Subject: 12th District Council Winter Meeting, February 22, 2014

Hosted by Delta Alpha Alpha Chapter, Tucson, AZ.

I. Meeting Call to Order and Formal Opening - Brother Freddrick Alexander, 12th DR at 9:30 AM, PST.

II. Opening Prayer - Brother Ronan Hill, Tau Tau Chapter.

III. Welcomes by Bro. Darryl Haley, Basileus, and Bro. Ron Wilson, Delta Alpha Alpha Chapter.

IV. Roll Call

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Quorum is present: 15 of 21 Officers present (with 3 excused), 17 of 38 Chapters present (13 required).
V. The DR acknowledged the following Grand Officers and visiting Brothers:
   A. Bro. Curtiss Baylor, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal
   B. Bro. Kelly Shannon, Grand Keeper of Finance
   C. Bro. Chris Cooper, Grand Counselor
   D. Bro. David Marion, 7th District Representative
   E. Bro. Kenny Rogers, Past 2nd District Representative
   F. Bro. Dewey Ortiz, 4th District

VI. Minutes of 12th District Council Fall 2013 Meeting accepted as posted on-line.
VII. Officers’ Reports (All Officers’ reports were posted on-line prior to the DCM).
   A. District Representative - Bro. Fred Alexander, DR (Alpha Rho).
      1. The DR discussed the Last 90 Day Actions and Accomplishments:
         a) Implementation of the Area Strategic Planning Throughout the District, completed
            December 2012. Participation of all chapters, SWOT analysis, area wide calendar
            of collaboration events, creation of work teams for action plans.
         b) The issues regarding the new Omega Psi Phi history book were discussed. There
            are numerous errors which forced the book to be recalled and will not be
            published until corrected.
         c) Issues regarding the Ritual were noted. The Grand Officers will be at the District
            Meeting to discuss the issues in depth.
         d) The DR discussed the fraternity’s current fiscal budget issues.
            (1) IHQ budget.
            (2) Preparations for the Grand Conclave.
            (3) The Minneapolis Grand Conclave and the Undergraduate Summit were over
            budget.
         e) Smithsonian Institution: The Smithsonian Institution has invited Omega Psi Phi
            Fraternity to participate in a historical exhibit. The Supreme Council is
            considering the invitation.
         f) Completed selection of the first five ELI fellows. The first class will start
            immediately after this meeting.
         g) Omega Memorial Service - Attended the Omega Memorial Service at UC
            Berkeley for Bro. Ted Agu, Epsilon Mu Chapter, as well as the family service in
            Bakersfield, CA on 2/21/14.
      2. Next 30/69/90 Day Actions and Goals.
            (1) There will be a pre-conclave Supreme Council mtg in May 2014.
      3. Key Issues, Challenges, Deadlines & Actions Required.
         b) The DR discussed the reactivation possibilities of several currently inactive
            chapters in the district.
         c) The Dr announced his goals of having more than 1,000 financial members in the
            12th District before the Grand Conclave.
      4. Unreadinesses:
a) Bro. Charles Peevy, Phi Iota: When process is the Supreme Council putting in place to ensure the 2016 Grand Conclave is not over budget? 
Answer: The Supreme Council and host District will use a “bottom-up” approach, making more realistic projections based on past experiences.

b) Bro. Charles White, Psi Xi: How soon can the calendars of cost-creating events be published in advance to help chapters budget and prepare for them?
Answer: These events should be submitted in the 3-year Strategic Planning process.

c) Bro. Rodney Gallman, Phi Beta Beta: Thanked the Dr for his leadership through the year.

d) Bro. Saeed Galloway, Tau Tau: Has the host chapter for the 2016 Grand Conclave met the financial commitment for the GC?
Answer: The Grand Conclave is no longer awarded to an individual chapter. It is awarded to the District. Financial considerations are negotiated between the Supreme Council and the affected district.

