

KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.
69th SOUTHWESTERN PROVINCE COUNCIL MEETING
Natchez, MS-Convention Center
Business Session's Meetings Minutes

First Business Session – Nashville Room

Friday, April 1 2006

9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Presiding, Louis (Trey) Baker III, Junior Vice Polemarch, Southwestern Province
Call to Order

Dr. Chuck Carr Brown, Southwestern Province Polemarch, called the 69th Southwestern Province Council Meeting to order with a Ritualistic Opening at 9:00 a.m.

Province Polemarch Chuck Brown called for a moment of silence for the passing of Brother Johnnie L. Cochran. Brother Brown also dedicated the SWP Meeting to Brothers Donald Grace, Alfred Fielder and Dr. Nelson as they too have moved to Chapter Invisible

Adoption of Rules

Ronald V. Julun, Senior Vice-Polemarch reviewed the Rules of the 68th Council. Willie H. Coleman, Jr., Houston Alumni Chapter, moved that the Rules of the 69th Council Meeting be approved. Paul Bland, Galveston Alumni Chapter, seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Roll Call

Steve Ellis, Southwestern Province Keeper of Records, did the Roll Call of Chapters for the 69th Council Meeting. A quorum was present for the Province roll call of chapters.

Credentials

Steve Ellis, Southwestern Province Keeper of Records, confirmed that the Credentials of Chapters were in order for the 69th Council Meeting and moved that they be accepted. Samuel Sampson, San Antonio Alumni Chapter, seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Council Meeting Minutes

Steve Ellis, Southwestern Province Keeper of Records, read the Minutes of the 68th Council Meeting held March 31-April 4th, 2004 in Baton Rouge, LA. Darryl Grennell, Natchez Alumni Chapter, moved that the Minutes be accepted. Larry Sloan, Houston Alumni Chapter, seconded the motion.

Grand Chapter Reports

W. Randy Bates, Esq., Grand Chapter Board Member, gave a comprehensive power point report on the activities of the Grand Chapter on behalf of the 30th Grand Polemarch, Samuel Hamilton and the Board of Directors:

Report highlights:

- A. National Chapter Finances**
- B. Insurance Payments**
- C. Grand Chapter Administration**
- D. General Comments**

Program Documentation

Dwayne M. Murray, Esq., made a brief power point presentation that provided the following to the Membership:

- A. National
- B. Suspended Chapters
- C. Insurance Premiums

Kappa Foundation

Michael Adkinson, SWP Foundation Coordinator, made a brief presentation asking that the SWP make a greater effort to support the National Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation. Brother Adkinson closed by stating that the SWP has the potential to outdo all Provinces within Kappa.

Guide Right Report

Craig Pierre, newly appointed National Guide Right Commission Chairman, reported that the Southwestern Province still continues to be recognized as the premier Province in Guide Right in Kappa Alpha Psi. Brother Pierre stated that, like in the past, we need the continued support of all Guide Right Programs, National, Provincial and Local levels. We must continue to network and communicate new ideas to help promote the future of our youths.

Achievement Commission Report

Willie H. Coleman, Jr., National Achievement Committee Chairman, stated that achievement is still the fundamental purpose of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and as such, we should become more proactive in submitting our petitions for the various National Awards, which include The Elder Watson Diggs, Guy Levis Grant, The Byron K. Armstrong, The Edwin G. Irvin, The Paul W. Caine, and Kappa Humanitarian Awards. As the agent for the Grand Polemarch, Grand Board of Directors, and the Membership of Kappa Alpha Psi, it is the mission of the Achievement Commission to receive, examine, and investigate petitions for these prestigious awards and make the appropriate reports to the Board of Directors, Grand Historian, and the Publicity and Publications Committee.

It was moved by Samuel Sampson, San Antonio Alumni and seconded by Archie Burks, AGP Alumni, TX Alumni, that the Achievement Commission Report be accepted. The motion was carried.

