



**KAPPA ALPHA ORDER**  
National Administrative Office  
at Mulberry Hill

**OFFICIAL CALL FOR THE 80th CONVENTION**

TO: Active Chapters, Alumni Chapters and Commissions  
Former Knight Commanders  
Province Commanders  
Zachary C. Burks, National Undergraduate Chairman

FROM: Larry Stanton Wiese  
Executive Director

DATE: January 19, 2023

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*Lexington, Va., January 19, 2023*

*The Eightieth Convention of the Kappa Alpha Order is hereby called to meet at 3 o'clock P.M. Thursday, August 10, 2023, in the city of Orlando, Florida.*

*C. Douglas Simmons III,  
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Pursuant to Section 131 of the Constitution, the 42nd Executive Council has selected and designated that the 80th Session of the Convention shall be held at the J.W. Marriott Grande Lakes, 4040 Central Florida Parkway, Orlando, Florida, from August 10 through August 12, 2023. The Opening Meeting for the Convention is currently scheduled to begin on August 10, at three o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern 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, 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 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. The Executive Director shall present a copy of the credentials of each delegate and alternate to the Credentials Committee.”*

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/](http://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/](http://www.kappaalphaoorder.org/convention/alumni-chapter-commission-credential/)

*Deadline is Monday, July 31, 2023.*

**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 at least sixty days prior to the opening date fixed for the Convention. The Executive Director shall transmit copies of properly filed proposed amendments to the Former Knight Commanders, the General Officers, the Province Commanders, the National Undergraduate Chairman, and the Active Chapters, Alumni Chapters, and Commissions at least 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 he shall, not later than April 15 of that year, transmit copies of properly filed proposed amendments to the recipients enumerated herein.**”*

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

*“The Bylaws 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](http://www.KappaAlphaOrder.org/Convention).

This concludes the Call for the 80th Convention. Additional information may be obtained on the website at [www.KappaAlphaOrder.org/Convention](http://www.KappaAlphaOrder.org/Convention), or by calling the National Administrative Office.

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