



THE GRAND CHAPTER
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc
TRAINING FOR LEADERSHIP SINCE 1911
SOUTHWESTERN PROVINCE
TEXAS-NEW MEXICO KAPPA CAUCUS

Texas-New Mexico Caucus Meeting
Saturday 6 March 2021

Minutes

I. Call to Order

T-NMKC Chairman Brother Robert Ratcliffe (San Antonio Alumni) called the 39th Texas-New Mexico Kappa Caucus to order at 10:00AM. Brother Dr. Howard Anderson (San Antonio Alumni) opened the meeting with prayer.

II. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Guests

Brother Carlos Garth (Killeen-Ft. Hood Alumni) brought greetings on behalf of the Host Chapter.

The following brothers were recognized by Brother Ratcliffe

- Theron Hightower (Jonesboro Alumni) – 26th Polemarch, Southwestern Province
- William Puder (Houston Alumni) – Senior Province Vice Polemarch, Southwestern Province
- Tim Albert (Houston Alumni) – 25th Polemarch, Southwestern Province
- Ron V. Julun (Houston Alumni) – 24th Polemarch, Southwestern Province, Past Grand Board of Directors
- Donald Parker (Lake Charles Alumni) – Past SVP, Southwestern Province
- Keith Campbell (Dallas Alumni) – Past T-NMKC Chairman
- Willie High Coleman, Jr. (Houston Alumni) – Past T-NMKC Chairman, Elder Watson Diggs Awardee
- Anthony Coleman (Tyler Alumni) – Past T-NMKC Chairman
- Ray Haze (Houston Alumni) – Past T-NMKC Chairman
- Emerson Lattimore (Dallas Alumni) – 20th Polemarch, Southwestern Province, Elder Watson Diggs Awardee
- Michael Mason (Port Arthur Alumni) – TX/NM Alumni Board Member, Southwestern Province
- William “Randy” Bates, Jr., Esq. (Houston Alumni) – 32nd Grand Polemarch
- Rhen Bass – Grand Chapter Keeper of Records & Exchequer

III. Roll Call

Austin Alumni was marked as “Present” during roll call.



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IV. Report of Caucus Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes

The minutes from the 38th T-NMKC held in Tyler, TX was sent to brothers by the Cluster Coordinators and Administrative Assistants prior to the 39th T-NMKC meeting for review. It was moved by Brother Brice Dudley, Sr. (T-NMKC Secretary/Treasurer) to accept the minutes and seconded by Brother Kevin Cole (Mansfield-Cedar Hill Alumni). The motion passed.

Correspondence and Announcements

No correspondence was read. Brother JB McGinnis (Arlington-Grand Prairie Alumni), National GLAD/KARE Chairman made a brief presentation about the launch of the Fraternity's partnership with iGRAD (kappaalphapsi.igrad.com). Additional information will be presented at the 85th SWP Council.

Treasurer's Report

Brother Brice Dudley, Sr. (T-NMKC Secretary/Treasurer) reviewed the Treasurer's Report. It was moved by Brother Brice Dudley, Sr. (T-NMKC Secretary/Treasurer) to accept the Treasurer's Report and seconded by Brother Alexis Horn (Austin Alumni). The motion passed.

Audit Report

Brother Brice Dudley, Sr. (T-NMKC Secretary/Treasurer) reviewed the Audit Report. It was moved by Brother Brice Dudley, Sr. (T-NMKC Secretary/Treasurer) to accept the Audit Report and seconded by Brother Todd Adams (Dallas Alumni). The motion passed.

Budget Report

Brother Brice Dudley, Sr. (T-NMKC Secretary/Treasurer) reviewed the Budget Report. It was moved by Brother Brice Dudley, Sr. (T-NMKC Secretary/Treasurer) to accept the Budget Report and seconded by Brother Kevin Cole (Mansfield-Cedar Hill Alumni). The motion passed.

V. State of the Caucus

Chairman's Report

Brother T-NMKC Chairman Robert Ratcliffe (San Antonio Alumni) gave a report on the state of the T-NMKC.

- i. All 4 Clusters convened and held virtual Cluster/Founders Day meetings.
- ii. Over 200 members registered for the virtual 39th T-NMKC



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Brother Ratcliffe declared that **“the Texas-New Mexico Kappa Caucus remains strong”**. It was moved by Brother Micheal Gunn (Lubbock Alumni) to accept the State of the Caucus Report and seconded by Brother Andre Harden (Galveston Alumni). The motion passed.

