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February 2, 2010

Dear Archons and Archousai:

The past two years, during which I have been honored to serve as our fraternity's Grand Sire Archon, have certainly been historic. America began to live up to its creed in electing the first African American President, and the Boulé's growth and influence reached new heights.

Our challenges and opportunities are bountiful as we prepare for our 50th Grand Boulé in Las Vegas at the Bellagio Hotel June 19 to June 24, 2010. My Archousa, Glenda, and I are eager to greet you. For the second Grand Boulé in a row, we will celebrate our fraternity with children and grandchildren of Archons and Archousai. More than 100 will be taking part in the Young Adult Career Symposium designed to advance their careers and network among themselves and with the Boulé family. The first one held in 2008 in Denver was such a huge success we felt it vital to continue this outreach to our young people. This year it will be held June 18 to June 20.

Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity is marching forward! Our Social Action Programs are impressive. Our growth and expansion efforts are successful, with six new member boulés chartered in 2009. Our ranks now include a greater number of younger Archons, and our Public Policy positions earned us an historic visit to the nation's capital to meet with White House officials. By any objective standard, we have demonstrated our Grand Boulé theme "Boulé Men Doing Great Things."

The Archons and Archousai of Delta Theta Boulé in Las Vegas are fully prepared to make our stay memorable and are eagerly anticipating our arrival. We look forward to seeing each of you there June 19 to June 24.

Fraternally,

Robert L. Harris
Grand Sire Archon



GREETINGS FROM SIRE ARCHON, DELTA THETA BOULÉ

Delta Theta Boulé

Host for the 50th Grand Boulé
June 2010, Las Vegas, NV

Greetings, Archons and Archousai!

Delta Theta Boulé welcomes you to the 50th Grand Boulé at the fabulous, world-renowned, five-star Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas, Saturday, June 19, through Thursday, June 24, 2010. We are planning for a record-breaking attendance at this historic event. We promise to have programs that are both highly entertaining and meaningful. A particular focus will be on supporting African American males in academic achievement and school retention.

It has been our goal to reduce the time spent in meetings and not to over-plan the activities so that you will have opportunities to play golf and tennis or lounge at poolside and enjoy the greatest entertainment in the world on the spectacular Las Vegas strip and in the city. You may also consider a visit to the Walker African American Museum, which contains a good collection of African American memorabilia, including an early history of African American entertainers in Las Vegas, and the West Las Vegas Library, which features an African American special collection of materials by and about African Americans. Also in West Las Vegas is the Rainbow Dreams Academy founded by Archon Anthony Pollard and Archousa Diane Pollard; William Pearson Community Center, named for the first African American to serve on the Las Vegas City Council; and the Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy. This K-12 school in an economically challenged neighborhood was established in 2001 and graduated its first class in June 2009. All 34 of its graduates planned to attend college.

A must see, and worth the price of coming here, is the absolutely breathtaking newly constructed City Center, an architectural marvel of hotels, residences, spas, restaurants and elite retailers in the heart of the Las Vegas Strip. For a preview of what this complex has to offer, go to www.citycenter.com. Nearby you can visit the historic and spectacular Hoover Dam, take a helicopter ride to the Grand Canyon, or visit any of a number of truly remarkable shopping complexes. Appropriate entertainment will be available for both young and old. The entertainment in Las Vegas is vast and continues around the clock. Among the notable and popular performances on the strip are at least three different Cirque de Soleil shows, The Lion King, celebrity-impersonator acts and a variety of smaller acts such as that of the noted political humorist George Wallace.

The Archons and Archousai of Delta Theta Boulé are working diligently to ensure that you feel welcome and experience the wonderful entertainment of Las Vegas.

Register today, and prepare for a unique and memorable experience!

Fraternally,

Stephen W. Gordon
Sire Archon, Delta Theta Boulé

THE ENTERTAINMENT CAPITAL OF THE WORLD!



For decades, the “Entertainment Capital of the World” has occupied a singular place in America’s cultural spectrum. Las Vegas continues to build on its reputation as a vibrant showcase for the extraordinary. The city offers the grandest hotels, the biggest stars in entertainment, the highest-caliber chefs and, of course, the brightest lights.

One of the most fascinating aspects of Las Vegas is that it is a city that is constantly changing. The excitement of continuous re-invention and rapid growth has helped Las Vegas to achieve popularity, resulting in 37.5 million annual visitors. Plus, with more than \$15 billion in projects under construction or in planning stages, it is safe to say that in 2010 visitors will see and experience more in Las Vegas than ever before.

Art & Culture

In recent years, Las Vegas has secured its place on the cultural map. From the highbrow to the kitschy, you can bet on the destination to deliver a well-rounded dose of art and culture. There are museums, art galleries, film and music festivals, and shows to satisfy every taste.

