
Past Grand Sire Archon Pin Ceremony

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Below is the Run of Show for my speech and presentation at the closing gala:

- Introductory Remarks (5 mins)
- Special Presentation (PGSA Pin)

A hallmark of our administration will be deep appreciation of our proud legacy. Tonight, I'd like to make a presentation that I hope becomes a new tradition. Given that there have been only 50 Past Grand Sire Archons in 120 years, it is fitting that we show our deep appreciation for them as they walk among us. These distinguished men walk modestly among other distinguished men, so we've designed a way for them to stand apart from the rest of us.

I'd like to introduce to you the Past Grand Sire Archon Pin. This pin exemplifies the tremendous dedication and sacrifice that Grand Sire Archons have given to our fraternity.

Significance of the pin:

Upon taking office, the Grand Sire Archon receives his ring, a golden symbol of sturdy and steadfast presence, stability, and authority. The GSA ring, encrusted in diamonds, symbolizes the professional success attained by the Grand Sire Archon, but it also symbolizes, in its substantial size and weight, a gravitas of character and bearing and a generosity of spirit of a GSA that selflessly puts himself forward to serve the fraternity.

Starting this evening, the newly recognized Past Grand Sire Archon will receive this understated yet elegant pin as he takes his place among the distinguished Grand Sires that came before him. It is large enough to be seen and recognized but small enough to remain tasteful and elegant which is consistent with Boulé values, culture, and history. It is our hope that **The Grand Sire Archon ring** and the **Past Grand Sire Archon pin** will take their places alongside our most sacred fraternal possession, the Sigma Pi Phi fraternity pin.

- **Presentation of the pin:**

Before I present Immediate Past Grand Sire Archon Garibaldi his pin, I'd like for him to come up and along with all of our Past Grand Sire Archons who are with us. (Standing in order of succession, with the Chairman on the end closest to me)

Immediate Past Grand Sire Garibaldi, you have contributed mightily to Sigma Pi Phi. You've served it selflessly in numerous capacities. You have....

This pin has your name inscribed on the bottom along with your years of service. On the top we've inscribed your succession number (50 as the fraternity's 50th GSA). It also has 6 diamonds, one for each founder with one symbolizing you at its center. As the 51st Grand Sire Archon, I proudly present you this 14K gold pin as we celebrate you and you take your place among the relatively short line of Grand Sires.

- **Pinning of IPGSA Garibaldi**

I ask Past Grand Sire Cornell Moore, **Chairman of the Council of Past Grand Sire Archons**, to do the honors as he stands next in line. Let's stand and show our appreciation.

At this time, I'd like to name the incoming **Chairman of the Council of Past Grand Sire Archons**. The council served at the pleasure of the Grand Sire and each uses the council differently. As I have deep respect for the deep bench of wisdom among them, I plan to have that wise counsel with me at all times. It is with that that I name Past Grand Sire Archon Wes Coleman as the incoming **Chairman of the Council of Past Grand Sire Archons**. As a token of my appreciation, I'd like to present you with this gift for all of the hours of your time that I plan to take up.