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MINUTES

of

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

FRATERNITY

of

GAMMA DELTA PSI

HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF

ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER

at

EAST ORANGE NEW JERSEY.

MAY 2nd AND 3rd, 1919.

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MAY 2nd -- FIRST SESSION -- MORNING.

The Twenty-First Annual Convention of the Fraternity of Gamma Delta Psi was opened under the auspices of Alpha Delta Chapter at the Lyceum, East Orange, N. J. on Friday May 2nd, 1919.

The Convention organized as follows:-

Brother, Howard Cole Townsend, Omicron, National President, in the chair

Brother James Dawson Fleming, Tau, National Secretary.

Brother John H. Woolforth, Alpha Delta, Inner Guard.

DELEGATES.

Alpha	- Brother Wm. D. Nesbit, Jr.
Zeta	- Brother Wm. S. Domer.
Eta	- Brother James William Murphy.
Iota	- Brother Raymond C. Leonard.
Nu	- Brother Gerald B. Payne.
Sigma	- Brother Charles Boller.
Psi	- Brother Theodore G. Brown.
Alpha Gamma	- Brother Wm. H. Simms.
Alpha Delta	- Brother Joseph P. Stymus, Jr.
Alpha Zeta	- Brother John E. Strain.
Alpha Iota	- Brother Clayton W. Soper.

The following active Chapters were not represented at the Convention:

Lamba, New Bedford, Mass.

Chi, Eau Claire, Wis.

Alpha Kappa, Port Huron, Mich.

The Convention was called to order by Pres. Townsend at 11:30 A.M. The Fraternity Motto and the Grip were taken up by the National Secretary, and given to the National President. The Delegate from Nu Chapter was found to be without the Motto; but upon due examination by the National Secretary was passed to his seat in the Convention.

The roll call, by the National Secretary, showed Alpha, Zeta, Eta, Iota, Nu, Sigma, Psi, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Zeta and Alpha Iota Chapters present and represented by their duly empowered Delegates. Alpha Delta Chapter was represented by Brother Don Hall, Alternate.

The Motto of the Fraternity was repeated by the President, all standing.

Various resolutions were then read by Delegates from the active Chapters.

The Chair directed all Delegates to prepare their resolutions in writing.

A recess was called for an appointment of Committees.

Upon call to order by the Chair, the following Committee appointments were announced by President Townsend:-

Finance

Brother Domer - Zeta: Chairman.
Brother Boller - Sigma.
Brother Simms - Alpha Gamma.

Ways & Means

Brother Leonard - Iota: Chairman.
Brother Soper - Alpha Iota
Brother Payne - Nu.

Chapters & Charters

Brother Nesbit - Alpha: Chairman.
Brother Strain - Alpha Zeta.
Brother Stymus - Alpha Delta.

Resignations & Vacancies

Brother Brown - Psi: Chairman.
Brother Domer - Zeta.
Brother Strain - Alpha Zeta.

Resolutions

Brother Murphy - Eta: Chairman.
Brother Simms - Alpha Gamma.
Brother Boller - Sigma.

Grievances

Brother Stymus - Alpha Delta: Chairman.
Brother Payne - Nu
Brother Brown - Psi

The following resolutions, having been read before the Convention and presented in writing to the Secretary, were referred to Committees as follows:-

By Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta:

RESOLVED,

That Jacob Reed's Sons, Philadelphia, Pa. be designated as the National Haberdasher, to furnish hat bands, neckwear and mufflers.
Referred to Committee on Finance.

By Brother Strain - Alpha Zeta:

RESOLVED,

That a National Whistle be adopted.
Referred to Committee on Finance.

By Brother Murphy - Eta

RESOLVED,

That Eta Chapter be entrusted with the publication of the Fraternity Catalogue.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

By Brother Strain - Alpha Zeta

RESOLVED.

That Alpha Zeta Chapter be charged with the publication of the Fraternity Catalogue during the year following the Convention of 1920.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

By Brother Strain - Alpha Zeta.

RESOLVED.

That a National Fraternity song be adopted and that new Airs be assigned to those songs now in the Fraternity song book.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

By Brother Domer - Zeta.

RESOLVED.

That a new Fraternity song book be published, omitting the song "Ye Gamma Delts Assembled Here".
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

By Brother Stymus - Alpha Delta.

RESOLVED.

That the Fraternity institute an investigation of facilities for publishing the Fraternity Catalogue.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

By Brother Boller - Sigma.

RESOLVED.

That Sigma Chapter be permitted to affiliate with an Inter-Fraternal Council at Buffalo.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

By Brother Leonard - Iota.

RESOLVED.

That Iota Chapter be entrusted with the publication of the "GARNET & SILVER" for the ensuing year.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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By Brother Stymus - Alpha Delta.

RESOLVED.

That the publication of "GARNET & SILVER" be resumed and that Alpha Delta be charged with this duty.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

By Brother Stymus - Alpha Delta.

RESOLVED.

That the initiation ritual in use by Alpha Delta Chapter be made the National Fraternity Ritual.

Referred to Committee on Chapters & Charters.

By Brother Stymus - Alpha Delta.

RESOLVED.

That that clause of the Constitution respecting the wearing of Fraternity pins in the hollow of the left shoulder be strictly enforced at all times, in all Chapters.

Referred to Committee on Chapters & Charters.

By Brother Stymus - Alpha Delta.

RESOLVED.

That the Fraternity Constitution be carefully revised.

Referred to Committee on Chapters & Charters.

By Brother Stymus - Alpha Delta.

RESOLVED.

That Delta Pi Fraternity of Neward, N. J. be admitted as an active Chapter of Gamma Delta Psi.

Referred to Committee on Chapters & Charters.

By Brother Simms - Alpha Gamma.

RESOLVED.

That a new Charter be given Alpha Gamma Chapter as the old Charter was burned in a fire which destroyed Alpha Gamma's rooms.

Referred to Committee on Chapters & Charters.

By Brother Simms - Alpha Gamma.

RESOLVED.

That Alpha Gamma be supplied with a new copy of the Constitution as the old one is in bad condition.

Referred to Committee on Chapters & Charters.

By Brother Simms - Alpha Gamma.

RESOLVED.

That an initiation ritual be adopted which shall be the same for each Chapter.

Referred to Committee on Chapters & Charters.

By Brother Simms - Alpha Gamma.

RESOLVED.

That the manner of pledging new men be made uniform in all Chapters.

Referred to Committee on Chapters & Charters.

By Brother Simms - Alpha Gamma.

RESOLVED.

That the use of the Fraternity Traveling-Button be resumed.

Referred to Committee on Chapters & Charters.

By Brother Boller - Sigma.

RESOLVED.

That Sigma Chapter's Charter be enlarged to include all High Schools of Buffalo, N. Y.

Referred to Committee on Chapters & Charters.

By Brother Murphy - Eta.

RESOLVED.

That a recognition pin be adopted.

