

135th Grand Council Session

“Technology Based”

April 13, 2020 -----June 27, 2020

Minutes

On Monday, April 13, 2020, the Board of Grand Directors of the Young Men’s Institute held a special meeting via conference call to determine the fate of the 135th Grand Council Session. Given the Covid-19 epidemic throughout the United States, the feasibility of a large group meeting was in question.

The Board was brought up-to-date by the members of the Grand Council Planning Committee as to hotel, church and restaurant plans to date. In addition, all other serious planning which began in earnest on January 22, 2020 was reviewed. Convention Packets had been prepared and mailed to all Councils. All reports needed for the Advance Proceedings were reaffirmed. Given the up-to-date reports, the Planning committee proposed four possible options to changing the venue and process for this year’s Session.

- A. Go to the Convention as planned.
- B. Postpone the Convention to later in the summer.
- C. C. Conduct a focused Convention business agenda either by conference phone (or internet) on the date scheduled, much like we do at Grand Director’s Board Meetings.
- D. Send out by e-mail the Advance Proceedings Report and all voting matters (e.g. officers, State of the Institute) by June 6, 2020 and over a two week period direct all YMI assigned Delegates to review materials provided and vote on business matters by e-mail vote to the Grand Secretary by June 20 2020. Results tabulated on June 21, 2020 and to be shared with the YMI Councils via e-mail.

Two other plans were presented by Officers in attendance.

- E. Have Brothers Amato and Franceschine possibly serve a two-year term.
- F. A variant of Plan C & D.

Much discussion among all Grand Officers followed, and after a formidable period of time, it was apparent that Plan D was the best option. The Board approved a motion to accept and begin the necessary work to carry out Plan D.

Grand Council Officers were assigned and provided a script to personally contact each Council and inform them of this year’s Session.

From April 13, 2020 to May 1, 2020, all Councils were notified, names and e-mail addresses for delegates from every Council were submitted to the Grand Council Office and all reports for the Advance Proceedings were submitted.

On Saturday, May 16, 2020, the Board of Grand Directors held its regularly scheduled meeting via conference call. In addition to its regular business, progress on the planning for the 135th Grand Council Session was reviewed. All aspects of the planning were going forward as planned and all was in order.

On June 1, 2020, the Grand Council Office sent each Delegate by e-mail their copy of the Advance Proceedings. The roll call of Delegates is as follows:

135th Grand Council Session Roll Call by Council

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Initiation</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	
		Ballot Sent	Ballot Cast

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

Br. Jack Albrecht, Grand Treasurer	01-22-1957	e-mail	P
Br. Felix Ysturiz, Council Elected Delegate	02-02-1983	US Mail	P
Br. Carl Franke, PGP	08-07-1957	n/a	A
Br. Mario DeVita, Grand Director	10-06-1982	e-mail	P
Br. Edward Sutton, Council Elected Delegate	09-15-2010	e-mail	P

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

Br. Frank Hepburn, PGP	11-09-1982	e-mail	P
Br. Alex Preciado, DDGP	08-06-2013	e-mail	P
Fr. Paolo Gobbo, Council Elected Delegate	06-01-2013	e-mail	A
Br. John Dias, Council Elected Delegate	12-01-2012	e-mail	A
Br. Larry Gallegos, Council Elected Delegate	11-20-2018	e-mail	P
Br. Paul Chavez, Council Elected Delegate	03-19-2019	e-mail	A

Stockton Council #5 ~ Stockton, CA ~ Organized 1885

Br. Robert Rabiteau, Council Elected Delegate	07-14-2003	e-mail	A
Br. Jason Gonzalez, Council Elected Delegate	09-2000	e-mail	P

American Council #8 ~ Oakland, CA ~ Organized 1885

Br. Alex Schmitt, PGD & DDGP	11-12-2002	e-mail	P
Br. Christopher Mc Cann, Grand Outside Sentinel	08-11-1998	e-mail	P
Br. Stuart MacIntyre, Council Elected Delegate	05-27-1951	e-mail	P

