

Resolution GCC23-14 Increase Lifetime Membership Fee

WHEREAS

Sigma Phi Epsilon charges a Lifetime Membership Fee for each new member who is inducted into an undergraduate chapter of the fraternity; and

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This Lifetime Membership Fee is used to pay for various aspects of the fraternity experience, including but not limited to, on-site staff support, housing and communications; and

WHEREAS

The fraternity's Lifetime Membership Fee has not increased in almost a decade, nor has that fee been tied to the Higher Education Price Index; and

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The costs associated with providing members with a quality, enriching fraternal experience have continued to escalate year over year; therefore be it

RESOLVED

That Article VI, Section 1 of the **Grand Chapter Bylaws and Administrative Policies and Procedures** be amended to read as follows (strikethrough indicates removal of text; *italics* indicates new text, paragraphs will be renumbered as necessary):

MEMBER REGISTRATION FEES

Section 1. Continuing in August ~~2013~~ 2023, each undergraduate chapter shall submit to the Headquarters of the Fraternity a Lifetime Membership Fee of ~~two hundred seventy-five three hundred~~ dollars (~~\$275~~ \$300) for each person inducted to said chapter. ~~Beginning July 1, 2014, each undergraduate chapter shall submit to the Headquarters of the Fraternity a Lifetime Membership Fee of three hundred dollars (\$300) for each person inducted to said chapter.~~ *In each subsequent year, at the discretion of the national board of directors beginning July 1, 2024, the Lifetime Membership Fee for each person inducted to said chapter can be adjusted based on the Higher Education Price Index with a cap of no more than 4%. There shall be no negative change in the Lifetime Membership Fee. The Headquarters shall communicate to chapters no later than May 1 of each calendar year the amount of the lifetime membership fee for the following fiscal year.* From the Lifetime Membership Fee, ~~at least ten dollars (\$10) shall be paid~~ *an amount shall be allocated* to Sig Ep National Housing, LLC (SENH), and ~~at least thirty-five dollars (\$35) shall be deposited~~ *an amount shall be allocated* in the Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal Fund, for which such member shall receive a life subscription to the Journal. These fees and member registration forms shall be transmitted electronically to the Headquarters of the Fraternity not later than twenty-four (24) hours after accepting a bid for membership.

Section 1A. *This policy shall be reviewed by the Grand Chapter every other Conclave beginning with the 60th Grand Chapter Conclave.*

Committee: Ways and Means Committee

Committee Recommends: Pass as amended
Grand Chapter Action: Pass

Salvatore Campone, Chairman, Ways and Means Committee
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