

168th Anniversary Convention an 41st School of Fraternity Practices

Schedule (subject to change):

Thursday, August 1

6 – 7 p.m. Resolute Man Event Opening Session (Invite Only) (Studio 2)

7 – 8 p.m. Resolute Man Dinner (Invite Only) (Studio Foyer)

8 – 10 p.m. Resolute Man Breakout Sessions (Invite Only) (Studio 1-5)

Friday, August 2

9 a.m. Registration and Credentials Table Open (2nd Floor)

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Resolute Man Event (Invite Only) (Studio 2)

4 – 5 p.m. Meet the 2024/2026 Grand Chapter and

Grand Chapter Candidates (Arcadia Ballroom Foyer)

5-7 p.m. Welcome Dinner and Awards (Arcadia/Bissonet)

Dinner

Keynote: Al Sauders

Most Improved Chapter Award Chapter Excellence Awards Chapter Achievement Award

Howard R. Alter Award for Chapter Excellence

Saturday, August 3

7:30 – 9 a.m. Continental Breakfast and (Acadia)

Meet the 2024/2026 Grand Chapter and Grand Chapter Candidates

8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. Registration and Credential Tables Open (2nd Floor)

9 – 11 a.m. Colony Workshop (Studio 1)

| 9:15 a.m. | Doors open for Convention Business Session | (Carondelet) |
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| 9:45 – 11 a.m. | Opening of International Convention | (Carondelet) |
| 11 a.m. – Noon | Lunch and Awards James Ralph "Shug" Jordan Award Henry B. Hersey Significant Increase in Membership Award Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award James M. Holland Award Grand Chapter Scholarship Award | (Arcadia/Bissonet) |
| 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. | Credentials Table Open | (3rd Floor Foyer) |
| Noon – 12:30 p.m. | Doors open for Grand Chapter Elections | (Carondelet) |
| 12:30 – 3 p.m. | Colony Workshop | (Studio 1) |
| 12:30 – 3 p.m. | Grand Chapter Elections | (Carondelet) |
| 3 – 3:50 p.m. | School of Fraternity Practices: Breakout Session 1 What is Your Brand Rush Week is Over, Now What? Leadership in 2024 Sacred Purpose Simplified Running on All Cylinders Ritual: Where We Started, Where We Are, and Why It Matters Can You Spare a Dime? Project Management and Industry Perspective: "So, you want to build?" Networking and Mentorship | (Studio 1) (Studio 2) (Studio 3) (Studio 4) (Studio 6) (Studio 7) (Studio 8) (Studio 9) (Studio 10) |
| 4 – 4:50 p.m. | School of Fraternity Practices: Breakout Session 2 What is Your Brand Why Men Haze A Gentleman Gets Professional Chapter Finances Improving Chapter Academic Performance Instilling Truth, Temperance, and Tolerance in your Chapter, Campus, and Beyond Understanding Mental Health The New and Challenging Business Model For Fraternity Chapter Houses Navigating University Partnerships | (Studio 1) (Studio 2) (Studio 3) (Studio 4) (Studio 6) (Studio 7) (Studio 8) (Studio 9) (Studio 10) |
| 5 – 7:45 p.m. | Pre-Banquet Alumni Reception/Foundation Chapter Auction | (41st Floor) |

