



Judiciary Committee
Tau Kappa Epsilon
International Fraternity
Proposed Legislation for 2015 Conclave



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Fellow Fraters,

In accordance with Chapter I, Section 11 of the Black Book of Tau Kappa Epsilon International Fraternity, the Judiciary Committee presents the following items of proposed legislation to be considered by the Grand Chapter at the 2015 Conclave of the Fraternity found to have been submitted in proper form, along with the advisory recommendation of the Grand Council.

All Fraters are reminded of the following provision within Chapter I, Section 11 of the Black Book: "Proposed legislation shall be submitted to a vote of the Grand Chapter at Conclave, but may not be amended from the floor unless the amendment is solely for the purpose of clarification of language. Any questions of whether a proposed amendment is solely for the purpose of clarification of language shall stand referred to the Judiciary Committee."

All proposed legislative changes to the International Constitution require approval by three-fourths of the votes cast at Conclave (Art. XVI, Section 1), and changes to the Black Book require approval by a majority of the votes cast at Conclave (Chapter XXXII, Section 1).

On behalf of the Judiciary Committee, I thank all Fraters who have submitted proposed legislation, and hope that you will join us in New Orleans this August for what will be a great Conclave.

Yours In The Bond,

Ryan J. Vescio, Esq.
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Judiciary Chairman
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Tau Kappa Epsilon International Fraternity

Proposed Legislation #1

Submitted By – Sigma Omicron Alumni Association (Middle Tennessee State University)

Date Submitted – January 30, 2015

Subject – Informal Hand Sign of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity

New Proposed Section: Bylaws Chapter 22, Sec. 2, Twelfth

“Informal Hand Sign. The member will use either both hands, or one hand joined to the hand of a brother, to form an equilateral triangle with the thumb and index finger of each hand, with all other fingers remaining curled inwards.”

Justification submitted:

A "hand sign" is a symbol or gesture made with the hand(s) that can signify membership in a particular organization, and can be used to help identify membership when not wearing letters. It is often used in photos showcasing good works or great achievement or during moments of pride for the brotherhood. In effort to demonstrate unity and consistency, one symbol should be used by all members of TKE. This proposal is primarily about how we present ourselves and our "brand" in a uniform manner. Currently there are several hand signs being used publicly, even within the same photograph and/or same chapter. Some of the symbols being used closely resemble the Hitler Youth and Diamond Dallas Page hand signs. The intent is to instead use symbolism already present within Fraternity symbolism (formal voting). By defining a specific method we can avoid the gesture being mistaken for something else, and can avoid inconsistent appearances as an organization. As interpretation of symbols and images are important in today's media, it would be empowering for the Fraternity to structure exactly what would be expected from members and standardize what would be recognized by the Fraternity with regards to a hand sign. If the Fraternity truly desires to use multiple hand signs, then those should be individually adopted as well.

Grand Council Recommendation – No to pass.

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Sigma Omicron Alumni Association
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

DIVISION EIGHT. Chapter XXIII. Section 4
OR DIVISION SEVEN: Chapter XXII. Section 2. Twelfth
Informal Hand Sign of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity

Substance of Change: Creates a defined but informal hand sign to be used by initiated members of the Fraternity.

Reason for Change: A "hand sign" is a symbol or gesture made with the hand(s) that can signify membership in a particular organization, and can be used to help identify membership when not wearing letters. It is often used in photos showcasing good works or great achievement or during moments of pride for the brotherhood. In effort to demonstrate unity and consistency, one symbol should be used by all members of TKE. This proposal is primarily about how we present ourselves and our "brand" in a uniform manner. Currently there are several hand signs being used publicly, even within the same photograph and/or same chapter. Some of the symbols being used closely resemble the Hitler Youth and Diamond Dallas Page hand signs. The intent is to instead use symbolism already present within Fraternity symbolism (formal voting). By defining a specific method we can avoid the gesture being mistaken for something else, and can avoid inconsistent appearances as an organization. As interpretation of symbols and images are important in today's media, it would be empowering for the Fraternity to structure exactly what would be expected from members and standardize what would be recognized by the Fraternity with regards to a hand sign. If the Fraternity truly desires to use multiple hand signs, then those should be individually adopted as well.

Language:

Informal Hand Sign. The member will use either both hands, or one hand joined to the hand of a brother, to form an equilateral triangle with the thumb and index finger of each hand, with all other fingers remaining curled inwards.

