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58th Georgia State Meeting
Oct. 2, 2021
Meeting Minutes

1. Bro. Reddings (State Representative) Presiding Officer called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM for Plenary Session I.
2. Bro. Thurston (State Keeper of Records and Seal- KRS) – Thirty-two (32) chapters responded to the Roll Call which represented a quorum of 64%. Listing of Chapter Roll Call is attached.
3. Bro. Reddings asked for motion to adopt the agenda as presented; Bro. Levi Robinson – Theta Lambda Lambda motioned to accept, and Bro. C. Johnson - Phi Kappa Kappa seconded; motion carried.
4. Bro. Reddings asked for motion to accept the Standing Rules provided to the body; Bro. C. Walker Upsilon Gamma Gamma motioned to accept and Bro. Levi Robinson – Theta Lambda Lambda seconded; motion carried.
5. Bro. Reddings asked for motion to accept the 57th GA State Meeting minutes as provided to the body; Bro. C. Walker – Upsilon Gamma Gamma motioned to accept and Bro. Collier Johnson - Phi Kappa Kappa seconded; motion carried.
6. Brothers: Reddings, Sims (State Chaplin) and Thurston conducted the Memorial Service for those who entered Omega Chapter since the last GA State meeting.
7. Bro Sims gave a rousing sermonette on “Swift Transitions” and their burdens based on the things we all have experienced over the last 18 months.
8. Bro. Reddings recognized the eight (8) former GA State Representatives in attendance in person or virtually (Brothers: Jolley, Bennett, Hill, Williams, Cistrunk, Demons, Jackson, and Broadwater) and the State Representatives from AL - Bro. Hale, FL – Bro. Totson and MS – Bro. Barnett.
9. Bro. Reddings provided his State Representative report. He began acknowledging Bro. Ricky Lewis and International Officers and Bro. Harris and Seventh District Officers present. He reported the state of the State of GA is sound. Thanked his elected executive officers who bring various talents to the team; the Region Representatives and State Council for their efforts to improve the chapter reporting process, mandated programs, and communications to ensure we function at a high level. His administration continues to operate under the theme - Proceed with C.A.R.E. – **Commitment, Accountability, Responsibility, Excellence.** Reflected on the message given by Grand Chaplin Bro. Richardson at the State of FL Undergraduate Luncheon mentioned there were three types of Ques. **Causal** Que – After graduation from college they move away from the fraternity and don’t wear much paraphernalia Undergraduate. **Cultural** Que – Always in nalia, at the cookouts but contributes nothing to the fraternity let along pay dues. **Committed** Que – Is everyone in this room and there over 2,000 financial Brothers in the State of GA. Coming out of the pandemic, Omega man have been fully Accountable in helping getting people out to vote to turn GA Blue. There were a few issues in the State causing suspensions related to MSP. **Responsibility** - the knowing “have” to police the unknowing and report unsanctioned events. **Excellence** – We are the great Blue awarding winner State of GA. Bro. Thrower was recognized for coordinating the efforts in the drilling three boreholes in Ghana and shoe collection program. We have streamlined the chapter reporting process where we won District Scholar of the Year - Bro. Justin Thornton Zeta Delta Delta; District Chapter of the Year – Xi Mu Nu; Large Chapter of Year, Phi Kappa Kappa; International Graduate Omega Man of the Year- Bro. Robert Scott. He requests we continue to lead our communities; encourage getting out to vote in every election; check on our senior Brothers and mentor our undergraduate brothers.
10. Bro. Harris (Seventh District Representative) gave his address to the body. Provided greetings and thanked the Brothers of GA for its reporting, awards won and assisting his administration which he introduced. Discussed his platform “Rekindling the essence of friendship.” It has Four pillars – Friendship; Seventh District Policy Institute; Operation Efficiency; and Health and Wellness. Started with an advisory council with former DR’s. Discussed Undergraduate relations and chapter mentorship alignment. Operational efficiency - COVID has made us use some ingenuity and leveraged use of the virtual space. Health and Wellness is being led by Bro. Pruitt and partnership with Black Health Matters. Prohibition on face-to-face meeting by IHQ is still in place subject to the meeting requiring. MSP applications in portal for 51 chapters in District with 353 candidates. The “Get Right program” to get control numbers to brothers who were not provided them continues. Supreme council meeting update reported 99.4% of COVID cases are from variants and 64% of US population has one only shot and 55% are fully vaccinated. Year-end audit for 2020 was completed and satisfactory with a few minor matters to address. Reported an additional \$1M was invested into the stock market. Mentioned an upcoming Seventh District International Candidate Forum to be held and introduced the candidates in attendance. Provided update on Conclave in Charlotte and Tampa. Reported there are 15 boreholes in Ghana established by Chapter in the Seventh District.



