

**2019 Grand Council Convention**  
**February 22nd, 2019 through February 24th, 2019**  
**Ft. William Henry, Lake George New York**

**Day 1: 2/22/19- Meeting called to order at 6:59 PM**

Prayer lead by Brother Pat Carey

2018 Grand Council Convention Minutes read by Brother Wilkinson

-Motion to pass minutes proposed by Brother Wilkinson/ 2nd by Many/PASSES

**Officer Reports:**

**GEM:**

**Brother Pat Carey:**

- A big thanks goes out to Brother Boire once again for setting up the venue, organizing this weekend along with his wife Tammy Boire!
- Thank you to Brother Gilbert for heading up the Constitution Committee this past year, along with PJ, Brother Wilkinson and the rest of the committee.
- We are looking for brothers from all chapters and the council that are technically sound and are willing to help out with the website and Brother Defoe, who is heading up the expansion committee.
- Brother Alamia will be here tomorrow, Saturday, so we will have the Vice President report tomorrow.
- Brother Joe Bithorn will also be giving his report tomorrow, Saturday, due to not being present Friday.
- Overall, happy with the progress that has been made this year with all committees, Expansion and the Constitution.

**VGEM: / TREASURER (2/24/19)**

**Brother Joe Alamia:**

- First and foremost, I would like to apologize for being late, I was out of state for job interviews.
- I'd also like to start by giving the Treasurer Report
  - Money wise, we look very good.
  - We still need to try and recover past dues, especially with expansion, hopefully, on the horizon.
    - PayPal: \$988.88
    - Checking: \$5,976.25
    - Savings: \$8,659.29
- We did encounter some invoicing issues, but they are currently being figured out.

**GRAND SECRETARY**

**Brother Wilkinson:**

- I'd like to start by saying that this year was a great learning experience, special thanks to Brother Gilbert, Brother Carey and PB for their guidance as well as the rest of the GC board.
- It was a good year, thanks everyone, keep up the good work!

### **GRAND CHAPLAIN**

#### **Brother Horton:**

- Went through the walls with actives, went very well!
- Went through all of Wall 1, start to finish, went well!
- Looking forward to the new inductees.

### **GRAND HISTORIAN**

#### **Brother Willingham:**

- Little research was completed this year, but we still have quite a bit.
- Need some help from the actives, especially when something new is learned or found, identified, etc. please get it to me and I'll make sure to add it to the correct place.
- Thanks to Brother Fagan for all his help, hats off to him.
- Dane Barcomb also doing research into our history.
- We're looking for others to assist, so if anyone is interested in taking a larger role with these things, it would be great!

### **GRAND ALUMNI SECRETARY**

#### **Brother Angely Ortega:**

- Had two main goals this year, one was to create a database for the chapters. Second was to increase Fraternal Spirit which is important to our success and our history most importantly.
- Had my pilgrimage this year to the chapters' main events.
  - A lot of help from the actives for this so Thank You!
- As brother Gilbert has stated, the Gamma Chapter kitchen re-model had gone well, it was remodeled in the fall.
- Nu Chapter's event this summer went very well.
- Alpha's biggest request on the pilgrimage was that they need help from Alumni in order to revitalize the Chapter.
  - A lot of volunteer hours are needed to get them back on campus, in good standing and ultimately to attract brothers.
- We did not get a lot accomplished with the Website, we need help with this, and possibly begin committee?

### **GRAND EDITOR (2/23/19)**

#### **Brother Joe Bithorn:**

- Hi everyone, as you can see, I have not completed the Bulletin yet. I didn't want to quickly throw something together for this report and I have only received Bulletin submissions from 3 or 4 Grand Council board members, thanks to those who submitted something!
- I'd like to be able to finish this and get it out via email, so I am going to walk around a roster to complete in order to get emails up to date.

Brother Carey: If anyone wants to submit anything to the Grand Editor, please feel free, we'd love to see things from actives, corps, etc.

*END OF GRAND COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS*

**Committee Reports:**

**Expansion Committee:**

**Committee Chair Brother Pat Defoe:**

- Brother Defoe reviewed each document prepared by the expansion committee.
- Discussed was the aspects of the website that needed the most attention.
  - Brother Barcomb felt that the website can present as an eye sore, which was agreed upon by many, as needing attention:
    - Chapter information
    - Overall look and navigation of the website.
- Re-Establishment of the Epsilon Chapter is the most viable opportunity. Brother Defoe will be following up with the institution come May 2019 due to the University just re-establishing greek life. Hoping to begin expansion process in the Fall of 2019. We have an Epsilon brother who is the oldest greek alumni.....period.
- Whisperings of Beta Chapter; Brother Defoe will be looking into the possibility;
- Biggest roadblocks.
  - Extremely difficult to compete with larger organizations and institution standards.
  - We need to create a way to take care of insurance, most schools require it these days.
  - WEBSITE: Most universities check the website and get their first opinion via the website.....

