



TAU KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY

MEMORANDUM



PROPOSED LEGISLATION

As reported by the Judiciary Committee



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May 16, 2024

Dear Fraters:

In accordance with Ch. I, § 11 of the International Bylaws and Traditions of Tau Kappa Epsilon, the Judiciary Committee submits the following legislative proposals for the consideration of the Grand Chapter at the Second Session of the Sixty-Second Conclave of the International Fraternity to be held in Ponte Vedra, Florida on August 3, 2024. Summaries have been included for your convenience, along with the complete text of each proposal and advisory recommendations by the Grand Council. The Grand Council has determined that the April 15th deadline normally applicable to legislation proposed by the Grand Council and duly referred to the Judiciary Committee shall not apply to the legislation attached hereto due to its unanimous designation of the proposed legislation as “emergency essential.”

I strongly encourage all delegates to review the attached proposals and discuss them with the officers and members of your chapter, Board of Advisors, and/or chartered alumni association. Carefully consider the potential impacts of approval or rejection of each proposal on your group and the International Fraternity as a whole.

Delegates are reminded that under the Black Book, only the legislation attached hereto may be considered at Conclave. Proposed legislation may not be amended from the floor unless the amendment is solely for the purpose of clarification.

All proposed amendments to the International Constitution require approval by three-fourths of the votes cast at Conclave under Art. XVI, § 1. Changes to the International Bylaws and Traditions require approval by a majority of the votes cast under Ch. XXXII, § 1. In the text of the proposals presented, language to be deleted is signified by strikethrough, while language to be added is signified by underlining.

On behalf of the Judiciary Committee, I look forward to welcoming you to Conclave 2024 in my home state of Florida.

Yours in the Bond,

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Life Loyal Teke
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Tau Kappa Epsilon International Fraternity

Legislative Proposal #1
Amendment to the International Constitution

Submitted By: Grand Council

Subject Matter: Membership

Sections Affected: Art. VI, § 5

Required to Pass: Three-fourths vote

**Grand Council
Recommendation:** Yes, Do Pass

Purpose/Scope: The existing constitutional language pertaining to the Life Loyal Teke refers to a prior iteration of the Life Loyal Teke program, which required a separate enrollment and minimum contribution to the TKE Foundation. Currently, any member as defined in Article VI who makes an unrestricted gift of any amount to the TKE Foundation will be considered a Life Loyal Teke and will have this status noted in their membership record.

Proposed Changes:

[Deletions indicated by ~~striketrough~~; additions indicated by underlining.]

ARTICLE VI

Membership

SEC. 5. Life Loyal Teke. ~~The designation of Life Loyal Teke shall apply to any member who has voluntarily enrolled in the Life Loyal Teke program.~~ Any member who makes an unrestricted gift of any amount to the TKE Foundation will be considered a Life Loyal Teke and will have this status noted in their membership record.

Legislative Proposal #2
Amendment to the International Constitution

Submitted By: Grand Council

Subject Matter: Life Loyal Teke Communications Endowment

Sections Affected: Art. IX, § 4

Required to Pass: Three-fourths vote

**Grand Council
Recommendation:** Yes, Do Pass

Purpose/Scope: The existing constitutional language pertaining to the Life Loyal Teke Communications Endowment is no longer necessary because designation as Life Loyal Teke no longer requires a separate enrollment and fee. Allocations for communication of Fraternity programs are addressed in the Policy Governance Manual.

Proposed Changes:

[Deletions indicated by ~~striketrough~~; additions indicated by underlining.]

ARTICLE IX

Finance

~~SEC. 4. ***Life Loyal Teke Communications Endowment.*** An appropriate portion of each Life Loyal Teke enrollment fee, as determined by the Grand Council, initially \$45, shall be deposited and maintained in a separate Life Loyal Teke Communications Endowment investment account. The investment proceeds from this account shall be used exclusively to fund lifelong communications to all Life Loyal Tekes.~~

Legislative Proposal #3
Amendment to the International Bylaws and Traditions

Submitted By: Frater Erich Ploog, Grand Crysophylos

Subject Matter: Audits and Budget

Sections Affected: Ch. X, § 7

Required to Pass: Majority vote

**Grand Council
Recommendation:** Yes, Do Pass

Purpose/Scope: Prescribing the methodology of payment at this granular level in the Bylaws limits the International Fraternity's ability to evolve its method of payment for approved expenses along with improved technology. Allowing the Offices of the Grand Chapter latitude in how payments are actually made for Fraternity obligations encourages innovation and increases efficiency by reducing transaction time and costs associated with the outdated voucher system. Approval authority levels are outlined in the Policy Governance Manual and specify those expenses require additional approvals from the Grand Crysophylos and Grand Prytanis. Expenses under these amounts are under the purview of the CEO.

~~SEC. 7. **Payments, How Made.** All payments from the several funds in the budget shall be on vouchers signed by the Grand Prytanis, Grand Crysophylos, Chief Executive Officer, or such others as the Grand Council may by resolution authorize, on itemized bills presented and approved by the Grand Council member, chairman of committee, or other person for whom an appropriation has been made in said budget.~~