Proposed by: Sigma Omicron Alumni Association

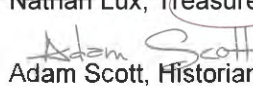
Yours in the Bond,


Matthew Ledbetter, President


Joshua Smith, Vice-President


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Adam Scott, Historian



Proposed Legislation #2

Submitted By – Christopher Hanson, Grand Crysophylos

Date Submitted – June 3, 2015

Subject – Clarification of Due Dates for Annual Membership and Risk Management Fees

Amended Section: Bylaws Chapter 7, Sec. 1(B-D)

SECTION 1. Membership Fees. The membership fees are an obligation of each member of the Fraternity. The fees shall be paid as follows:

- A. On the date that a person is inducted as a candidate for membership to the Fraternity he is obligated to pay a candidate fee. The candidate fee is established annually by the Grand Council and shall be paid to the International Fraternity at its headquarters.
- B. On the date that a candidate for membership becomes a collegiate member, he is obligated to pay a membership fee. The collegiate membership initiate fee is established annually by the Grand Council. If this fee is not remitted within fifteen (15) days of becoming a collegiate member, then an additional fee equal not to exceed forty (40) percent of the collegiate membership initiate fee shall apply. The appropriate fee shall be paid to the International Fraternity at its headquarters.
- C. Beginning the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which a person becomes a collegiate member or colony member, and continuing each subsequent fiscal year while the member remains a collegiate or colony member, an Annual Membership Fee (AMF) established annually by the Grand Council plus a prorated portion of the insurance assessment shall be due. ~~This fee~~ The AMF shall be due on October 15 1 of each fiscal year. This fee may ~~also~~ be paid in two installments. If this option is selected, then an additional fee not to exceed twenty (20) percent will be added ~~to this fee~~. The first installment ~~plus one half of the insurance assessment~~ shall be paid ~~between on~~ on October 1 ~~and October 15~~, and the second installment ~~and one half of the insurance assessment~~ shall be paid ~~between on~~ on March 1 ~~and March 15~~ of each fiscal year. Additionally, a Risk Management Fee, also established annually by the Grand Council, is due October 15 of each fiscal year. This fee may also be paid in two installments. If this option is selected, then an additional fee not to

exceed twenty (20) percent will be added. If this option is selected, then
The first half installment of the Risk Management Fee shall be paid on
October 15, and the second half installment shall be paid on March 15 of
each fiscal year.

- D. One-time fee: In lieu of the initiation and annual fees contained in Section 1 of this chapter, ~~an individual~~ a new initiate may pay a one-time fee, the amount of which is set annually by the Grand Council, provided said fee is remitted to the International Fraternity at its headquarters within fifteen (15) days of becoming a collegiate member.
- E. Within fifteen (15) days following the date of membership (1) each alumnus member of a local fraternity installed as a chapter, (2) each alumnus member of any national fraternity merged with this Fraternity, and (3) each honorary member shall remit a fee established annually by the Grand Council to the International Fraternity.

Justification Submitted: Clarification of due dates to match established invoicing practices during the fiscal year of the Fraternity. Actual fees are unchanged.

Grand Council Recommendations – Yes to pass.

Proposed Legislation #3

Submitted By – Rodney Talbot, Grand Epiptytanis

Date Submitted – June 3, 2015

Subject – Change of Time Period for Granting Charters

Amended Section: Constitution Article 3, Sec. 5(First)

SEC. 5. Additional Original Jurisdiction. In addition to the foregoing, the Grand Council shall have original jurisdiction as follows:

First: Upon petition of not less than 20 qualified persons, it may by a two-thirds vote, grant charters for collegiate chapters and alumni associations, which grant, however, insofar as collegiate chapters are concerned, shall be only with respect to qualified schools where no similar chapter exists and shall not become effective or final until ~~forty (40)~~ three (3) days after notification thereof shall have been given to the Grand Chapter and until such grant shall have received an affirmative majority of the votes returned by the Grand Chapter within said period. No such notification shall be given to the Grand Chapter from April 15th to September 15th, both inclusive, of any year. If such grants do not become effective or final as aforesaid, such petition shall stand referred to the next Conclave of the Grand Chapter.

Justification submitted: Shorten the time period necessary between submission of chartering petitions to the Grand Council and the effective date of the granting of new chapters. The current time period was enacted decades ago when ballots were conducted through regular mail. With the use of e-mail now, this time period is unnecessary.

Grand Council Recommendation – Yes to pass.