

**Minutes of the Grand Council Meeting  
January 21, 2021**

**Call to order:** 8:00 PM EST by Grand Senior President Kroencke

**Roll Call:** Roll call made by Brother Bullock

**Present:**

Grand Senior President Kroencke, Grand Junior President Nolen-Doerr, Grand Treasurer Zizzo, Grand Secretary Bullock, Grand Marshal Bowers, Grand Councilor Gatzke, Grand Councilor Brown, Grand Councilor Yonenson, Grand Councilor Dyer, Undergraduate Grand Councilor Noblitt, Undergraduate Grand Council Berest and Undergraduate Grand Councilor Finkler

**Guests:**

Grand Historian Duncan, General Counsel Schwartz, President and CEO Gordy Heminger and Vice President & COO Matt Humberger

**Reports:**

- Grand Senior Presidents Report: Encouraged Grand Council members to attend the Town Hall on February 18 at 8:00PM ET related to the proposed Bylaw changes and the All-Board Meeting on February 20 at 1:00PM ET.
- CEO Report: Written report submitted. CEO Heminger informed the Council that a decision regarding Elevate would be made prior to the All-Board meeting.
- FND Report: Past Grand Junior President Rick Buss was appointed to the Foundation Board of Directors. A successful Founders Day Challenge happened with more than \$500,000 raised and an increase in the number of donors.
- CLVEN Report: No report.
- General Counsel Report: No report.
- Committee Reports:
  - Audit Committee – Audit not finalized and will organize the Audit Committee once management receives the draft of the report. Management has provided all requested information to the auditors.

**Old Business:**

- Motion to Approve the Grand Council Minutes from December 3, 2020 by Brother Bullock, second by Brother Noblitt. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

**New Business:**

- Motion to accept Monitoring Reports 2.0, 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 as submitted. Motion by Brother Gatzke, second by Brother Brown. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.
- Motion to accept Monitoring Reports 3.0-3.8 as submitted. Motion by Brother Zizzo, second by Brother Finkler. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.
- Motion to deny the appeal by Brother Agawal for expulsion. Motion by Brother Gatzke, second by Brother Nolen-Doerr. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Good of the Order:

- GSP Kroencke offered remarks and thoughts on Past Grand Senior President Thurston entering the Omega chapter.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:44 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



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**Aaron Bullock**  
**Grand Secretary**

**Minutes of the Grand Council Meeting  
February 20, 2021**

**Call to order:** Grand Senior President Kroencke called the meeting to order at 1:55PM Eastern.

**Roll Call:** Roll call by Brother Bullock

**Present:**

Grand Senior President Kroencke, Grand Junior President Nolen-Doerr, Grand Treasurer Zizzo, Grand Secretary Bullock, Grand Marshal Bowers, Grand Councilor Gatzke, Grand Councilor Brown, Grand Councilor Yonenson, Grand Councilor Dyer, Undergraduate Grand Councilor Noblitt, Undergraduate Grand Council Berest and Undergraduate Grand Councilor Finkler

**Guests:**

Grand Historian Emeritus Kutz, General Counsel Schwartz, Vice President & COO Matt Humberger and Senior Director of Alumni Engagement and Chapter Operations Jeremy Ried

**Reports:**

- Grand Senior Presidents Report: Praised the Bylaws committee (chaired by Brother Brown) for their efforts and the townhall session held early in the week. Expressed optimism with opportunities to lean into strengths as we turn the page on COVID
- CEO Report: Written report submitted.
- FND Report: Highlighted the amazing year of fundraising and the campaign. Previewed a new effort in March to increase contact with Brothers.
- CLVEN Report: No report.
- General Counsel Report: No report.

**Old Business:**

- Motion to Approve the Grand Council Minutes from January 21, 2021 by Brother Bullock, second by Brother Gatzke. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

**New Business:**

- Motion to accept Monitoring Reports 2.2 as submitted. Motion by Brother Zizzo, second by Brother Brown. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.
- Motion to extend approval to hold virtual initiations through Aug 31, 2021. Motion by Brother Bowers, second by Brother Noblitt. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.
- Committee established to review and understand initiation needs as we look to having virtual chapters.
- Motion to move forward with Constitution and Bylaws modifications as outlined. Motion by Brother Zizzo, second by Brother Nolen-Doerr. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.
- Motion to accept audit. Motion by Brother Gatzke, second by Brother Nolen-Doerr. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Good of the Order:

