



KAPPA ALPHA ORDER
National Administrative Office
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OFFICIAL CALL FOR THE 79TH CONVENTION

TO: Active Chapters, Alumni Chapters and Commissions
Former Knight Commanders
Province Commanders
Caleb L. Lambert, National Undergraduate Chairman
Douglas B. Harris, Chief Alumnus

FROM: Larry Stanton Wiese
Executive Director

DATE: January 20, 2021

Lexington, Va., January 20, 2021

The Seventy-ninth Convention of the Kappa Alpha Order is hereby called to meet at 3 o'clock P.M. Thursday, July 29, 2021, in the city of Phoenix, Arizona.

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Pursuant to Section 131 of the Constitution, the 41st Executive Council has selected and designated that the 79th Session of the Convention shall be held at the Arizona Biltmore, 400 East Missouri Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, from July 29 through July 31, 2021. The Opening Meeting for the Convention is currently scheduled to begin on July 29, at three o'clock in the afternoon, Mountain Time.

Composition and Voting. Section 121 of the Constitution provides in pertinent part for representation at the Convention as follows:

“The Convention shall be composed of the Former Knight Commanders, the General Officers, the Province Commanders, the National Undergraduate Chairman, the Chief Alumnus and one delegate from each qualified Active Chapter, Alumni Chapter and Commission in attendance as members of the Convention. Each member of the Convention shall vote in person and shall be entitled to one vote only.”

Alumni Chapter Qualifications. In order for an Alumni Chapter to qualify for representation at the Convention, it must meet the requirements as stated in Article 11, Section 122 of the Bylaws:

“Every Alumni Chapter to be recognized as a unit of the Order and to be qualified for representation at... Convention shall from year to year comply with requirements as follows:

- (1) **Hold at least one meeting** in each calendar year,*
- (2) **Elect officers annually** and report their election to the National Administrative Office,*

- (3) **File an Annual Report** of the activities of the Alumni Chapter in the prescribed form, **on or before June 1**, which Annual Report shall contain the names and current addresses of the officers of the Alumni Chapter, and the names and current mailing addresses of all enrolled members of the Alumni Chapter,
- (4) **Pay Biennial Alumni Chapter dues** in the amount set by the Executive Council, which dues shall be assessed due and payable between **May 1 and June 1**, the payment of which shall commence a biennium of recognition for the Alumni Chapter,
- (5) Maintain a **membership** of at least **ten enrolled members** who have currently paid dues to the chapter, and
- (6) **Comply annually** with all **IRS, federal, and state** guidelines regarding non-profit organizations.

An Alumni Chapter which has accomplished all of the foregoing requirements by June 1, shall be entitled to representation at Convention ...”

Credentials. Article 2, Section 213 of the Bylaws states:

“Upon the election or designation of delegates and alternate delegates to any Convention, the I and III of each Active Chapter, any two officers of an Alumni Chapter, and any two appointed members of a Commission, shall execute Convention credentials provided by the Executive Director. For Active Chapters such credentials shall be filed prior to the opening meeting of the Convention. For Alumni Chapters and Commissions such credentials shall be filed at least 10 days prior to the opening meeting of the Convention. Each delegate and alternate delegate shall present a copy of his credentials to the Credentials Committee of the Convention.”

Further, R2-213 of the Regulations provides:

- (a) *Credentials shall be deemed filed if transmitted to the Executive Director at least 10 days prior to the convening date of the Convention. Amended July 31, 2019.*
- (b) *Credentials received by the Executive Director by facsimile on or before that date which is 10 days prior to the convening date of the Convention shall be considered filed with the Executive Director provided the original executed credential is received by the Executive Director on or before the convening date of the Convention.*

Active Chapter Credentials should be filed online as soon as possible:

www.kappaalphaoorder.org/convention/active-chapter-credential/

Deadline is before the Opening Meeting of Convention.

Alumni Chapter and Commission Credentials should be filed online as soon as possible:

www.kappaalphaoorder.org/convention/alumni-chapter-commission-credential/

Deadline is Monday, July 19, 2021.

Amending the Constitution at Convention. Section 711 of the Constitution states:

*“A proposal to be presented to the Convention to amend this Constitution shall be filed with the Executive Director of the Order at least sixty days prior to the opening date fixed for the Convention and the Executive Director shall mail copies of any proposed amendments to each Active Chapter, Alumni Chapter and Commission, to the National Undergraduate Chairman, and to each General Officer, each Province Commander, and each Former Knight Commander thirty days prior to the opening date fixed for the Convention. **In any year in which the Convention is to be held during the month of June, July, August or September a proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be filed with the Executive Director not later than March 15 of that year and the Executive Director shall, not later than April 15 of that year, transmit copies of any proposed amendments, properly filed, to the recipients enumerated herein.**”*

Amending the Bylaws at Convention. Article 15, Section 211 of the Bylaws states:

“The Bylaws of the Order may be amended

- (a) By majority vote of the Convention if the proposed amendment was submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the date and time of the vote thereon, or*
- (b) By a two-thirds vote of the Convention on a proposal presented less than 24 hours prior to the Convention vote thereon.”*

Registration for Convention. Registration will soon be live and available at www.KappaAlphaOrder.org/Convention.

Considerations regarding COVID-19. Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the Executive Council will continue to engage with the Order’s COVID-19 Advisory Committee. The leadership will monitor public health conditions, travel and gathering restrictions, and other factors. While this Call for Convention is officially issued, pursuant to Section 133 of the Constitution the Executive Council reserves the right to cancel or postpone the Convention, or alternatively, select a new location with proper notice.

This concludes the Call for the 79th Convention. Additional information may be obtained on the website at www.KappaAlphaOrder.org/Convention, or by calling the National Administrative Office.

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