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11. Bro. Christopher Hankins – Beta Lambda Lambda was selected by the District Representatives to lead the Seventh District Policy Institute and provided an overview. This is a task force to address Social, Economic, Political, and Business matters that impact our communities. Leverage collective IQ skills of Brotherhood; Prioritize Initiatives across District for biggest impact; Develop partnership organizations with a large reach and expertise to reach the masses; Keep elected official accountable; Develop partnership with likeminded businesses or organizations; co-brand selected movements and initiatives; sponsorship of bills and policies which positively impact our communities and identify resources and funding to operationalize our efforts. Will work with and in support of Omega Network for Action. Important issues today are resurgence of Jim Crow laws in voting bills, police reform and the mass incarceration of black men.
12. Bro. Harris answered question on MSP timeline deadline to submit Form 1 and whether it considered the undergraduates. It has considered as task begin before with prior semester to meet the Sept 6 deadline.
13. Bro. Brooks – 1st Vice District Representative provided greetings and update there was 100% of committee chairs submitting their reports. submitted. He reported his has meet his responsibilities and as requested by the DR. He has attended Supreme and District Council meetings; planning for the upcoming international candidate forum and District Meeting; attended the district undergraduate leadership forum; served as panelist on fatherhood initiative; and reviewed all the award winners from the Seventh District.
14. Bro. Harris led the acknowledgment and singing to happy birthday to Bro. Reddings
15. Bro. Jimmy Stark – 2nd Vice District Representative. Provide greetings and acknowledged the leadership provided by Bro. Duhart. Discussed how Bro. Duhart assisted him with getting undergraduate representatives active on various District committees. There is Social Action Initiative to coordinate with a graduate chapter hosting a turkey drive the week of Founder's Week. Established a social media site at MYT7D_UG to post undergraduate activities, awards, and initiatives. For the Fatherhood Initiative, undergraduate chapters will serve as a big brother/mentee. Encouraging undergraduate brothers to get vaccinated and are conduction MSP seminars to ensure compliance.
16. Bro. Reed – District Keeper of Records and Seal. Provided his report for activities for year ending 2020-21. Discussed best practices and resolution of chapter issues timely. Reminder of dates to submit of forms 37, 50, 53 and 80 (service awards). Current membership data: There are 158 Chapters in the District (Graduate – G and Undergraduate – U): AL – 16G /15U; FL 31G/13U; GA 32 G / 21U and MS 21G/ 9U. Active chapters 137 - 93G/44 U. District is working to reactivate various chapters either on hold or suspended.

Current 2020-21 IHQ Financial including At Large 5,038; Life Members 2,034; Non-financial - 764; Reclaimable 3,728 for a Total 11,564 for District. Total financial 7072.

Period and Basis	Total	AL	FL	GA	MS
Current 20-21 IHQ Financial	7072	1285	1919	2838	1030
IHQ YE 2019-20	6182	1161	1751	2436	834
District Fully Financial YE 2019-20	4866	904	1287	1933	742
Current District numbers 2020-21	5368	796	1461	2200	911
Current IHQ Membership	7072				

There are 346 brothers eligible for 25 – 70-year service awards.

