**83rd Southwestern Province Council Meeting**

**Little Rock Marriott & Statehouse Convention Center**

**Little Rock, Arkansas**

**March 20-24, 2019**

**Chapter Brothers Registered and Present**

1. Pearly A. McQueen, IV, *Polemarch*
2. Eddie Southard, *Vice Polemarch*
3. Philip Harris, *Keeper of Records*
4. Tyrone Welch, *Keeper of Exchequer*
5. Donald Stewart, *Strategus*
6. Lawrence Britton, Jr., *Board of Directors*
7. Brice Dudley, Sr., *Board of Directors* and *TNMKC Secretary & Treasurer*
8. Hiawatha Franks, *Chapter Advisor – Lambda Theta*
9. Johnathan Gilliard, *Chapter Advisor – Iota Delta*
10. Dwayne Jones, *Chapter Advisor – Gamma Lambda*
11. Alexis Horn, *Province Council Planning Co-Chairman* and *CRWLC Planning Chairman*
12. Eric Narcisse, *Provincial Administrative Assistant – Southwest Texas*
13. Darrin Duffin
14. Darryl Harris
15. Artimeaus Moore

**Fraternity Dignitaries Present**

* Thomas L. Battles, Jr., Grand Polemarch
* Reuben Shelton, Senior Grand Vice Polemarch
* Ron Julun, Alumni Grand Board Member
* Linnes Finney, Esq, Alumni Grand Board Member
* Andre Earls, Undergraduate Grand Board Member
* Three Past Grand Polemarchs (PGP) were in attendance:
  + 27th PGP Robert Harris
  + 31st PGP Dwayne Murray, Esq
  + 32nd PGP William “Randy” Bates, Esq

**St. Jude Sunday of Hope** *(presented by Bro. Byron Lattimore)*

* $2.8 million was raised for St. Jude
* Register you church online 2 weeks before the event
* Encouraging every chapter needs a St. Jude Coordinator
* Encourage local undergraduate chapters to partner with us
* Brothers who are clergymen are encouraged to add St. Jude to their church activity calendars

**National & Southwestern Province Guide Right** *(presented by Bro. Draon Glenn)*

* Inspiring brothers to give 4 hours of their time to Guide Right per month; it equals to 0.5% of your time in a month
* Austin Alumni Chapter had three brothers who were recognized for having 55+ hours of Guide Right community service/activity: Darrin Duffin (62), Tyrone Welch (58), Darryl Harris (56.5)
* 40 SWP chapters were Guide Right certified this year (35 alumni, 5 UG)
* Brother Glenn rehashed the Core Four National Initiatives for Guide Right:
  + Kappa Action Plan for School Improvement (KAPSI) – Adopt-A-School
  + College Prep Series (Naviance, Diamond In The Rough (DITR), College Signing Day
  + Positive Video Reporting (submit stories to Kappa League TV (YouTube) and the National and SWP Guide Right social media sites)
  + Guide Right Certification
* The 4th Annual SWP Kappa League Conference will be held in Arlington, TX in February 2020.
* The inaugural National Kappa League Conference was held in Charlotte, NC in July 2018; 48 chapter participated with 331 participants.

**Kappa Kamp** *(delivered by Bro. Maurice West)*

* Location: Paul Quinn College, Dallas, TX
* Date: June 2-14, 2019
* Age Range: 12-16
* Price: $700 per kamper plus transportation
* Deadlines:
  + Application(s): April 15, 2019
  + Fee(s): May 1, 2019

**Chapter Certification** *(delivered by Bro. Keith Campbell)*

* 39.5% of chapter certifications were late this year (only 15.2% were late last year)
* Changes will be coming to improve functions such as the training and payment processes

**Grand Polemarch Message** *(delivered by Thomas L. Battles, Stockbridge-Jonesboro Alumni Chapter)*

* The preservation of insurance is **high** priority for the fraternity; we’re on our last company that will insure us
* Stressed the important of curtailing hazing due to recent incidents that’s happened around the nation
* 6-7 cases are currently in litigation, if the fraternity loses even one of them, the fraternity will be in danger of not being insured
* Lasting words from Brother Battles: “Leave a legacy, build a future.”
* Acknowledged all of the dignitaries that were present (please see Fraternity Delegates Present)
* Endorsements:
  + Laurel Wreath: Bro. D. Murray
  + Grand Polemarch: Bro. R. Shelton

**GLAD** *(delivered by Bro. J.B. McGinnis)*

* National Initiative to get every undergrad brother to take the financial literacy module and achieve a >90% score on the test to make sure they’re prepared for the future

**Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation** *(delivered by Bro. Michael Adkinson)*

* The Foundation will send out a member of the Board of Directors to every province to relay information about the foundation’s premise, mission, and status

**Southwestern Education Leadership Foundation (S.E.L.T.F.)** *(delivered by Bro. Willie Coleman)*

* Supporting Kappa Kamp for the 24th year
* Five $1,500 scholarships were awarded to undergraduate brothers, and two $2,500 scholarships to alumni brothers.
* Encourage all undergraduates to apply if they over 3.0 GPA; S.E.T.L.F. is eager to give money to our undergraduate brothers

**Grand Chapter Report** *(delivered by Bro. Willie Coleman)*

* 84th Grand Chapter Meeting (GCM) (2019) – Philadelphia, PA
* Future Grand Chapter Meetings:
  + 85th GCM (2021) – Phoenix, AZ
  + 86th GCM (2023) – Tampa, FL
* 2020 National Founders Day – TBD
* Kappas on Kapitol Hill will resume in 2020
* More checks & balances have been instituted to increase security and visibility of the finances after the embezzlement incidents. Presented/premiered the Grand Polemarch’s special message that was released last week.
* Updated functions to keep up with modern technology (e.g.: installation of QuickBooks, new computers in IHQ, mobile banking, etc.)

**State of the Province**

* **SWP KOR Report** *(delivered by Bro. Mark Gallishaw)*
* **SWP KOE Report** *(delivered by Bro. Ryan Gilner)*
  + Current Province Balance - $855,838

**General Notes**

* Province Polemarch Hightower was absent due to illness, Senior Vice Province Polemarch William Puder officiated the weekend
* Local Undergraduate Chapters:
  + Present: Iota Delta and Lambda Theta
  + Absent: Gamma Lambda
* **41st CRWLC** will be held in **Little Rock, Arkansas on September 19-21, 2019**
* The host city for the **84th Southwestern Province Council Meeting** was not finalized, however it’s highly expected that it will be held in **New Orleans, LA**
* Brothers **Dwayne Jones** and **Darryl Harris** were awarded their SWP Life Membership plaques; pins to follow
* 391 new brothers were initiated into the Noble Klan of Kappa Alpha Psi