April Chapter Meeting

6 May 2023

Minutes

***Opening***

The meeting was opened at 11:05 AM. A motion was made by Brother St. Julien and seconded by Brother Reid to suspend the ritualistic opening. The motion passed.

The following brothers were in attendance:

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| Alexis Horn | Bobby Scruggs | Henry Darrington |
| Brice Dudley | Al Paterson | Thomas St. Julien |
| Tyrone Welch | Andrew Lofters | Francis Lawson |
| Darrin Duffin | Charles Reid | Matt Anderson |
| Javion Lee | Derron Patterson | Larry Britton |
| Patrick Bingham | David Collins |  |

***Correspondence:***

No correspondence was received.

***KOR Report:***

The KOR Report was reviewed by the brothers assembled. A motion was made to accept the minute by brother Welch and 2nd by brother Reed.

***KOE Report:***

The KOE report was reviewed by the brothers assembled. A motion to accept the KOE report was made by Brother Alex Reid and seconded by St. Julien. The motion passed.

Questions:

***Old Business:***

**86th Grand Chapter Meeting**

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 Officers report needs to be submitted ASAP along with the delegate form. The officer report was submitted on June 2nd .

SWP Council Meeting – Brother Welch has a detailed update. Essentially, the Guide Right program brought back a lot of trophies for their hard work with our Kappa League Program.

**New Business:**

**Silhouette Chapter reengaged**. Brothers, we would like all of you to encourage your wives to be involved.

**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. No additional updates during this meeting.

**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 Welch provided an update on Kappa League activities. Brother Welch presented all of the SWP awards.

**Nominations**

Brother Reid presided over our elections. Brother Patrick Bingham was elected assistant KOR for our next fraternal year. All uncontested brothers were elected to their respective offices.

**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:***

No update this meeting.

***Light Lessons:***

The April Light Lesson comes from Polemarch Horn. Scripture text referenced: 1st John 4-11.

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

* Brother Welch – Double Life (SWP)
* Sneaker Head – Doctoral Degree

***Adjournment:***

A motion to adjourn the April chapter meeting was made by Brother Reid and seconded by Brother Dudley. The motion carried. The April chapter meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.