Political Action

Brother Michael Mason was unable to make the Province meeting emailed his report to the Province Polamarch. His report mentioned that the Grand Chapter National Political Action Committee has developed three major goals for the fraternal year 2005. These goals include:

1. The 2004 James "Biff" Carter Kappas (in Red) on Kapitot Hill Legislative Conference April 23-25 2006 in D.C.
2. Kappa Voter Education, Registration, and Participation Programs.
3. On-going development of the GC PAC infrastructure.

Willie H. Coleman, Jr., Houston, TX Alumni, moved that the Political Action Report be accepted. Joseph Walker, Lafayette, LA Alumni, seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

27th C. Rodger Leadership Conference Report

Elwood Shannon, Chairman of the C. Rodger Wilson Leadership Conference Committee, stated that the 27th CRWLC will be held in Hattiesburg, MS. As details are finalized, the SWP Chapters will be receiving particulars regarding hotel accommodations but solicit all Members to provide services to this important leadership training event.

It was moved by Damon Mattox, Prairie View, TX Alumni and seconded by Eric Walker, Dallas, TX Alumni, to accept the 27th CRWLC Report. The motion was carried.

70th Southwestern Province Council Meeting

Brother Jamal Pratt, Chairman of the 70th SWP Council Meeting, San Antonio Alumni Chapter, stated that the chapter is thrilled to be host of the 70th in Natchez, MS April 5 – April 9, 2006 in San Antonio, Tx., where the accommodations are very suitable. The Hotel will be the Airport Hilton. Registration forms and the agenda of activities will be sent to the Membership as soon as they are finalized.

Brother Pratt moved to accept his report; Brother Willie H. Coleman, Jr., Houston Alumni Chapter seconded the motion to accept the 70th Meeting Report. The motion was carried.

Election—69th Nominating Committee Chairman

Chuck C. Brown, Baton Rouge Alumni Chapter, opened the floor for election of the 69th Nominating Committee Chairman. Samuel Sampson, San Antonio, TX Alumni, put the name of Kenneth Hawkins, Houma-Thibodaux, LA, Alumni into nomination. It was moved by Willie H. Coleman, Jr., Houston, TX, Alumni, that the nominations be closed. Carl Tapo, Opelousas, LA Alumni seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

The First Business Session recessed at 11:25 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. for 2nd Business Session

Second Business Session—Nashville Room

Friday, April 1 2006

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Presiding, Ron V. Julun, Sr. Vice-Polemarch, Southwestern Province

Kappa Kamp Presentation

Craig Pierre, Kappa Kamp Chairman, announced that the Southwestern Province continues its support of Kappa Kamp, a key component to the Province's Guide Right Program. Kappa Kamp's Mission Statement is:

Kappa Kamp's 2004 Attendance highlights: 107 Kampers Sponsored Nationwide
The goal within Kappa Alpha Psi is to Sponsor 500 Kampers

Brother Pierre announced the partnership between Kappa Alpha Psi and St. Jude Hospital to fight
Brother Pierre asked any other Chapters or Members to see him if they wished to make contributions.

Southwestern Province Life Membership Presentation

Eddie Triggs, Life Member Chairman, reported that there were 305 fully paid Life Members in the Southwestern Life Membership Program. The Life Membership Program started in 1995 under Past Southwestern Province Polemarch and current Grand Board Member, Dwayne Murray. The idea was to enroll 300 Charter Members at \$300.00 each, to raise \$90,000.00 to establish an Education and Leadership Training Program.

Committee Space Assignment/Membership Development Seminars

J. Rodney Pierre, SWP Committee Coordinator, stated that the various Membership Development Seminars are listed in the 69th Council Program, and would be handled accordingly. He asked members to refer to the Program to determine place, time, and presenters for all seminars. He thanked all who participated this year, and encouraged all Kappas and New Initiates to participate. Elwood Shannon made additional comments and seminar announcements, and stated that the Health Screening Initiatives will hold its Fair on Saturday Prostate PSA's, Glucose Test, with Dr. Garnier, Leader.