- GSP Kroencke asked members to share thoughts on what has gone well in the past year and areas of opportunity for improvement.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,



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**Aaron Bullock**  
**Grand Secretary**

**Minutes of the Grand Council Meeting  
April 8, 2021**

**Call to order:** Grand Senior President Kroencke called the meeting to order at 8:01PM Eastern.

**Roll Call:** Roll call by Brother Bullock

**Present:**

Grand Senior President Kroencke, Grand Junior President Nolen-Doerr, Grand Treasurer Zizzo, Grand Secretary Bullock, Grand Councilor Gatzke, Grand Councilor Brown, Grand Councilor Yonenson, Grand Councilor Dyer, Undergraduate Grand Councilor Noblitt, Undergraduate Grand Council Berest and Undergraduate Grand Councilor Finkler

**Absent:**

Grand Marshal Bowers

**Guests:**

Grand Historian Duncan and President & CEO Heminger.

**Reports:**

- Grand Senior Presidents Report: Two special committees will be created (Finance and Virtual Initiation) and will be Chaired by Grand Treasurer Zizzo and Grand Marshal Bowers. Any member interested in serving on those Committees should contact Grand Senior President Kroencke. Deadline for reporting back to the Council is June 10, 2021. Oversight Committee Call next week with primary agenda item to discuss auditing firm for upcoming audit cycle.
- CEO Report: Written report submitted.
- FND Report: Brother Gatzke encouraged brothers to review Foundation Annual Report which was included with the March CEO Report to Official Family. Sam Harris will be joining the Foundation Board as a non-voting liaison from the Board of Advisors. Treasurer Maurer is working on a series of recommendations to strengthen the unrestricted portion of the Foundation endowment. Very strong first quarter for the endowment – endowment was above 13 million which was the highest level, ever.
- CLVEN Report: Brother Bullock reported that the next meeting will be in May and the focus will be long-term planning for CLVEN.
- General Counsel Report: No report.

**Old Business:**

- Motion to Approve the Grand Council Minutes from February 20, 2021 by Brother Bullock, second by Brother Gatzke. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

**New Business:**

- Motion to approve the following Chartering Recommendations by Brother Brown, second by Brother Nolen-Doerr:
  - Angelo State – Kappa Theta
  - Davis and Elkins (re-charter) – Gamma Delta

- Alabama-Birmingham – Kappa Eta
  - Buffalo (re-charter) – Gamma Epsilon
- Motion approved unanimously by a voice vote.

- Grand Senior President Kroencke announced the process for selecting the three Undergraduate Grand Councilors. GSP Kroencke, GJP Nolen-Doerr and CEO Heminger would review the materials submitted by all applicants and narrow the field of candidates to six. There would be a special meeting in May where the entire Grand Council would be invited to interview the six finalists. The three new Undergraduate Grand Councilors would be appointed at the June 10 Grand Council meeting. No objections or concerns were expressed to this process.

Good of the Order:

- Brother Zizzo announced the Memorial Service for Stan Thurston would be June 12 and would be live-streamed.
- Brother Kroencke mentioned that positive feedback was received regarding the virtual All-Board meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37PM Eastern.

Respectfully Submitted,



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**Aaron Bullock**  
**Grand Secretary**

**Minutes of the Grand Council Meeting  
June 10, 2021**

**Call to order:** Grand Senior President Kroencke called the meeting to order at 8:01PM Eastern.

**Roll Call:** Roll call by Brother Bullock

**Present:**

Grand Senior President Kroencke, Grand Junior President Nolen-Doerr, Grand Treasurer Zizzo, Grand Secretary Bullock, Grand Marshal Bowers, Grand Councilor Brown, Grand Councilor Yonenson, Grand Councilor Dyer, Undergraduate Grand Councilor Noblitt, Undergraduate Grand Council Berest, Undergraduate Grand Councilor Finkler, Undergraduate Grand Councilor Austin, Undergraduate Grand Councilor DeBoer and Undergraduate Grand Councilor Zeller