Vallejo Council #13 ~ Vallejo, CA ~ Organized 1885

Br. James Mullen, Council Elected Delegate	12-13-1983	US Mail	P
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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	e-mail	P
Br. Steve Cresci, Grand Director	05-02-1990	e-mail	P
Br. Alan Patrick, Council Elected Delegate	04-11-1996	e-mail	P
Br. Clifford Smethurst, PGP	04-11-1985	e-mail	P
Br. Thomas Fourie, PGP	08-14-1986	e-mail	P
Br. Philip Oberst, PGP	10-12-1972	e-mail	P
Br. Richard Guaraldi, PGP	02-13-1975	e-mail	P
Br. John West, PGP	03-12-1992	US Mail	P
Br. Bob Bartoli, PGP	06-11-1992	e-mail	P
Br. John Musgrove, PGP	05-12-1994	e-mail	P
Br. George Terry, PGP	10-15-1993	e-mail	A
Br. Larry Andreatta, Council Elected Delegate	11-09-1989	e-mail	P

Br. Paul Larson, Council Elected Delegate	12-09-2010	e-mail	P
Br. Brian Dunbar, Council Elected Delegate	05-08-2003	e-mail	P
Br. Rafael Centeno, Council Elected Delegate	09-13-2018	e-mail	P
Br. Luis Alvarenga, Council Elected Delegate	12-13-2012	e-mail	P

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

Br. Steve May, DDGP	11-04-1997	e-mail	P
Br. Bill McNeany, Council Elected Delegate	06-14-1988	e-mail	P
Br. Angel Vera, Grand Director	10-06-2009	e-mail	P
Br. Richard Pasquini, Council Elected Delegate	01-06-2009	e-mail	A
Br. Harry Licursi Council Elected Delegate	03-04-2008	e-mail	P
Br. Butch Bondi, Council Elected Delegate	09-02-2014	e-mail	P

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

Br. Manuel Drumonde, PGP	04-18-1974	e-mail	P
Br. Mario Borba, Council Elected Delegate	08-25-2016	e-mail	P

Br. Kelly Cox, Council Elected Delegate	02-05-1987	e-mail	P
Br. Daniel Santos Council Elected Delegate	02-12-2015	e-mail	P
Br. Duarte Monteiro, Council Elected Delegate	11-14-2002	e-mail	P
Br. Leonard Costa, Council Elected Delegate	02-12-2015	e-mail	A
Br. Danny Avila, Council Elected Delegate	03-27-2014	e-mail	P

Sebastopol Council #54 ~ Sebastopol, CA ~ Organized 1923

Br. Nick Franceschine, Grand Second Vice President	06-11-1986	e-mail	P
Br. Domenic Carinalli, Grand Director	02-09-1966	e-mail	P
Br. Charles Wallin, Grand Inside Sentinel	02-11-1998	e-mail	P
Br. George Guy, Council Elected Delegate	12-12-1980	e-mail	A
Br. Bill Cole, Council Elected Delegate	11-12-1997	e-mail	A
Br. Brad Nicholls, Council Elected Delegate	03-12-2003	e-mail	P

Sadoc Council #59 ~ Pittsburg, CA ~ Organized 1926

Br. Michael Sanzeri, Council Elected Delegate	04-01-1997	e-mail	A
Br. Salvatore Enea, PGP	10-19-1948	n/a	A
Br. Frank Di Maggio, PGP	11-07-1989	e-mail	P

Madera Council #60 ~ Madera, CA ~ Organized 1927

Br. Tony Savant, Council Elected Delegate	02-15-2001	e-mail	A
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St. Christopher Council #80 ~ Atwater, CA ~ Organized 1935

Br. Mike Nelson, Immediate Past Grand President	05-22-1996	e-mail	P
Br. Bill Avery, Grand Marshal	08-25-2010	e-mail	P
Br. Matt Nelson, Grand Director	06-23-2004	e-mail	P
Br. Bill Walls, Council Elected Delegate	08-25-2010	e-mail	A
Br. Luther Evans, Past Grand President & DDGP	09-27-2000	e-mail	P
Br. Ernie Ochoa, Council Elected Delegate	02-22-2017	e-mail	A
Br. Larry Silva, PGP	01-28-1959	e-mail	P
Br. Rudy Albritton, PGP	03-26-2003	e-mail	A
Br. Billy Pimentel, Council Elected Delegate	10-26-1964	US Mail	P
Br. Gary Frago, Council Elected Delegate	12-19-2001	e-mail	A
Br. Steve Ortiz, Council Elected Delegate	10-22-2003	e-mail	A

Tracy Council #92 ~ Tracy, CA ~ Organized 1940

Br. Michael Bacchetti, Council Elected Delegate	04-07-1993	e-mail	P
Br. Robert Bacchetti, Council Elected Delegate	11-01-2001	e-mail	P