Referred to Committee on Chapters & Charters.

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By Brother Murphy - Eta.

RESOLVED.

That Eta Chapter be supplied with a new copy of the constitution as the old one is in bad condition.

Referred to Committee on Chapters & Charters.

By Brother Strain - Alpha Zeta.

RESOLVED.

That Alpha Zeta Chapter be supplied with her Charter.

Referred to Committee on Chapters & Charters.

By Brother Strain - Alpha Zeta.

RESOLVED.

That the Fraternity Initiation Ritual be made uniform, and that the Ritual now in use by Alpha Zeta be used as a model.

Referred to Committee on Chapter & Charters.

By Brother Strain - Alpha Zeta.

RESOLVED.

That the "Horse Play" features of the Fraternity initiation be made uniform in Character.

Referred to Committee on Chapters & Charters.

By Brother Strain - Alpha Zeta.

RESOLVED.

That the use of pledge pins be resumed and that the pledge pin formerly used be adopted.

Referred to Committee on Chapters & Charters.

By Brother Domer - Zeta.

RESOLVED.

That Zeta Chapter be given the privilege of holding regular Bi-Weekly meetings instead of regular Weekly meetings as provided by the Constitution.

Referred to Committee on Chapters & Charters.

By Brother Domer - Zeta.

RESOLVED.

That Zeta Chapter's Charter be extended to cover all High and Preparatory schools in Washington, D. C.

Referred to Committee on Chapters & Charters.

By Brother Leonard - Iota.

RESOLVED.

That Iota Chapter's Charter be extended to cover all High and Preparatory schools of Detroit, Mich. and vicinity.

Referred to Committee on Chapters & Charters.

By Brother Murphy - Eta.

RESOLVED.

That the Constitutional provision respecting the wearing of the Fraternity pin in the hollow of the left shoulder be suspended, and that it be made permissible to wear the pin in a lower position.

Referred to Committee on Grievances.

By Brother Leonard - Iota.

RESOLVED.

That Roehm & Co., Detroit, Mich. be re-instated as the Fraternity's National Jewelers.

Referred to Committee on Grievances.

By Brother Strain - Alpha Zeta

RESOLVED.

That it be made permissible to wear Jeweled Fraternity pins.

Referred to Committee on Grievances.

By Brother Strain - Alpha Zeta.

RESOLVED.

That the 1921 Convention of Gamma Delta Psi be held at Philadelphia, Pa., under the auspices of Alpha Zeta Chapter.

Referred to Committee on Resolutions.

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By Brother Stymus - Alpha Delta.

RESOLVED,

That the use of Sister pins be strictly prohibited.
Referred to Committee on Resolutions.

First Session adjourned at 12:50 P.M. for luncheon.

SECOND SESSION
MAY 2nd, (AFTERNOON)

The second session was called to order by the President at 4:10 P.M. Roll call showed all delegates present. A number of visiting brothers from Alpha Delta and Alpha Gamma were given seats in the Convention. President Townsend made his annual address, incorporated in which was his annual report as Treasurer.

ADDRESS OF BROTHER HOWARD C. TOWNSEND, PRESIDENT OF THE
NATIONAL BOARD OF GAMMA DELTA PSI.

TO THE CONVENTION:

Among the many duties which have devolved upon me as President and Treasurer of the National Board, that to which I have looked forward with keenest anticipations of pleasure is the one which I now perform, that of welcoming you to the Twentieth Annual convention of the Fraternity.

The year which has now passed has been one of the most momentous in the history of the world. When we met in the Borough of Brooklyn two years ago this month the European continent was a veritable seething furnace of warfare in which many of Our Nation's sons were engaged. Subsequently those conditions reached a stage where, to preserve our identity with those nations involved in the perpetuation of Democracy, these United States had issued a declaration of war against Germany. The struggle for freedom and civilization was approaching the crucial point, and our hearts were weighed down with anxiety. Now, "grim visaged war hath smoothed its wrinkled front", and we turn again to the employments and aspirations of peace. Righteousness has prevailed, and to this victory the members of Gamma Delta Psi have contributed their full share.

Amidst the turmoils and anxieties of war, as well as in the exciting period succeeding the cessation of hostilities, Our Fraternity has pursued its accustomed course. Our Chapters have contributed of their best blood to the Great Cause, and in the absence of the Champions of Liberty, those who remained at home were striving with their latent energy to keep the fires of service and sacrifice burning upon our altars. How well they have succeeded will be revealed in some measure by the reports to which you will listen during the sessions of the convention, but no words or figures can adequately portray the zeal and devotion of the faithful brethren who carried forward the work of the Chapters throughout this great Republic. Theirs has been a labor of love, and as such it has carried its own reward.

Necrology.

The joys of our present convocation, and the pleasure which we again feel in meeting and greeting Brethren with whom we have been associated in the work of Gamma Delta Psi, are marred by the absence of some beloved brethren who have finished their work in the terrestrial Chapter and entered into the reward which awaits the faithful workman. It is therefore fitting that we should pause in our deliberations and pay a tribute to their memory.

While our official family has been mercifully spared, we mourn the especial absence of Brother Wylie Brantly Jones, No. 3 C, of Alpha Chapter, whose residence was in Binghamton, N.Y. Brother Jones was one of the four who founded Gamma Delta Psi at Hillhouse School, New Haven, Conn. in 1879 and it is a source of much gratification to those of us who enjoyed his personal acquaintance to know that his interest in the Fraternity never waned.

Bond of National Treasurer.

In compliance with action taken by the 1917 Convention your National Treasurer obtained and filed a surety company bond in the penal sum of Five Hundred Dollars. The amount and sufficiency of the surety having been approved by the National Secretary it has remained in his possession.

Chapters under Dispensation.

During the past two years the subject of granting special dispensation to petitioning chapters has been a matter for serious contemplation. It would seem that action should be taken by this Convention to the end that, after suitable investigation has been made of organizations desiring to enter Gamma Delta Psi, the National Board would have the authority of granting a temporary charter to that body to enable it to proceed under direction of the National Board until such time as a Convention had opportunity to approve or disapprove of the application for a charter. This would have the effect of holding petitioners in abeyance and preventing them from uniting with another fraternity.

Dispensations Requested.

I find the impression still prevails in many quarters that among the prerogatives of the National President is that of setting aside the provisions of the Constitution when they interfere with the convenience of brethren who have suddenly conceived an ambition to tread the inner courts of our Fraternity. Like my predecessors I have maintained that it is the duty of the National President to enforce the Constitution, and not to permit the promiscuous violation or evasion of the least of its provisions.

I have received applications to permit Chapters to modify the Constitutional requirements respecting the reception of candidates and balloting thereon, but have felt compelled to deny each of them, notwithstanding the desire in which we all share to do everything reasonably possible for the benefit of those interested.