17. Bro. Williams – Former State Rep at Beta Lambda Lambda asked about last slide showing 29,126 financial where his understanding there is over 30K financial brothers. Bro. Reed advised the IHQ number he is reporting is from iQue.
18. Bro Charles Myler – Psi Omega ask to explain difference between Reclaimable and non- financial. Non-financial is a brother who was not financial the previous year where a reclaimable brother has not been financial for several years.
19. Bro. Dickey – Pi Mu Nu Asked about the reporting of MSP training to IHQ. Bro. Harris responded the district is responsible to report this and he should contact Bro. Merideth or Harris on missing MSP training credit.
20. Bro. Jackson - District Keeper of Finance. Greeting provided and reported the District is financially strong. We have \$575,145 in cash (\$416,039) and investments (\$112,105); current net revenues are \$135,280 (down from \$140,769 last year). There are no current liabilities. The investment account is up \$112,105 which is 38% gained of \$49,000 from the initial investment of \$69,777.
21. Bro. Gaines – District Counselor. Provided greetings and reported on two lawsuits. One in FL involves an alleged assault at an unsanctioned party. There other is in AL at a non-sanctioned event. The Supreme



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- Council voted to pay over \$325,000 to settle the FL matter. Part of the AL suit was settled by paying \$7,500 nuisance money and now is defending a wrongful death suit. He is monitoring another event that occurred in GA. SEC processing has been a challenge with new system, upgrades, and changes. Contact Bro. Gaines or Bro. Green if there are questions. SEC's must be completed for events outside of the chapter meeting location. Contracts or letters from venue with permission to use facility must accompany the SEC.
22. Bro Earle Wilson – Phi Kappa Kappa asked about policy on guns at fraternity meetings. Bro. Harris advised there has been debate and opinions expressed in council meeting on this matter and its still under review.
 23. Bro. Cistrunk – Former State Rep and Kappa Alpha Alpha mentioned IHQ should be reminded of the rolling and additional funds paid to IHQ for insurance premiums and lawsuits for payouts for matters like the FL and AL settlements.
 24. Bro. Drayton – Chi Gamma Gamma ask question about sign offs when an event to canceled. Bro. Green responded the SEC will stay in system unless denied. Submit a ZenDesk ticket for a refund.
 25. Bro. Gilbert – Eta Omega. Asked for a virtual Achievement Week program is a SEC required. Bro. Harris answered yes if you are meeting at a public location to view the program.
 26. Bro. Bland – District Public Relations Chair. Greetings provided and report highlighted good stories being provided and documented. The District leads in the number of articles and pages in the Oracle. No need to use Facebook for discussions about Omega.
 27. Bro. Johnson – District Chaplain. Greetings provided and report highlights include daily International Prayer calls at 6:30 am; support State Chaplains; developed Chaplin training video; participate in GA Monday meeting 6 am prayer call; immediate past FL State Chaplin Bro Sanders has been promoted to Bishop of AME Church and State Rep has named his replacement; he continues to assist the Brothers and families when a brother enters Omega Chapter.
 28. Bro. Black – District Marshal. Greetings provided and presented report on the 85th Seventh District Meeting April 7-10, 2022, to be held in Atlanta. Co-hosting with Tri Mu Chapter Graduated Chapter and Undergraduate chapters Beta Psi and Kappa Kappa. Location is Sheraton Hotel. Bro. Tim Block is the Co Marshal. Event will include a Health and Career Fair and Golf Outing.
 29. Bro. Reddings now presiding
 30. Bro. Bruin – Beta Lambda Lambda called up and played video from US Senators Warnock and Ossoff who greeted and thanked the brothers. Video played from State Senator Gary Jackson District 64 and candidate for GA Lt. Governor who greeted the brothers and asked for our support. Bro. Bruin discussed the success reached in the voting registration and getting voters to the polls. Mentioned the voting restriction laws being enacted. Thanked Brothers Ben Williams, L.K Reddings, David Jones, Terrance Green, and Buster Meadows and others who assisted.
 31. Bro. Alexander – Phi Kappa Kappa and GA State Social Action Chair. Awarded \$1,500 to Chef Hank Huff who operates a nonprofit that feeds the needy in Gwinnett County.
 32. Bro. Grand Basileus Marion addressed the brothers assemble via a recorded video. His report mentioned Brothers Taylor and Lee who we lost. He discussed taking the fraternity to “Next Level” to improved operations; leveraging technology; increased membership over 30K; started Omega Network for Action and James Clyburn leadership institute; established our own insurance company; donations made to St. Jude Hospitals; support to HBCU's; and the 57 boreholes in Ghana. Asked for our help to end hazing and unsanctioned events.
 33. Bro. Ricky Lewis – 1st Vice Grand Basileus. Greeting provided and asked for our support to raise money's for HBCU's. Mentioned upcoming training on SEC. Reminded Brothers to get registered for the Grand Conclave in Charlotte, NC. Asked for our support and vote for Grand Basileus at the Grand Conclave.
 34. Bro. Mark Jackson – Grand KRS. Greetings provided and provided report on new membership management system; new communication system using constant contact; use of CVET for event registration; use of Zen desk to log any issues to improve customer service; KRS training videos now online; scanning project launched; and a new purple fraternity card. Mentioned his candidacy for 1st Vice Grand Basileus and asked for our support.
 35. Bro. Smith – Grand Keeper of Finance. Greetings provided and his financial report where the fraternity balance sheet has \$11.2M in Cash and Investment. The portion invested in \$2.7M. He recently requested another \$1M to invest. The revenue for the first 8 months of the year was \$6.2 M and expenses were \$3.2M bringing our net income to \$3M. Two seminars have been held. One for chapter KF's where over 300 attended and one for QuickBooks. There will be training in Nov/Dec on how to complete the 990-tax form.
 36. Bro. Redding advised the room will be cleared to set up for lunch and called on Bro. Demons to preside of officer Nominations.