Cultural diversity is evident all along the world-famous Strip, with attractions representing the far corners of the globe – from the deserts of Egypt to Monte Carlo, from Paris to Venice, from the wonders of the South Seas to the skyline of New York City. But diversity doesn’t stop there. It’s also reflected in the rich history of Southern Nevada and its residents. The dynamic multicultural lifestyle of Las Vegas, far from the mystique of the Strip, helps contribute to the destination’s uniqueness and appeal.

Fields of Green

Las Vegas is no longer golf’s best-kept secret. In fact, six Southern Nevada golf courses are among the best in the country according to *Golf World Magazine*. There are more than 60 golf courses available for play throughout the year, thanks to the area’s inviting climate. Las Vegas offers challenging yet beautifully sculpted courses developed by world-renowned designers, including Jack Nicklaus, Tom Weiskopf, Billy Casper, Arnold Palmer, Pete Dye and Robert Trent Jones, Jr. Each course is within a one-hour radius of the city, offering challenging play combined with beautiful desertscapes, flowing waterfalls, rolling greens and mountain views.

Shopper’s Paradise

Drawing an influx of designers and upscale specialty boutiques, Las Vegas has become one of the premium world-class shopping destinations in the country. Headliners such as Harry Winston, Manolo Blahnik, Juicy Couture, Jimmy Choo, and Dolce & Gabbana now populate the Strip at the Fashion Show, Forum Shops at Caesars, Mandalay Place, Miracle Mile Shops, Grand Canal Shoppes, Via Bellagio and the shops at Wynn Las Vegas.

Relax and Recharge

The spa experience has arrived in Las Vegas, which is now home to four Mobil 4-Star Spas – more than any other city in the country. Las Vegas resorts offer the most luxurious and varied spa experiences anywhere, from the famous Canyon Ranch Spa (The Venetian), the sleek and modern BATHHOUSE (THEhotel at Mandalay Bay), to the young, hip vibe of the Rock Spa (Hard Rock).

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World-Class Cuisine

While planning an evening of entertainment, look to the growing roster of gourmet restaurants and unparalleled wine and food adventures in Las Vegas. A host of fine dining and lifestyle magazines – including *Bon Appetit*, *Wine Spectator*, *Gourmet*, *Robb Report* and *Esquire* – have honored the city for its fantastic fare and hailed individual restaurants for their exquisite cuisine, created by the likes of Bradley Ogden, Hubert Keller, Alain Ducasse, Emeril Lagasse and Wolfgang Puck. To accompany its growing list of world-class chefs, Las Vegas has attracted more master sommeliers than any other U.S. city.

Entertainment Capital

There are many reasons why Las Vegas commands the title “Entertainment Capital of the World.” Some of the world’s most famous entertainers perform here, including Cher, Bette Midler, Wayne Brady and George Wallace. Hot-selling tickets also include hits such as six resident Cirque du Soleil productions, classic Las Vegas showgirl revues and more. Other entertainment options include Human Nature –The Ultimate Celebration of the Motown Sound presented by Smokey Robinson; Hitzville – The Show, performing some of the greatest Motown hits of all time from Tina Turner, The Temptations, Gladys Knight, The Supremes, and The Four Tops; and Purple Reign –The Ultimate Prince Tribute Show.

Sizzling Nightlife

The city famous for having “something for everyone” furthers its claim when the sun goes down. From elaborately themed clubs to the new wave of upscale “ultra lounges” sweeping the Strip, attendees can choose from a wide array of offerings, including Pure (Caesars Palace), Rain in the Desert (Palms), Red Square (Mandalay Bay), Studio 54 (MGM Grand) and Tao (The Venetian). Tryst (Wynn Las Vegas) is one of the newest, while Drai’s (Bill’s Gamblin’ Hall) is one of the nightlife pioneers. With hip surroundings, signature drinks and an “anything goes” attitude, ultra lounges have redesigned Vegas nightlife, providing a new way to party on the Strip.

Family Attractions

Las Vegas has a variety of entertainment options to keep the whole family occupied. From thrilling roller coasters to virtual-reality simulator rides and erupting volcanoes to wax museums, Las Vegas attractions appeal to people of all ages, interests and budgets. And, from atop the tallest building in Las Vegas – the Stratosphere – you can clearly see the vastness of the city as it stretches from mountain to mountain in all directions.

Outdoor Adventures

Visitors should take time to explore the spectacular Southwest landscape that surrounds Las Vegas. Rugged mountains, red rock canyons and deep desert valleys offer stunning scenery and myriad recreational opportunities. The region’s favorable climate makes outdoor activity around Las Vegas an attractive option year-round. Several tour companies offer sightseeing trips to the surrounding areas such as the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Valley of Fire and Red Rock Canyon.



