, PGP & Bus. Mgr. noted that we could not complete the membership report because some Councils did not provide information by the deadline. He then distributed a new membership count (page 84). The numbers reflected 2045 Benefit and Associate members combined. Given these numbers the per capita tax would be \$27.90 for next year. The assessment will be discussed tomorrow.

Luther Evans #80, GP, recessed the Session at 1:05 p.m. in order for the Seminarian Educational Foundation and the YMI Educational Foundation to conduct their respective annual general meetings.

At 2:19 p.m. Luther Evans #80, GP, called the Session back to order.

State of the Institute Report

There were no changes as of last year as there was no report submitted.

Grand Council Committee Reports

Luther Evans #80, GP, reviewed the various Grand Council reports presented in the Advance Proceedings. He asked if there were any questions regarding these reports as well as those submitted by the District Deputy Grand Presidents. All delegates had been requested to read these reports prior to the start of the Session. Many of the reports had been referenced in various specific agenda items of the Session. Comments:

- Thomas Fourie #32, PGP – the Institute Journal is costing more and more each year for both printing and bulk mailing costs. Consideration for electronically sending the Institute Journal is now a priority and work will be done to attempt this delivery system. However, no matter what, everyone involved will need to meet the published deadlines.
- Robert Bartoli #32, PGP – encouraged all Councils to participate in the Council of the Year nomination process.
- Nick Franceschine #54 – two resolutions will be presented tomorrow.
- Thomas Fourie #32 – the workshop committee will be presenting a most informative informational seminar tomorrow.
- Thomas Fourie #32 – concerning the reports of the District Deputy Grand Presidents – those reports in the Advance Proceedings were submitted on time. Br. Fourie explained what he had to do for some of the reports and announced that he is not going to do the reports for District Deputies in the future.
- Br. Michael Sanzeri #59 – covered some of the activities in Sadoc #59 verbally, because he missed the deadline. He announced that #59 had brought in three new members.
- George Terry #32 – reviewed the Pro Patria Essay contest and commented on the number of raffle tickets purchased by YMI members (20.16%). He expressed his disappointment in the response. He thanked the judges of the essay contest and the YLI for their outstanding participation.

Special Recognition of 2014-2015 District Deputy Grand Presidents

Luther Evans #80, GP, had nothing but good things to say about the District Deputies who actually helped him this year. They were most supportive.

Announcements

Several announcements were then made:

- Thomas Fourie #32, PGP – repeated the information about dinner this evening at Louis' Basque Corner.
- Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP – was very impressed with the report of the San Francisco District as presented by District Deputy Grand President Cosmo Amato #613.
- Phil Fondale #137 – reported that PGP Jerry DeGroot has Alzheimers. Please keep him in your prayers as everyone misses him at these Sessions.
- Phil Oberst #32, PGP – entertained the group with a joke

Distribution of Ballots

Not necessary

The second 50/50 raffle (white tickets) was conducted.

A closing prayer was led by Rev. Agnel De Heredia #32, GC, and Luther Evans #80, GP, declared a recess at 2:45 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2015.

Recess

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015

Call to order at 9:04 a.m. by Luther Evans #80, GP, in the Silver Baron Room of the Silver Legacy Hotel in Reno, Nevada.

Opening Ceremonies

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

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

Chris McCann #8, 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 16, 2014. See the official roll sheet listed on previous pages of these minutes.

Communications

Br. Michael Amato #613, GS, announced that there were SF Giants tickets available as well as YMI Baseball caps (\$20 each) and YMI GC Session bags (\$5 each). *Note that all the caps were sold.

Credentials Report

The Credentials Committee Chairman, Grand Secretary Michael Amato #613, GS, announced that we received 59 credentials. He provided figures from prior years to serve as a comparison: 65 delegates in 2014, 63 delegates in 2013 and 48 delegates in 2012.