Brother Brown made the announcement that the 2nd Business Session will adjourn for attendance to the various Membership Development Seminars; “Leadership Development & Achievement/Brother Andrea Heath, “Basics of Home Ownership-Brother Sam Wesley”; “Hazing and Its Consequences-Brother Darryl McGee” from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Convention Center-Greenville. In addition, various Committee Meetings would be held from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Convention Center-St. Francis, Baton Rouge and New Orleans Rooms. From 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., State Caucuses will meet in the Greenville (Arkansas), Vicksburg (Mississippi), Nashville (TX/New Mexico) and Louisiana Rooms (Louisiana). Further, the Hospitality Room would be open from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Lastly, Brother Brown reminded the Members that the 69th Public Meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Zion Chapt AME Church. The keynote speaker will be Hiawatha Northington, Esq.

The Second Business Session was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. to re-adjourn Saturday

Third Business Session – Mississippi Room

Saturday, April 2, 2004

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Presiding, Nicholas Trotter, Undergraduate Board Member, Mississippi

Roll Call of Chapters

Steve Ellis, SWP Keeper of Records, conducted the second Roll Call of SWP Chapters at the 69th Meeting, with a total of 62 Chapters answering present. A quorum was established to conduct Business.

State of the Province Reports

Part I—Province Polemarch Report

Dr. Chuck Carr Brown, PhD., Southwestern Province Polemarch, presented the Polemarch’s State of the Province Report, to the 69th Council Members. First, he established official Fraternity Protocol by acknowledging the presence of Grand Chapter members.

Grand Polemarch, Samuel C. Hamilton, Senior Grand Vice-Polemarch, Dwayne M. Murray, Esq.; Past SWP Polemarch and current Grand Chapter Alumni Board Member, W. Randy Bates, Esq.; Distinguished Elder Watson Diggs Awardee, Samuel Sampson; National Achievement Commission Chairman, Willie H. Coleman, Jr.; National Guide Right Commission Chairman, Craig Pierre; Past SWP Provincial Polemarch and Grand Board Member, Emerson A. Lattimore; and Brothers All.

Report Highlights:

- Commended Members for electing strong leadership
- Lauded Commitment of Province in Social and Political Action, Guide Right, Chapter Intake and Member Reclamation, Education and Leadership Foundation, and Kappa Foundation and Kappa Credit Union. Enforcement of Executive Orders 1, 2 and 3 on Pronouncements Against Hazing
- Recognized Southwestern Province Kappa Scholars (3.0 GPA>) and Kampus Leaders (2.75 GPA >)
- Congratulated Southwestern Province Membership—Province is strong because of our Members

Sr. Grand VP Dwayne Murray, Baton Rouge, LA, moved to accept the Polemarch’s SOP Report; Darryl Grennell, Natchez, MS., seconded the motion; the motion was passed;

Part II—Keeper of Records Report

Steve Ellis, Keeper of Records extended appreciation to Brother Chuck Brown., for allowing him the opportunity to serve as SWP Keeper of Records by his appointment and to the Brothers of the Southwestern Province, for their support of the office of Keeper of Records.

Brother Ellis stated that one of the Fraternity’s greatest opportunities we are afforded is our ability to effectively leverage the potential of our members.

Part III. Keeper of Exchequer Report

Henry Young, III, Keeper of Exchequer, provided opening comments proclaiming his honor to provide the State of the Province Exchequer during the 69th Council Meeting Report highlights from the period October 21, 2004 – March 24, 2005:

- Southwestern Province Exchequer \$ 129,116
- General Investment Account 8,075
- SWP Investment Account 61,052
- Life Membership Investment Account 96,409
- GRAND TOTAL OF ASSETS \$294,652
- Exchequer Analysis
- Adjustment Details
- Receipts
- Disbursements
- Investments—General Account, Life Membership Account
- Budget versus Actual Analysis
- Visual Presentation

Tim White, Arlington-GP, TX Alumni moved and seconded by Anthony Coleman, Tyler, TX Alumni to accept the Keeper of Exchequer's SOP subject to audit. The motion was carried.

