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David Tapscott, Regional Sire Archon

[00:00:00] If you have questions concerning the legal matter, those will be deferred to our Grand General Counsel.

[00:00:06] So does anybody have any questions for the Grand Sire Archon about what he plans to do for the fraternity going forward?

[00:00:15] Okay, I’m sure there’s going to be next.

[00:00:18] If you have legal questions, line up in the middle.

[00:00:21] The mics are being walked down.

[00:00:23] We’re going to do 15 minutes, hard stop.

[00:00:27] with the Grand General Counsel, if there are any questions.

[00:00:30] I see nobody lining up, so I’m not going to beg you.

[00:00:33] So we thank you, Grand Sire, for your report.

[00:00:36] Thank you.

[00:00:45] At this time, I will call Grand Grammateus Darryl Searcy to the mic for any comments.

[00:00:49] There you go.

[00:01:08] Okay, Grand Gr03:33ammateus, if you give us a second.

[00:01:11] The grand sire has said, given all of the cigar talk, that it's at least informative, since we have the Grand General Counsel here, for him to give us an update.

[00:01:22] So we will shift back and allow Grand General Counsel Jordan to give a few comments on the legal situation.

Lloyd Jordan, Grand General Counsel

[00:01:34] Good morning, Archons.

[00:01:35] Good morning.

[00:01:36] Just to bring you up, we've probably had enough going back and forth from these emails and people guessing and talking trash about what went on.

[00:01:45] But as you know, Archon Douglassss sued the fraternity

[00:01:50] request for reinstatement to the position of Grant Sire Archon.

[00:01:53] And I'm not going to talk about any good details in regards that might cost.

[00:01:59] Attorney-client privilege, strategies, work products, and that's one of the reasons that.

[00:02:05] Grant Sire Archon Tyson punted because I won't let him talk about, hold him back because anything that he may say in.

[00:02:15] Behalf this organization can be used possibly as admission and sometimes we don't.

[00:02:19] When we start talking about legal things, we have to be careful.

[00:02:21] Most lawyers out there understand that if you benefit in a litigation matter, your lawyer told you, Don't you talk to anybody about anything, anyhow, I'll do all the talking.

[00:02:31] And so that applies to you.

[00:02:32] But let me say one other thing before I go a little bit further.

[00:02:38] There's been a lot of phone calls, there's been a lot of emails to the grand sire office from lawyers.

[00:02:45] I represent

[00:02:47] Sigma Pi Phi attorney as his lawyer and the grand board members.

[00:02:51] And I don't have to talk about candidates about attorneys talking to you. (GARBLED)

[00:02:55] Somebody else is calling us.

[00:02:58] I mean that sincerely.

[00:02:59] If there's something you want to convey, talk to me.

[00:03:03] But give them advice, trying to negotiate the settlements, you know it's out of bounds.

[00:03:11] Call me.

[00:03:12] Let's talk about it.

[00:03:13] But as you know,

[00:03:15] This matter's in Philadelphia Orphan's Court.

[00:03:19] How did it get to Orphan's Court?

[00:03:21] Well, in Pennsylvania, any matter that deals with a not-for-profit goes to their Orphan's Court, which is basically their probate court and their child custody and care court.

[00:03:33] And so this matter's there, and it's something that was unusual for them to try to handle, and the judges were kind of taken aback about what to do, because they're usually dealing with probate matters, and most of that's accounting.

[00:03:44] for wills and estates.

[00:03:45] So a hearing was held on Archon Douglass's request, preliminary injunction request to be returned to Grand Sire.

[00:03:53] The court denied that, meaning the fraternity won in behalf of denying his return.

[00:03:58] The court had a lot of reasons, and particularly one good thing is that the fraternity is basically in good hands under Grand Sire Archon Tyson, and there's no reason to rock the boat at this point.

[00:04:10] The court did talk on about

[00:04:14] a few other things, and I'm going to get to that.

[00:04:16] But there's a couple of things that's important here.

[00:04:18] The matter that's being tried in Philadelphia and the issues why Arkon Douglass was removed, the investigation committee's allegations, the investigation committee's findings are not challenged, nor have they ever been denied.

[00:04:36] Let me say that again, the allegations raised

[00:04:43] and investigated by the investigation committee, and their findings are not being challenged.

[00:04:49] But what is being challenged in this lawsuit is a question of the removal process.

[00:04:54] You know, there's things, especially lawyers, you know, when the facts are on your side, you pound the facts.

[00:04:59] When the law's on your side, you pound the law.