Election Report

None

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 Richard Guaraldi #32, PGP
- Guardian of the Flag – Brother Phil Oberst #32, 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:

- Br. Fourie spoke to the contents of the Welcome Packet, especially the significance/history of the special Pro Deo/Pro Patria pins provided.
- The Business Manager reminded everyone that YMI forms needed by Councils for various reasons are all provided on the Website.
- Br. Fourie expressed his frustration with the Council Semi Annual Reports. They were “disgraceful” this year. 70% had mistakes on page 1 and Councils must check their paperwork for the information submitted on page 1 (the Financial page). Page 2 which concentrates on membership did not have balanced numbers. Also, very few Councils update page 3 – their Council Officers. Only 1/3 of the Councils submitted their current membership roster which has a domino affect on the whole Order. WE MUST DO BETTER!!! Remember the work done after the IRS audit.
- The Long Range Plan was referenced in the Advance Proceedings on page 60.

Thomas Fourie #32, PGP, reviewed what had happened following last year’s Grand Council Session concerning the Death Benefit Program. He then relinquished the floor to Br. Nick Franceschine #54, GIS.

Br. Franceschine #54 began his presentation:

He covered the history of the Death Benefit Program: Who is covered? Members joining under 45 years of age. What do they get? \$750. And what does each benefit member pay? \$12/year.

Given those facts we have 1500 benefit members at \$750 each, we have a good problem, we are over-funded.

He did an analysis of death probability based on the data Br. Thomas Fourie had provided. He did some very conservative calculations and found we need \$748,000 to pay for all 1500 death benefits. We have \$1.6 million in the fund and by law all monies collected for the Death Benefit must be used only for death benefits.

Several ideas have been raised. A survey sheet was distributed to all present and Br. Nick asked that they be discussed in each Council, filled out and returned by September 30, 2015.

Several initial questions were asked, however, Br. Alan Patrick reminded all Councils that they were to discuss the situation with their Council Brothers.

Br. Robert Figone #613 praised Br. Franceschine for an excellent presentation.

Luther Evans #80, GP called for a ten minute break.

New Business

Luther Evans #80, GP, asked for any new business. Br. Kelly Cox #44 asked if there were any changes in the tax reporting this year. Br. Fourie said he was continuing to file electronically for both State and Federal returns for those Councils whose gross receipts were under \$50,000 for the year.

Sports Report

Grand President Luther Evans #100 called upon Michael Sanzeri #59, PGO, for the final report on the Bowling Tournament. 10 teams played this year, however, the tournament will be returning to a Sunday next year (May 15, 2016). The bowling results were as follows and trophies presented:

Individual Awards

High Game Scratch – Score of 247 – Patrick Maragos #5
High Handicap Game – Score of 252 – Michael Amato #613
Special Scratch Game Award – Score of 289 – Kevin Folan #613
Team Award – St. John Bosco Council #613 – 3471 pins.

The next tournament will be May 15, 2016

Remember that family members are encouraged to bowl.

Michael Dimech #613, GSVP, recapped last year's Bocce Ball Tournament with the results on page 80 in the Advance Proceedings. All Brothers are invited this year to play in next year's tournament on September 26, 2015 at Orange Avenue Park in South San Francisco.

Joseph Reza #100, JPGP gave an overview of the Golf Tournament. 9 teams played with second place going to Council #613 (Brs. Rosemont, Werblun, Fernando & Fernando) and first place went to #100, with Br. Reza and company.

Fund Raising

George Terry #32, GSVP, reported that the only fundraiser was the Super Bowl Pool which generated \$600 for Grand Council – a minimal fund raising effort. Some profit

will be generated by the sale of the Baseball Caps at the Grand Council Session. He challenged the Grand Directors to come up with additional ideas for 2015-2016.

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. He requested a motion to approve the budget.

MSC – DeVita/Guaraldi – Unanimous – to approve the presented operating budget for 2015-2016.

Richard Guaraldi #32, PGP spoke about the per capita tax and suggested we raise it from \$24 to \$27 this year with the balance coming from the Reserve Fund to meet the Budget.

Both Brothers Guaraldi #32, PGP and Brother John Prouty #32, PGD spoke on the increase of costs over the past few years and it is time to raise our contribution.

MSC – Guaraldi/Prouty – Unanimous – to raise the per capita tax to \$27 per benefit and associate members.