SWP Education and Leadership Training Foundation

Brother Emerson Lattimore, Chairman of the Foundation, stated that it was nice to be here at the 69th Council Meeting. He made the following presentation to the Membership:

The Board of Directors of the SELTF, a 501.C-3 entity, met on Thursday, March 31, 2005 and took reported on the following actions.

1. With Mr. Joe Newton taking the lead, the SELTF will be seeking new source of funding and grants to underwrite its programs
2. Kappa Prestige License plates are available in LA for a \$25 surcharge, with the SELTF being the beneficiary. So far, only 67 plates have been purchased in LA. We are encouraging Brothers in LA to purchase a license plate as one way to be a benefactor to the SELTF. The initiative to pursue a similar license plate in AR, MS and TX is being headed up by Brothers Hightower (AR), Rigsby (MS), and Mike Mitchell (TX).
3. We expect to continue our support of Kappa Kamp this year through your donations made especially for that purpose. Last year, over \$35,000 in donations and payments for Kappa Kamp came through the Foundation. We hope to do as well or better in 2004.

Contributions by Samuel Sampson, San Antonio Alumni (\$100) and Dwayne M. Murray, Baton Rouge Alumni (\$2,500), were accepted with great appreciation from the President.

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Brother Lattimore moved to accept his SWELTF Report; Samuel Sampson, San Antonio, TX Alumni seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Chapter Certification/Membership Intake

Ron Julun used a power point presentation to report that the SWP has had great success in Chapter Certification and that 90% of all Chapters in the Province had been certified, meaning all Criteria had been satisfied for Certification, and thus, those Chapters were in a position to participate in the Membership

Intake Program, a key component to increasing the Members in the Province. He asked that all Chapters who are in need of assistance to ensure their certifications are expedited should see him.

At this point, he asked all New Members to stand and be recognized by the Province to a huge applause.

The Third Business Session was recessed for 10 minutes at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

Province Committee Reports

The following Committee Reports were given at the 68th Provincial Council during the 3rd Session:

Committee Report: **Committee Chairman:**

Achievement **John Smith**

Brother Smith reported that the following Awards will be given at the 68th Council Meeting:

- Matthews Smith—2004 Edward R. Ellois Province Alumni Brother of the Year
- Henry Young, III—Achievement Award by the Achievement Committee
- Richardson-Plano Alumni Chapter—SWP Medium Chapter of the Year
- Richardson-Plano Alumni Chapter—Morris XF Jeff Scrap Book Award
- Prairie View, TX Alumni Chapter—SWP Small Chapter of the Year
- Nu Alpha Chapter, TX A&M – SWP Small UG Chapter of the Year
- Kappa Iota Chapter, Univ of Southern MS – SWP Medium UG Chapter of the Year
- Gamma Sigma Chapter, UA @ Pine Bluff – SWP Large UG Chapter of the Year

Chairman Smith moved to accept the Achievement Commission Report. James Dardon, Zeta Upsilon Chapter, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Nominating Committee **Kenneth Hawkins**

Kenneth Hawkins, 68th Council Nominating Committee Chairman, announced the following candidates for the following offices and recommended acceptance by acclamation:

SWP Polemarch – Chuck Carr Brown (Baton Rouge, LA)
SWP Sr. Vice Polemarch—Ronald V. Julun (Houston, TX)

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Committee Reports (Continued)

Nominating:

SWP Jr. Vice Polemarch—John Louis Baker (Tougaloo, MS)
SWP Keeper of Records—Steven Ellis (Richardson-Plano, TX)
SWP Keeper of Exchequer—Henry Young, III (Jackson, MS)
SWP Strategus—Terris Thomas (Alcorn State, MS)
SWP Lt. Strategus—Joshua Ward (Clinton, MS)
Alumni Board Member—Arkansas—Ralph Owens (Pine Bluff, AR)
Alumni Board Member—Louisiana—J. Rodney Pierre (Rayville, LA)
Alumni Board Member—Mississippi—Leeson Taylor (Greenville, MS)
Alumni Board Member—Texas—Terris Walker (Arlington-GP)