50TH GRAND BOULÉ



Saturday, June 19, 7-10 p.m.

Las Vegas Welcome Reception

Join us in what promises to be a great start to an unforgettable event. The welcome reception traditionally sets the stage for the week, and this one will not be an exception. Don't miss it!

*Attire: Business Casual (Archons)
Dressy Casual (Archousai)*

Monday, June 21, 8-11 p.m.

The Boulé Foundation Gala

The Boulé Foundation's Gala extravaganza evening of dinner, dancing and entertainment is designed to increase Archon and Archousai support for the education of our future leaders of America in the arts, sciences, the professions and public life. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by legendary recording artists, The O'Jays!



The O'Jays

Attire: Black Tie

Tuesday, June 22, 12:30-2 p.m.

Youth Recognition Luncheon

Recognizing the achievements of our youth is very important. This event is significant because it reinforces and rewards the efforts of those who strive to always do their best. Please join us as we honor the accomplishments of our youth.

*Attire: Business Attire (Archons)
Dressy Casual (Archousai)*

Wednesday, June 23, Reception 7-8 p.m.; Dinner Dance 8-11 p.m.

Grand Boulé Reception & Dinner Dance

The grandeur of the Bellagio ballroom provides a fantastic adieu for our closing event. The evening will be a fun-filled one with Vegas-style entertainment and dancing. This event is a must!

Attire: Black Tie

Archousai Activities

There are many treats in store for the Archousai. The lunch on Monday will feature a very special guest speaker and the brunch on Wednesday will include a heart-healthy food demonstration with a celebrity chef and dietitian. Additionally, there will be a daily Archousai hospitality suite, which will provide a place to relax, have refreshments and talk with friends.

Youth Hospitality & Activities

We know it's important for the youth to also have fun. Between the games in the hospitality suite and the activities that are being planned, there will be plenty for them to do.

Health Symposium: Free Health Screenings

For the first time, a health symposium and free health screenings will be offered to the participants. There will be tests for vision/glaucoma, blood pressure, blood sugar and skin problems. Be sure to stop by and take advantage of this opportunity.

MAJOR EVENTS



CANDIDATE FOR GRAND SIRE ARCHON

ARCHON JAMES E. PAYNE



Archon James E. Payne of Delta Zeta Boulé, Beaumont, Texas, is a candidate for Grand Sire Archon—Elect for 2010. Born and raised in Port Arthur, Texas, he was educated in what most would call an at-risk or inferior school system. After finishing high school at the top of his class, he attended the University of Houston and graduated with honors, having majored in political science. He went immediately to Washington, D.C., to work with Congressman William Lehman of Dade County, Florida. While he was on the Hill, most of Archon Payne's work centered on government concerns regarding the legality of the Coast Guard deportation of Haitians. Following his congressional work, he returned to the University of Houston to obtain his law degree.

After earning both scholastic and advocacy awards, he began working for Vinson & Elkins, at the time one of the largest and most prestigious law firms in the country, where he specialized in products liability and general litigation. His primary clients included Shell, Colonial Pipeline Co. and Mori Seiki. In 1995 he joined the Provost & Umphrey Law Firm, the second-largest plaintiffs' firm in Texas, where he continued to specialize in products liability and personal-injury claims, and by 2000 he had become a senior partner.

He is certified in personal-injury trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and in civil trial law by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. During his tenure with Provost & Umphrey, he has obtained several multimillion-dollar verdicts and settlements on behalf of injured people. He is licensed to practice by the State Bar of Texas, the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Fifth Circuit and multiple federal district courts.

Every year since 2003, attorneys from across Texas have selected Archon Payne

as one of the Texas Super Lawyers, who represent the top 5 percent of the Texas Bar, and he is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the College of the State Bar of Texas, the American Association for Justice, the Texas Trial Lawyers Association (past executive committee member) and 100 Black Men of America. He is also a life member of the National Bar Association, the NAACP and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Archon Payne, a motivational speaker for schools, organizations and churches, has authored an inspirational book, *I'm Healed, But I Am Still Sick?* He also initiated the Buy 90 Campaign, designed to empower black-owned businesses in southeast Texas. He is an active member and Sunday-school teacher at Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church.

This is the sixth year Archon Payne has been a member of the Grand Executive Committee of the Boulé, including four years as the Grand Boulé Public Policy Committee chair; he is currently the executive assistant to the Grand Sire Archon. During his tenure, the Public Policy Committee issued Fraternity positions on affirmative action, economic empowerment and the advancement of young black males, and these positions were all adopted by the Grand Boulé. Archon Payne has worked with the Grand Strategic Planning Committee and the Counsel of Regional Sire Archons, and he initiated a charitable program for The Boulé Foundation. He has steadily committed himself to the Foundation by holding the Harvey Russell Legacy Award. He has served the Fraternity not only at the Grand level but also within his member boulé and region. As a member of Delta Zeta, he has served as Grammateus, Sire Archon, Western Region delegate and Grand Boulé delegate, and he currently chairs Delta Zeta's membership committee. He has been the Western Region Grammateus for four years and chair of the twelfth Biennial Western Region Conference, and he is a member of the Western Region Public Policy Committee. He also gave the memorable keynote address, "There Is a Hole in the Boat," at the Centennial Grand Ceremony in 2004.

