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GAMMA DELTA PSI
44th ANNUAL CONVENTION
GROSSE POINTE YAUCHT CLUB
IOTA CHAPTER
GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN

July 1, 2, 3rd
1955

- JAMES L. S. FERMOILE, PRESIDENT, ALPHA ETA
WILLIAM STEVENS, VICE PRESIDENT of EXPANSION, ALPHA PHI
JAMES HYDE, VICE PRESIDENT of RE-ORGANIZATION, ZETA
RICHARD SDAO, SECRETARY, TREASURER, ALPHA ETA
EUGENE CANHAM, EDITOR & HISTORIAN, ALPHA KAPPA
E.J. STEWART, CHAIRMAN, NU

Chapters represented and delegates:

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| IOTA | Walter E. Simmons & John Finlayson |
| ALPHA ETA | John Rufrano & Richard P. Fermoile |
| ALPHA PHI | Robert Lawson & Frank Whittingham |
| ALPHA CHI | Jennings & George Enns |
| ALPHA PSI | Nick Elschuck & Ken Gardner |

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Session Number 1; Friday July 1, 1955 7:00P.M.

Call to Order by Brother President J.L.S. Fermoile

Motto and Leard's Prayer recited by whole convention.

Appointement of Brother Jeff Smith, Alpha Phi, as Sargent of Arms.

Appointement of Brothers Fred Keyes, Iota and Joe Leo, Alpha Psi as Convention Secretaries.

Roll Call: Iota; Walter Simmons, delegate & John Finlayson, alternate
Alpha Eta; John Ruffano, delegate & Richard Fermoile, alternate
Alpha Phi; Robert Lawson, delegate & Frank Whittingham, alternate
Alpha Chi; Jennings, delegate & George Ems, alternate
Alpha Psi; Not present as of the begining of the meeting.

Zeta, Alpha Kappa and Alpha Rho; were all in rears of their dues and therefore they were not to be considered as active chapters till either their dues are forthcoming or a letter explaining their circumstances is received and reviewed.

Beta chapter; which began the year as a newly reactivated chapter has in the meantime been suspended for their lack of cooperation.

Alpha Omicron chapter; still remains under suspension since the 1941 Convention.

Since a quorm of active chapters is present and all chapters have been notified this is therefore a legally constituted National Convention.

Walter E. Simmons, Co-Chairman of the 44th National Convention, on behalf of Iota, then welcomes the visiting delegates and brothers. He explains the schedule of events and the times and places of all. He completely outlines the program as planned by Iota.

Motion was made by Brother Lawson, A.Phi, to send a telegram to Brother E.J. Stewart, present chairman, past president; in accord with the 1941 Convention, informing him that our 44th Convention had just convened. Motion seconded by Brother Simmons, Iota.

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Brother President J.L.S. Fermoile then read ARTICLE V Section 7 of the Constitution. Said article states that any chapters in rears of their dues or any monies would forfeit their right to vote at the Convention. This was discussed at great length and only after careful thought and much consideration was it put to a vote. Brother Lawson, A.Phi moved the Article and Section remain in tact; seconded by Brother Simmons, Iota.

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The delegates of Alpha Psi were admitted after their credentials were examined by Sgt. of Arms Brother Jeff Smith, Alpha Phi

Alpha Psi; Nick Elschuck, delegate & Ken Gardner, alternate

Motion was made by Brother Whittingham, A. Phi, that smoking be permitted and we forego the use of robes for the rest of the convention; seconded by Brother Simmons of Iota.

CARRIED

Motion made by Brother Rufrano, A. Eta that we postpone the reading of the previous Convention's minutes, 43rd, till Brother Sdao, Nat'l Secretary, arrives. Brother J.L.S. Fermoile informed the Convention that Brother Sdao is expected in time for the second session. Seconded by Brother Lawson, A. Phi.

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Brother President, J.L.S. Fermoile then appointed the various Convention Committees:

CHAPTERS AND CHARTERS: William Stevens, chairman- George Fams & Fred Keyes

CONSTITUTION AND RESOLUTIONS: Walter Simmons, Chairman- John Rufrano & George Elschuck

GRIEVANCES: Robert Lawson, Chairman- Frank Wilson & Jemmings

FINANCE AND BUDGET: Richard Sdao, Chairman- John Finlayson & Ken Gardner

NOMINATION: Nick Elschuck, Chairman- Frank Whittingham & Walt Simmons

These committees were to meet anytime at their convenience but were to have complete written reports submitted by the third session.