**Constitution Committee:**

- The Constitution Committee worked very hard this past 12 months on completing the rewrite of the Constitution.
- Brother Carey: Brother Wilkinson will be reading through the proposed changes and everyone can follow along.
- Brother Wilkinson: What we did was go through and rewrite/reword sections of the current Constitutions that we believe needed updates to the language or

overall direction our fraternity is headed in, along with keeping as close to the existing Constitution as we could.

- Constitution was read through, including all the changes by Brother Wilkinson
  - Motion to table Ratification until Saturday, Seconded by many/PASSES.

### **Chapter Visitation Reports:**

#### **Brother Angely Ortega:**

##### **ALPHA Chapter: 1/19/19**

- **Actives: 2, Fall 18 was 3 GPA: 3.75**
  - There was no real transition of officers this year due to lack of numbers.
  - In order to get back to good standing with the school, which is still a positive relationship, need to complete the 500 Hours of community service.
  - Looking for new community service opportunities:
  - 270 Hours completed, but still require 230 which is difficult to get with the current numbers.
  - As for Rushing, looking at getting quality brothers and quantity, and are targeting the gamers.
  - Relationships with other greeks and campus groups is getting better.
  - Compared to other organizations, we have low membership.
  - Fore pledging program, PM would like help with the Pledging process due to low memberships, he'll need help from Alumni
  - House looked really good, in good shape. Cleaning the house needs to be a priority and saving money on it the best we can.
  - We need a new shadow box
  - Relationship with alumni is solid, but they come and go.

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#### **Brother Luke Wilkinson**

##### **NU Chapter: 2/2/19**

##### **Actives: 14 GPA: 2.49, down from 2.62 in the Fall.**

- Four pledges set to get in this Spring.
- Phil Perazzo is the current President and feels like the Past President set him up well. Currently using on campus resources and Greek Life resources as well.
- We're on the last semester of probation: Currently no red flags about the push up allegations or at least haven't seen one yet. We agreed to do most of our pledging on campus.
- Relationships with other Greeks is going really well.
- We can't do blood drives for community service right now because all of us got Tattoos.

- We're talking to the highway dept. For "Adopt a Highway" but we did raise 689.80 for Cystic Fibrosis and 1,835.50 for our main Relay for Life and Camp Tekumpta.
- No real issues with the community. We did have an issue with our neighbor, but it has since been resolved.
- For Rushing: Showing guys how tight we all are, Us vs. National and wha that looks like,
- Our weakness right now is the number of us that live off campus, we need to spend more time on campus without letters.
- Looking for dedicated, hard working freshmen to bring along the process. We've been more selective.
- Our newest brother thought we should have kept up with the tabling on campus, were more visual by doing so.
- Pledging will be both night and day to to probation. We'd prefer to do it more old school and traditional, but were handcuffed right now with that.
- The House's third floor was a mess, has food from 1944 in the sink. Had to move our composites to make room for new brother. Two empty rooms, so composites went in there. Door to the first floor that was supposed to be put in by landlord is still on the porch in a box.

### **Brother Spencer Brink**

**DELTA Chapter: 1/19/19**

**Actives: 6, but about to be 4.**

- Feels as though things are going in the right direction, with the relationship with the school. It's a positive outlook ahead.
- There is currently no pledging going on this semester. BUT we are planning on going through with pledging as of the Fall
- GPA is currently a 2.27.
- The transition period with officers feels a bit "lost in translation," so that needs to be addressed and fixed.
- There isn't currently anyone living in the house. We can float the house for another 1 year, but that's about it (WYO)
- The ritual equipment is in disarray, considering the GC spend a lot of money on it all.
- The Chapter needs to get back on track, but the outlook is super positive!

Brother Pat Carey has Brother Wilkinson read through the "Order of Formal Meetings" with the amendments.

Brother Pat Defoe pointed out there should be three theta's, "Theta, Theta, *Theta*, Gamma.

Brother Carey agreed and stated that if that was the only change needed, he would make that change, tonight, and place the amended copy in the President's binder.