5. Motion to accept the report passed. Report Accepted.
B. Fist Vice District Representative, Bro. James Walker (Sigma Iota).
1. The 1st Vice DR discussed the following topics:
   a) The new 12th District Reclamation Chairman is Bro. Walter J. Hunter, Rho Iota Iota Chapter.
   b) Bro. Walker presented a thorough discussion of the Empirical Leadership Institute. He announced the names of the 1st five fellows:
      (1) Rafael Irving, Tau Tau
      (2) Saeed Galloway, Tau Tau
      (3) Geary Bledsoe, Jr., Epsilon Xi
      (4) Omar Staples, Sigma Iota
      (5) Ed Young, Tau Tau

3. Unreadinesses.
   a) Bro. Kelly Shannon, Phi Iota, GKF announced that the deadline for reclamation in order for those brothers to be counted in the chapters’ Grand Conclave membership numbers is May 1, 2014.

4. Motion to accept the report passed.
C. Second Vice District Representative, Bro. Maurice Valentine, Jr. (Epsilon Mu) was excused due to Bro. Agu’s funeral. His report was posted on-line for information purposes only.
D. District Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. Dennis R. Martinez (Theta Pi)
1. Key Initiatives and Events.
   a) 12th District Council Meetings; Fall 2012 & Winter 2013. Prepared report and meeting minutes.
   b) 12th District Chapter Scorecard. Produced quarterly, ongoing basis. Completed annual and quarterly reports in accordance with IHQ guidelines.
   c) Will attend the 12th District Meeting in Manhattan Beach, May 2014, and the Grand Conclave, July 2013.
2. Last 90 Day Actions and Accomplishments.
   a) Rolled out the on-line payment system through PayPal on October 1, 2013, for the 2013/2014 FY, with voluntary participation. To date, three chapters have used it.
   b) Revised DF 53 and DF54 to incorporate the on-line payment.
   c) Received chapter reports, though several are still missing Form 37 reports. The new quarterly reporting process is currently under consideration by the GKRS.

3. Next 30/60/90 Day Actions and Goals.
   a) Will continue on-going training for CKRS.
   b) Provide on-going assistance and advice to District and Chapter leadership regarding KRS duties and functions.
   c) Assist the 69th District Meeting committee with registration/financial membership issues.

   a) Chapters’ timely submission of annual and quarterly reports continues to be an issue. As related in the scorecard, some chapters consistently missed report due dates.
   b) Please submit names of those Brothers who have transferred to Omega Chapter.

   a) MSP for 2013/2014 (to date): Graduate - 12 Undergraduate - 6
   b) Reclamation for 2013/2014 (to date): 68. Phi Omicron and Tau Tau Chapters with 11 each. in the lead.
   c) The DKRS reminded chapters to pay their Insurance and CEF assessments, and submit Special Events Checklists for all their events, including MSP.

6. The DKRS presented the Final Scorecard Statistics for 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 (to date).


8. Unreadiness.
   a) Bro. Ricky Lewis, Tau Tau: Question #1: What does the DKRS do with the the From 37 information.
      Answer #1: Make sure that the information is sent to IHQ.
      Question #2: What is the percentage of response from the chapters?
      Answer #2: 70-75%.
      Brother Lewis asked for access to the Form 37 date so he could compile for district use.
      Question #3: What chapter numbers will the Grand Conclave be based?
      Answer: Based on IHQ’s figure. We will advise chapters of the delegate numbers at the district meeting.
      Question #4: MSP: Are the MSP numbers be based on a two-year basis? Tau Tau Chapter only have eight this year but the report says nine.
      Answer #4: The ninth MSP candidate was from the “Get Right” program.

9. Motion to accept the report passed.

E. District Keeper of Finance, Bro. Robert Robinson (Lambda Omicron).

1. Last 90 Day Actions and Accomplishments.
   a) Posted MSP, Current Year and prepaid dues, other account data through 10/31/13.
b) Posted all checks and deposits for district operations through 1/31/14.

