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GRAND CHAPTER
Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity

July 31 – August 3, 2014 | Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans, LA

Official Call 46th Grand Chapter

Contained herein by reference and to be found at: www.sigmataugamma.org

- 46th Grand Chapter Procedures
- Proposed Legislation
- Candidate Declarations
- Schedule of Events
- House of Delegates Agenda

If you do not have access to the Internet, you may request printed documents by calling Brenna at the HQ office: (660) 747-2222.

Brothers:

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc., assembles its supreme governing body, the Grand Chapter, just once every two years. The 46th assembly of the Grand Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma will begin its activities Thursday, July 31, 2014, and the House of Delegates will convene Friday, August 1, 2014, at the Monteleone Hotel in the heart of the French Quarter, New Orleans, Louisiana. This year we are dedicating the Grand Chapter to our Principle of Excellence.

This is your **official call to the 46th Grand Chapter. Every chapter and provisional chapter is required to attend and participate.** The business agenda of the Grand Chapter will include the election of the President-elect and the Board of Directors and consideration of amendments to the Constitution and Laws of the Fraternity.

Representation at the Grand Chapter is so important that the Fraternity Laws **require** the Fraternity to fine any chapter that is not represented. **The fine for not attending is \$500.** The annual convention fee cannot be used as a credit against the fine. Think about this in the same way chapter bylaws require members to attend meetings. Your chapter is a member of the Grand Chapter. Attendance is critical. Every chapter should budget at least that amount (\$500) to assist its delegation with travel costs.

You have already paid most of the cost for this convention through the annual Convention Fee. The Early-Bird registration for each undergraduate member from a chapter in good standing is a nominal \$59 each. There is no limit to the number of members who can attend at this rate. This is an ideal opportunity

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to enjoy a life changing experience. Brotherhood demands that we encourage our future leaders to take advantage of this opportunity. If we fail to do so, the advantage is lost. It does not carry to a future year. Bring as many members as possible. There is no limit.

Elect your delegates. Chapters with fewer than forty members are entitled to two voting delegates. Chapters with forty or more members are entitled to three delegates. Understand that no delegate may cast more than one vote. Delegates represent the members of your chapter.

Members who are not delegates will participate in the *Bernier Institute for Chapter Development* or the *Recruitment College*. This is a wonderful opportunity to share a learning experience with brothers from across the nation.

The early-bird registration fee for undergraduates from a chapter not in good standing is \$299. The early-bird registration for alumni is also \$299.

What if my chapter owes money to the Fraternity?

Chapters with past due accounts to the Fraternity may qualify their delegates for the right to vote and access the discounted registration if their 2013-2014 bills are paid in full by July 30, 2014. That is, if your chapter owes for accounts that predate July 1, 2013, your chapter may still qualify if all accounts are paid for fiscal year 2014 (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.)

If you are unsure of your chapter's standing, contact the Fraternity headquarters.

How is a provisional chapter represented?

Provisional chapters are represented in the same way as chartered chapters except that their delegates have a voice, but no vote. The rules regarding mandatory participation apply to provisional chapters.

How are alumni associations and alumni chapters represented?

Alumni organizations that are registered with the Fraternity Headquarters are eligible to have one voting delegate. Alumni who are not delegates participate in the educational programs. Alumni association participants pay the \$299 convention registration fee.

Registration information is available at the Fraternity website: www.sigmataugamma.org.

Or you may call our staff at: (660) 747-2222. We are at your service. Let us help you register.

Also available at the website (www.sigmataugamma.org) is the Program Schedule, House of Delegates Agenda, Grand Chapter Procedures, Proposed Legislation and information on candidates for the offices of President-elect and Member at Large on the Board of Directors.

Note that this email is **OFFICIAL NOTICE** of proposed amendments to the Fraternity Constitution and Laws as required by the relevant articles and laws contained therein. Attached is a Schedule of Proposed Amendments and the individual specific amendment proposals are incorporated as posted on the Fraternity's web site are herein incorporated by reference. These proposals are submitted by the Board of Directors or Constitution & Laws Task Force. Your chapter delegates are expected to avail themselves to this information and become fully informed about the questions before them.

If any member of your delegation is not able to access this information electronically, he may request a hard copy by telephoning Brenna Seger at (660) 747-2222.

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You will want to arrive at the Grand Chapter Wednesday, July 30, 2014 in order to take advantage of one of the pre-convention excursions. In any case, plan to arrive no later than Thursday afternoon (July 31, 2014) in order to process your credentials through the Credentials Committee and attend the opening meal and ceremonies.

HIGHLIGHTS!

Annual Awards Banquet: Top Chapters and undergraduate leaders will be honored at the Grand Chapter Annual Awards Banquet, Saturday evening in the Royal Ballroom of the Monteleone Hotel. Assure that your chapter has every opportunity for recognition by completing and submitting the applications for the Edward H. McCune Distinguished Chapter Award, Ellsworth C. Dent Man of the Year Award, and Stan Musial/Eric Hillman Sportsmanship Award and Scholarship. Your McCune Distinguished Chapter application will also serve as your application for the Earl A. Webb Most Improved Chapter, Robert Nagel Jones Charitable Projects Award, Emmett Ellis Chapter Scholarship Award, and W. T. Hembree Chapter Leadership Award. The Annual Awards banquet is black tie optional (tuxedo optional – suit and tie required).

Steamboat Natchez Dinner Cruise: Friday evening features a Mississippi River dinner cruise on this historic Steamboat Natchez. The Natchez is a genuine paddlewheeler powered by steam engines built in 1925. Dress is business casual. The official grand chapter photograph will be taken at this time.


Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler Opening Ceremonies: Thursday evening we “Let the good times roll” with a New Orleans style dinner. Some of the awards will be presented at this event. President Morgan will give the State of the Fraternity address.


Pre-convention Excursions: Take a walking tour of the French Quarter, see the World War II museum or go on a fan boat Swamp Tour. These events begin at 9:00 AM on Thursday, July 31, 2014. Advance reservations and an additional fee are required for the Swamp Tour.

Lodging: Our room rate at the Hotel Monteleone is \$109 for Wednesday and Thursday nights and \$199 for Friday and Saturday nights. That works out to an average of \$154 per night for the four nights. We are also offering an alternative lodging option. We have a block of rooms reserved at the Marriott Hotel on Canal Street at \$120 per night. The Marriott is five blocks from the Monteleone. Visit our website for directions on making your reservation. All rates are before taxes.

It is our honor to serve you as president and executive vice president and we look forward to meeting with you in the spirit of the Principle of Excellence as we conduct the important business of the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally yours,


Thomas C. Morgan (Phi '85), JD, CPA, EMF
37th National President


William P. Bernier, CAE, DMF
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