

Resolution #GCC21-2 Reconstructing Ritual Practices

WHEREAS

In 2019, the 56th Grand Chapter charged the 2019-2021 Ritual Task Force with considering whether “the Ritual should, as a whole or in part, be reevaluated, reconstructed or reaffirmed”; and

WHEREAS

The Ritual Task Force has thoughtfully and deliberately considered this charge over the past two years, as detailed in the report of the Ritual Task Force submitted to the 2021 Grand Chapter Conclave; and

WHEREAS

In accordance with Grand Chapter 37 Resolution 20, the Ritual Committee has received, has reviewed, and accepts the report from the Ritual Task Force; and

WHEREAS

In its role to preserve and upkeep the Fraternity’s ritual practices and the uniform performance and teaching thereof, the Ritual Task Force endorses the findings outlined in its report and unanimously concludes the practices, as represented in the *Ritual and Guide of Sigma Phi Epsilon*, should be reconstructed as a whole; therefore, be it

RESOLVED

That the Ritual Task Force be continued; and be it

RESOLVED

The 2021-2023 Ritual Task Force is charged with reconstructing, as a whole, the current *Ritual and Guide of Sigma Phi Epsilon*; and be it

RESOLVED

That the Ritual Task Force will both address the findings and recommendations outlined in the aforementioned report and honor the historical origins, writings, and experiences expressed in prior ritual guides and ceremonies; and be it

RESOLVED

Undergraduate and alumni members of the Fraternity will be provided with multiple opportunities between 2021 and 2023 to provide input and feedback on draft revisions, such as reviewing and observing the draft revisions at Carlson Leadership Academy; and be it

RESOLVED

The Ritual Task Force will provide quarterly updates to the National Board of Directors on the Task Force’s efforts to revise the Ritual; and be it

RESOLVED

That unless and until the 2023 Grand Chapter approves the revised *Ritual and Guide of Sigma Phi Epsilon*, chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon will continue to perform current ritual practices,

subject to any interim adjustments or guidance the Grand Chapter or National Board of Directors has or hereafter may approve; and be it

RESOLVED

The Ritual Task Force make every effort to complete this effort in time to present the revised *Ritual and Guide of Sigma Phi Epsilon* to the 58th Grand Chapter Conclave for its consideration.

Committee: Ritual Committee

Committee Recommends: Pass as amended

Grand Chapter Action: Pass

Nick Amaro, Chairman, Ritual Committee

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