**Absent:**

Grand Councilor Gatzke

**Guests:**

General Counsel Scott Schwartz and President & CEO Gordy Heminger

**Reports:**

- Grand Senior Presidents Report: Introduced the three new Undergraduate Grand Councilors and informed the Board that the three new Undergraduate Grand Councilors would have a vote starting with the Executive Session portion of the meeting.
- CEO Report: Informed the Board of the staff focus for the summer – hiring Contracted Chapter Advisors, assisting chapters with summer recruitment, planning for Grand Chapter 2022 and preparing for the fall. CEO Heminger also informed the Board that the auditors would be doing their initial work in early August. An update was provided on current litigation involving Eastern Michigan.
- FND Report: Foundation Board approved a series of recommendations proposed by Foundation Board Treasurer Matt Maurer. The recommendations include a reduction of the Grant, a reduction of the spending percentage for both restricted and unrestricted, among other recommendations. The goal is to preserve the unrestricted portion of the endowment when industry trends reflect a decline in unrestricted giving.
- CLVEN Report:
  - Operations – Continued focus on re-leases, collections and new acquisitions. No concerns across all 3. We are at or above levels in previous years. Highlights for acquisitions is the addition of 2 more properties.
  - Strategy – Want to transition to be more proactive about growth and asset selection. Growth Strategy committee will be created to look at previous growth and future direction.
- General Counsel Report: Update provided regarding Upsilon litigation.

**Old Business:**

- Motion to Approve the Grand Council Minutes from April 8, 2021 by Brother Bullock, second by Brother Brown. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

**New Business:**

- Motion to accept Monitoring Reports 4.0-4.4 by Brother Zizzo, second by Brother Finkler. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.
- Brother Zizzo provided a Finance Committee report. The recommendation of the Finance Committee is to deviate from GAAP and record the lease with the Foundation for the Headquarters Building as an operating lease instead of a capital lease. Motion to accept the Committee report by Brother Zizzo, second by Brother Noblitt. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.
- Brother Bowers provide a Ritual Committee report. The recommendations include 1)When practical, conduct the Initiation Ceremony in-person for virtual chapters based in a geographic region 2)Utilize the same Virtual Initiation Ceremony next year as was approved this year 3) Make available an in-person Initiation Ceremony for all brothers interested and 4) If the Virtual Chapter program takes off, the Committee should reconvene next summer. Motion to accept the Committee report by Brother Bowers, second by Brother Dyer. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

**Good of the Order:**

- Brother Zizzo announced the Memorial Service for Stan Thurston would be June 12 and would be live-streamed.
- Departing Undergraduate Grand Councilors Noblitt, Finkler and Berest provided parting remarks.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:04PM to go into Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted,



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**Aaron Bullock  
Grand Secretary**



**Minutes of the Grand Council Meeting  
September 9, 2021**

**Call to order:** Grand Senior President Kroencke called the meeting to order at 8:01PM Eastern.

**Roll Call:** Roll call by Brother Bullock

**Present:**

Grand Senior President Kroencke, Grand Treasurer Zizzo, Grand Secretary Bullock, Grand Marshal Bowers, Grand Councilor Brown, Grand Councilor Gatzke, Grand Councilor Dyer, Undergraduate Grand Councilor DeBoer and Undergraduate Grand Councilor Zeller

**Absent:**

Grand Junior President Nolen-Doerr, Grand Councilor Yonenson and Undergraduate Grand Councilor Austin

**Guests:**

President & CEO Gordy Heminger and Vice President & COO Matt Humberger

**Reports:**

- Grand Senior Presidents Report: Focus on growth and supporting chapters.
- CEO Report: Written report submitted. Highlighted intent to work with Grand Treasurer Zizzo to submit to the Council a proposal for the use of the Reserve Fund which should be an agenda item for the November Grand Council meeting. Discussed engaging with a PR firm to assist with any crisis responses.
- FND Report: FDC and 176 hours of Giving planning is occurring. Brock Hillman, Central Michigan '97 was appointed to serve on the Foundation Board of Directors.
- CLVEN Report: All but one resident has moved-in and paid rent. Releasing process for the 22-23 academic year has started. Early budget projections for next year
- General Counsel Report: Update provided regarding current litigation involving Quinnipiac, Eastern Michigan and Towson.

**Old Business:**

- Motion to Approve the Grand Council Minutes from June 10, 2021 by Brother Bullock, second by Brother Brown. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

**New Business:**

- Motion to accept Monitoring Report 2.2 by Brother Bowers, second by Brother Zizzo. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.
- Vice President & COO Humberger provided the Grand Council with an informational report on the current Contracted Chapter Advisor program.

Good of the Order:

- Register for the All-Board Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:01PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Aaron Bullock*

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**Aaron Bullock**  
**Grand Secretary**