2. Next 30/60/90 Days
   a) Begin 990 Tax Returns research and preparation.
   b) Input FY 2013/2014 current year budget into Quicken database.
   c) Provide DR with account details as requested.

3. Financial Statement Notes:
   a) Total Assets (10/31/13): Approx. $143,000 (28% increase)
   b) Total revenue: Approx. $49,000 (17% increase)
   c) Executive expenses have increased due to higher travel costs (airfare, hotels, etc.)


5. Unreadiness:
   a) Bro. Ricky Lewis, Tau Tau: Where does the $15 dues increase go?
      Answer: Operating Budget, including individual line items like the $15,000
donation to E. E. Just Foundation.

6. The motion to accept the report passed.

7. The DKF presented $15,000 check to Bro. Charles Peevy, E. E. Just Foundation.

F. District Counselor, Bro. Lawton Connelly (Phi Iota).
   1. No lawsuits against the fraternity regarding 12th District activities.
   3. Unreadiness:
      a) Bro. Keith Jackson, Rho Iota Iota: requested a district-wide list of MSP certified
         brothers.
         Answer: The DKRS will research to see if we can provide the list.
      b) Bro. Ricky Lewis, Tau Tau: What is the number of Brothers who went through the
         “Get Right” Program? Any more on the horizon?
         Answer: One so far (Tau Tau). Two potentials (Delta Pi, Phi Iota). Names will
generally not be posted due to the sensitivity of the situation, but will allow for
the posting if the affected Brother agrees.

   4. Motion to accept the report passed.

G. 69th District Marshall, Bro. Ricky Lewis (Tau Tau).
   1. Bro. Lewis encouraged the Brothers and Quettes to register early and come to the
      District Meeting.
   2. Bro. Ronan Hill, Registration Chair
      a) Currently at 379 registered Brothers.
      b) Bro. Hill provided a breakdown by Area:
         (1) PNW - 12
         (2) SoCal - 227
         (3) NorCal - 95
         (4) Mountain West - 22
         (5) AK - 13

   3. Bro. Lewis briefed the Brothers on the following:
a) Hotel Rates: The $124 Omega rate is sold out. Can still get a room for $269. No other hotels will be contracted for Omega rates. However, there are several other hotels in the area with reasonable rates.
b) Effective March 1, 2014, the registration rate goes up to $225.
d) Extra costs: Guest tickets for the step show and the Founders Banquet will be extra cost.


5. Unreadinesses.
   a) Bro. Keith Johnson, Rho Iota Iota: Is there a dress code/protocol for the meeting events?
      Answer: DR related that the protocol/dress code will be published in advance. Plenary session attire is coat and tie.
   b) Bro. Charles White, Psi Xi: What is the deadline for purchasing extra tickets for the banquet and various events?
      Answer: No deadline, but we recommend that you purchase tickets early. Don’t delay, as we expect to be sold out.
   c) Bro. Jeff Williams, Delta Iota Iota: How many march teams are committed to perform?
      Answer (Saeed Galloway, Tau Tau): Four fraternity teams, three sorority teams. All team members must be financial and registered for the meeting. There will be a formal scoring system.
   d) Bro. John Howell, Sigma Iota: Is the golf tournament part of the package?
      Answer: Thursday, 5/15: Separate $125 fee.
   e) Bro. Robert Robinson, Lambda Omicron: Is there a Quette agenda available?
      Answer: The agenda will be posted soon.

6. Motion to accept the report was accepted.

H. Report on Highlights of 2016 Grand Conclave (for information only), Bro. Sedrick Spencer (IPDR, Rho Iota Iota).
   1. The meeting is scheduled for July 20 - 29, 2016.
   2. Bro. Alexander and his team are working with IHQ to establish MOA.
      a) Met with past Grand Marshals to learn about their accomplishments and areas of improvement.
      b) Hotels: Caesar’s Palace and Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas. Reservations and rates will be controlled by IHQ.
      c) More information will be available after the 2014 Conclave.

