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The Presidents' Message



Frank Wilson

It has been three years since I've had the pleasure of writing a message to the Grand Crescent and I am glad to have the opportunity to do so again; now that the Garnet and Silver is in print once more.

As we approach the fall term we are entering into another year of fraternal life. Only once a year is it possible for all of us to meet personally to exchange ideas on fraternal subjects and to plan for the improvement and progress of G.D.P. and now comes the opportunity to put these thoughts into action.

The I.B.C. cannot function without your support and constructive criticism. We cannot build in the public's mind an image of fraternalism to our liking unless we substitute: Cooperation for casualness, Accomplishment for agitation, and Correspondence for

wishful thinking.

For years and years correspondence has been sorely neglected and it's a shame because it is one of the most interesting phases in fraternal life. Through this medium we are able to learn of other chapters activities, glean some useful hints, catch-up on G.D.P. and I.F.C. news and moreover we are able to gain great friendships with other Brothers in far-away cities. Correspondence is the lifeblood of the fraternity and we must keep it functioning. A new system has been passed and set down in the Constitution which will help our problem immensely. That is each chapter will secure a post office box and forward its number to the I.B.C. secretary. In that way there should be no trouble re mailing lists any longer and no excuses for chapters not sending or receiving mail in the years to come.

The I.B.C. which you elected this year is a good one. Every member is a capable, determined, worker and you will be deluged with mail from the office of secretary this year. Do not hesitate to inform us of your problems; this year you will get prompt action as a new clause in the Constitution insures you of an ambitious I.B.C.

It would be a shame to lose any chapters, especially the southern district through lack of correspondence and "stick-to-it-iveness". We want to keep our beloved older chapters, instruct our newer chapters and gain future chapters through an extensive expansion programme commencing in September.

The I.B.C. started the ball rolling now its up to you to keep it rolling.

The man is fortunate who avoids the habit of letting such tasks as correspondence hang over him, and who takes delight in keeping them cleared up. So brothers when you receive mail get down to business and answer it.

In the future I hope to meet most of you personally, until then I remain;

Fraternally *Frank M. Wilson*

WHO'S WHO AT THE CONVENTION....

Oldest Brother.....Bro. Fermoile Alpha Eta
Youngest Bro..... Bro...Widge Lilley A. Phi
Tallest Bro.....Bros. Chaconas Zeta, Skeoch AP
Best dressed...Bro. Johnstone Alpha Phi
Handsomest Bro. Rotchell Alpha Chi.
Most Active.....Bro. Graham Alpha Phi.
Most Comical... Bros Chaconas & Simmons Z&AP
Most critical Bro. Kucharski Alpha Phi
Best Politician... Bro. Fleming Alpha Chi
Best speaker.....Bro. Kearn Beta Delta
Most brilliant remark... Fine & Dandy and I feel sick.

Dumbest remark.....I've got to go home and get some underwear.

Most interesting activity .. Trying to find a room that either was not full of Brother or remains.

Most appropriate Nick Name Ox Bro. Skeoch AP
Best singerBro. Al MARYLAND Smith A. P.

Deadline for the chapter news and pictures for the Winter issue of the Garnet and Silver is November 30th. Brother, please write in your news etc, without it, it makes putting out this organ just about impossible. Support your National Board too Brother because this year as never before they wish to work for you.

DEDICATION

This, the first issue of the Garnet and Silver in almost five years, is dedicated to Bro. Wm. F. Buchanan of Alpha Eta.

It is Bro. Buchanan whom we must thank for what knowledge of our history exists. In 1941 Bro. Buchanan made an herculean effort in gathering material pertaining to "Gamma" among this material are letters from Bro. A. H. Jackson one of our four founders in which Bro. Jackson states what our fraternity is and why it was formed. Unfortunately Bill did not live to see a history of Gamma Delta Psi published for in May 1945 Bro. Buchanan was killed in action on the island of Okinawa. A better delt cannot be found as he represents all true "Gamma" men everywhere.

ATTENTION ALL CHAPTERS
SEE YOUR NEWS AND PICTURES IN PRINT
SEND ALL INFO ON CHAPTER HAPPENINGS
TO BRO. AL SMITH 100 GEORGE ST.
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THE G.&S. CANNOT EXIST

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DO IT NOW!
Dues. National dues that is.