I am convinced that no real hardship has resulted from living up to the letter of the law, for the reason that the several Chapters have shown most commendable willingness to comply with all our requests and submit any matters wherein there might be variance to the Convention.

Chapter Receptions.

In renewing our activities throughout the country it would seem that one of the most effective means of increasing enthusiasm and bringing the respective Chapters into closer relationship would be through the medium of official visitations by the National Board officers and representatives. During the past year I have endeavored to make official visits to three chapters but on each occasion there seemed to be some barrier. Under another sub-head I will make more particular reference to these barriers, but suffice it to say that it is the present opinion of the National President that official visitations should be made commencing this year.

Statements and Receipts.

Agreeably to action taken by the 1917 Convention your National Treasurer immediately obtained forms for statements and official chapter receipts and these have been employed for two years with utmost satisfaction. The adoption of these forms has greatly simplified the system of accounting and has entirely eliminated the difficulties encountered heretofore of affording an absolute check on all transactions.

Assistance on Farms.

At the suggestion of the President two years ago effort was made to enlist the support of brethren in engaging in the pursuit of farming during the vacation periods as a means of helping to win the war. It is interesting to note that many of the brethren availed themselves of that work to their everlasting credit. Several brethren came to my own County, which is recognized throughout the country as a leading fruit section, and it gave me much pleasure to assist them in locating with pleasant environments.

Inter-Chapter Correspondence.

It is generally admitted that the old system of inter-Chapter correspondence, which was replaced by publication of the Garnet and Silver, afforded one of the best mediums of keeping Chapters united and interested. Many requests have been received for lists of the Corresponding Secretaries in order that this method might be resumed during the war period, but owing to the lax manner in which many of the Chapters filed their quarterly reports the National Board has never been in possession of the names of a sufficient number of Secretaries to warrant the compilation and distribution of an official list.

Quarterly Reports.

Under date of February 15", General Circular No. 3 was published by the National Board to the entire Fraternity. That circular called attention to the new forms for making quarterly reports and was designed to place the National Board at all times in possession of every detail concerning the Chapters. The dates when these reports were to be filed was explicitly stated but notwithstanding this fact the Chapter officials have shown more or less negligence. No organization can be stronger than its weakest link and if we were to analyze the complete status of the Fraternity with a view to discovering where the weakest link is located it is rather doubtful if failure of the Chapters to prepare and forward these reports with care and regularity would not be the troubling link. This is called to your attention for two reasons; Firstly, because by that means the Active Chapter can keep in constant touch with the National Board and, Secondly, without those reports and the information which they should disclose the National Board is helpless, excepting by personal visitation to each Chapter which is impossible, to render the constant counsel and guidance that should be rendered. For your information I desire to state that since the institution of the quarterly report system the following reports have been filed:

Alpha-2, Alpha Kappa-4, Alpha Iota-1, Alpha Gamma-2, Alpha Delta-2, Alpha Zeta-3, Eta-3, Iota-2, Kappa-4, Nu-3, Psi-1, Zeta-3, Chi-1, Sigma-1.

The total number of reports that should have been filed by each Chapter to date is five, but none of the Chapters have complied with that regulation fully. It is needless to impress upon this Convention the importance of making these reports in future.

The National Jeweler.

Doubtless there are instances where grievances obtain with reference to inability to secure Fraternity pins. It is only fair in this as many other instances to view the conditions with liberality for the reason that not in a single business on record (and we do not except the U. S. Government) were there times during the war emergency that service and quality were not misnomers. Federal regulation of so-called non-essentials prevented many jewelers from securing raw material and transportation facilities furnished a further handicap. A war tax was imposed on the National Jeweler but this was not added to the price list. All Fraternity jewelry may be obtained today at the same figure paid when the original designs were made. The adoption of an order blank form has been a step in the right direction and has not only required that due notice be given each Chapter when an application is made but completes a file for the National Board and the National Jeweler insuring an absolute check on every article. This form also prevents unqualified persons from obtaining any of the official insignia.

In the past two years orders have been filled as follows:

Alpha Delta-2, Alpha Eta-22, Alpha Iota-18, Alpha Kappa-15, Alpha Zeta-12, Chi-14, Eta-15, Iota-12, Kappa-4, Lambda-15, Nu-15, Omicron-16, Sigma-28, Zeta-25.

Delegates from Chapters represented as purchasing pins should check these names over with the President before leaving the Convention. In this way every pin may be easily traced.

There have been some applications for pledge buttons but these have not been used for upwards of four years and if their use, together with dies for engraving are of sufficient importance some action should be had to instruct the National Jeweler to furnish them.

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In connection with this subject it might be well to call attention to the fact that new application blanks for Fraternity jewelry have been prepared and are ready for distribution. These blanks will supercede the forms now in use as they are more adapted to our needs and will perhaps enable Chapters to complete the blank with less difficulty.

Chapter Seals.

The 1917 Convention delegated to the National President the proposition of purchasing special seals to be used on all official communications, but owing to the advanced cost of all such materials it was deemed wise to temporarily defer such purchases. However, the matter is again called up for consideration and if upon investigation it appears that such seals may be obtained at reasonable amounts such action should be taken. These seals are intended for use on officially designating quarterly reports, correspondence etc. and is a precaution against work of imposters.

Ritual.

For many years effort has been made to obtain for general use a ritual which would be uniform. Various objections have been raised from time to time but it would seem the part of wisdom now that our attention should be directed along this line to the end that we might have at least a ritual of uniformity for the second section of the initiations.

Convention Photographs.

Year after year there has been more or less dissatisfaction by reason of the manner in which local chapters handle the delegates picture taken at the conventions. Seemingly unnecessary delays are not uncommon and it would appear that in future arrangements should be made directly between the delegates and the photographer so that this difficulty may be overcome.

The Catalog.

The last catalog was published in 1910. After a lapse of nine years this is practically obsolete by reason of so many important changes that have taken place. The entire Fraternity is today deprived of knowing the entire membership and it is only through such a publication that this can be accomplished. This Convention should take some action on the subject.

Kappa Chapter was elected to compile this catalog and the subject was called up again in 1917.

Garnet & Silver.

In 1909 your President had the honor of acting as Editor of the Garnet & Silver. In 1910 Kappa Chapter took up the work and subsequently other Chapters published a small newspaper. Perhaps by reason of poor support or poor management the work was suspended and as a result the Fraternity is without any official organ. This work has been demonstrated to be of a profitable character financially as well as an excellent news clearing house for the Chapters and it should be revived immediately. In such a revival, however, care should be exercised that the labor be not imposed upon willing but incapable hands.

The Constitution.

Steps should be taken immediately to revise the Constitution. The National Board has been without a copy of the same for the past two years, although repeated efforts have been made of several Chapters to loan their copy while revisions were being made. The present constitution is nearly obsolete as originally printed for the reason that so many amendments have been made during the past few conventions that are not included. This work should be undertaken without further delay.

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Convention Minutes.