[00:05:01] And if neither one on your side, you just pound.

[00:05:06] And so there's a question about the number of votes.

[00:05:10] that the Grand Board had to remove Archon Douglass.

[00:05:14] And that's the issue really before the court.

[00:05:16] Also, he's suing the organization for defamation of character because of some of the memos that went out from the national office.

[00:05:24] One or two words that says that word should have been used because that means it's something else.

[00:05:29] It's in defaming.

[00:05:30] Not the allegations, not the findings, but the word that was in from President.

[00:05:38] And so this matter is still being litigated on those in the first phase of it, the court found in favor of eternity on that matter.

[00:05:47] The issue was whether or not the vote should have been a vote from the entire Grand Board.

[00:05:53] But section bylaw 24G says entire present and voting, which is pretty much ambiguous.

[00:06:00] There's a ruling on that by the Grand Constitutional Bylaws Committee.

[00:06:02] There's a ruling on that by the Executive Committee, who under our constitutional bylaws has the authority to do those types of interpretations.

[00:06:09] And said, it doesn't make sense to say entire president voting.

[00:06:13] However, the court issued in this order that denied Archon Douglass the right to return in his preliminary injunction, but denied his preliminary injunction.

[00:06:23] that at that moment of time, there may be a likelihood of success on the merit on that vote issue as presented by Archon Douglass, meaning that the entire board should vote.

[00:06:33] Well, I'm not even going to get it.

[00:06:39] I'm not going to question the judge on that, but if we get down the line, we'll be able to show the court what that means is it doesn't make sense because if you follow that even in the order itself, that means you're accused

[00:06:52] have to also vote, and after our time does an argument, have to vote in regards to the same matter.

[00:06:58] It's a whole Grand Board 14 episode.

[00:07:00] So let's assume there is a-- we have a Grand Dog Watch.

[00:07:06] And the Grand Dog Watch is on our board.

[00:07:08] And the Grand Dog Watch could have been convicted for doing something.

[00:07:13] And the board is trying to remove him from the Grand Dog Watcher's position.

[00:07:18] Only thing that person has to do is not show up for a meeting.

[00:07:23] And it's always going to be invalid.

[00:07:24] In fact, in this matter itself, in this matter itself, the board took a second vote.

[00:07:31] There were 13 board members in that meeting.

[00:07:34] 13.

[00:07:35] And when it came, the motion was made at the time, are you ready for the vote?

[00:07:41] Two of them dropped off the call off the video.

[00:07:44] The vote was 11 to zero.

[00:07:46] Subsequently, right after that,

[00:07:48] Those two, one of them sent a text message saying, You know that vote's not valid, because we weren't there enough to meet.

[00:07:56] The practical aspect of that is where we are.

[00:07:59] But regardless, a couple of things I want to say.

[00:08:04] Somebody's been bastardizing the court's ruling on the preliminary injunction.

[00:08:10] The fraternity won the preliminary injunction ruling.

[00:08:14] Grand Sire

[00:08:15] Grand Sire Tyson is our grand sire.

[00:08:21] But the words where it said, likely to succeed on the merits, on this one issue, is not a ruling, it's not a declaration, it's not the judge's decision.

[00:08:35] It means in a moment of time, I'm thinking right now, without having all the evidence, without going for a full trial, this is what I'm thinking possibly may happen.

[00:08:45] possibly may happen.

[00:08:47] And it's not conclusive.

[00:08:48] And I know I've seen stuff come across my desk that said, oh, he won.

[00:08:52] You see the court said this is blah, blah, blah, blah, and this means that we were wrong or blah, blah, blah.

[00:08:59] Likelihood of success on the merits means what this court may be thinking at that very moment of time pending the outcome of the final litigated matter.

[00:09:09] And you don't have to believe what I'm saying, let me tell you what the white folks say on the US Supreme Court.

[00:09:15] But sometimes we need them with other stuff.

[00:09:18] And the Supreme Court says, As a result, we have previously cautioned against improperly assuming that in a preliminary injunction that the words likelihood success on the marriage is tantamount to a decision on this marriage.

[00:09:34] It is not.

[00:09:38] Those who believe that do so at their own peril.

[00:09:41] University of Texas,

[00:09:43] Kaminsky, 451 U.S.

[00:09:45] 390.

[00:09:46] You can look it up, please.

[00:09:46] Go ahead and do it.

[00:09:48] Most recently, the Supreme Court case in 2025 at Latkey versus Stenning, 604 U.S.

[00:09:54] 194 says, likelihood and successful in America, it is fleeting.