He is married to Archousa Tracie Payne of Houston, Texas, the founder and editor in chief of *Cush Magazine*. She holds the distinction of being a Minton Fellow within The Boulé Foundation. The Paynes have two sons, Caleb and Joshua, and a daughter, Taryn.



BELLAGIO



Via Bellagio:

High style, in the form of both fashion and architectural detail, permeates this illustrious location. Adorn yourself in the best shopping Las Vegas has to offer from Bellagio's lavish fashion row. Shops include Giorgio Armani, Fendi, Dior, Chanel, Gucci, Hermes, Bottega Veneta, Prada, Tiffany & Co., Fred Leighton and Yves Saint Laurent.

Fountains of Bellagio:

A refreshing addition to your entertainment options, the Fountains of Bellagio were destined to romance your senses. Take in a complimentary Las Vegas show of water, music and light thoughtfully interwoven to mesmerize its admirers. All for your amusement, the most ambitious, choreographically complex water feature ever conceived amazes against the beautiful backdrop of Las Vegas's lavender sky.

Pools & Courtyard:

Marvel at the romantic lure of a Mediterranean-infused al fresco masterpiece – unquestionably Las Vegas's most inviting pool area. Go for a relaxing dip in peerless azure waters. Five definitive pool courtyard settings invite you to splash into serenity. Spas, an exquisite garden vista café, private cabanas and poolside massage treatments are also available to complete this outdoor oasis. To begin your journey, visit the Pool Bar. For the ultimate pool experience, request one of the Pool Cabanas.

Gallery of Fine Art:

Inside Bellagio's fine art gallery, you can expect to view paintings, sculptures and other impressive works by some of the world's most influential and renowned artists.



Bellagio Conservatory & Botanical Gardens:

Brilliance abounds inside Bellagio's breathtaking Conservatory & Botanical Gardens. The attention to detail is astounding. The passionate display of nature in all its awe-evoking glory is, quite simply, sensational! Specially designed lighting spotlights every flower to accentuate its best features. More than 135 expert horticulturists theatrically arrange gazebos, bridges, ponds and water features uniquely for each season.

AMENITIES





SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Friday, 6/18

Noon-5 p.m.

Registration

Saturday, 6/19

6:15 a.m.-Until
8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
2-6 p.m.
5 p.m.-Midnight
7-10 p.m.
10 p.m.-1a.m.

Golf Tournament
Registration
Archousai Hospitality
Youth Hospitality
Las Vegas Welcome Reception
Boulé Hospitality

Sunday, 6/20

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
9:30 a.m.-Midnight
9:30 a.m.-Noon
Noon-1 p.m.
2-5 p.m.
2-3:30 p.m.
2-3:30 p.m.
9 p.m.- 1 a.m.

Registration
Youth Hospitality
Grand Boulé Memorial Service
Official 50th Grand Boulé Photo
Archousai Hospitality
Grand Grammateus Meeting
Grand Grapters Meeting
Boulé Hospitality

Monday, 6/21

8:30 a.m-5 p.m.
8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.-Midnight
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
2-5 p.m.
2-3:30 p.m.
7-8 p.m.
8-11 p.m.
11 p.m.-1 a.m.

Registration
Grand Boulé Opening Ceremony
Youth Hospitality
Archousai Luncheon
Archousai Hospitality
Public Policy/Social Action Forum
Boulé Foundation Gala Reception
Boulé Foundation Gala
Boulé Hospitality

Tuesday, 6/22

8-10 a.m.
8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
12:30-2 p.m.
2-5 p.m.
2 p.m.-Midnight
3-5 p.m.
11 p.m.-1 a.m.

Grand Boulé Business Session
Registration
Youth Recognition Luncheon
Archousai Hospitality
Youth Hospitality
Economic Symposium
Boulé Hospitality

Wednesday, 6/23

8 a.m.-5 p.m.
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
9:30 a.m.-Midnight
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
2-5 p.m.
7-8 p.m.
8-11 p.m.
11 p.m.-1 a.m.

Health Symposium: Free Health Screenings
Grand Boulé Business Session
Youth Hospitality
Archousai Brunch
Archousai Hospitality
Grand Boulé Reception
Grand Boulé Dinner Dance
Boulé Hospitality

Thursday, 6/24

7-10 a.m.

Executive Committee Meeting

