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GRAND COUNCIL CONVENTION: HIGHLIGHTS By Rachel Stein

Kappa Psi hosted the 58th Grand Council Convention (GCC) in Naples, Florida in August. This five day long conference was packed with opportunities and information that we think should be shared. This national event provided invaluable opportunities for bonding, networking, and growth that will help all of the chapters become better. The sessions were very informative for brothers who have never been, while offering new and exciting knowledge to those that have been.

A few brothers from our Province detailed their favorite sessions, including the General Session I, General Session II, Collegiate Conversations, and Province Updates. The first general session opened with the tying of the Golden Bow by Grand Ritualist Jason Milton and Grand Regent Latha Radhakrishnan who were dressed in formal attire. Lead by the executive members, the second general session highlighted how much of an impact our Brothers make towards the future. Victoria Miller, Regent of Beta Rho at University of Mississippi (Oxford) said, "I really enjoyed the collegiate conversations session. I was able to hear a lot of ideas to implement in our chapter that other chapters already do. I was also able to hear issues other chapters have had and how they solved the problem." Brooke Gooderham, Regent of Psi at UTHSC, found Collegiate Conversations insightful because they discussed pertinent information. She summarized the session as, "[It was] a chance for brothers from chapters all over the country to talk about new and innovating ways that they conduct rush. The session also provided members in attendance the chance to ask questions and look for solutions about issues they were having with rush, fundraising efforts, and retaining older brothers as they enter their later years of pharmacy school." Province updates was a fan favorite because it showed the impact of Kappa Psi across the nation and showcased all of the chapter's individual accomplishments.

GCC was a life-changing experience for all participants as it showcased how great our Brothers are and the impact our chapter has across the nation. Connor Stuart, former Psi Regent, current P3 representative, and Gulf Coast Province Fundraising Chair at UTHSC said, "seeing Kappa Psi on more than just a chapter level is a completely different experience and really helped to deepen my love and appreciation for Kappa Psi." Attending GCC or Province meetings are indispensable experiences that help us grow as Brothers across the nation.



GCC SPOTLIGHT: EARL MORRIS

For many collegiate brothers, the 58th GCC was their first national Kappa Psi meeting. Brother Gamma Omega Regent Earl Morris was able to share his experience.

“As a fraternity member, you always hear, “you get as much out of it as you put in.” When it comes to Kappa Psi and GCC, that couldn’t be more true. I have been active in my own chapter and attended the GCP winter conclave in New Orleans, but GCC is so much different. It really gives you so much of a broader view of the fraternity – a view that you only get a glimpse of through interactions within your chapter and province. The ability to learn, collaborate, and network with both collegiate brothers and established graduate brothers is unlike any professional meeting I have ever attended. I would say that the most important thing that I took away from GCC was that I have brothers from all over who not only are willing to help me whenever needed (whether personal or professional advice), but also genuinely want to see me succeed. The ability to collaborate and improve personally has spilled over into my chapter, and I have brought back many ideas and a new passion for the fraternity. I now understand better that “Kappa Psi is for life” and will be returning for years to come.”



ZETA UPSILON CHARTERING

With the addition of the Zeta Upsilon chapter at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, the Gulf Coast Province has grown to nine collegiate chapters. As August 19th approached, brothers across the province made preparations to attend the chartering ceremony in Jackson. Carpools were arranged, hotel arrangements were set, and warm welcomes were in tow. Several brothers



outside the province made the effort to attend as well. Excitement abounded as brothers were able to meet their newest brothers from Union University. Stories about favorite memories were shared and excitement for the upcoming assembly was instilled into the brothers of Zeta Upsilon.

MESSAGE FROM THE SATRAP

Hello Brothers of the Gulf Coast Province! GCP had an excellent showing in Naples at GCC and we definitely want to keep the momentum and forward progress going. I want to give a special shout out to Gamma Zeta for their showing in the Top 10 International Collegiate Chapters at #9 and both Psi and Delta Eta for garnering Top Performing Chapter Awards. I also want to welcome both our newest collegiate chapter, Zeta Upsilon from Union University who were chartered on August 19th, as well as our new province supervisors Harry Marcelin and CJ Duru!! We are excited to welcome you to GCP and are excited to see the great ideas you bring to our province. Your executive committee is hard at work completing the charges assigned to us and planning a great Winter Assembly and we hope that you can all make it to Birmingham to fellowship with us in January 2018. With that in mind, please be thinking about nominating worthy brothers from your chapters for province office or think about volunteering for a province committee. Your Province Executive Committee exists to serve you and we can't function without your help, input, and thoughts. So even if you're on the fence, throw your name into the ring and get involved! You may be the catalyst needed to take our province to the next level.