[00:09:58] It does not establish that a person will prevail on an ongoing litigation.

[00:10:03] It's tentative.

[00:10:04] It's a view of what's what might happen in the future, but do not rely on that.

[00:10:09] If you do so, you

[00:10:11] But if you do so, you may be misdirected in your litigation theory.

[00:10:18] Do I need to read that again?

[00:10:19] No, sir.

[00:10:21] So that's where we are.

[00:10:23] It's a shame where we are.

[00:10:26] However, whether or not it's one vote more, one vote less, 8 to 4, 10 to 4, 11 to 3, 11 to 0.

[00:10:39] The issue here

[00:10:41] is that this grand board, your fiduciaries and trustees for this organization, especially in the backdrop of some fiscal issues that we had in the past, took the corrective action to have to remove a grand sire.

[00:10:57] That's drastic.

[00:10:59] That's drastic.

[00:11:00] So we can sit here all day and talk about was it two votes more, a hundred votes less, whatever the hell it was.

[00:11:07] The question is that we're supposed to be an organization of men of integrity,

[00:11:11] excellence, accountability, and high esteem.

[00:11:13] If you think we should have someone sitting in an office, sitting in an office where we have to raise that type of question and there are votes against that, then shame on us because I didn't believe that's the organization which I joined.

[00:11:25] What about the book?

[00:11:30] Look.

[00:11:30] I was just asked about

[00:11:42] Archon Douglass wrote a book, and I think it just came out last week.

[00:11:48] And, you know, we have another litigation action going.

[00:11:51] A fraternity filed in Georgia to stop the intellectual property rights violations, trademark violations, use of the fraternity's mailing lists and confidential documents and what have you.

[00:12:05] Well, Archon Douglass wrote a book that came out last week.

[00:12:11] And I don't know what happened, but this book is about, it's supposed to be to the black community and organizations at large.

[00:12:19] It's on sale to the public, \$50, to determine whether, how to move, to seize the future by collaborating and moving forward.

[00:12:29] But it's about Sigma Pi Phi throughout the book.

[00:12:33] And I don't want to comment too much more about where we're going to go and what we're going to do about that, but it's going to be part of moving on the litigation.

[00:12:41] Because I think somewhere before we had this thing called an oath that said we never revealed mysteries, secrets, tokens, rights of this organization.

[00:12:52] I'm just going to tell you one thing that's on page 11.

[00:12:55] This is one of several things in this book.

[00:13:00] Facing the challenges

[00:13:01] I'm going to read it straight from the book, because I don't want to get back to someone later.

[00:13:06] Somebody's going to get back to say that he said this, and it's going to say he said that, and then I'm going to be part of the lawsuit, but I don't give a damn.

[00:13:12] So I'm going to read it straight from the book.

[00:13:17] Page 11.

[00:13:17] And I'm not encouraging you to buy the book, and I'm not discouraging you to buy the book.

[00:13:24] Facing the challenges, despite his strength, Sigma Pi Phi is not without his internal obstacles.

[00:13:32] Weak but improving central operations.

[00:13:36] Inconsistent induction standards which impact archon quality.

[00:13:41] Fragmented alignment with organizational values and priorities.

[00:13:46] Cultural division for a priority rooted in the prior financial mismanagement and legal conflicts.

[00:13:54] Limited resources to modernize core operations.

[00:13:57] Structural barriers to the inter-organizational collaboration

[00:14:01] Lack of consensus on how to deploy a fraternity's considerable influence.

[00:14:04] And I'm not even going through the demographics in here about who makes up the boule.

[00:14:09] Income levels, educational levels, and all those things.

[00:14:13] So Archons, I'm saying to you, when I took the oath, and I hope you took the oath for the same reason, that we're better than this.

[00:14:21] That we're better than this.

[00:14:23] And that's what this lawsuit is about.

[00:14:26] And I'm telling you, some of you lawyers or some of you people who've been contacting the grand sires saying, Oh, that means he won.

[00:14:32] Call me.

[00:14:33] Let's talk about it.

[00:14:34] And if you don't believe me, I gave you the citations.

[00:14:36] I'm not lying.

[00:14:37] I gave you the citations.

[00:14:38] Look it up.

[00:14:40] What likelihood of success in the merits.

[00:14:41] And I understand some of you all are getting contacted about, possibly, I've heard, and I'm not saying this is true, that there's been some type of fundraising going on, a question for fundraising, do so as your peril.

[00:14:55] Any questions, please?

[00:14:57] Come on up, let's talk about it.