Upon assuming the office of President every effort was made by me to obtain copies of the minutes of all conventions held. Through the cooperation of Alpha Chapter most of these copies were obtained and a stenographer was engaged for the purpose of making copies of these minutes to file with the National Board in order that the Fraternity, through its head, might have on file, in some common place, a complete record of the Convention proceedings. It has thus far been impossible to obtain copies of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Eighteenth Convention proceedings. I also find that the first three pages of the Eleventh Convention proceedings are missing. It is hardly possible for me to employ language sufficient to impress upon this Convention the absolute necessity of searching your archives to recover these missing proceedings and I earnestly request that you use every means to obtain them in order that the same may be copied and included in a proposed bound volume. It is hoped that this work may be accomplished before the next annual convocation and a certified copy filed with the National Secretary for permanent record. It is only through this channel that future generations may learn of our early activities.

Receipts and Disbursements.

Herewith is submitted a complete statement of moneys received and disbursed since the last convention.

Receipts.

1917.

May 19-	To balance on hand per last report	\$116.59
24-	By Alpha Chapter	21.16
Jly 1-	Chi	10.00
Oct. 8-	Nu	5.00
10-	Alpha Delta	17.80
22-	Alpha Delta	5.00
Nov. 6-	Kappa	5.00
19-	Alpha	5.00
19-	Psi	13.00
19-	Sigma	5.00
24-	Delta	15.25
30-	Zeta	5.00
Dec. 4-	Iota	5.00
11-	Kappa	5.90

\$234.70

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Jan. 1-	By Chi Chapter	\$ 5.00
16-	Alpha Delta	5.00
Feb, 11-	Eta	10.00
18-	Alpha Kappa	5.00
18-	Nu	5.00
18-	Eta	10.00
20-	Alpha Eta	7.49
23-	Psi	5.00
25-	Alpha	5.00
Mar. 4-	Nu	4.58
12-	Iota	5.00
12-	Nu	10.00
13-	Zeta	5.00
23-	Eta	6.28
25-	Chi	5.00
Apr. 3-	Sigma	5.00
8-	Alpha Gamma	25.00
8-	Eta	23.00
Jly. 1-	Chi	5.00
Dec. 10-	Sigma	5.00
16-	Alpha	5.00
17-	Alpha Delta	5.00
21-	Nu	10.00

\$411.05

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Amount brought forward

\$411.05

1919.

Jan.	1-	By Chi	10.00
	2-	Kappa	20.00
	11-	Zeta	5.00
	11-	Alpha Iota	10.00
Feb.	1-	Alpha Iota	20.00
	22-	Iota	5.00
Mar.	13-	Eta	5.00

Total Receipts.....\$486.05

Amounts due from Chapters.

Alpha Alpha	\$20.00	Omicron	\$20.00
Alpha Kappa	15.00	Psi	10.00
Alpha Eta	15.00	Phi	20.00
Alpha Zeta	15.00	Rho	20.00
Alpha Delta	5.00	Sigma	5.00
Alpha Gamma	10.00	Tau	35.00
Delta	14.75	Theta	20.00
Epsilon	20.00	Upsilon	20.00
Eta	5.00	Zeta	5.00
Lambda	20.00		<u>154.93</u>
Nu	5.00		
	<u>\$144.75</u>		

Total

\$299.75

Disbursements.

1917.

May	21-	To convention expenses, carfare, meals, telephone and telegraph	\$ 56.17
June	7-	To printing letterheads and envelopes	5.75
	9-	To printing blanks-applications	5.00
	12-	To refund Alpha Kappa-MacIlwaine	9.07
	12-	To credit Chi account	5.00
	21-	To postage, express and typewriting	7.54
	30-	To stenographer Convention minutes	8.00
July	2-	To printing official receipt blanks	5.75
	5-	To premium on Treasurer bond	5.00
	9-	To stenographer Convention minutes	10.00
Aug.	9-	To stencographer Convention minutes	16.91
Sept.	5-	To stenographer Convention minutes	10.48
	12-	To stenographer Convention minutes	12.12
	22-	To stenographer Convention minutes	10.00
	24-	To postage	1.20
Nov.	3-	To postage	2.28
	7-	To postage and carfare	4.95
	20-	To stenographer Convention minutes	20.00
	24-	To file supplies	1.25
Dec.	3-	To stenographer and postage	3.42

199.80

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Amount brought forward

199.89

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Jan.	1-	To credit Chi account	\$ 15.00	
	14-	To postage	2.24	
Feb.	7-	To stenographer and postage	2.79	
	19-	To stenographer, postage and supplies	3.61	
Mar.	2-	To stenographer and postage	3.79	
Apr.	10-	do. do.	3.37	
	29-	do. do. & A. K. check	2.50	
	29-	do. do.	2.12	
May	28-	To premium on Treasurer bond	5.00	
June	11-	To dater, postage, phones and carfares	6.95	
	15-	To printing order blanks, postage and steno.	6.07	
Sept.	24-	To stenographer and postage	2.86	
Nov.	18-	do. do.	1.51	
	29-	To sample pins, postage and stenographer	6.47	
Dec.	5-	To letterheads and envelopes	21.00	
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Jan.	30-	To balance account to date stenographer circular letters, postage, copying old convention minutes, copy paper and one-half carfare to Albany	32.26	
Apr.	23-	To premium on Treasurer Bond	5.00	
		To credit Alpha Delta refund	17.80	
		To credit Chi Chapter refund	10.00	
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				65.06

Total Disbursements 350.23

Total Receipts 486.05

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To balance on hand.....\$135.82

Anti-Fraternity Agitation.

In two years there has not been as much activity on the part of opposition as heretofore but this may be explained by reason of our opponents engagement in war work. Last January we had an experience in Alpha Eta Chapter which threatened for some little time to reach serious proportions. The Member of Assembly from the First Niagara District, Mr. N. V. V. Franchot of Niagara Falls, in an endeavor to capitalize on the shortcomings of another Fraternity in that city, gained much publicity by his statement that he would introduce a bill in the State legislature which would abolish all High and Preparatory School Fraternities and Sororities in New York State. I summoned representatives of Alpha Eta and after discussing the situation I concluded that the most effective method of fighting the measure was to investigate Mr. Franchot and I thereupon went to Albany. The activities of Mr. Franchot have ceased and the State Legislature has adjourned for the year so we need entertain no fear from legislative sources for a year at least.

Perhaps one of the hardest blows we have received since our last convention was the decision of Kappa Chapter to withdraw temporarily, on account of school difficulties. It is to be hoped that in the near future we may again reassurect this most influential wing of our Fraternity.

Dead Chapters.

This brings us to one of the most important features of our work this year and is a subject which we should contemplate with the greatest seriousness. In order to preserve our identity as a complete organization does it seem practicable to be carrying upon our rolls and furnishing material, at more or less expense, and without obtaining any financial support therefrom, the long list of inactive Chapters?

