April Chapter Meeting

1 April 2023

Minutes

***Opening***

The meeting was opened at 11:12 AM. A motion was made by Brother Charles Reid and seconded by Brother Alex Brown to suspend the ritualistic opening. The motion passed.

The following brothers were in attendance:

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| Alexis Horn | Jeff Plummer | Robert Baker |
| Brice Dudley | Al Paterson | Thomas St. Julien |
| Alex Brown | Bobby Scruggs | Francis Lawson |
| Don Stewart | Charles Reid | Terrence Bedford |
| Javion Lee | Levi Randolph | Larry Britton |
| Patrick Bingham | Jerrod Watson |  |

***Correspondence:***

No correspondence was received.

***KOR Report:***

The KOR Report was reviewed by the brothers assembled. A motion was made by Brother Al Paterson to table the March KOR report until all necessary corrections are made. It was seconded by Brother Bobby Scruggs. The motion passed.

***KOE Report:***

The KOE report was reviewed by the brothers assembled. A motion to accept the KOE report was made by Brother Alex Brown and seconded by Brother Robert Baker. The motion passed.

Questions:

* G-Suite (website payment): When are payments due? Brother Polemarch addressed the question,
* Delegate Stipend: **How does it work?** Delegate must present receipts upon return. Any portion of the stipend not used must be returned to the chapter. **What does it cover?** The stipend covers whatever the delegate needs (not including registration which is paid separately.
* During the last chapter meeting, there was a questionable line item labeled “Sunset Valley” that still needed to be explained. **UPDATE**: Line item was for libations purchased for Charter Day.

***Old Business:***

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Brother Tyrone Welch has received his stipend ($2,000) and is prepared to attend. We will be receiving documentation from IHQ to officially list him as the delegate.

**New Business:**

**Scholarship**

Brother Lawson provided an update on scholarship. Application is live and online. Due date is April 23rd. Communication has been sent out to Austin ISD, Manor ISD, Pflugerville ISD, and Dale Valley ISD. Polemarch Horn requested all the information to be sent to him so that he can ensure all brothers receive it as well. Brother Javion Lee also requested a copy of the information so he can distribute to the Kappa Leaguers. We have one graduating senior in Kappa League.

**Brotherhood**

Brother Plummer provided an update. Chapter is hosting a BBQ on Sunday, June 25th (starts at 12:30pm). Gilleland Creek Pool and Park (700 North Railroad Ave, Pflugerville, TX 78660).

**Social Action**

Brother Dudley provided his update from the Social Action Committee. Two updates:

* To date, he has been unable to reach anyone with the Austin Black Chamber of Commerce. He has left voicemails as well as emails through the “Contact Us” option on the website. No responses.
* There is a potential opportunity to partner with the NPHC on an SBA-sponsored initiative. Brother Edward “Ted” James (Alpha Sigma) was appointed by President Joe Biden as the SBA’s Regional Administrator (LA, AR, OK, NM, TX). Last year, the SBA signed a Strategic Alliance Memorandum with the NPHC to address the Wealth Gap through Black Entrepreneurship. He will be in Austin around June 2nd and would like to conduct a seminar. Focus will be on:
	+ Empower entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow, expand their businesses, or recover from a disaster.
	+ Deliver services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations.
	+ Strengthen and expand Divine 9 Entrepreneurs and meet the needs of the Divine 9 Small Business Community at every stage of their entrepreneurial journey.

**NPHC**

NPHC reports coincide with the Social Action report from Brother Dudley regarding the SBA initiative.

**Fundraising**

No update. There are no other planned fundraising events currently.

**Community Service**

* + Adopt-a-Highway activity: Saturday, April 15th (9-11am) is the proposed date for clean-up. A sign-up sheet was passed around during the meeting. Current volunteers are:

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| Jeff Plummer | Patrick Bingham | Levi Randolph |
| Francis Lawson | Charles Reid | Bobby Scruggs |
| Alex Brown | Jarrod Watson | Terrence Bufford |
| Larry Britton |  |  |

**Guide Right**

* Brother Javion Lee provided an update on Kappa League activities. There is a seminar tomorrow on physical and mental health. The next seminar will be on dress for success and table etiquette.
* There will be a going away dinner for our graduating senior. The tentative date will be end of May/ early June. This will also be the same timeframe for the Kappa League Informational.
* The Juneteenth parade will be the final event that the Kappa Leaguers conduct for this year.

**Nominations**

Brother Charles Reid presented the slate for the upcoming fraternal year. The slate was disseminated and reviewed during the meeting. Nominations came from the floor for Asst KOR: Brother Thomas St. Julien will be added to the slate. Brother Larry Britton was nominated from the floor for Parlimentarian and will be added to the slate. No other nominations for any other position came from the floor.

The slate will now be reconciled for individual financial status at all 3 levels.

To ensure that all financial members have an opportunity to vote, a Survey Monkey will be sent out, so they have the opportunity to vote on Assistant KOR. The position of Parlimentarian was vacant. Hence, Brother Larry Britton will be running unopposed.

**Chapter Awards**

Vice Polemarch Welch will have the rubric available at the May Chapter meeting for review. After the award criteria is reviewed, ballots will be sent out to all brothers for voting. Voting will take place in June.

***Undergraduate Affairs:***

**Gamma Lambda**

The chapter is back in ground standing. Due to the Spring MTA timeline, they were not able to participate in intake. Province Polemarch Puder was willing to conduct a special intake, but the dates did not align with university timelines.

**Iota Delta**

Similar to Gamma Lambda, Province Polemarch Puder was willing to conduct a special intake, but the dates did not align with Iota Delta’s university’s timelines.

***AKELF:***

Brother Alex Brown provided a Foundation update and reviewed the history of AKELF. Brother Brown also reviewed the key discussion points from the Foundation’s last meeting. This year’s golf tournament will be October 7th (8am shotgun start) at the Riverside Golf Course.

***Senior Kappa Affairs:***

Brother Stewart provided an update. They will be participating in the Adopt-a-Highway initiative on April 15th.

***Light Lessons:***

The April Light Lesson comes from Polemarch Horn. Scripture text referenced: Mark 12:29.

***For the Good of Kappa:***

* Brother Bingham announced that Delta Sigma Theta with be conducting a Double Good fundraiser this coming week.
* Brother Bingham will be speaking/testifying in front of the state house steering committee about Prostrate Cancer.
* Brother Bingham will be celebrating his 64th birthday this week.
* Brother Reid just celebrated his 68th birthday last week.
* Brother Reid announced that the previous, oldest member of Kappa Alpha Psi passed away last week at the age of 105. His name was Brother Theophilus “Theo” Logan and was Brother Reid’s uncle.
* Brother Thomas St. Julien announced that his entire line are now all Grand Chapter Life Members. He and Brother Plummer are also becoming Province Life Members.
* Brother Randolph re-introduced himself to Brothers and announced that he recently just celebrated his 64th birthday as well.

***Adjournment:***

A motion to adjourn the April chapter meeting was made by Brother Reid and seconded by Brother Plummer. The motion carried. The April chapter meeting was adjourned at 12:31 PM.