Brother Roger Willingham makes a motion to accept the "Order of Formal Meetings" as amended. 2nd by Many? PASSES.

**Motion to adjourn meeting- 2nd by many. Passed by Many  
Meeting adjourned at 8:4PM February 22nd.**

**Day 2, February 23rd, 2019. 8:00AM: Meeting called to Order.**

Prayer is led by Brother Daniel Horton, AKA WYO!

-Brother Pat Carey: All the corrections were made last night to the "Order of Formal Meetings" and updated into the President's Binder.

Brother Joe "Bizzle" Bithorn presented his GC Editor Report along with the GAMMA report. Please see above report.

Brother Ortega: I meant to say this yesterday during my report, but, ALPHA needs a shadow box.

Brother Carey selects Breakout Group participants:

- Grand Council Nominees reported to Brother Roger Willingham's "Course of Instruction."
- Active Chapter Members will attend "The Order of Formal Meeting" workshop with Brother Boire.
- Grand Council Officers will attend their Ritual Work.

Brother Joe Alamia:

Nominations are open for Grand Council Executive Board are:

- Vice Grand Exalted Master
- Grand Treasurer
- Grand Alumni Secretary

Motion to open Nominations by Brother Willingham, 2nd by many/ PASSES

**VGEM:**

Motion to open VGEM Nominations by Brother Willingham, 2nd by many/ PASSES

1. Brother Bithorn is nominated by Brother Willingham, 2nd by Many/ ACCEPTS
2. Brother Brandon Remy by Brother Defoe/ DECLINED

Motion to close Nominations for VGEM, 2nd by Many/PASSES

**GT:**

Motion to open GT Nominations by Brother Willingham, 2nd by many/PASSES

1. Brother Barcomb is nominated, declines
2. Brother Patrick Boire is nominated by Brother Wilkinson, declines.
3. Brother Webster is nominated by Brother Rivera, 2nd/ ACCEPTS
4. Brother Crivelli by Brother Bithorn, 2nd/ACCEPTS

Motion to close nominations for GAS by Brother Wilkinson, 2nd/PASSES

**GAS:**

Motion to open GAS Nominations by Brother Defoe:, 2nd/PASSES

1. Brother Angely Ortega is nominated by MANY, 2nd/Accepts
2. Brother Fitzgerald nominated by Brother Defoe/declines.

Motion to close GAS nominations by Brother Fitzgerald.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NONE!**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:55AM for LUNCH**

**Chapter Reports/ Corporate Board Reports:** *(Some will be reiterated from the above Visitation by GC Members)*

Meeting called to order at 12:50.

Brother Wilkinson completed the read through of the Constitution.

Motion to accept the Amended Constitution by Brother Gilbert/ 2nd by many/PASSES

**Chapter/ Corporate Board Reports:**

**ALPHA:**

- Recognition by the school is continuing to go well.
- Hours that still need to be completed by the current active members of the chapter is 215 hours but have completed 385 hours of COM. Service.
- We have one pledge this semester.
- We are in need of a new shadow box.

**GAMMA:**

- We have 10 pledges this semester
- We have completed the 3rd floor painting
- We have the 2nd highest GPA for ALL greeks with 2.98
- 5 Graduating brothers this semester
- 9 Brothers returning.
- Gamma has its Centennial coming up
- Our haunted house fundraiser did really well, even though we had to purchase some of the decorations.
- We are shy pledge pins.

**CORPORATE BOARD:**

- We lost a few brothers recently, and wanted to make sure we do a moment of silence for those brothers.
- House relations with the school is really good.
- Treasurer: We can pay 1 full year without any tenants, that's where we stand financially.

- Oversight Committee:
  - All books are in order, Thanks goes out to Brother Gilbert!
- Clambake is May 4th! Price went up, 85 per couple or 45 single
- We have spent a total of 30K on Capital Improvement.
- The Centennial Celebration will be held June 19th-21st and the board is working with the Alumni Department.
- March 9th, there will be a board meeting at the Bithorn's!

#### **DELTA**

- A lot of brothers are not in good standing
  - We are currently working on a solution to this problem.
- Trying hard to get back on Campus
- Not pledging currently due to not being recognized on campus
- School officials have requested that we not wear our letters, but is this legal?
- Yet to find advisor on campus
  - Possibly Brother Ed Brink?
- Pledging is now called "Intaking"

#### **CORPORATE BOARD**

- Trying to get stuff together for the Chapter, provide as much help as we can.
- Alumni program under way to get some more Alumni together.
  - Need to focus on house and financials
  - 1 year left to float the house, which is about 10K
  - Alumni fundraising has helped tremendously
  - We need a class!
  - School is making it really hard
  - We have seen a turnaround with involvement through alumni!