David Tapscott, Regional Sire Archon

[00:14:59] What happened to the mics?

[00:15:00] The mics, okay.

Member

[00:15:01] Good morning.

David Tapscott, Regional Sire Archon

[00:15:05] Lee Nunnery, , out of the way.

[00:15:07] Good morning.

[00:15:09] Archon Nunnery, can you come to the center, please, so people can see you?

[00:15:11] The lights are difficult.

[00:15:13] I heard a voice, I was like, where is he coming from?

Member

[00:15:22] Good morning, Lee Nunnery, Sire.

[00:15:27] The transcript of the hearing that has been circulating, even online, what liberties or what responsibilities should we as Sires and Grammatei to take in discussing this matter at our Member Boulés.

[00:15:44] We have our meeting coming up next weekend.

[00:15:46] I'd like some advice.

Lloyd Jordan, Grand General Counsel

[00:15:48] I didn't know the transcripts were circulating.

[00:15:50] That's interesting.

[00:15:51] Because you can see some fun I have in cross-examination.

[00:15:57] Keep that stuff close to the vest.

[00:15:59] Remember now, we have a responsibility individually and collectively to the organization about what we talk about to the public.

[00:16:07] I think people take-- do this litigation and talk as well.

[00:16:10] For instance, what we did when the fraternity actually took the prosecuting action in Atlanta,

[00:16:18] And the court just recently allowed us to do a refiled our document under seal because we wanted to maintain the records and do everything and keep it confidential.

[00:16:27] And the judge approved that.

[00:16:30] So I'm going to say the same thing because, you know, things start creeping and getting out to the community.

[00:16:36] And we're at the pillar level.

[00:16:38] I mean, even the pillow talk, girl, did you know?

[00:16:43] And it passes on and passes on.

[00:16:45] So just be very careful with what you have.

[00:16:47] I think you can follow the etiquette that's been coming out of the national office about where we are.

[00:16:51] You can recite those things as the information.

[00:16:55] And the things I say here today is pretty close.

Member

[00:17:00] Good morning.

[00:17:02] Archon General Counsel, .

[00:17:03] I have a question on e-mail.

Lloyd Jordan, Grand General Counsel

[00:17:08] On e-mail.

Member

[00:17:08] So our members and others are getting

[00:17:12] unsolicited emails of all kinds.

[00:17:15] What is to be done about that?

[00:17:18] My advice has been don't respond.

[00:17:21] Forward it, what I get, I forward to Grand Grammateus, and that's so far as the process.

[00:17:28] Is there anything else we need to be doing?

[00:17:29] Because our members do not want to get this stuff, and they're asking the questions, how do we make it stop?

Lloyd Jordan, Grand General Counsel

[00:17:35] So that's part of our litigating action that's going to be before the court, the federal court in Atlanta to shut that down.

[00:17:42] And we're moving to expedite the TRO hearing on that.

[00:17:46] It took the court a long time to approve the-- it's not the normal policy of the court system to have documents held confidentially.

[00:17:56] onto the public so the judge was struggling, but it finally came about and said we didn't keep it so.

[00:18:01] We're now going to expedite the TRO and we're hopeful to shut that down.

[00:18:05] When you get those emails, just hit the lead.

[00:18:08] Hit the lead and then make sure it's gone and don't pass it on.

[00:18:12] Because what we do, we get the, hey, have you seen that?

[00:18:13] We start passing around ourselves.

[00:18:15] So we get that whole stream of transferring bad stuff around.

David Tapscott, Regional Sire Archon

[00:18:19] Thank you, sir.

Lloyd Jordan, Grand General Counsel

[00:18:22] And please don't do it on your work e-mail because it really ain't easy

[00:18:26] Control.

Member

[00:18:28] Good morning, General Counsel.

[00:18:30] Thank you for the update.

[00:18:35] I'm sure, like a lot of others, I have not read the book, but was disturbed by some of the stuff that you're reading, and I'm sure you guys have thought about this, but I just wanted to ask a question.

[00:18:45] Given the disclosure in the book, one you read, I'm sure that there's more in there, and that this person is a former grand sire of the organization.

[00:18:54] I don't know.

[00:18:54] I mean, I know the oath that he takes.

[00:18:56] I don't know if there are sort of increased responsibilities or anything as they design.

[00:19:00] But is there any possibility of getting an injunction against sales of this book, kind of given what's going on here?

[00:19:08] And thank you.

Lloyd Jordan, Grand General Counsel

[00:19:09] Yeah, I appreciate what you're saying, and let me be careful while I talk about strategies moving forward.