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

Br. Mike Thissen, Grand President	03-01-1983	e-mail	P
Br. Eugene Espinola, DDGP	12-02-1981	e-mail	P
Br. Maximo Martinez, Council Elected Delegate	02-04-2009	e-mail	P
Br. Tom Alves, Council Elected Delegate	02-04-2009	e-mail	P

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

Br. Darrell Fonseca, Grand Director	05-14-1991	e-mail	P
Br. Michael McGlynn, Council Elected Delegate	09-12-2006	e-mail	P
Br. Ronald Snyder, Council Elected Delegate	01-10-1989	e-mail	P
Br. Rob Holland, Council Elected Delegate	10-09-2018	e-mail	P

Bakersfield Council #100 ~ Bakersfield, CA ~ Organized 1946

Br. Joseph Reza, PGP & DDGP	11-18-2006	e-mail	A
Br. Michael Lopez, Council Elected Delegate	01-01-2000	e-mail	P
Br. Paul Flores, Council Elected Delegate	01-08-2005	e-mail	P
Br. Tony Aguirre, Council Elected Delegate	06-21-2004	e-mail	A

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

Br. Phil Fondale, PGD & DDGP	10-17-1989	e-mail	P
Br. Ted Novelli, Council Elected Delegate	01-04-2009	e-mail	P
Br. Mike Shoda, Council Elected Delegate	01-04-2009	US Mail	P

Br. Ray Mutter, Council Elected Delegate	08-22-2012	e-mail	A
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St. Augustine Council #497 ~ Huntingburg, Indiana ~ Organized 1898

Br. Kurt Kuczynski, DDGP	04-01-2018	e-mail	A
Br. Colby Lagenour, Council Elected Delegate	04-01-2002	e-mail	A
Br. Scot Blesinger, Council Elected Delegate	10-16-1992	e-mail	A

Francis Council #573 ~ Hilo, Hawaii ~ Organized 1901

Br. Norbert Correia, Council Elected Delegate	10-14-1992	e-mail	P
Br. James Mullen, PGP	11-10-1966	e-mail	A
Br. Thomas Figueira, DDGP	03-09-1979	e-mail	P
Br. Clement Gusman, Council Elected Delegate	03-25-1983	e-mail	P
Br. Damien Moniz, Council Elected Delegate	02-12-2019	e-mail	P

Gonzaga Council #612 ~ Richmond, Indiana ~ Organized 1907

Br. Scott Vogelgesang, DDGP	07-25-1973	US Mail	P
Br. Jim Rohe, Grand Director	07-09-1980	e-mail	A
Br. Bob Crowe, Council Elected Delegate	07-04-1984	e-mail	P
Br. Bob Vogelgesang, Council Elected Delegate	09-22-1976	e-mail	P

St. John Bosco Council #613 ~ San Francisco, CA ~ Organized 1908

Br. Michael Amato, GFVP	09-14-2004	e-mail	P
Br. Michael Dimech, Grand Secretary	11-28-2006	e-mail	P

Br. Bob Fiorito, Grand Director	05-08-2007	e-mail	P
Br. John Kavanagh, Council Elected Delegate	11-12-2013	e-mail	P
Br. Cosmo Amato, DDGP	01-27-1970	e-mail	P
Fr. Joseph Landi, Chaplain & Council Elected Delegate	03-12-2013	e-mail	A
Br. Richard Pisciotta, Council Elected Delegate	11-08-1960	e-mail	P
Br. Joseph Soracco, Council Elected Delegate	04-13-2010	e-mail	P

Grand Council #900 ~ San Francisco, CA ~ Organized 2004

Br. Tom Davis, Council Elected Delegate	07-21-1977	e-mail	P
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On June 3, 2020 the Grand Council Election Committee forwarded to each delegate via e-mail the electronic ballot.

On June 13, 2020, the Board of Grand Directors conducted a conference call offering all Delegates an opportunity to call in and ask questions regarding the Advance Proceedings and voting directions. Each Council was called out and given an equal opportunity to respond. The conference call lasted for twenty minutes, as only one comment was presented.

On June 20, 2020 the Grand Council Election Committee closed the voting and prepared the election results. All Delegates received a copy of the results by e-mail on June 22, 2020. A copy of the results will be attached to this report for the Archives. All candidates and motions were approved.

On June 24, 2020, each Delegate received a copy of the Grand President's Program for 2020-2021 to share with the Brothers of their Council.

These unique minutes will be presented to the Board of Grand Directors at their July 25, 2020 meeting. Following their approval, a copy will be sent via e-mail to all Delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

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Grand Secretary

Brother Thomas Fourie #32, PGP

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