VI. State of the Fraternity (Grand Chapter Report)

Excerpts from the presentation given by Brother Rhen Bass, Grand Keeper of Records & Exchequer.

IHQ Correspondence

Grand Chapter has increased correspondence regarding chapter and member disciplinary actions to show insurance providers that we are being more proactive with risk management.

Financial Improprieties

The forensic audit is still in progress, as auditors continue to ask for more detailed information. It is estimated that \$3 million has been stolen from the Fraternity. The target completion of the final report is May 2021.

Tax Exemption

Over 50% of chapters have lost their tax exemption status. A task force has been assembled to help chapters recover their tax-exempt status.

Grand Chapter Officer Positions

An amendment to the Constitution & Statues will be submitted to separate the Grand Keeper of Records & Exchequer position into two positions.

VII. Province Council Updates

The 85th SWP Council will take place virtually March 25-27, 2021. Brother Ratcliffe encouraged all chapters present to register for the Council Meeting and to attend the mandatory delegate training.

VIII. Election of T-NMKC Nominating Committee Chairman

Brother David Jones (Killeen-Ft. Hood Alumni) was elected to serve as T-NMKC Nominating Chairman.

IX. New T-NMKC Business

Kappa Kamp

Brother Maurice West (Dallas Alumni) provided information on the upcoming Kappa Kamp. Session I of the virtual Kappa Kamp will take place June 20 – July 2, 2021 for a cost of \$225, and Session II (specifically for high school students) will take place July 5 – 9, 2021 for a cost of \$125. A bundle can be purchased for \$300. Registration will begin on February 1st.



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MTA

To date, the Grand Board of Directors has not made a decision on if the Fraternity will have MTA in 2021. The chapter certification process has not started, so no chapters are certified. Once a decision has been made the Nation MTA committee will start providing information to the province chairmen.

Kappa TX License Plate

Brother Eric Narcisse (Austin Alumni) gave a report on the status of the TX state license plate. In 2020, a total of 49 plates were sold/renewed. As of 11 February 2021, a total of 8 plates have been sold/renewed. Since the program's launch in 2010, a total of 634 plates have been sold statewide, resulting in \$3,500 in proceeds being donated to SELTF.

St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital – Sunday of Hope

Brother Byron Lattimore (Dallas Alumni) gave a report. In 2020, the Southwestern Province collected \$23,648 for St. Jude's, with \$18,152 coming from the T-NMKC. In 2021, the Southwestern Province has a fundraising goal of \$100,000, \$40,000 for the T-NMKC, and \$1,500 per chapter.

X. Endorsement of Candidates for Office

SWP Officers

- William Puder (Houston Alumni) – Senior Vice Polemarch
- Harold C. Young (Beta Beta) - Junior Vice Polemarch
- Mark Gallashaw (Lake Charles Alumni) – Keeper of Records
- Ryan Gilner (Gulfport Alumni) – Keeper of Exchequer
- LeRoy McNac III (Eta Phi) – Strategus
- D'Andre David (Omicron Tau) - Lt. Strategus
- Emerson Romero (Omicron Xi) - TX/NM Undergraduate Board Member

It was moved to support the brothers listed above who are running unopposed as they seek office by Brother Carlos Garth (Killeen-Ft. Hood Alumni) and seconded by Brother Fred Corbin (Killeen-Ft. Hood Alumni). The motion passed.

T-NMKC Officers

- Robert Ratcliffe (San Antonio Alumni) - T-NMKC Chairman
- Brice Dudley, Sr. (Austin Alumni) – T-NMKC Secretary/Treasurer



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It was moved to elect the candidates by acclamation since they are running unopposed by Brother Micheal Gunn (Lubbock Alumni) and seconded by Brother Andre Harden (Galveston Alumni). The motion passed.

XI. Installation of T-NMKC Officers

The following brothers were installed as T-NMKC officers

- T-NMKC Chairman –Brother Robert Ratcliffe (San Antonio Alumni)
- T-NMKC Vice Chairman – Ron Lockett (Houston Alumni)
- T-NMKC Secretary/Treasurer – Brother Brice Dudley, Sr. (Austin Alumni)

XII. Time & Place for 40th T-NMKC

The 40th T-NMKC will take place in Houston, TX. The host chapter will be Houston Alumni.

XIII. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn the 39th T-NMKC by Brother Micheal Gunn (Lubbock Alumni) and seconded by Brother Todd Adams (Dallas Alumni). The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:46PM.