
Re: Additional Information: Past Grand Sire Archon Pin

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Thanks, GSAE Douglass. PGSA Moore said he will provide a report of their meeting soon. He is out of town this week.

Fraternally,

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Grand Sire Archon Garibaldi,

I met with Archon Suarez. We discussed the pricing, and he gave me additional attributes about the pins. The 1.5" diameter pin weighs 19.grams while the 1.625" diameter pin weighs 27.53 grams. These pins are solid 14K (not hollow) and as such hold substantial weight.

For reference, he indicated that a US quarter is .955 inches. **Based on that, the 1.5" diameter pin should be quite adequate for our purposes (\$3,300).** It's large enough to be discernable by an Agogos at the portals, but

it's small enough to be elegant, tasteful and befitting of a distinguished Past Grand Sire Archon. Given that there will be only 50 Past Grand Sire Archons in 120 years, this pin should exemplify the tremendous dedication and sacrifice that Grand Sire Archons have given to our fraternity. **Archon Suarez indicated that there would be an approximately 30% additional premium for 18K gold. (1.5" pin @ ~ \$4,300).** I believe that we should consider upscaling to 18K.

For the purposes of your meeting with the Council of Past Grand Sire Archons, I put together a few thoughts on the significance of the pin, how it contrasts with the GSA ring, and how and when it should be presented.

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.

Upon completing his term, the Grand Sire Archon receives an 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. The Grand Sire Archon ring and the Past Grand Sire Archon pin take their places alongside our most sacred fraternal possession, the Sigma Pi Phi fraternity pin.

Presentation of the pin:

The presentation ceremony is an opportunity to celebrate the outgoing Grand Sire Archon, his Boule career contributions, and to enshrine him among the relatively short line of his predecessors. Also, it's an opportunity to recognize the council in a manner befitting of its status and historical significance.

The pin is presented to outgoing **Grand Sire Archon** at the dinner by the incoming **Grand Sire Archon** in a solemn recitation of his Boulé service in the presence of all living Past Grand Sire Archons who are present and gathered around him. Finally, he is pinned by the outgoing **Chairman of the Council of Past Grand Sire Archons**, whom the newly pinned PGSA chose upon taking office as Grand Sire Archon. The newly pinned and installed Past Grand Sire Archon takes his place among the Council as the GSA asks those in attendance to stand and show their appreciation to the newest Past Grand Sire Archon.

The new Chairman of the Council of Past Grand Sire Archons is named after the pinning is completed. The newly installed **Grand Sire Archon** presents a gift to the new **Chairman of the Council of Past Grand Sire Archons** as a token of his appreciation, and the GSA asks those in attendance to show their appreciation for the Council as examples of our "living monuments" (quoting GSA Garibaldi).

The above are a few thoughts that could be presentEd to the council in addition to the previous information. As mentioned when we had nightcaps in Rochester, my motivation is simply to show reverence and to institutionalize and elevate the council to the status that it deserves as it is long overdue. While the council serves at the pleasure of the Grand Sire Archon and it will remain so, the fraternity will be well served by firmly establishing the dignity and reverence for those "living monuments" that have ever been bestowed the honor of holding the title of Grand Sire Archon of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

I have nothing more to add on this. This can certainly wait if you've already too much on your plate. I realize that you haven't gotten to the survey, yet. Originally, I had conceived this as a nice thing to do for you on your

last day. That's why I started it so early and got some preliminary feedback so that it was up to snuff before the council saw it. It seems that some may have misread my intentions, so it can certainly wait until it's my turn. I don't want this to fall into the "no good deed goes unpunished" category." :-)

Fraternally,

Archon Douglass

Grand Sire Archon-Elect