[00:19:15] But that may be something that comes with it does come within the purview of the lawsuit that's filed, but I don't want to talk about strategies.

Member

[00:19:22] Thank you.

[00:19:22] Thank you.

Lloyd Jordan, Grand General Counsel

[00:19:23] Yes, sir.

Member

[00:19:24] Thank you for your transparencies.

[00:19:25] Trent Williams, Sire Archon, Gamma Boule.

[00:19:29] There was an e-mail that came out from an archive of Gamma Boule that's been circulating around the determining.

[00:19:36] I don't have a question.

[00:19:36] I just want to make a point.

[00:19:39] That letter does not represent Gamma Boule.

Lloyd Jordan, Grand General Counsel

[00:19:43] Thank you.

[00:19:43] I really appreciate hearing that.

Member

[00:19:53] Good morning.

[00:19:54] I'm Ryan calling from Alpha.

[00:19:56] I just have a question.

[00:19:57] I'm going to go slowly.

Lloyd Jordan, Grand General Counsel

[00:20:00] Because I have an accent.

[00:20:01] Say it again.

Member

[00:20:04] Go slowly because he has an accent.

Lloyd Jordan, Grand General Counsel

[00:20:06] Oh, no.

[00:20:06] Also, it's the echo.

[00:20:07] It's from up here.

Member

[00:20:08] The speaker needs to turn back here.

[00:20:13] So I would like to know, how much did it cost us for defending this loss

[00:20:18] against us, in this litigation.

[00:20:22] That's first.

[00:20:23] And second, like I say, I'm leading as well.

[00:20:27] Anything to avoid the cost, we try some settlement to discuss to see if we can find a resolution.

[00:20:34] Have you tried that in this process first before getting into this litigation that is going to cost us a lot of money?

[00:20:43] Have we tried to mitigate?

Lloyd Jordan, Grand General Counsel

[00:20:45] So I think your question is this.

Member

[00:20:47] We have our members in the room.

Lloyd Jordan, Grand General Counsel

[00:20:51] Oh,.

Member

[00:20:51] .

[00:20:51] To the extent that we could table some of the-- That's exactly right.

David Tapscott, Regional Sire Archon

[00:20:56] Why don't we clear the house?

[00:20:58] Why don't we just clear the house?

Lloyd Jordan, Grand General Counsel

[00:20:59] Well, we're at the end.

[00:21:00] I don't think anymore, but thank you.

[00:21:02] I didn't even say that you were absolutely right.

[00:21:04] We're at the last question.

[00:21:05] I think we can answer that.

[00:21:06] And then I'm sitting my ***** down.

[00:21:08] God, know better.

[00:21:14] So your question, I believe, is one, how much has we spent?

[00:21:17] And two, what can we do to mitigate?

[00:21:19] Yes.

[00:21:20] OK.

[00:21:21] One, I'm not going to talk about how much we spend, because I know it's to litigation strategy and work product, which can be used against us.

[00:21:28] But trust me, we have been keeping it minimum.

[00:21:33] And my relationship with the fraternity was a thousand times differently was what the acting the general counsel did.

[00:21:42] quite discounted moving forward.

[00:21:45] So I just don't want to get into the numbers, but the numbers are not bad.

[00:21:49] This is actually you could pick out strategies and et cetera, et cetera with the amount.

[00:21:53] And even before we tried this matter, the attorney reached out to try to.

[00:21:57] Resolve it and we completely rejected it.

Member

[00:22:07] Thank you.

David Tapscott, Regional Sire Archon

[00:22:12] Thank you to the Archon that reminded us where we are.

[00:22:16] And thank you both Grand Sire and Grand General Counsels.

[00:22:20] Now, for the second time, let's bring forward Grand Grammateus .

[00:22:23] Darrel Searcy

Member

[00:22:30] Good morning.

[00:22:31] Good morning.

[00:22:33] After that presentation of the General Counsel, I don't know if I should bring in remarks or bring in my lawyer.

[00:22:41] I rise today with humility and deep appreciation to stand before you as your Grand Grammas.

[00:22:52] I bring you greetings from the Grand Boulee, and I acknowledge the gratitude and the inspiring words already shared by our Grand Sire, our company.

[00:23:03] The office I hold is sometimes described as the keeper of the records.

[00:23:09] But it's more than that.

[00:23:12] It is the trust of safeguarding our history, ensuring accuracy in our governance, and maintaining the integrity, maintaining the integrity of our operations.