Brother

Don't wait until several months elapse; then try to catch up. First, it's harder for you to pay. Second, in order for us to operate efficiently as a national fraternity, we must have MONEY or we'll find some parts dragging. Come on chapters..... let's put on a dues paying drive and pay! Send your dues to the Int. Sec/Treasurer.

NOW HEAR THIS!

Cooperation should be emphasized, not only to new members but to old ones as well. Chapter officers should cooperate with the international organization and its activities should be much easier and more efficiently performed. Chapter members' cooperation with chapter officers and your sincerest efforts in tasks assigned you will help your chapter grow. Remember you are a part of the local chapter and the local chapter a part of the national organization and together a chain of massive strength can be molded that will increase the activity, efficiency, and the advancement of our great fraternity.

EDITORIAL

In delving through our 90 years of fraternal history I have become acquainted with (by way of their correspondence) many of the men who preceded us as brothers in Gamma Delta PSI. These men have time and time again held the fraternity together in times of crises and have unselfishly, of their time and money on behalf of Gamma. Men such as the Stewarts (Edward J.) Mimnaughs (Wally) and the Fernales (Bill, Jim, and Rich) It seems to, this humble scribe, that if men likethese thought enough of Gamma as to work to their utmost for her, she must be a worthwhile organization. It is the present condition of this so-called "International Fraternity" that worries me.

Gamma Delta Psi now stands at the cross roads in her life. One road leads to international understanding and the sharing of American and Canadian ideas the other is a road the Canadian chapters may tread alone.

In this year of 1959-1960 your I.B.C. is totally Canadian, not one American voice exists on your ruling body; this is a sorry state of affairs and stems directly from ignorance and indifference of both the Canadian and the American Chapters. Correspondence has been poor, personal contact is almost nil, and recent international boards have been ineffective.

The Canadian chapters are stronger in this respect but if they were any thing else it would be a shame indeed as the five chapters are concentrated in a radius of less than fifteen miles. The American chapters, however, are for the most part spread

WHY FRATERNITY?

Every year this question is asked by numerous delts and is a question to which we should all know the answer. What do we get for our National dues and why wouldn't we be better off if we cut our ties with our International Board and remain a local group?

First off- let's distinguish between a Club and a Fraternity. A club is a number of persons associated for a common purpose or mutual benefit. A Fraternity is a brotherhood of men, which instills in its members tolerance, social poise, citizenship, and brotherly feeling. A local group, who has no national ties, but calls itself a fraternity is no different than a club. About the only thing the two have in common is the desire in the beginning to bond together those that have a common interest.

Your Fraternity has a dignified ritual that gives its members the real purpose of its existence, rather than basing them on temporary objectives of immediate interest.

Your fraternity teaches tolerance for the viewpoint of others; acceptance of the decisions of the majority; assumption of responsibility as a Chapter officer, reverence to one's God; loyalty to one's school, friends and fraternity; service to one's community and fellow man; and respect to one's parents and civil authorities. Your fraternity has for one of its most important goals the development of character. It recognizes that a good fraternity man, above all, must be a good citizen. Thus, your fraternity seeks to build for the future rather than just for today.

There brothers is your answer. No place are the dividends so great on so few dollars. Your Delt brothers throughout the contry are contributing their best to your fraternity and mine.

out and isolated by many miles.

Another factor which tends to make the American Delts forget their international affiliation, is the existence of local fraternities, which are discussed elsewhere on this page. Our chapters in Hopewell, Chesterfield, Arlington, and Washington are surrounded by many of these groups. Proximity to such organizations has done much to affect their thinking.

A National board has been elected this year that wants to straighten our thinking along this and other lines. How long this attitude will last is directly proportional to the amount of cooperation recieved from the chapters in the next 12 months.

IF THE BROTHERS OF GAMMA DELTA PSI DO NOT WISH TO REMAIN AS AN INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY NOTHING UNDER THE SUN WILL HELP.

DO YOU ABREE BROTHERS? Let me know your feelings on this and other matters pertaining to Gamma Delta Psi.

Write me care of the editor.

Bro. Al Smith
Editor

OUR 80th YEAR!

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ALPHA PHI BRINGS ZETA TO THE COVENTION

This June three brothers of Alpha Phi chapter Mimico-New Toronto went down to Washington D.C. to visit with the brothers of Zeta. They were Ken Skeoch, Dale Stoodly and Tom Henderson. They were shown a great time by the Washington brothers and brought Bro. Bob Chaconas to Canada in time for the convention which was held in Toronto.