-Fernando Diggs, Pharm.D.

THE
GULF COAST PROVINCE

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO JOIN US
FOR

WINTER ASSEMBLY 2018

HOSTED BY GAMMA ZETA
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
JANUARY 5-7, 2018

The brothers of Gamma Zeta could not be more excited to host the Gulf Coast Province Winter Assembly in Birmingham, Alabama the weekend of January 5-7, 2018! Our brothers have been working tirelessly to plan an incredible and productive meeting.

The city of Birmingham, in a sense, parallels the growth and development of our province. In recent years, the city has seen an explosion in growth and investment in the city's culture by locals. The rapidly growing food scene has garnered national attention from the likes of NPR and BuzzFeed. Entertainment options in the city have grown exponentially. Locals have taken great pride in the growth of their city. When looking at the development of the city, it's almost uncanny how the story of Birmingham compares to that of the Gulf Coast Province. Since realignment of the provinces, the Gulf Coast has been in a season of finding identity and seeking where it flourishes. The investment of time and dedication to the growth of province has created a true sense of pride in what the culture we've created.

During our meeting, we hope that your weekend with us will strengthen the fraternal bonds you've created. We have many exciting plans in the works and plan for registration to go live very, very soon. We look forward to your visit to our burgeoning city!

-Keith Foster, Immediate Past Regent





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Gulf Cost Province Officer Elections FAQ Sheet

Nomination Process Timeline:

1. Nominations for the 2018 GCP Winter Assembly Opens on: **October 20th, 2017**
2. Nominations must occur via the GCP official nominations form. The form may be located on the GCP official website <https://kappapsigulfcoastprovince.weebly.com/elections.html> under the Elections Tab or may be requested from the Gulf Coast Satrap.
3. Nominations may only be submitted by a Brother who is a member of a Gulf Coast Province chapter. Both the nominating Brother and chapter must be considered in good standing to submit a form.
4. The form must be signed and forwarded to the Satrap at least **30 days** (December 7th, 2017) prior to the actual business meeting date: **January 6th, 2017**
5. Once correctly submitted:
 - a. Satrap/Vice Satrap will confirm receipt of nomination within **3 business days**
 - b. Satrap/Vice Satrap will notify each member of the office for which nominated.
 - c. Nominees will have **3 business days** to accept or decline nomination.
6. Satrap/Vice Satrap will forward all nominations to the Elections Committee
 - a. To complete credentialing process for all candidates.
 - b. Provide a report to the Satrap of eligible candidates within **5 working days**
7. Nominee becomes a candidate for office ONLY IF:
 - a. Acceptance of nomination for that office AND
 - b. Meets eligibility criteria as verified by the Elections Committee and Satrap
8. Nominee's found to be ineligible for office:
 - a. Will be contacted by the Satrap within **2 business days** of the Elections Committee's report as to the reason of ineligibility.
 - b. Nominee's will have **2 business days** to submit documentation challenging the ineligibility.
 - c. The Elections Committee will provide a final ruling on eligibility to the Satrap within 48 hours of receiving the documentation.
9. Eligible candidates for office should submit a short biography to the Gulf Coast Province Historian no later than 14 days prior to the start of the business meeting.
10. The Publications Committee will have 5 business days to email the province historian with nominee biographies under the official Gulf Coast Province website <https://kappapsigulfcoastprovince.weebly.com/elections.html> under a subsection determined appropriate.
 - a. Late submissions shall not be accepted for publication on the Gulf Coast Province website.

Instances in which nominations may be made from the floor of the Assembly:

1. All or all but one (1) nominee withdraws
2. Any nominee for any office is nominated for another office.
3. The nominee is a previously approved candidate that has not yet been elected to a position at that Winter Assembly.