[00:23:25] For a fraternity that has stood since 1904, we cannot afford to allow our standards to drift or our processes to weaken.

[00:23:38] Every motion, every induction, every vote, these become part of our permanent records of Sigma Pi Phi.

[00:23:46] And those records must reflect not just what we did, but how well we lived up to the ideals of our August body.

[00:23:58] We face a reality today that demands vigilance.

[00:24:01] Our constitution and bylaws are not suggestions.

[00:24:06] They are the covenant that binds us.

[00:24:10] As Grand Grammateus, I see my role as ensuring the covenant is honored, and that when conflict arises, it is resolved with fairness, dignity, and fidelity to our founding principles.

[00:24:25] Let us not forget the health of our fraternity.

[00:24:28] It's measured not only in the number of archons we induct, but in the quality and the character

[00:24:37] that these men bring to the table.

[00:24:40] The consistency of our governance and the strength of our collective accountability are also critical.

[00:24:48] In all of our business, we must remember that the record is not merely written in ink.

[00:24:52] It is written in the bonds that we build with one another.

[00:24:58] The Northeast region has long been the cradle of leadership and innovation in Sigma Pi Phi.

[00:25:05] It is here

[00:25:06] that traditions have shaped, and it is here that we must continue to set the standard for operational excellence and fraternal fidelity.

[00:25:18] So Archons, I leave you with this charge.

[00:25:21] Uphold our Constitution and bylaws, not only in letter but in the spirit in which it was drafted.

[00:25:29] Embrace the systems and the processes

[00:25:33] that ensure fairness and transparency, and most importantly, accountability.

[00:25:39] Safeguard the reputation of our august fire by modeling integrity, refinement, and fraternal care in everything that you do.

[00:25:50] If we succeed in these, the record of this administration and of this region will reflect not only competence, but true excellence.

[00:26:03] On behalf of the Grand Boule, I thank you for your service, your vigilance, and your unshakable commitment to Sigma Pi Phi.

[00:26:14] Now, I've had the fortune of spending just a little bit of time in the Northeast region lately, in the summer in Sag Harbor, and hanging out in Pittsburgh with Rowan.

[00:26:27] And for some reason, I just cannot turn down an invitation from Beta Mu.

[00:26:33] Because those late night meetings, let's just say they are memorable.

[00:26:37] So Archon, Regional Thesauristes, my check is in the mail for my regional duties.

[00:26:44] Archons, thank you for allowing me to be here today.

[00:26:47] It is an honor.

[00:26:48] It is a pleasure to serve you.

[00:26:51] My phone-- everybody has my phone number, my e-mail.

[00:26:54] I am here for you 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

[00:26:59] I love this fraternity, you love this fraternity.

[00:27:02] And today we move forward.

[00:27:04] Thank you very much.

David Tapscott, Regional Sire Archon

[00:27:12] Thank you, Grammateus Searcy.

[00:27:14] I assume nobody wants to ask the GG, so we will keep it.

[00:27:19] At this time, we will have a report of the registration and credentials from Sire Archon, Dirk Johnson.

Member

[00:27:32] To be brief, we had, I believe, at the last count, 357 registered.

[00:27:37] participants for the Northeast Regional and for our business meeting we have 30 to 31 Boules of the Northeast.

[00:27:44] Represented with a 104 out of 116 delegates receiving their credentials.

[00:27:51] That concludes that report.

David Tapscott, Regional Sire Archon

[00:27:55] Thank you.

[00:27:56] Now report for information only.

[00:27:57] At this point we'll move to the report of officers recognizing myself for a few brief remarks.

[00:28:05] My written report has been distributed.

[00:28:08] I will not insult you by reading it as you all are intelligent men.

[00:28:13] But I will make one very vocal and loud adjustment to my report.

[00:28:20] They say sometimes be as loud in your apology as you are in your accusation.

[00:28:26] And I rightfully thank in my report

[00:28:29] three Sire Archons in the Northeast region who have been a great counsel for me.

[00:28:35] Sire Archon Trent Williams from Gamma, Sire Archon Michael Fauntroy from Epsilon, and not present, but Sire Archon Pleasant Broadnax from Beta Nu.

[00:28:47] But what I did not do was thank the person who has been 10 toes down with me the entire time, which is my own Sire Archon.

[00:28:57] Sire Archon Greg Fenner from Epsilon Zeta.

[00:29:02] And I do want to say publicly, Sire Archon Fenner, because we have, I believe last in my count, eight flag officers in our member Boulé

[00:29:13] We actually had all four operating Archons from the Douglass administration in our member Goulet.