We must look squarely at the issue. The question is clear cut and a Chapter, as I view it, either can or cannot be recognized by school authorities. If it cannot be so recognized and must continue its connections with the Fraternity through fraud and misrepresentation then it would seem that our efforts should properly be directed along other more useful and honorable lines. We have no God-given right to induce a continuance of such connections at the expense of making undesirable citizens and even untruthful men. I confidently believe that this Fraternity has an exemplary mission and objective and it shall always be my earnest effort to perpetuate the institution despite the pronounced pressure from scholastic and educational sources to prevent my activities. I make this pledge, however, contingent upon the several Chapters preserving the traditions, loyally and manfully, of our beloved Fraternity. We must here highly resolve that from this time forward we will use our best offices and exert our best influences to honorably meet our opposing forces and convince that we aim to construct rather than obstruct or destruct educational attainment. As proof of our indulgence in that belief we should practice the doctrine by first manifesting outward evidence of higher education and we should openly support the enactment of laws which will tend to educate and elevate the great foreign element now within our shores. The recalling of Charters of "dead" Chapters, the immediate revision of our constitution, the publication of the Garnet and Silver and the revision of our catalog are some of the first things that should command our attention in this program of re-construction and the re-establishment of confidence in our respective communities.

Dissension in Chapters.

During the latter part of 1917 and in 1918 a lack of harmony was shown in Alpha Kappa Chapter. This condition was accentuated by two alumnus members differing in their opinions and when the subject was brought to my attention their grievances were more or less public property among other fraternity and sorority members. Summary action was necessary and an investigation was immediately made with the result that apologies were made and harmony again prevailed. This subject was not closed however until the brethren had been thoroughly admonished by the National Board.

Under this head might be reported the difficulties of Alpha Iota Chapter wherein, through apparent laxity, the Chapter was threatened with "dry rot". For months I had received no attention to official communications. Finally a brother sent in an order for a pin and by this connection I was able to reach the Chapter and make an investigation. The Chapter was compelled to liquidate its indebtedness to the National Board and was specially instructed to send a delegate to this convention.

Influenza interrupts activities.

The epidemic of influenza, which raged throughout the country, during the latter part of last year, and forced Boards of Health to prohibit meetings of all kinds greatly interrupted the work of the Chapters and curtailed programs. Many of the Chapters which had bright prospects of a record year were obliged to suspend their activities, and when the ban was raised were unable to recover the lost time. They were weakened further by the loss of officers and members and some degree of demoralization resulted. Notwithstanding this handicap, and the absence of many brethren in the service of the Country, the Chapters, generally speaking, have persevered in their endeavors and the two-year record is fairly satisfactory.

National Board Members.

It is to be regretted that the Chapters do not possess greater interest in the selection of their National Board members. There are some instances where such members give splendid co-operation but the majority fail to render the assistance and counsel which those officers are expected to give. All Chapters should at once remove inactive National Board members and replace them with men who are willing to make the sacrifices necessary to aid in our reconstructive program.

Conclusion.

As my term of service in the exalted station in which I have been placed draws to a close, I am filled with deepest gratitude to the many Chapters and Brethren throughout the country, whose courtesy and consideration have filled my two years with pleasant experiences, and will make of it a delightful memory. My labors have been lightened and my heart cheered by the loyal co-operation and cordial friendliness of my associate officers. They have worked with an eye single to the advancement and glory of Gamma Delta Psi, and such progress as has been made is due in large measure to their efforts. It has been a great privilege to be associated with such loyal brothers and I cherish the hope that the break in our official relations will not interrupt the friendships established by years of service together.

My incumbency to the office of National President has been an exceedingly busy period for me. I have done what I could to promote the noble and glorious work in which we are all engaged. In rendering the account of my stewardship my one regret is that I have not been able to give more time and greater service in a cause which is worthy of the highest efforts of which any man is capable. That cause is progressing; the signs for greater usefulness and prosperity are propitious, and so we may with confidence enter upon the work of our present Convocation.

Fraternally submitted

HOWARD C. TOWNSEND,

National President.

(At this point the Delegates and the visiting Brothers at the Convention arose and participated in the Ancient Match Ceremony in tribute to the memory of departed Brothers.)

In connection with his report as Treasurer, President Townsend submitted a duly executed certificate, dated April 29, 1919, issued by the Niagara County National Bank at Lockport, N.Y., certifying to a balance of \$135.82 to the credit of Howard C. Townsend, President and Treasurer, at the close of business April 17, 1919.

Also in connection with his report President Townsend requested the Secretary to exhibit before the Convention the Treasurer's bond for \$500, issued to Howard C. Townsend of Lockport, N. Y. as President and Treasurer of Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity, being an agreement on the part of the Royal Indemnity Co. of New York City to indemnify the Fraternity for loss not exceeding \$500 in case of theft or embezzlement on the part of the President and Treasurer.

Moved by Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta to include the President's address and report in the Minutes of the Convention. Seconded by Brother Soper of Iota. Carried.

A short recess was taken at 4:55 P M to enable the various Committees to complete their reports. The Convention was called to order after recess at 5:10 PM.

The Finance Committee made the following report.

A. Your Committee on Finance to which was referred the schedule of expenses of the delegates begs leave to report and to recommend the distribute of expenses as follows:-

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CHAPTER	ACTIVE MEMBERS	ASSESS- MENT	DELE- GATES	BALANCE DUE NATIONAL BOARD	REFUND TO CHAPTERS
Alpha	13	22.40	8.71	13.69	
Zeta	14	24.10	19.00	5.10	
Eta	14	24.10	10.00	14.10	
Iota	15	25.80	55.75		29.95
Nu	8	13.90	19.38		5.48
Sigma	15	25.80	30.82		5.02
Psi	11	19.00	33.00		14.00
Alpha Gamma	9	15.60	.28	15.32	
Alpha Zeta	10	17.30	5.50	11.80	
Alpha Iota	<u>10</u>	<u>17.30</u>	<u>21.93</u>	<u> </u>	<u>4.63</u>
	120	205.30	204.37	60.01	59.08

Your Committee further recommends that the delegates unable to liquidate their Chapter obligations will forward their remittances to the National Treasurer who shall be instructed to refund the various amounts due the respective Chapters.

B. Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annual report of the National Treasurer of Gamma Delta Psi, having had the same under consideration, begs leave to report that they have carefully examined said accounts and find it correct in all respects.

C. Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta suggesting that the National Whistle be adopted begs leave to report that the National Whistle has been in use for many years as explained by the National Secretary.

D. Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred the resolution that Jacob Reed's Sons of Philadelphia be designated as the National Haberdashers to provide hat bands, neck wear and mufflers, beg leave to report favorably, providing samples of the work may be obtained from the firm in question.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brother Wm. S. Domer
Brother Wm. H. Simms
and
Brother Charles Boiler

Moved by Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta that item A. of the foregoing report be accepted. Seconded by Brother Payne of Nu. Carried.