Undergraduate Board Member—Arkansas—Austin Porter, III (Conway, AR)
Undergraduate Board Member—Louisiana—Eddie Lewis (Theta Nu)
Undergraduate Board Member—Mississippi—Nicholas Trotter (Meridian, MS)
Undergraduate Board Member—Texas—James Darthard (Denton, TX)
Grand Chapter Nomination Committee Person—Theron Hightower—Jonesboro, AR)

Samuel Sampson, San Antonio, TX, Alumni moved to accept the Nominations Committee Report by acclamation basis no positions were opposed; Lavan LeBan, New Orleans, LA. Alumni seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

The 3rd Business Session recessed at 11:50 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for 4th Business Session

Fourth Business Session – Mississippi Room

Saturday, April 2, 2005

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Presiding, Austin Porter, Undergraduate Board Member, Arkansas

Committee Report:

Committee Chairman:

Chapter Advisor

Allen Lee

Brother Allen Lee, CA Chairman and Facilitator, made the following report with highlights indicated:

Report Highlights:

- Province Active Chapter Advisors serve on the committee and meet twice yearly: CRWLC/PC
- Importance of being concerned for and interested in undergraduate affairs, having a comprehensive knowledge of fraternity laws, customs and traditions to handle activities of all Chapters.

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Advisor Committee Report (continued)

- Emphasis was on Kappa having an active recruitment program at undergraduate and alumni levels. Kappa should be seeking the best and brightest, the 3.8's, the SGA presidents, the campus leaders, the community activists, the corporate scholars versus those with minimum qualifications.
- Advisors must be aware of the Hierarchy of Recognition Officers at all levels of the Fraternity

Willie H. Coleman, Jr., Houston, TX. Alumni, moved to accept the Chapter Advisor Report. Samuel Sampson, San Antonio, TX. Alumni seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Chapter Reclamation

Poindexter Goldsmith

Chairman Goldsmith's report provided the following to the Body.

Report Highlights:

· **Chapters that need to be reclaimed:**

- Retention rated of Brothers in Fraternity is only about 40% or 6 out of 10
- After 2 years, 60% drop out of active Membership
- Important to keep Brothers active who have 3, 10, 25, 50 years of Membership
- Programs Chapters have initiated to keep Brothers:
 1. Chapter providing a reduced dues structure for Kappa Seniors
 2. Chapter paying reinstatement fee and province fee for reclaimed Brother
 3. Chapter pro-rating dues over the fraternal year
 4. Chapter offering 10% discount to those Brothers that pay their dues in one lump sum
- Reward program established with Province Board's approval for successful Chapters who have outstanding retention rates
- Reward chapters with the highest % of increase of reclaimed Brothers over the past year
- All chapters submit 2003 rosters noting reclaimed Brothers. Winners in 3 divisions: small, medium and large
- 1st place award in each division should be, the payment of 1 registration to Grand Conclave
- 2nd place award in each division should be, the payment of 1 registration to Province Council
- 3rd place award in each division should be, the payment of 1 registration to CRWLC
- Issue certificates to all Chapters that participated

Carl Tapo, Opelousas, LA Alumni moved that the Reclamation Report be accepted. Robert Oubre, Lambda Omicron, seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

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Committee Report:

Committee Chairman:

Historian

Donald Grace

Assistant SWP Historian, Brother Gregory F. Williams, Sr., made the following report to the Body.

No report

Senior Affairs

Alfred Fielder

Chairman Fielder's report gave the following:

- Discuss issues to facilitate attendance and involvement of Seniors in Kappa Affairs
- Senior Kappas are those 60 years and older, and retention is key objective
- Actions needed to assist Seniors, special seating at events, transportation assistance to Meetings and Special Events, plus mailing of Minutes to Brothers not able to attend Meetings
- Special registration area for seniors as is done at the Conclave; encourage seniors to pre-register so packets are available upon their arrival; additionally, mark the registration form in order to assist registration personnel in identification.
- Where possible, arrange lodging on lower floors to ease evacuation in the event of an emergency.
- The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity has a program known as "Brother's Keeper" which provides various services to older Brothers and/or their widows. This may be something we also should address.