| 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Collegiate Services Reception (Invite Only) | (Studio 8) |
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| 8 p.m. | Awards and Recognition Banquet Dinner Carnation Award Reginald E.F. Colley Award Runners-Up 2023/2024 Reginald E.F. Colley Memorial Trophy Presentation 2023/2024 Distinguished Service Award Norwich Housing Corporation Service Plaque Grand Chapter Service Plaque | (Arcadia/Bissonet) |
| Sunday, August 4 | | |
| 7:30 – 9 a.m. | Continental Breakfast | (Arcadia/Bissonet) |
| 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Office/Registration Desk Open | (2nd Floor) |
| 9 – 9:30 a.m. | Morning Announcements and Awards USO Presentation USO Fundraising Award USO Service Award | (Arcadia/Bissonet) |
| 9:30 – 11 a.m. | Chapter Presidents Advisory Council Meeting (Invite Only) | (Iberville-4th Floor) |
| 9:30 – 10:20 a.m. | School of Fraternity Practices: Breakout Session 3 Life After College Rush Week is Over, Now What? Know Your Rights More Than a Like Improving Chapter Academic Performance Accountability and Adaptability Alumni Engagement and Support Fundraising for Local Alumni Corporations Understanding Mental Health | (Studio 1) (Studio 2) (Studio 3) (Studio 4) (Studio 6) (Studio 7) (Studio 8) (Studio 9) (Studio 10) |
| 10:30 – 11:20 a.m. | School of Fraternity Practices: Breakout Session 4 Leadership in 2024 Ritual: Where We Started, Where We Are, and Why It Matters Instilling Truth, Temperance, and Tolerance in your Chapter, Campus, and Beyond A Gentleman Gets Professional Work for my Fraternity? Accountability and Adaptability Can You Spare a Dime? Navigating Chapter House and Alumni Corporation Operations Navigating University Partnerships | (Studio 1) (Studio 2) (Studio 3) (Studio 4) (Studio 6) (Studio 7) (Studio 8) (Studio 9) (Studio 10) |

11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Collegiate Lunch (Arcadia/Bissonet)

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. USO Project (Collegians) (Gallerie 1-3)

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Alumni Recognition and Awards Luncheon at WWII Museum (Alumni Only)

Lunch

Keynote: John Shertzer Citation of Honor Silver Legion Golden Guard

David E. DeVol Award

George T. Kilavos Alumni Award

Theta Chi for Life Award

1:30 p.m. Alumni and Collegiate self-guided tours at WWII Museum

Buses will begin rotation between hotel and WWII Museum (Canal Street Exit)

Museum closes at 5 p.m.

Free Evening

Monday, August 5

7:30 – 9 a.m. Continental Breakfast (Arcadia/Bissonet)

8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Office Open (2nd Floor)

9 – 11:30 a.m. Colony Workshop (Studio 1)

9 – 9:30 a.m. Doors open for Installation of Officers and

Closing of Convention (Carondolet)

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Convention Session, Memorial Ceremony,

Installation of Officers, and Closing (Carondolet)

Memorial Ceremony

Report of Resolutions Committee 2024/2026 Grand Chapter assembles

Grand Chapter Installation Closing of Convention

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. <u>Lunch and Awards</u> (Arcadia/Bissonet)

Resolute Man Ceremony

David L. Westol Sacred Purpose Award Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy

1 – 1:30 p.m. Break to Change for Mardi Gras World Event

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. <u>Upstander Intervention Training</u> (Arcadia/Bissonet)

| 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. | Alumni Breakout Sessions (Alumni only) Engaging Alumni for a High-Performance Chapter Driving Growth: Best Strategies for Supporting Chapter Recruitment | (Studio 9) (Studio 2) |
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| 3:30 – 4:20 p.m. | School of Fraternity Practices: Breakout Session 5 Life After College Theta Chi Archives More Than a Like The Premier Membership Experience Running on All Cylinders Why Men Haze Alumni Engagement and Support The Norwich Housing Corporation Panel Discussion Networking and Mentorship | (Studio 1) (Studio 2) (Studio 3) (Studio 4) (Studio 6) (Studio 7) (Studio 8) (Studio 9) (Studio 10) |
| 5 – 6 p.m. | Closing General Session Closing of School of Fraternity Practices Keynote: Richard "Doc" Leland Announcement of 2026 Convention | (Arcadia/Bissonet) |
| 6 – 6:30 p.m. | Load buses and depart for Mardi Gras World Celebration | (Canal Street Exit) |
| 7 – 10 p.m. | Closing Celebration Mardi Gras World & Grand Mansion | |

Tuesday, August 6

11 a.m. Hotel Check-out