Moved by Brother Soper of Alpha Iota that item B. be accepted. Seconded by Brother Nesbit of Alpha. Carried.

Moved by Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta that item C. be accepted. Seconded by Brother Soper of Alpha Iota. Carried.

Moved by Brother Lennard of Iota that item D be accepted. Seconded by Brother Brown of Psi. Carried.

The Committee on Ways & Means submitted part of their report, but were unable to conclude owing to the lateness of the hour. Complete report will appear in the Minutes of the Third Session.

An invitation was extended by the Chairman of the Convention Committee of Alpha Delta Chapter to attend a smoker at the Washington Restaurant at Newark, N. J. at 8:00 P M.

Second Session adjourned at 6:15 P M.

Third Session, May 3d, 1919. (Morning)

The Convention was called to order at 10:10 A.M. by President Townsend. Roll call showed Brother Murphy of Eta Chapter absent.

The Fraternity Motto and the Grip were taken up by the National Secretary and passed to the National President. The President called for the report of the Committee of Chapters & Charters on the resolution introduced by Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta, concerning Delta Pi Fraternity of Newark, N. J.

Recess was taken for deliberation.

Upon call to order the Committee reported favorably on the resolution.

Brother Nesbit of Alpha Chapter, Chairman of the Committee, read the petition of Delta Pi Fraternity for the information of the delegates. Moved by Brother Soper of Alpha Iota to accept the Committee's report. Seconded by Brother Domer of Zeta.

Remarks favorable to the petition made by Brothers Soper of Alpha, Iota, Payne of Nu and Oliver (Alumnus) of Alpha Delta. Upon call for question a ballot was taken, which resulted in an affirmative vote of the ten Chapters represented at the session.

Upon the direction of the President preparations were made to install representatives of Delta Pi of Newark, N. J. as Charter members of Alpha Lambda chapter of Gamma Delta Psi.

The installation was conducted by Brother President Townsend and Brother Secty. Fleming, all delegates and visiting brothers participating.

Brother John Louis Ritchie was given a seat in the Convention as Delegate of the newly installed Alpha Lambda Chapter.

President called for a continuance of the report of Committee on Ways & Means. The Committee's complete report follows:-

A. Committee on Ways & Means to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Murphy of Eta that Eta Chapter be entrusted with the publication of the Fraternity Catalogue, begs leave to report unfavorably, owing to the opinion of Brother Murphy that Eta Chapter will be unable to carry it through at present.

Moved by Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta that report be received and filed. Seconded by Brother Simms of Alpha Gamma. Carried.

B. Your Committee on Ways & Means to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta, that Alpha Zeta Chapter be charged with the publication of the Fraternity Catalogue during the year following the 1920 Convention, begs leave to report and recommends that no definite decision be made at this time, but that each Chapter Historian be instructed to prepare at once a list of his Chapter members for use in the preparation of such a catalogue,

Moved by Brother Brown of Psi to receive and file.

Seconded by Brother Boller of Sigma.

Remarks by Brother Payne of Nu urging quick action.

DISCUSSION Motion Carried.

Report received and filed as submitted.

C. Your Committee on Ways & Means, to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta that a National song be adopted and that new airs be assigned to those songs now in the Fraternity Song book, begs leave to report and recommends the adoption of a National song and the addition to the present song book of such new tunes as may be adapted to the words of songs now in use.

Moved by Brother Nesbit of Alpha to receive and file.

Seconded by Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta. Carried.

D. Your Committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Domer of Zeta that a new Fraternity song book be published, omitting the song "Ye Gamma Delts Assembled Here" begs leave to report and recommends the omission of this song in future publications of the Fraternity Song book.

Report received and filed by the Secretary.

E. Your Committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta that the Fraternity institute an investigation of facilities for publishing the Fraternity Catalogue, begs leave to report and recommends this step.

Report received and filed.

F. Your Committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Boller of Sigma that Sigma Chapter be permitted to affiliate with an Inter-Fraternal Council at Buffalo, N. Y. begs leave to report and recommends the adoption of the resolution, providing the other fraternities in the council referred to are in good standing.

Brother Payne of Nu requested information on other Buffalo Fraternities.

Brother Boller of Sigma responds.

Brother Murphy of Eta objected to the adoption of the resolution.

Brother Payne of Nu speaks favorably on the resolution and cites conditions in Brookline, Mass. in support.

Remarks by Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta. Moved by Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta to adopt committee's report. Seconded by Brother Nesbit of Alpha. Carried.

G. Your Committee on Ways & Means to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Leonard of Iota that Iota Chapter be entrusted with the publication of the "Garnet & Silver" for the ensuing year, begs leave to report and recommends the adoption of this resolution.

Moved by Brother Lennard to adopt Committee's report. Seconded by Brother Domer of Zeta. Carried.

H. Your Committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta that the publication of the "Garnet & Silver" be resumed, and that Alpha Delta be charged with this duty, begs leave to report unfavorably for the reason that Iota Chapter has better facilities for this work.

Moved by Brother Leonard of Iota to receive and file Committee's report. Seconded by Brother Strain of Alpha Iota. Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Brother Raymond C. Leonard
Brother Clayton W. Soper
Brother Gerald B. Payne

The Committee on Chapters and Charters entered upon its report.

During the reading of this report Brother Walter B. Earle Alternate from Eta Chapter reported at 11:30 A.M. to take the seat of Brother Murphy, absent

The reading of the report was interrupted by Brother President Townsend who instructed the Secretary to incorporate in the minutes of this session an urgent request to all Chapters to supply the National Board with copies of the proceedings of certain Conventions in the past necessary to complete the records of the National Board.

Brother Oliver of the Convention Committee addressed the Convention in regard to the Convention picture.

Recess at 11:45 A.M. for the Convention picture, which was taken in front of the Lyceum.

Convention called to order after recess at 12:00 noon.

The Committee on Chapter & Charters resumed the reading of its report. Detailed report of this Committee follows:-

A. Your Committee on Chapters and Charters to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta that the Fraternity Initiation ritual in use by Alpha Delta Chapter be made national, begs leave to report unfavorably and to recommend that the Ritual of Alpha Chapter be used as a model for the National Fraternity ritual.

Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta speaks in favor of Alpha Zeta's ritual. Brother Soper of Alpha Iota requests explanation of Alpha's ritual, which is supplied by Brother Nesbit of Alpha. Brother Strain offers objection. Remarks by the Secretary in favor of Alpha's ritual.

Brother Domer of Zeta speaks in favor of Alpha's ritual. An Alumnus Brother of Eta Chapter addresses the Convention on Eta's Ritual. Remarks by Brother Payne of Nu. Brother Brown of Psi believed an elaborate National ritual impractical owing to lack of equipment of some Chapters. Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta suggests that the National Board prepare a ritual embodying features of all rituals used by the various Chapters. Brother Domer of Zeta moved to accept Committee's unfavorable report and to request Alpha Chapter to supply copies of her ritual to all Chapters. Seconded by Brother Leonard of Iota. Carried.