The floor was then opened for discussion: It was pointed out that our Fraternity must operate on a International Scale, the board, as if it were a business. And it is the duty of the Officers to see that each year we end up in the Black. Not only in terms of money but in progress which is far more important. Organizing new chapters, revamping the old ones and making the local communities where in our chapters reside GAMMA DELT conscious. At this point the thought of correspondence was interjected and in how important it really is. That it is in reality the "LIFE BLOOD" of the Fraternity.

Motion made by Brother Whittingham, A. Phi that we adjourn this first session; motion seconded by Brother Jemmings, A. Chi.

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Hand grip was passed and Brother J.L.S. Fermoile brought down the gavel ending the first session.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Session Number 2; Saturday July 2, 1955 10:00 A.M.

Call to Order by Brother President J.L.S. Fermoile

Motto and Loard's Prayer by complete Convention.

Roll Call: Iota; Walter Simmons, delegate & John Finlayson, alternate
Alpha Eta; Richard Fermoile, alternate
Alpha Phi; Robert Lawson, delegate & Frank Whittingham, alternate
Alpha Chi; Jennings, delegate & George Eans, alternate
Alpha Psi; Nick Klaschuck, delegate & Ken Gardner, alternate

Motion made by Brother Lawson, A.Phi, that the minutes of the First Session be adopted; seconded by Brother Simmons, Iota.

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REPORTS OF THE CHAPTERS BY THE DELEGATES:

IOTA, Walt Simmons, Delegate

"Iota chapter, this year, has made a great amount of progress in building up it's membership to 19. We also have an active treasury of over \$100.00.

During the year we have helped our sisters, Sigma Gamma, in their project on the crippled children's hospital, downtown.

Our main job for the year has been setting up of the Convention. This has helped create quite a bit of intrest in our chapter.

Iota is coming up and in a couple of years time will be the best chapter in the Grand Crescent."

ALPHA ETA, Richard Fermoile, Alternate

"On Nov. 27th our annual Harvest Moon Ball was held at the Hotel Niagara which neted us \$25.00. A few Brothers from Alpha Phi attended.

After the Xmas season we held several joint meetings with Sororities around town, there was always an older Brother there to act as advisor.

A charity Ball was held at the Niagara Universith Student Center; which was sponcered by A.H. and the other fraternities in Niagara Falls.

During the year we held a raffel on a phonograph and neted \$15.00.

To close out the year we held our annual party and dance at the American Institute and again neted \$15.00

Quite a bit of general fraternal spirit both chapter and national wise."

ALPHA PHI, Robert Lawson, Delegate (no written report)

Our spibit is showed by the 13 men at the convention.

Hold bi-weekly dances at the Rotary.

Financed song books.

Helped community in Red Feather Campaign.

Held Fathers and Sons Banquet, was presented with our charter at that time.

They utilize the idea of "HELP WEEK".

Substancial Treasury and a very well running Chapter.

ALPHA CHI, Jennings, Delegate (no written report)

New chapter as of Feb. have good treasury and 20 active men.

All men have sent for their pins.

Will graduate 12 men but expect to pick up another 15 or so before Jan.

Have given blood in local drive, 8 men.

Have had several parties and dances since forming.

ALPHA PSI, Nick Elaschuck, Delegate (no written report)
Newest chapter 3 months old. Six members all alumni of Alpha Phi.
Did all the work on the song books.
Have had only one dance so far; but have had several parties.
Treasury is very sound.
All the members have pins, sweat shirts and gray slickers with the seal embossed in the fraternity's colours.

Motion by Brother R. Fermoile that the delegates reports be accepted as read; seconded by Brother Simmons, Iota.

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REPORTS OF THE NATIONAL OFFICERS:

Editor and Historian, Eugene Canham, Alpha Kappa.

(no report submitted)

Secretary, Richard Sdao, Alpha Eta.

(no report submitted)

Vice-president of Reorganization, James Hyde, Zeta

(no report submitted)

Vice-president of Expansion, William Stevens, Alpha Phi

Dear Brothers:

"For the fiscal year of 54-55, I, Brother Stevens acting in my position handling expansion for the whole of GAMMA DELTA PSI FRATERNITY submit my report as follows:"

"Alpha Chi Chapter, under the leadership of Brother John Aikens, was formed in the early part of February, 1955, as a chapter of GAMMA DELTA PSI FRATERNITY in Oakville, Ontario.

