

**Initial Meeting of the Newly Elected  
National Board of Directors**

**Orlando, Florida  
August 16, 2009**

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National Directors in attendance:

Garry C. Kief, Southern California, 1970	Grand President	2011
Christopher L. Bittman, Colorado, 1985	Grand Treasurer	2011
Bert J. Harris, III, Florida, 1974	National Director	2011
Zachary P. Barilleau, LSU, 2010	National Director	2011
Richard W. Bennet, III, Central Missouri, 1974	National Director	2011
Phillip A. Cox, Indiana, 1984	National Director	2013
Matthew B. Eisen, Yale, 2010	National Director	2011
Thomas B. Jelke, Ph.D., FIU, 1990	National Director	2015
Billy D. Maddalon, NC State, 1990	National Director	2015
Shawn McKenna, Maine, 1977	National Director	2015
Adam J. Motycka, Toledo, 2010	National Director	2015

Headquarters staff in attendance:

Douglas D. Scheibe, Kansas State, 1987	Executive Director
Brian C. Warren, Virginia, 2004	Director of Operations

Guests in attendance:

Eugene C. Schurg, Jr., Davis & Elkins, 1977	Conclave Legislative Director
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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Grand President Garry C. Kief at 9:10 a.m. Eastern Standard Time in a conference room of the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel, Orlando, Florida.

**Appointment of Grand Secretary**

Grand President Kief acknowledged the need to fill the position of Grand Secretary.

*Motion by Grand President Kief: To appoint National Director Bert J. Harris, III, as Grand Secretary  
Seconded by National Director Phillip A. Cox  
Passed unanimously*

## Conclave Legislative Summary

The Grand President yielded the floor to Eugene C. Schurg, Jr., Conclave Legislative Director, to provide the Board a summary of the Grand Chapter's legislative outcomes. The Grand Chapter discussed and considered 28 pieces of legislation, of which 18 passed and 10 were defeated.

<u>Resolution Description</u>	<u>Status</u>
NHC Name Change, Bylaws C.1 & C.8	Passed
Safe House	Defeated
Condition of Ritual Equipment	Passed
Legislative Policy for Conclave	Defeated
Minimum GPA of All-Men's Average	Passed
Establish an Eight-Week Pledge Period	No Action
Increasing Fees for CLA & GC	No Action
Defining Order of Officer's Election	Defeated
NBD Executive Committee Composition	Passed
Simplification of Collection of Member Fees	Passed
Employee Recognition	Passed
Smoke-Free Environments	Defeated
Non-Denominational Prayer	Defeated
Fraternity Recruitment Initiative	No Action
Accurate Reflection of Billing	Passed
Raising Individual GPA Standard	Passed
Conclave Decorum	Passed
Approval of the Audit	Passed
Attendance at Ritual	Withdrawn
Graduation Regalia	Passed
Moving the charge	Passed
Collection of Payments to GC	Passed
Grand Chapter Loyal Legionaries	No Action
Thanking Craig Templeton	Passed
Thanking the Rosen Shingle Creek	Passed
Thanking the Ritual Team	Passed
Thanking Steve Shanklin	Passed
Thanking Conclave Directors	Passed

Following the summary provided by Brother Schurg, Board members discussed feedback on the legislative process and their general impressions of the legislative process.

Grand President Kief commented that he heard the legislative process was too closely monitored and that the Grand Chapter wasn't able to legislate.

Regarding Resolution 6, *Establish an Eight-Week Pledge Period*, National Director Thomas B. Jelke commented that the Fraternity may not be aligned with NIC policy and that legislation may need to be considered in the future to ensure there is alignment.

Regarding Resolution 10, *Simplification of Collection of Member Fees*, the entire Board encouraged the staff to help chapters navigate smoothly through the new membership registration process.

Regarding Resolution 12, *Smoke-Free Environments*, National Director Harris requested that this defeated resolution be referred to the SENH to amend and resubmit at the 2011 Conclave in Phoenix, Arizona.

Regarding Resolution 15, *Accurate Reflection of Billing*, the Board acknowledged the need to create a task force to investigate other billing options.

Regarding Resolution 19, *Attendance at Ritual*, the Board charged the staff with more closely monitoring the attendance at the Ritual at future Conclaves and to create a process to destroy videos that may be in circulation.

*Motion by National Director Jelke: To ratify all legislation passed during the 51<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Conclave  
Seconded by National Director Phillip A. Cox  
Passed unanimously*

The entire Board expressed its appreciation of Brother Schurg's efforts throughout the Conclave.

#### **Conflict of Interest Statement**

Immediately following the legislative summary, each National Director signed a Conflict of Interest Statement. Director of Operations Brian C. Warren collected the statements.

#### **Organizational Governance**

Grand President Kief assigned National Director Richard W. Bennet, III, to lead organizational governance efforts. National Director Bennet accepted the assignment.

#### **Executive Session**

The Board entered into executive session at 10:15 a.m.

#### **Adjournment**

Grand President Kief adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

*Motion by National Director Billy D. Maddalon: To adjourn  
Seconded by National Director Thomas B. Jelke  
Passed unanimously*