B. Your Committee on Chapters and Charters to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta that that clause of the constitution respecting the wearing of Fraternity pins in the hollow of the left shoulder be strictly enforced at all times in all Chapters, begs leave to report favorably.

Moved by Brother Nesbit of Alpha to adopt. Seconded by Brother Soper of Alpha Iota. Carried.

C. Your Committee on Chapters & Charters to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta that the Fraternity Constitution be carefully revised, begs leave to report favorably.

Moved by Brother Nesbit of Alpha to adopt. Seconded by Brother Brown of Psi. Remarks by Brother Leonard of Iota and Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta. Brother Soper of Alpha Iota moved to amend Committee's report to entrust work of revision of the Constitution to the National President. Amendment and Amended report carried in sequence.

D. Your Committee on Chapters and Charters to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Simms of Alpha Gamma that a new Charter be given Alpha Gamma as the old one was burned in a fire which destroyed Alpha Gamma's rooms, begs leave to report favorably.

Moved by Brother Nesbit of Alpha to adopt. Seconded by Brother Earle of Eta. Carried.

E. Your Committee on Chapters & Charters to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Simms of Alpha Gamma that Alpha Gamma be supplied with a new copy of the constitution as the old one is in bad condition begs leave to report favorably.

Moved by Brother Nesbit of Alpha to receive and file. Seconded by Brother Boller of Sigma. Carried.

F. Your Committee on Chapters & Charters to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Simms of Alpha Gamma that an Initiation Ritual be adopted that shall be the same for each Chapter, begs leave to report favorably.

Moved by Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta to receive and file. Seconded by Brother Boller of Sigma. Carried.

G. Your Committee on Chapters & Charters to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Simms of Alpha Gamma that the manner of pledging new men be made uniform in all Chapters, begs leave to report favorably.

Moved by Brother Nesbit of Alpha to receive and file. Seconded by Brother Domer of Zeta. Carried.

H. Your Committee on Chapters & Charters to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Simms of Alpha Gamma that the use of the Fraternity Traveling Button be resumed, begs leave to report favorably.

Moved by Brother Nesbit of Alpha to adopt. Seconded by Brother Brown of Psi. Carried.

I. Your Committee on Chapters & Charters to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Boller of Sigma that Sigma Chapter's Charter be enlarged to include all the high schools of Buffalo, N. Y., begs leave to report and recommends that this resolution be received and filed, inasmuch as Sigma's Chapter's present Charter includes all high and preparatory schools in Buffalo.

Moved by Brother Nesbit of Alpha to adopt. Seconded by Brother Brown of Psi. Carried.

J. Your Committee on Chapters & Charters to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Murphy of Eta that a recognition pin be adopted, begs leave to report and recommend that this resolution be received and filed.

Moved by Brother Nesbit of Alpha to adopt. Committees recommendation. Seconded by Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta. Carried.

K. Your Committee on Chapters & Charters to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Murphy of Eta that Eta Chapter be supplied with a new copy of the constitution as the old one is in bad condition, begs leave to recommend that this resolution be received and filed.

Moved by Brother Nesbit of Alpha to adopt Committee's recommendation. Seconded by Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta. Carried.

L. Your Committee on Chapters & Charters to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta that Alpha Zeta be supplied with her Charter, begs leave to report favorably.

Moved by Brother Nesbit of Alpha to receive and file. Seconded by Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta. Carried.

M. Your Committee on Chapters & Charters to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta that the Fraternity Initiation Ritual be made uniform, and that the Ritual now in use by Alpha Zeta be used as a model, begs leave to report unfavorably.

Moved by Brother Nesbit of Alpha to receive and file. Seconded by Brother Soper of Alpha Iota. Carried.

N. Your Committee on Chapters & Charters to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta that the "Horse Play" feature of the Fraternity initial be made uniform in character, begs leave to report favorably.

Moved by Brother Nesbit of Alpha to receive and file. Seconded by Brother Earle of Eta. Carried.

O. Your Committee on Chapters & Charters to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta that the use of pledge pins be resumed and that the pledge pins formerly used by adopted, begs leave to report favorably.

Moved by Brother Nesbit of Alpha to receive and file. Seconded by Brother Brown of Psi. Carried.

P. Your Committee on Chapters & Charters to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Domer of Zeta that Zeta Chapter be given the privilege of holding bi-weekly meetings instead of regular weekly meetings as provided by the Constitution, begs leave to report unfavorably.

Moved by Brother Nesbit of Alpha to adopt Committee's report. Seconded by Brother Leonard of Iota. Remarks by the President, Brother Domer of Zeta, and Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta. Motion carried.

Q. Your Committee on Chapters & Charters to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Domer of Zeta that Zeta Chapter be supplied with a new charter covering High and Preparatory Schools in Washington, D. C., to replace the old one, believed to have been destroyed by fire, begs leave to report favorably.

Moved by Brother Nesbit of Alpha to adopt Committee's report. Seconded by Brother Boller of Sigma. Motion carried.

R. Your Committee on Chapters & Charters to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Leonard of Iota that Iota Chapter's charter be extended to include all High and Preparatory Schools in Detroit and vicinity, begs leave to report unfavorably.

Moved by Brother Nesbit of Alpha to adopt Committee's report. Remarks by Brother Leonard of Iota, Brother Fleming, Nat'l Sec'y, Brothers Simms of Alpha Gamma, Soper of Alpha Iota, Payne of Nu, Stymus of Alpha Delta, Domer of Zeta, Boller of Sigma. Moved by Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta to amend the resolution to cover Detroit, the suburbs of Detroit, and Pontiac High School, Pontiac, Mich. Amendment seconded by Brother Boller of Sigma. Amendment carried unanimously. Call for question on original resolution as amended. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Committee on Chapters & Charters,
Wm. D. Nesbit, Jr., Chairman,
John E. Strain,
Joseph P. Stymus, Jr.

Brother Ritchie of Alpha Lambda moved to have Alpha Lambda Chapter's charter include all High and Preparatory schools in Newark, N. J. Seconded by Brother Boller of Sigma. Carried.

President Townsend called for report of Committee on Resignations and vacancies.

Brother Brown of Psi Chairman of that Committee stated that as no resolutions had been entrusted to the Committee there was no report to make.

Brother Soper of Alpha Iota moved to adjourn for lunch. Third Session adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Fourth Session, May 3, 1919. (Afternoon)

Convention called to order by President Townsend at 2:15 P.M. Roll call showed all Chapters represented by their delegates except Eta Chapter which was represented by Brother Walter B. Earle Alternate in place of Brother Murphy absent. Repetition of Motto by President Townsend.

Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta Chairman of Committee on Grievances submitted the Committee's report as follows:-

A. Your Committee on Grievances to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Murphy of Eta Chapter that the constitutional provision respecting the wearing of Fraternity pins in the hollow of the left shoulder be suspended, and that it be made permissible to wear the pin in a lower position, begs leave to report unfavorably.

Moved by Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta to receive and file.

Seconded by Brother Simms of Alpha Gamma. Carried.

B. Your Committee on Grievances to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Leonard that Roehm & Co. be re-instated as the Fraternity National Jewelers, begs leave to report favorably.

Remarks by Brothers Brown of Psi and Leonard of Iota. Roehm & Co's letter read by the Secretary. Remarks by delegate from Nu, Alpha Zeta, Zeta, Sigma, Iota, Alpha Delta and by the National Secretary.

General discussion.

Delegates from Alpha and Iota and the National President, displayed pins made by Jewelers in New Haven, Detroit and Lockport. Remarks by delegates from Alpha, Alpha Zeta, Eta., Alpha Delta, Nu Alpha Gamma, Sigma and Alpha Iota.

Remarks by Brother Robertson, alumnus. Moved by Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta that Committee's report be rejected and the resolution be quashed. Seconded by Brother Simms of Alpha Gamma. Carried by a vote of 8 to 3 (one delegate not voting).

Moved by Brother Soper of Alpha Iota that the manufacture of pins be supervised by Brother President Townsend and that Douglas & Hamill at Lockport, N. Y. be required to maintain a high standard of workmanship. Seconded by Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta.

Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta moves to amend the motion to include the adoption of the design of Alpha's pin by the National Jeweler at Lockport. Amendment seconded by Brother Soper of Alpha Iota. Amendment carried unanimously. Question called on amended motion. Carried unanimously.

C. Your Committee on Grievances to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta that it be made permissible to wear jeweled Fraternity pins, begs leave to report unfavorably.

Moved by Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta to adopt Committee's report. Seconded by Brother Boller of Sigma. Carried.

Brother Nesbit of Alpha moves that in case pins supplied by National Jeweler at Lockport prove unsatisfactory Alpha Chapter be permitted to continue to have its own pins made in New Haven. Seconded by Brother Simms of Alpha Gamma. Remarks by Alumni and by delegates from Iota, Alpha and Alpha Gamma. Motion and second withdrawn by Brothers Nesbit and Simms.

Brother John S. Blair alumnus of Alpha Delta appointed by Brother Townsend as a special Committee to recover Alpha Delta's Charter said to be in possession of Brother John Herbert Hermann.

Brother Boller of Sigma and Simms of Alpha Gamma in the absence of Brother Murphy Chairman submitted report of Committee on resolutions as follows:-

A. Your Committee on resolutions to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta that the 1921 Convention of Gamma Delta Psi be held at Philadelphia under the auspices of Alpha Zeta Chapter, begs leave to report favorably. Brother Boller of Sigma moves to adopt the report. Seconded by Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta. Carried.

B. Your Committee on resolutions to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta that the use of sister pins be strictly prohibited, begs leave to report unfavorably. Moved by Brother Boller of Sigma to adopt Committee's report and to quash the resolution. Seconded by Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta.

Discussion in which the following participated,

Brother Stymus, Alpha Delta, Brother Payne, Nu, Brother Leonard Iota, Brother Nesbit, Alpha, Brother Domer, Zeta, and Brother Soper, Alpha Iota.

Call for question on motion to adopt Committee's unfavorable report. Carried by a vote of 11 to 1.

The National Secretary made several announcements concerning festivities incidental to the Convention.

Moved by Brother Soper of Alpha Iota that the National Board be instructed to take up the Charters and Chapter property of Chapters of the Fraternity which are now inactive. Seconded by Brother Payne of Nu. Carried.

Moved by Brother Payne of Nu that the place and date of the convention of 1920 be left in the hands of the National Board. Seconded by Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta. Carried.

Moved by Brother Soper of Alpha Iota that a rising vote of thanks be extended to Alpha Delta Chapter for the hospitality and entertainment provided for the delegates of the 1919 Convention. Seconded by Brother Nesbit of Alpha. Carried as a standing vote.

The Convention then proceeded to elect National Officers for the ensuing term. President Townsend called for nominations for President-Treasurer. Moved by Brother Soper of Alpha Iota that the Secretary cast one ballot for Brother Howard Cole Townsend as President-Treasurer for the ensuing term. Seconded by Brother Nesbit of Alpha. Carried.

The Secretary cast one ballot in accordance with the foregoing motion and declared Brother Howard Cole Townsend duly elected.

Nominations for Vice-President were then called for by President Townsend. Brother Earle of Eta nominated Brother Sheldon B. Davis of Eta. Brother Simms of Alpha Gamma nominated Brother Alfred H. Corwin of Alpha Delta. Nomination seconded by Brother Oliver of Alpha Delta (Alumnus).

Moved by Brother Nesbit of Alpha that the nominations be closed. Seconded by Brother Boller of Sigma. Carried. President Townsend appointed the Secretary and Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta as tellers. Ballot was taken and Brother Alfred H. Corwin of Alpha Delta was found to have been elected National Vice-President by a vote of 10 to 2.

President Townsend called for nomination for National Secretary. Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta nominated Brother James D. Fleming of Tau. Seconded by Brother Payne. Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta moved that nomination be closed. Seconded by Brother Earle of Eta. Carried. Brother Nesbit of Alpha moved that the Secretary cast one ballot for Brother Jas. D. Fleming of Tau as National Secretary for the ensuing term. Seconded by Brother Boller of Sigma. Carried. The Secretary cast one ballot in accordance with the foregoing motion and declared Brother Jas. D. Fleming duly elected.

The Secretary announced the death of Brother Wylie Brantly Jones, one of the four founders and Charter members of Alpha Chapter, in an automobile accident early in 1919 between Binghamton, N. Y. and New York City. Brother President Townsend appointed a committee consisting of Brother Nesbit of Alpha Chairman and Brothers Murphy of Eta, Payne of Nu and Leonard of Iota to draft resolutions on Brother Jones's death to be incorporated in the minutes of this convention.

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The Secretary read his notes of the Convention minutes which were approved by a vote of the Convention.

Moved by Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta that a rising vote of thanks be extended the National President and the National Secretary for their work. Seconded by Brother Soper of Alpha Iota. Brother President Townsend turned over the gavel to Brother Nesbit of Alpha who called for question on the motion. Motion carried by unanimous rising vote.

Brother Oliver Alumnus of Alpha Delta addressed the Convention regarding the Convention banquet.

Brother President Townsend addressed warning remarks to the delegates and Brethren. Brother Strain of Alpha Zeta moved to adjourn. Seconded by Brother Stymus of Alpha Delta. Carried by rising vote upon which the Convention of 1919 of the Fraternity of Gamma Delta Psi was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

James D. Fleming,

National Secretary.