

# District Exploratory Committee Report

Motion to suspend the 120-day rule in the 13<sup>th</sup> District Constitution and ByLaws  
and conduct the ADM in The Dominican Republic Passed



Presented by Former Sixth 13<sup>th</sup> District Representative Brother Jonathan Griffin, Sr.  
Chairman, Thirteenth District Exploratory Committee





# District Exploratory Committee Report



## OUTLINE:

- District Objective
- Committee Purpose and Objective
- Committee Members
- Key Rationale and Facts (Costs and Functionality)
- Process and Findings
- 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual International District Meeting (ADM) discussion and planning
- District Meeting Bid Process
- Committee Function Post 31<sup>st</sup> ADM
- Remarks
- Questions





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## District Objective:

- **“To Align the 13<sup>th</sup> International District Annual Meeting in a manner consistent with all the other districts in the fraternity”**
- **“Look at opportunities to host IHQ events within the 13<sup>th</sup> International District footprint”**





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## Purpose and Objective

- The committee was initially formed to:
  - Determine the feasibility of aligning the 13<sup>th</sup> International District's Annual Meeting with the other Districts in the fraternity and
  - To solicit each chapter's completion of a survey to determine their position on alignment during Fraternal years 2025, 2026, and 2027.





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## Committee Members

- Brother Darryle Albert
  - Brother Lehman Bliss
  - Brother Dwayne Patton
  - Brother Desmond Smith
  - Brother Byron Biscoe, MD
  - Brother James Snipes
  - Brother Robert Morgan
  - Brother Haynes McCoy
  - Brother Marvin Chisolm
  - Brother Chris Infantry
  - Brother Ronnie Walker
  - Brother Jonathan Williams
  - Brother Ronald "AC" Brandon
- First Vice District Representative
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Representative
  - District Marshall
  - DDR Asia/Pacific
  - DDR Caribbean
  - DDR Africa, Europe & Middle East
  - DDR Americas
  - District Retreat Chairman
  - District Strategic Plan Chairman
  - Basileus Lambda Mu Mu (Toronto)
  - Basileus Lambda Beta Beta (Hawaii)
  - Basileus Theta Rho (Germany)
  - Basileus Nu Nu Nu (Dominican Republic)





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## Rationale and Facts (Costs)

- Before 2023 ILC, IHQ allowed the District to use its already contracted facilities and services (meeting rooms, Visual Support, etc.) to conduct our Annual Meeting, primarily to reduce the financial burden of the Thirteenth District
- Beginning 2023 ILC, the 13<sup>th</sup> District was not afforded the same level of IHQ support for our ADM at the Conference Site (Conclave and Leadership Conference)
- The District must fund all expenses for meeting space and all other logistics requirements, even for already-contracted facilities and services
- Costs for ILC inclusive with 13<sup>th</sup> District MOA Requirements increased cost by @300%. Normal ADM cost was 15K





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## Rationale and Facts (Functionality)

- Our current Annual Meeting cycle does not allow leaders to be elected during the normal District Meeting cycle of March through May (As does all other Districts within the Fraternity)
- Does not allow our Annual Meeting to be held within our District footprint
- Does not allow for the Host Chapters to reap the benefits (financial and other) from our attendance
- Does not lend itself to the traditional support of other District's leaders and members to provide reciprocal support to our District Leadership through attendance and fellowship





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## Process and Findings

- Conducted a Survey Poll
- 65% response from within the District
- Majority of District Chapters and responding Brothers selected to conduct the ADM within our District footprint beginning FY 2025
- Integrate into the overall fraternal District Meeting cycle
- Establish a process for Chapters or District Regions to bid and Host ADMs
- Based on the findings, the Committee's role expanded to provide oversight and support to the:
  - District Marshal and 32<sup>nd</sup> ADM Team's Planning; Site Selection and Contract Obligations
  - DKF Financial Sub-Committee
  - Bid Process Development Committee





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## Process and Findings

### Annual District Meeting (ADM) Site Selections:

- 32<sup>nd</sup> ADM                      Dominican Republic                      Nu Nu Nu
- \*33<sup>rd</sup> ADM                      Canada    Lambda Mu Mu
- \*34<sup>th</sup> ADM                      Panama    Nu Gamma Gamma

\* Tentative Locations (Pending Bid Packet Submission & Selection)





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**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual 13<sup>th</sup> International District Meeting**

Announcement Video

<http://oppf13th.org/>





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## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual 13<sup>th</sup> International District Meeting

- Dates: April 3-7, 2025
- Location: Puerta Plata, Dominican Republic
- Host Location Information and Discussion:
  - Host Hotel - Blue Jack Tar
  - Other Hotel/Lodging Accommodations
  - Tentative Social and Fundraising Events
    - Social Action Initiatives
    - Golf Tournament and \*Post ADM Golf Outings
    - \*Step Show
    - \*Quette Activities





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## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual 13<sup>th</sup> International District Meeting (Continued)

- Financials
- Agreement (District and Host Chapter)
- Registration Types
  - \*Pre-Registration – TBD
  - Early Bird
  - Full Cost
  - Weekend





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## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual 13<sup>th</sup> International District Meeting Key Dates

- NLT June 26, 2024
  - NLT August 30, 2024
  - NLT October 1, 2024
  - NLT October 20, 2024
  - NLT November 1, 2024
  - November 1-30, 2024
  - December 1, 2024
  - TBD March 2025
  - April 3-7, 2025
- 32<sup>nd</sup> ADM MOA Signed
  - Hotel and Other Contracts Signed
  - Registration Packets out to District
  - Registration Link Testing Completed
  - Launch Online Registration
  - Early Bird Registration
  - Full Cost Registration Begins
  - Registration Closed
  - 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual District Meeting





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## District Bid Packet and Process

- Brother Haynes McCoy – Committee Chairman
- Bid Packet located on 13<sup>th</sup> District Web Page
- Process
  - Bid Submission
  - Bid Review for Completion
  - Bid Presentation at ADM for Selection and Ratification
- 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> ADM location selected at 32<sup>nd</sup> ADM
  - \*33<sup>rd</sup> ADM – Canada
  - \*34<sup>th</sup> ADM – Panama
- **Bid submission suspense for other ADM locations (33<sup>rd</sup> & 34<sup>th</sup> ADM) – TBD FEB 2025**





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## Committee Function - Post 31<sup>st</sup> ADM

- Continue to track and monitor District Meeting planning
- Provide District Marshall Administrative and Sub-Committee Support
- Monitor Financial Requirements and Contractual Obligations
- Provide Support to the Bid Committee Chairman as required
- **Prepare Bid to Host the 2026 Supreme Council Retreat within the District Footprint**
- Establish and Integrate a Council of “Gold Beards” (Former District Representatives) in future planning
- Evolve to new missions and requirements as Directed by the District Representative





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REMARKS





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## QUESTIONS