[00:29:20] And he has had to navigate.

[00:29:22] varying opinions, as I'm showing some of yours, some of yours probably have pretty strong consensus, but in our memorable area, we have quite a few varying opinions on what has happened over the last biennium.

[00:29:36] And sir, I want to say publicly, with everybody in presence, that sometimes familiarity breeds, you know, you forget to thank the people that have been there first, so thank you, sir, for all of your support.

[00:29:53] all the way through, I saw your message last night.

[00:29:57] I'd also like to thank all of the archons who have served on the Northeast Region Executive Committee for this biennial.

[00:30:05] Your service through this tough window is appreciated and respected.

[00:30:11] Your support and your ability to navigate what we've been going through has been honorable.

[00:30:21] A few other acknowledgments.

[00:30:25] Thank you to the newly installed Regional Sire Archons who have joined us.

[00:30:31] I wish you luck and great blessings, and I hope that you have a much less eventful bio.

[00:30:42] And soon, two hours from now, soon to be Regional Star, same to you.

[00:30:51] And to my friend in the audience, somewhere in the back, who served as the chair of the Council of Regional Sire Archons during this period, my friend, immediate past Central Region Sire Archon, Cal Herd, in the back, I appreciate you, I love you, and thank you for everything you have done in your board service.

[00:31:17] I wanted to thank my sponsor, Archon Gary Ford of Delta Nu Boulé, who remains a close friend and mentor, unfortunately.

[00:31:25] While he registered, he had some challenges and wasn't able to be here, but I still wanted to give him that acknowledgement.

[00:31:33] My business school classmate and Pacific Regen Sire Archon Elect, Rod Henley, has come all the way from Los Angeles to be with us today.

[00:31:43] Rod, if you're here, raise your hand somewhere, please.

[00:31:46] Thank you, Archon Henley

[00:31:48] 30-plus years of friendship.

[00:31:51] And in a couple of weeks, you will take your seat.

[00:31:54] And God bless you.

[00:31:55] And then lastly, on the acknowledgments, my friend of 35 years came all the way from Delta Lambda, Boule, in the Grand Bahamas, which is currently under attack from one of those many weather storms.

[00:32:13] in the region.

[00:32:14] I said, Man, you came all the way.

[00:32:15] He got here Thursday.

[00:32:16] I've seen him in about five minutes.

[00:32:18] But one of my closest friends in the world, Sire Archon of that, Livingston Marshall, if you are here, can you just raise your hand so I can acknowledge and thank you for coming.

[00:32:27] I appreciate you.

[00:32:31] I was watching as we recited the test oath.

[00:32:36] And many of you will know that I've, as I've gone around to Member Boulé meetings,

[00:32:43] I still find people that are doing a call and response or reading it on the screen or whatever.

[00:32:48] I encourage people.

[00:32:50] Learn the test oath.

[00:32:52] Learn the test oath.

[00:32:54] And I was encouraged because I looked for the watermelon, watermelon, watermelon people that are moving them out but clearly not saying the right thing.

[00:33:01] And most of you actually have learned the testo from the last time we were here two years ago, so thank you.

[00:33:11] I am proud to say, whether you've agreed with me or disagreed with me, whether you've agreed with the Grand Board or disagreed with the Grand Board, I can look every Archon in the eye and say, I have held true to what I believe is Arteso.

[00:33:35] I have not revealed anything that should not be revealed.

[00:33:42] And I live by the last sentence of our test oath

[00:33:48] And anybody who stands in front of this mic, going forward, that cannot say that to you with honesty and integrity, you should not allow them to stand in front of them.

[00:34:07] Period.

[00:34:08] Full stop.

[00:34:08] I don't care if they're your best friend or anything else.

[00:34:14] We live by a set of rules in this organization that if you do not own them, if you do not live them, you have no right to represent us in expressing them.

[00:34:27] These are not just words we mouth to open a meeting.

[00:34:32] It's the oath you take of how you want to live as an archon.

[00:34:38] how you are to live as an archon and conduct yourself as an archon.

[00:34:46] And if you have to stand up and argue technicalities that don't get to how you have lived as an archon, then what are you doing?

[00:35:06] pause on purpose for everybody to think about that.

[00:35:10] You just heard the Grand General Counsel say the things that were in my original e-mail, which I did not leak, I sent to the Grand Board of Directors.

[00:35:27] All of them, each and every one of them have been

[00:35:35] litigated as true, factual.

[00:35:41] There's not even any dispute.