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37. Bro. Demons – The 15th Former GA State Representative – Theta Lambda Lambda Chapter now presiding over the meeting and opened the floor for officer nominations for the 2021-22 calendar year.
38. Bro. Herb Ford – Chi Gamma Gamma nominated Bro. George Fishburne – Mu Mu Mu Chapter for Public Relations Officer. Bro. Terrance Green – Phi Kappa Kappa seconded.
39. Bro. Demons closed nomination for Public Relation and asked for motion to cast one unanimous ballot for Bro. Fishburne. Bro. Chuck Walker – Upsilon Gamma Gamma; Bro. Thrower – Upsilon Gamma Gamma seconded motion and motion passed.
40. Bro. Green – Phi Kappa Kappa nominated Bro. D. Heard for State Counselor. Bro. Yancy – Phi Kappa Kappa seconded the nomination
41. Bro. Demons closed nomination for State Counselor and asked for motion to cast one unanimous ballot for Bro. Heard. Bro. Chester – Lambda Iota made the motion; Bro. Gavin – Lambda Iota seconded motion and motion passed.
42. Bro. Johnson - Delta Mu Mu nominated Bro. Robert Field - Delta Mu Mu for Keeper of Finance. Bro. Drayton – Chi Gamma Gamma seconded the nomination.
43. Bro. Demons closed nomination for Keeper of Finance and asked for motion to cast one unanimous ballot for Bro. Field. Bro. Drayton – Chi Gamma Gamma made the motion; Bro. Johnson – Delta Mu Mu seconded motion and motion passed.
44. Bro. Myler – Psi Omega nomination Bro. Thurston – Eta Omega for Keeper of Records and Seal. Bro. Robinson – Theta Lambda Lambda seconded
45. Bro. Demons closed nomination for Keeper of Records and Seal and asked for motion to cast one unanimous ballot for Bro. Thurston. Bro. Morris – Psi Omega made the motion; Bro. Johnson – Phi Kappa Kappa seconded motion and motion passed.
46. Bro. Drayton – Chi Gamma Gamma nominated Bro. Jones – Chi Gamma Gamma for 1st Vice State Representative. Bro. Amistad Chi Gamma Gamma seconded the nomination.
47. Bro. Demons closed nomination for 1st Vice State Representative and asked for motion to cast one unanimous ballot for Bro. Jones. Bro. Broadwaters – Lambda Iota made the motion; Bro. Amistad – Chi Gamma Gamma seconded motion and motion passed.
48. Bro. Williams – Beta Lambda Lambda nominated Bro. Reddings for State Representative. Bro. Walker – Chi Gamma Gamma seconded the nomination.
49. Bro. Demons closed nomination for State Representative and asked for motion to cast one unanimous ballot for Bro. Reddings. Bro. Walker – Upsilon Gamma Gamma made the motion; Bro. Davis – Kappa Alpha Alpha seconded motion and motion passed.
50. Bro. Takema Duhart reported the undergraduates have elected Bro. Jalen Norton – Psi as their new 2nd Vice State Representative. Bro. Demons yield the chair to Bro. Reddings
51. Bro. Reddings thanked the body for re-electing him for one more year.
52. Bro. Hodges – Mu Phi & Rules, Recommendations and By Laws Chair. Reminded Brothers all recommendations were submitted to the chapters in advance for review and discussion.
53. Bro. Thurston – Provided instructions for voting and launched Election Runner for these recommendations.
54. The recommendations descriptions; position of Rules, Recommendations & By Laws committee and voting results are as follows:

Title	Overview	Submitted By	Committee Support	Body Vote 147 Actual Voters
NAACP	Require each brother have a NAACP Membership	Charles Myler – Psi Omega	Nay	Y 31% N 69%
Provide Brother Contact Information	Include Brother contact information for iQue management system	Charles Myler – Psi Omega	Nay	Y 44% N 56%
Scholarship Assessment for MSP Candidates	Add \$50 assessment to MSP candidates for GA Tag scholarship fund	Antwan Walker – Chi Gamma Gamma	Nay	Y 56% N 44% <u>Subject to District Approval</u>
Certificates for Brothers at 10, 15 and 20 years of service	Award certificate to brothers who are consecutively financial for 10, 15, and 20 years	Marvin Broadwater, Sr.	Nay	Y 74% N 26%
GA State Hall of Fame	Induct Brothers with outstanding contributions o the State of GA Organization		Yay	Y 70% N 30%



Break taken for Picture and Lunch

55. Bro. Smyre Lambda Iota thanked the brothers for the award given to him and happy to serve on the board of the Omega Network for Action. President Biden is nominating him Ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

Resumption of meeting and Plenary Session II

56. Bro. Jones – 1st Vice State Representative presided over the Scholarship, GA State Life Membership and Achievement, Chapter Region and Community and Civic award presentations. He thanked all those committee chairs and the Region Representatives for their hard work with committee and chapter reporting submittal for their assigned areas.
57. Bro. Jones commented that his report is on the meeting package and the awards just presented to the various Brothers and Chapters is part of his duties as 1st Vice. Proud of the work that is being done and honored to serve the State Representative and the brothers of the State. He takes notes from the District and other States on best practices on reporting and operations. Improving our Social Media presences. Thanks Brothers Ford and Jackson. Recognize Bro. Martin on the Friendship Chronicles. Recognized Zeta Delta Delta chapter and their activities campus during the pandemic and posting this work on social media.
58. Bro. Duhart thanked the brothers to serve; made improvements on undergraduate chapter reporting and is proud of the undergraduate chapters.
59. Bro. Thurston - Keeper of Records and Seal report provided greetings and an overview of his reported. Highlighted his role involves Communication, Records and Reports. Current GA membership is 2,280 which 24% greater than last year and include 69 MSP Brothers. Made a correction that there are actually 14 active undergraduate chapter instead of 11 as reported. For the 58th Ga State meeting we have 304 registered for in person attendance and 24 delegates registered for virtual participation. Of the eligible delegates, 139 registered for in person and 24 registered virtually. We have focused on clear, concise and prompt communication. We are using constant contact for communication, so we need everyone brothers email address to populate the platform. Developing an online form 36 process for delegates to assist chapter KRS' and will send voting test via Election Runner early to identify any issues before the meeting.
