



KAPPA ALPHA ORDER
NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
AT MULBERRY HILL

TO: Active Chapters
Alumni Chapters
Province Commanders
Chief Alumnus
Former Knight Commanders

FROM: Larry Stanton Wiese, Executive Director

DATE: January 21, 2010

RE: Amendment of *Kappa Alpha Laws*, R16-113

After long, patient and careful consideration, the Executive Council has adopted the following amendments (sections (d) and (e)) to *Kappa Alpha Laws* R16-113 which further clarify the intent of section (b) of that Regulation first considered in 1951 and adopted in 1984:

R16-113. DISPLAY OF CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG, OLD SOUTH AND/OR DIXIE BALLS, CHAPTER CANNONS, CONFEDERATE UNIFORMS, AND PARADES

(a) The Confederate Battle Flag. *Adopted June 8, 1972; amended November 5, 1978 and April 6, 2001; Rescinded October 20, 2001.*

(b) Old South Ball and/or Dixie Ball. The Old South Ball and/or Dixie Ball has evolved since 1920 as a traditional social function of some Active Chapters of the Order for the purpose of celebrating and perpetuating the social attributes of courtesy, graciousness, and open hospitality, which were values of the Old South and were prominent in Virginia when our Order was founded in 1865. These chapter functions have never been prescribed, nor recommended by the Order. The chapters have been admonished by the Order since 1951 that if they sponsor an Old South Ball and/or Dixie Ball, the event must be conducted with restraint and dignity and without displays of trappings and symbols which might be misinterpreted and objectionable to the general public, and further, the Old South Ball and/or Dixie Ball and all activities connected therewith shall be conducted in accord with the regulations and policies of the institution where each chapter is located. *Adopted November 4, 1984.*

(c) Chapter Cannons. No chapter may own, rent, or use an operable cannon. If a chapter chooses to own a cannon for decorative purposes, the cannon must be made permanently

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inoperative by filling the barrel with cement or like substance to preclude any projectile from being shot from the barrel. *Adopted April 9, 1988.*

(d) Confederate Uniforms. Consistent with the language of section (b) above, “trappings and symbols” includes, but is not limited to, Confederate uniforms.

(e) Parades. Further consistent with section (b), chapters shall not sponsor, conduct, nor participate in parades where members wear Confederate uniforms.

This regulation was announced at the Number 1's Leadership Institute on January 9, and was distributed to the Advisory Council on that same date. In today's climate, the Order can ill afford to offend our host institutions and fend off significant negative national press and remain effective at our core mission, which is to aid young men in becoming better community leaders and citizens.

xc: Executive Council
Staff