[00:35:44] The person receiving that message as the accused in it admitted multiple times that they are true.

[00:36:02] Let me just repeat what I just said, 'cause some people in this room are still confused.

[00:36:06] I still spent my whole weekend with people trying to tell me, Well, I don't know what happened.

[00:36:12] Well, the emails have been out for eight months.

[00:36:18] There is no dispute that the facts are true.

Member

[00:36:25] The Grand Board agreed.

David Tapscott, Regional Sire Archon

[00:36:30] That the accusations are true 13 to zero.

[00:36:37] 13 to zero.

[00:36:41] That was after the accused was interviewed.

[00:36:49] So any statement that somebody didn't know, I'm not going to look at Lloyd sooner later.

[00:37:01] That's what he said up there, right?

[00:37:04] It's a chance to meet you?

[00:37:05] It's a chance to meet you.

Member

[00:37:07] Thank you, Grand Counselor.

David Tapscott, Regional Sire Archon

[00:37:12] Anybody who says, Well, there was no opportunity to refute, is factually inaccurate.

[00:37:22] There were an hour and a half interview reviewing each

[00:37:28] of the accusations.

[00:37:32] There was an acknowledgement in that hour and a half interview that it happened.

[00:37:40] On April, in Miami, at the first BLI, I looked Archon Douglass in the face in an emergency

[00:37:54] Grand Board meeting, I ain't gonna look at Lloyd.

[00:37:56] I bet you I'm not gonna do it.

[00:37:58] He can come turn the mic off and we'll fight up here, but I'm gonna keep going.

[00:38:04] He did his job, he tried to stop me, so he can tell he can yell at me later.

[00:38:08] He did his job.

[00:38:10] I looked him in the eye, and I said I had two purposes for sending my e-mail privately.

[00:38:21] One, so that the Grand Board

[00:38:24] would do as fiduciary responsibility.

[00:38:28] Two, to give you an opportunity to simply say, I messed up.

[00:38:34] I moved too fast.

[00:38:37] I should have gotten approval.

[00:38:39] I won't do it again.

[00:38:42] Instead, what was said back to me to my face was, My father told me never to apologize in my ear.

[00:38:56] That's not hearsay.

[00:38:59] That's a conversation, man to man.

[00:39:02] You can come on up.

[00:39:05] You can share the mic.

[00:39:08] All right, Lord.

Member

[00:39:12] You understand?

David Tapscott, Regional Sire Archon

[00:39:13] I'm not saying anything that isn't in the public domain.

[00:39:22] April 9th.

[00:39:23] At the final board meeting, we were all given the same amount of time to read the findings from the investigatory committee.

[00:39:36] Same amount of time, the board members and Archon Douglass.

[00:39:43] Archon Douglass asked at the end of that to speak to, at that time, Grand Sire Archon-elect Tyson privately.

[00:39:53] They stepped out.

[00:39:54] They had a conversation.

[00:39:56] He was informed of what the discussion was going to be coming for.

[00:40:00] He asked to speak.

[00:40:02] He was granted permission to speak.

[00:40:04] He knows it was recorded.

[00:40:07] I actually asked for the video to be recorded.

[00:40:10] We agreed to have the voice recorded.

[00:40:14] It is recorded that he went one by one and said, I did it.

[00:40:21] Let me say that again.

[00:40:22] It is recorded that he went one by one and said, "I did it.

[00:40:26] And then he pounded the table and he dropped the mic and he walked out the room.

[00:40:30] He wasn't asked to leave the room.

[00:40:32] He wasn't kicked out the room.

[00:40:33] He walked out the room.

[00:40:40] Right?

[00:40:40] None of that has ever been disputed.

[00:40:44] None of that has ever been disputed.

[00:40:49] It is time to move forward.

[00:40:55] It is time to move forward.

[00:41:02] We have a lot of intelligent people in this room, but the number of doctors that have come up to me and explained to me that we lost is amazing.

[00:41:13] Your Google Law degree is not as impressive as I have in your .

[00:41:22] It is time to move forward.

[00:41:26] It is not fair to the regional Sire Archon elect to take on this issue going forward.

[00:41:33] It is not fair to the new regional sire installed to take this issue going forward.

[00:41:40] That is the last I am going to speak on it, so Grand General Counsel, you can breathe now.

[00:41:45] I'm not entertaining this discussion anymore for the rest of this weekend.

[00:41:51] frankly, for the rest of my life, unless I'm in a court of law.

[00:41:56] So that's all I'm going to say on that.

[00:41:58] Now let's get on to you.