60. Bro. Brown - Keeper of Finance thanked the brothers for allowing him to serve as our KF the last five years and will cherish the friendships and bonds developed. His report beginning with Statement of Financial position as of Sept. 25, 2021 - \$175,000 Cash, Savings, other accounts and including \$65,000 in investments. Liabilities are some \$33,000 for Deferred Dues; Alonso Bennet Scholarship and GA State Life Membership for a Net Equity \$141,000. Statement of Activities/Income Statement - Revenue is \$69,000 for Dues and State Workshop. Expenses were \$19,000 for Administrative; Conference/Meeting; Community/Outreach; Technology (zoom calls) etc. bringing our Net operating profit to \$50,000. However, there are remaining expenses from the State meeting to follow but we are still in sound financial shape.
61. Bro. Sims - Chaplain Gave greetings and wanted to highlight the protocol and training for Memorial Services virtually and in-person. Thanked the brothers for allowing him to serve.
62. Bro. Heard – State Counselor provided greeting and he highlighted how brothers lack of discretion in their use of Social Media is hurting the fraternity's image. For the SEC Checklist his is not in the chain of command and process but stand ready to assist as needed. On unsanctioned events, we should not attend nor support these events.
63. Bro. Broadwater – Immediate Past State Representative. No additional comments to report already provided and here to serve.
64. Bro. Reddings provided additional comments to his report to recognize the three (3) International Award winners from State of GA. Mu Phi Chapter won the International Reclamation Award; Bro James "Slim" Melvin was the Individual International Reclamation Winner, and the International Superior Award Winner was Bro. Henry Hankerson.
65. Bro. Cook – Ways and Means Presented proposed budget for 2021-22 based on Revenues of \$104,150 considering membership of 2150 brothers and 65 MSP and Expenses of \$103,975 considering \$53,200 for the State workshop and \$16,350 for community affairs and expenses. Bro. Cooke made motion to accept budget and Bro Morris Psi Omega seconded the motion. Motion carried.
66. Bro. Reddings appointed Bro. Mohandas Martin our State Chaplin.
67. Bro. Harris thanked the outgoing officers for their service and conducted the installation of GA State Elected officers
68. State Representatives of AL, FL and MS brought greetings to the brothers gathered.



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69. Bro. Steve Johnson – Beta Lambda Lambda and Co-Marshall for next State Meeting brought greetings and welcome the brothers back to Gwinnett County for next year's State Meeting.
70. Bro. Reedings thanked Brothers Brown, Sims and Duhart for their service.
71. Bro. Reddings performed the formal closing at 2:46 pm
72. Bro. Sims provided a closing prayer followed by the signing of Omega Dear

Respectfully Submitted

Bro. Dominic Thurston
GA State Keeper of Records and Seal
Eta Omega Chapter



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Chapter	58th Ga Meeting Chapter Roll Call
Alpha Delta Nu	
Alpha Gamma Gamma	x
Alpha Xi	
Beta Gamma Gamma	x
Beta Lambda Lambda	x
Beta Psi	
Beta Zeta	
Chi Gamma Gamma	x
Delta Kappa	x
Delta Mu Mu	x
Eta Omega	x
Eta Omicron	x
Gamma Zeta	
Kappa Alpha Alpha	x
Kappa Kappa	
Lambda Iota	x
Lambda Lambda Lambda	x
Lambda Phi	x
Lambda Tau	x
Mu Beta Beta	x
Mu Mu Mu	x
Mu Phi	x
Omega Eta	x
Omega Gamma Gamma	x
Phi Kappa Kappa	x
Pi Mu Nu	x
Psi	
Psi Omega	x
Tau	x
Tau Delta Delta	
Tau Mu Mu	x
Theta Lambda Lambda	x
Upsilon Gamma Gamma	x
Upsilon Sigma	
Xi Beta Beta	x
Xi Mu Nu	x
Zeta Beta Beta	x
Zeta Delta Delta	x
Zeta Mu Nu	x
Zeta Theta	x