- The idea of a reduced dues structure has not received favorable consideration even at Conclave, so it perhaps should be discussed further
- Assignment of Seniors to the Committees for benefit of their knowledge and continued functioning

Willie H. Coleman, Jr., Houston, TX Alumni moved to accept the Senior Affairs report. Larry Sloan, Houston, TX Alumni, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Time and Place Harold Porter

The cities recommended for the Province Meetings are as follows:

Council Meetings:

70th --2006—San Antonio, Texas

71st -- 2007—Little Rock, AR

CRWLC Meetings:

27th--2006—Richardson-Plano

28th—2007—Pending

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Committee Meetings (continued)

Samuel Sampson, San Antonio, TX Alumni moved to accept the Time & Place Committee Report; Joseph Walker, Lafayette, LA. Alumni seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Voter Registration Danny Tillman

Chairman Tillman stated that his Committee would like to offer a three-tier approach to voter education activities for the SWP: Registration, Education, and Participation.

- A. Registration—Develop sequential timeline of activities that considers the “cut-off” date for registration;
- B. Education—Develop pamphlets, posters, leaflets, etc., that emphasize the importance of active participation in the election process; and,
- C. Participation—Just being a registered voter does not make one a voter. Getting out to vote means one got out to vote.

In closing, it is important that we take advantage of PSA's—Public Service Announcements—in your area. Develop a 15, 20, and 30-second announcement and request that is played on local TV and radio stations. This a presidential election year; we must get ready for November—each Chapter should strive to register a minimum of 100 new voters—see that they vote, we can make a difference.

Chairman Smith moved to accept the Voter's Registration report. Norris Clark, Hattiesburg, MS Alumni, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Resolution Gregory F. Williams, Sr.

No report.

Fundraising

No report.

Statistician

No report.

Internet

No report.

Audit/Budget

No report.

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Newsletter

Jermaine Brown

Brother Brown stated that the SWP Polemarch, Dr. Chuck C. Brown, has charged his Committee to reinstate the SWP Newsletter as a viable tool to get Chapters to bring to the forefront those activities that have interest to the Province. We must necessarily know what other Chapters are doing so that we can be more connected.

Montel Hall, Gamma Pi, moved to accept the report; Ronnie Price, Opelousas, LA Alumni seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Undergraduate Affairs

No report.

Old Business

There was no Old Business brought before the Body for further discussion during the 67th Meeting.

New Business

There was no New Business brought before the Body during the 68th Meeting.

As a point of emphasis, Brother Larry Sloan, Houston, TX Alumni, asked the Body, "Where are the Undergraduate and Alumni Chapters?" All business is continued until all the Sessions are completed, with Brother Brown stating that his point is well taken.

Brother Sampson, San Antonio, TX Alumni, spoke on the "Good of the Fraternity." As Kappas, we must take care of the business of this Fraternity and Province, arguably, the best in all of Kappa. All Brothers, therefore, should want to participate in all Business Sessions until the Agenda is completed. Undergraduates, learn all that you can...be your Brother's Keeper. See you all next year.

The Business Sessions of the 68th Council Meeting were adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Yours in the Bond,

Steve Ellis
Keeper of Records

Southwestern Province

Cc:

Chuck C. Brown, Southwestern Province Polemarch
Ronald Julun, Southwestern Province Sr. Vice Polemarch
Henry Young, III, Southwestern Province Keeper of Exchequer
Shawn Comminey, Executive Operating Assistant
Members, Southwestern Province Board of Directors
Southwestern Province Grand Chapter Members
Southwestern Province Administrative Assistants
Southwestern Province Committee Chairmen

2004-05 Motto: "KAPPA HOMECOMING; COME HOME TO KAPPA"