VIII. Noon Prayer (Bro. Derrick Delaney) and Lunch.

IX. Reconvened at 1:100 PM.

X. Area Reports. (All Area reports were posted on-line prior to the DCM. Written reports from Alaska, Pacific Northwest, and Mountain West were submitted for information only).

A. Northern California Area, Bro. Jeffrey Williams (Delta Iota Iota).
   1. Founders’ Day Event in Berkeley was very successful.
3. Northern California chapters also donated to the Brother Ted Agu Memorial Fund.
4. Motion to accept report was seconded and passed with no unreadiness.

B. Southern California Area, Bro. Tim Melton (Tau Tau).
1. Bro. Milton described his activities, including the following:
   a) Installed various chapters’ officers.
   b) Represented the DR at Phi Omicron Initiation ceremony.
   c) Working with the Southern California chapters to increase participation in area-level events.
2. Motion to accept report was seconded and passed with no unreadiness.

XI. Standing Committee Reports. (All Committee reports were posted on-line prior to the DCM).
A. Community & Civic Affairs. Bro. Andrew Davis (Phi Iota).
1. 12th District Essay Contest Winner
   a) Noelle Lilley (Pi Rho) $500 Scholarship
2. Solicited the following forms and information:
   a) Forms 77 Achievement Week forms, NLT 3/31/14.
   b) Scholarship Applications, 3/15/14
   c) Talent Hunt Chapters’ Results, 3/15/14.
3. Motion to accept report was seconded and passed with no unreadiness.

1. Bro. Love discussed the following items and issues:
   a) Reported that the fraternity will not endorse or publish the new history book due to so many errors.
   b) Proposed a 12th District Golden Bridge Builder Program, recognizing 50-year Brothers, presenting them with a medallion and certificate. (Acceptance of this report will signify approval of the program).
   c) Recommended that the fraternity not donate any articles of our history to the Smithsonian Institution. The SI has not consistently displayed any exhibits regarding African American history, in general. Additionally, the SI only display exhibits for a specify period of time then doesn’t give it back but stores the memorabilia permanently.
2. Motion to accept the report. Seconded;
3. Unreadiness.
   a) Bro. Tim Melton, Tau Tau. Did the objectives of the AHLH Committee change from what they were previously?
   Answer: No. There are a number of things going on and the committee is monitoring all of these issues, articles, the history book, and news items at the chapter, district and international level. Bro. Love is also researching the Omega archives to retrieve copies of 12th District chapter charters and other memorabilia.
b) Bro. Keith Johnson, Rho Iota Iota: Regarding the Smithsonian Institution, is the proposed display for Omega Psi Phi exclusively, or a general display of all black greek organizations?

Answer: Bro. Love does not know the specific details, we will need to relay on the Supreme Council. The committee feels that we should not donate our original artifacts and memorabilia to the Institution but rather set up our own museum instead.

c) Bro. Jeff Williams, Delta Iota Iota. The Smithsonian Institution currently has an African Museum and is building a museum to exhibit various aspects of African American life. Bro. Williams opined that contributing to this exhibit may be a positive.

Response: Maybe the candidates for grand office can speak to this issue because it is a concern to the entire brotherhood.

4. Motion to accept the report passed.

C. Membership Committee, Bro. Eddie Bickham (Xi Gamma Gamma).

1. Bro. Bickham discussed the MSP process and packages submitted by the chapters. Chapters are getting better at submitted packages in the correct form.

2. Bro. Bickham discussed the issue of candidates taking courses on-line. This issue is currently being addressed by the Supreme Council.

3. Chapters who wish to have lines crossed before the District Meeting and/or the Grand Conclave must plan on at least six weeks to complete the process.

4. Motion to accept the report. Seconded.

5. Unreadiness:


   Answer: eddiebickham@yahoo.com.

6. Motion to accept the report passed.

D. Rules & Recommendations/Time & Place Committee. Bro. Scott was absent, Bro J. Walker, 1st VDR presented report for information only.