#### **NU**

- We currently have 14 actives
- GPA is currently a 2.6
- 111 community service hours
- \$800.00 to Cystic Fibrosis campaign.
- We are on good terms with the school
- OFF PROBATION in the Fall
- 2 pledges are in, 2 broke (FALL 18)
- We have a new house tortoise!

#### **CORPORATE BOARD:**

- Alumni meetings are going well!
- New website active now, [nuthetagamma.org](http://nuthetagamma.org)
  - We'd love to link it to the website
- Alumni/Active relationships are good
- House account is currently at \$37,000, we are close to our goal of about \$45,000
- July get together is starting to pick up steam again, be at 66 Broad street for this coming year.



- We have about 175 brothers currently on an updated contact list.
- Corp. finances are good
- Ring Fundraiser has begun, 25 dollars per ring, and 5 dollars for shipping.
- Monthly Alumni newsletter being e-mailed. Good Response
- May 4th is the Spring Formal, sorry Gamma

Brother Carey:

We are in need of brothers for the website. We need brothers that know what they're doing with that specific technology.

- Our 2019 goal is to develop a committee approach to the website updates. And utilize brothers from each chapter.

Motion to reopen nominations by brother Willingham/2nd/PASSES

- Motion to reopen nominations for Grand Editor by Brother Willingham/2nd by Brother Fitzgerald/PASSES
  - Brother Fitzgerald nominates Brother Brandon Remey/2nd/ACCEPTS
  - Motion to close nominations/2nd/PASSES

Brother Crivelli accepts Grand Treasurer

Brother Ortega accepts Grand Alumni Secretary

Brother Bithorn accepts the Grand Vice President

Motion to cast white ballot by Brother Wilkinson/2nd by Brother Alamia/PASSES

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

March 16th, there will be a brother get together with the help of Brother Jameson who's hosting, 9PM Glens Falls King Pin Bowling

May 4th is Nu's Banquet, along with Clambake for GAMMA

Discussions begin on the 2020 Grand Council Convention

- Brother Gilbert, explained how much he loved coming to Lake George but would like the 2020 Convention hosted at GAMMA due to the Centennial Celebration. And possibly due it in March?
- GAMMA would write up a formal petition.
  - Discussion was had by many as to the pros and cons of moving the GCC, the benefits of being at the FT. William Henry.....
- Brother Alamia explained that costs could go up for us as much as 40 percent. Due to the deal we are currently receiving at the Fort.

A vote was had:

- 15 to 10 to stay at the current location for 2020.

Again, the Centennial celebration is going to be in June of 2020, the 19th through the 20th. Campus rooms are available for that date. GAMMA would like as many brothers to attend as possible!

Brother Boire:

Please be accurate in your numbers attending this convention, it cost us money regardless and we spend money we don't need to spend some times.

MOTION TO ADJOURN CONVENTION/ Brother Alamia/2nd/ PASSES  
2019 GRAND COUNCIL CONVENTION  
Adjourned at 4:15PM Saturday, February 23rd

ROLL CALL  
FRIDAY, February 22nd, 2019

Greg Gilbert  
Patrick Defoe  
Jason Fitzgerald  
Brandon Remey  
Pasquale Crivelli JR  
Spencer Brink  
Aaron Bovee  
John Guercio  
Darren Barcomb  
Pat Martin  
Phil Perazzo  
Pat Boire  
Rafael Rivera  
Scott Webster  
Otis Edwards  
Luke Wilkinson  
Jonathan Side  
Pat Carey  
Roger Willingham  
Dan Horton  
Angely Ortega

SATURDAY, February 23rd

Richie Dean  
Thomas Mangiacasale  
Jason Fitzgerald  
Brandon Remey  
Otis Edwards  
Thomas Germain  
Scott Webster  
Rafael Rivera  
Pat Boire  
Phil Perazzo

Pat Martin  
Darren Barcomb  
Aaron Bovee  
Jean Pepin  
Jon Side  
PJ Crivelli  
Spencer Brink  
Lucian Tote  
Joe Alamia  
Zachary Spekczynski  
Dan Horton  
Roger Willingham  
Joe Bothon  
Pat Carey  
Luke Wilkinson  
Angely Ortega  
Pat Defoe  
Greg Gilbert