Grand Council Officers' Summary Reports

Luther Evans #80, GP, referred to the Grand Officers Reports which began with his report on page 28 of the Advance Proceedings. He referred the Brothers to read these comprehensive reports contained in the Advance Proceedings and if there were any questions to please speak to the author of that report. He also asked that each delegate share these reports with the Brothers of their Council.

Michael Dimech #613, GSVP, spoke to next year's Pro Patria Essay Contest. The entry forms for next year were passed out to all the delegates. They need to be submitted by January 15, 2016.

Jack Albrecht #1, GT, urged all the Councils to please give the essay winners their checks.

Michael Amato #613, GS, emphasized the website and invited all Brothers to check it out.

Joseph Reza #100, JPGP, thanked all the Brothers and asked them to observe unity and he was very proud of the YMI.

Resolutions

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

1. Resolution for soon to be retired Fr. Norman King of Immaculate Conception Church in Sparks, Nevada for his welcoming of the YMI for many years..

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

2. Resolution for Wendell Serrao #573, for his many years of service in the YMI and celebrating his 50th year anniversary of attending Grand Council Sessions.

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

Report on the 2016 Grand Council Session

Brother Thomas Fourie #32, PGP indicated that we will be meeting for the 131st Grand Council session at the Flamingo Hotel in Santa Rosa in June 2016. Hotel brochures were distributed.

Report on the 2017 Grand Council Session

An announcement will be made when Br. Michael Dimech has met with the committee and a decision is made.

Charity Box Distribution

Luther Evans #80, GP, reminded everyone that the 50/50 raffles will go towards the two YMI Foundations. (Breaking News: Following the Grand Banquet and final drawing, \$1220 was realized and split between the two Foundations)

Special Presentation

Joseph Reza #100, JPGP, presented Luther Evans #80, 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 Luther for his service. With some emotion, Br. Luther 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.

Luther Evans #80, GP called for a ten minute recess.

Presentation of Grand President Elect

Luther Evans #80, GP proudly presented the Grand President Elect, George Terry #32, GFVP, who was greeted with applause by the delegates. Brother George expressed his pleasure and honor to begin his YMI journey. He remarked that he will work closely with Brothers Nelson and Dimech to work on a three year plan. He asked Councils to get involved with Veteran Organizations. He will have two Brothers co-chairing the Membership Committee (Brothers Cox #44 and Andreatta #32). He emphasized that we have to do things differently because we are losing members.

Br. George Terry had his program distributed to all the delegates and asked them to read each page very carefully.

Presentation and Installation of District Deputy Grand Presidents

George Terry #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.

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

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

Good of the Order

- Brother Salvatore Enea #59, PGP together with Brothers Ed DeLaTorre #1, PGP and Jim Mullen #573, PGP, escorted Brother Joe Reza #100, PGP to the group of Past Grand Presidents.
- First time delegate, Mario DeVita #1, enjoyed the convention, felt like basic training because of the shared goals.
- First time delegate John Laurent #137, appreciated being here and thanked the good Lord.
- First time delegate, Matt Nelson #80, felt it was a good first experience and has 6 books available.
- First time delegate Michael Falvey #54, said it was a good educational experience and the meeting was well-run. God bless.
- First time delegate Carlos Rivas #40, said he is in his 10th year as a YMI Brothers, it was a fantastic experience, now a District Deputy Grand President and wished all the Brothers well.
- First time delegate Joseph Rotolo #2, had a great time and thanked everyone.
- Jim Mullen #573, PGP hopes to be in attendance more often.
- Frank Hepburn #2, PGP conveyed the wishes of Br. John West #32, PGP.
- Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP thanked Br. Luther and happy to see everyone's participation this year.

- Thomas Fourie #32, PGP & BM, asked that Officers please turn in their regalias before leaving the chambers.

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Closing Prayer and Adjournment

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

Grand President Luther Evans #80 adjourned the 130th Grand Council Session at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Amato #613, GS

Thomas Fourie #32, PGP
Business Manager

Minutes approved by the Board of Grand Directors on June 26, 2015