1. Candidates for District Offices (to date):

   a) DR: Fred Alexander

   b) 1st VDR: James Walker

   c) 2nd VDR: Maurice Valentine, Jr.

   d) DKRS: Dennis R. Martinez

   e) DKF: Robert Robinson

   f) Counselor: William Earl Edwards

   Bro. Walker advised Brothers interested in running for office to contact Bro. Damon Scott.

E. Social Action Committee, Bro. Keith Barnes, Theta Pi.

1. Requested names of chapters’ Social Action chairmen.

2. Briefed the meeting regarding the process and deadlines for submitting Social Action/Chapter of the Year packages. For the period of 11/1/12 - 10/31/13.

   a) All packages are due to Bro. Barnes, NLT 4/16/14.

   b) The district Chapter of the Year packages are due to IHQ NLT 5/9/14.
c) Electronic format only, email or CD. Please do not send in printed hard-copy books.
d) The scoring sheet will be sent out to the chapters via the DKRS by the end of February 2014.

3. Motion to accept the report. Seconded.

4. Unreadiness:
   a) Bro. Tim Melton, Tau Tau: Question #1. Who is on your committee to judge the books.
      Answer #1: No one yet. Is compiling a committee of up to four Brothers to review and judge the books for scoring.
   b) Question #2: Is the 4/15/14 deadline hard or will the committee accept books after that date.
      Answer: Bro. Barnes related that the deadline is final and no late packages will be accepted, except for CDs that are mailed/postmarked on or before 4/15, and received by Bro. Barnes after that date.

5. Motion to accept the report passed.

   1. Bro. Robinson reported on a number of items, including the following:
      a) Monitored the budget-to-actuals activities, and reported the result to the District Executive board. All items are currently within budget projections.
      b) Current Fiscal Year, District expenses to date are under budget.
   2. Motion to accept the report. Seconded.
   3. Motion passed.

XI. Special Committee Reports. (All Special Committee reports were posted on-line prior to the DCM).
   A. Fatherhood Initiative, Bro. George Taylor, Zeta Tau (Excused). For information only.
   B. Senior Brother, Bro. Robert Woodson, Xi Nu (Absent). For information only.
   C. Stop the Violence, Bro. Joseph Marshall, Jr., Pi Chi (Excused). For information only.

XIII. Announcements/Good of the Order.
   A. Bro. Lawton Connelly, District Counselor, acknowledged that he would not run again for his district office. He expressed his personal thanks to the brotherhood for their support during his term of office. Bro. Connelly also thanked the brotherhood for coming to Tucson for the meeting and thanked the Brothers of Delta Alpha Alpha for an excellent job hosting the meeting.
   B. Bro. Sedrick Spencer, IPDR, Rho Iota Iota.
      2. Encouraged all chapters to register as many brothers as possible for the 2014 Grand Conclave in Philadelphia, PA.
   C. Bro. Ricky Lewis, 69th District Marshal, moved that the District support Bro. Shannon with a up to $10,000 contribution for his re-election campaign. The money will be set aside and controlled by the DKF at the DR’s direction and approval, and used for reimbursement of Bro. Kelly’s campaign expenses. Motion passed.
XIV. Adjournment
   A. Bro. Derrick Delaney lead the brotherhood in a closing prayer.
   B. Bro. Fred Alexander, DR, adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.

XV. The Grand Officers’ Candidates’ Forum was conducted immediately after the business meeting.
   A. For Grand Basileus.
      1. Bro. Chris Cooper, Grand Counselor
      2. Bro. Earl Wilson, past Executive Director
   B. For 1st Vice Grand Basileus.
      1. Bro. David Marion, 7th District Representative
   C. For Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
      1. Bro. Curtiss Baylor, current GKRS
      2. Bro. Kenny Rogers, past 2nd District Representative
      3. Bro. Edward Monart, 5th District, was not present but sent information flyers to the membership.
   D. For Grand Keeper of Finance.
      1. Bro. Kelly Shannon, current GKF
   E. For Grand Counselor.
      1. Bro. Michael Lyle