In April of 1955, Alpha Psi an Alumni Chapter, under the leadership of Brother Nick Elaschuck was formed in New Toronto, Ontario as part of GAMMA DELTA PSI.

For the last of my report, I and Alpha Phi Chapter have a contact to form a chapter in the fall at Brampton Ontario."

Motion by Brother Nick Elaschuck, Alpha Psi, that the Report of Brother Stevens be accept; seconded by Brother Finlayson, Iota.

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Treasurers, Richard Sdao, Alpha Eta

(no report submitted)

Motion by Brother R. Fermoile, A. Eta that report be sent to the chapters as quickly as possibly in the form of a letter or bulletin and hold up any vote till it has been accomplished. Seconded by Brother Lawson, Alpha Phi.

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* SAID REPORT ATTACHED ON RIDER SHEET AFTER BEING APPROVED

(15 MINUTE RECESS)

Call back order by Brother President J.L.S. Fermoile

President's Report, James L.S. Fermoile, Alpha Eta

Dear Brothers;

We are all gathered here with the same ultimate goal in mind, "MAKE GAMMA DELTA PSI THE BEST SECONDARY SCHOOL FRATERNITY ON THE CONTINENT" Before we do this, however, we must accomplish much within our own ranks and go forward with a united front.

First let us prospectively look at the happenings of the previous year:

We began the year with seven chapters; Beta, Zeta, Iota Alpha Kappa, Alpha Eta, Alpha Rho, Alpha Phi

During the year we lost Beta and gained Alpha Chi and Alpha Psi.

Also we started out owing \$655.32 and after paying all outside debts and bills in full close this year still in the red; however reduced to \$571.93. This by the way is with no outside debts only ones owed internally. We also have the elements of a trust fund forming to the tune of \$29.55. Other examples of what we accomplished financially are: purchased and paid for new charters, fixed up the old mimeo machine, published song books, first since 46, and have started compiling information for our history.

I believe the treasurer will make the report more lucid and more complete.

A first for a long time for us, we completed the whole year without a change in National Officers.

We had five chapters completely pay their dues-of course next year all will be perfect in this. Also for the third quarter we received Quarterly Reports from every chapter; this too is a first since the prewar years.

True no Garnet and Silver was published but we had to cut corners somewhere and all chapters were kept abreast of the times with my monthly bulletins. However they were never ment to replace the Garnet and Silver, only a supplement to it. And this year we shall have a Garnet and Silver

While these accomplishments are fine to talk about and even though we did progress slightly we are still a long way from our common goal "TO MAKE GAMMA DELTA PSI THE BEST".

Towards this goal your elected officers, for the past year, worked very hard and through their joint effort we were able to accomplish as many things as we did.

The effort of Bill Stevens and his committee will be very difficult for anyone to live up to, let alone beat.

National President's Report Continued.

The valuable advice and suggestions of Gene Canham and Jim "Silvester" Hyde will always be appreciated.

And the work and accomplishments of Rich Sdao stand alone; his successor will have a large pair of shoes to fill.

Aside from the officers there were many other men who worked directly with us on many occasions and without whose help and cooperation would have put us up that old proverbial creek without a paddle. We also owe these men our debt of thanks.

Now for two of the most important men in a chapter, the president and secretary these two are the mainstays of any chapter.

And last but most important of all is you-yes every last Brother in the chapter whether you be new or graduating this year; you are the chapter and without you neither the chapter nor the board would exist. We offer our humble thanks.

So let us close out this year remembering our common goal, "MAKE GAMMA DELTA PSI THE BEST SECONDARY SCHOOL FRATERNITY ON THE CONTINENT"

Respectfully submitted,

James L.S. Fermoile,
President

Motion to accept Brother President's report as read made by Brother Whittingham, Alpha Phi, seconded by Brother Finlayson, Iota.

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Brother John Finlayson, Iota, was appointed to take charge of collecting and tabulating the WHO'S WHO; the results to be announced at the banquet this evening.

Brother Robert Lawson, Alpha Phi, passed out song books and each chapter picked out a song to sing at the dinner this evening. A nominal charge of 10¢ is to be charged to help defray the expence of printing that Alpha Phi donated.

Motion by Brother Nick Elschuck that the second session of the convention be adjourned; seconded by Brother Ems, Alpha Chi.

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Hand grip was passed and Brother president brought down gavel ending the second session.