Incidentally Bro. Chaconas was the only American at the Convention. Wonder what happened to Alpha Eta? Brother Chaconas was put up at the house of brother Danny Shirelli. Bro. Shirelli also got him a job and he liked it so well that he stayed a month.

Alpha Rho Makes Come Back

Contact has been made in Arlington Virginia with Brother Ed Weber in Alpha Rho-land. Brother Weber along with a few other Alpha Rhos are attempting to get the chapter back on its feet after a long inactivity. With the help of the National Board they will succeed. Brother Weber is quite interested in hearing from all you Delts as he is a bit out of touch.

His address is:

Bro. Ed Weber 1720 Wilson Blvd.
Arlington Virginia.

Write him Brothers and encourage him in his worth while task.

Bro. Weber also said that he knew of a maverick chapter in California this of course is possible and makes for interesting speculation. Bro. Weber's brother started Alpha Rho back in 1942.

Convention Minutes

Convention minutes have been published and will be mailed shortly.

Constitutions

Long awaited constitutions are ready and will be mailed soon.

Rituals

Rituals are in the process of being printed.

The above mentioned brings us to a rather touchy point with most chapters and that is dues! This year you have a National Board that is dedicated to work their hardest for you; however, to do many of the things required by a national organization we must have money! Shortly you will receive a

Statement from Bro. Doug Jameson your Nat'l Secretary treasurer requesting this years dues plus last years dues from those chapters who did not pay up last year, meaning every chapter except one. Without money the National Board cannot exist, without the national body our International fraternity as such cannot exist.

Elections

When electing officers make sure you have a good President and a D--m good corresponding secretary. These are the two most important offices in the fraternity.

DID YOU KNOW THAT:.....

Gamma Delta Psi was founded in 1879?
The red carnation is our official flower?
General Mac Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt, Pres. Taft, and Edsel Ford are all members in Gamma Delta Psi.

Convention News and Notes.

The convention was held in Toronto this year and was attended by the four active Canadian chapters and one American chapter. It could have been a dismal failure business-wise had it not been for the presence of brother Jim Fermoile who made it the success it was.

Results of the election can be noted elsewhere in this publication.

Bro. Doug Jameson received the fraternity man of the year award the Francis J. Ringler award; Bro. Jeff Smith received the Alpha Delta Tau Award; Alpha Phi chapter received the chapter of the year award this year. A trophy was donated to the fraternity by Bros. Doug Jameson and Paul Graham. It is in the form of a marble block with are Greek letters carved in it. This trophy will be presented annually to the best corresponding secretary in Gamma Delta Psi.

The chapters now have the power to impeach the national board if they feel that their work is unsatisfactory. Each chapter will be required to supply themselves with a post office box after next year. The position of Nat' l Historian and Editor has been elevated to three year position.

HORSE AND BUGGY WISDOM-- STILL GOOD

1. The value of time.
 - 2 The success of perseverance.
 - 3 The pleasure of working.
 - 4 The dignity of simplicity.
 - 5 The worth of character.
 - 6 The power of Kindness.
 - 7 The influence of example.
 - 8 The obligation of duty.
 - 9 The virtue of patience.
- Seems to me that this creed is as good today as it was fifty years ago and it will still be good as long as time goes on.

BALFOUR HAS IT.....

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OUR HISTORY BY Al Smith Historian.

In this space each issue a small excerpt of our history will appear. It is hoped that this will aid the members, both new and old, in the knowledge of their fraternity and give you a better insight into our traditions. Now let us go back to 1879.....

Gamma Delta Psi was founded at Hill House High School in 1879 in New Haven Connecticut. "Gamma" was founded by bros. #1 Walter Rawling Dann, #2 Arthur H. Jackson, #3 Wylie Brantly Jones, and #4 Alexander Wurts founder. Sixteen members signed the original charter including the above four.

"Our idea was that a fraternity body small enough to be wieldy of kindred spirits with similar ideals could accomplish something for ourselves and for the school." This statement made by Brother Arthur H. Jackson in 1941 and tells us exactly what Gamma Delta Psi is.

Three of our founders Bros. Dann, Jones, and Jackson were old friends even before they entered high school. It was Bro. Wurts who got the idea of "Gamma" and was advised by one of his brothers who was a Yale fraternity man. Bro. Wurts chose Bros. Dann, Jones, and Jackson to carry out his plan.

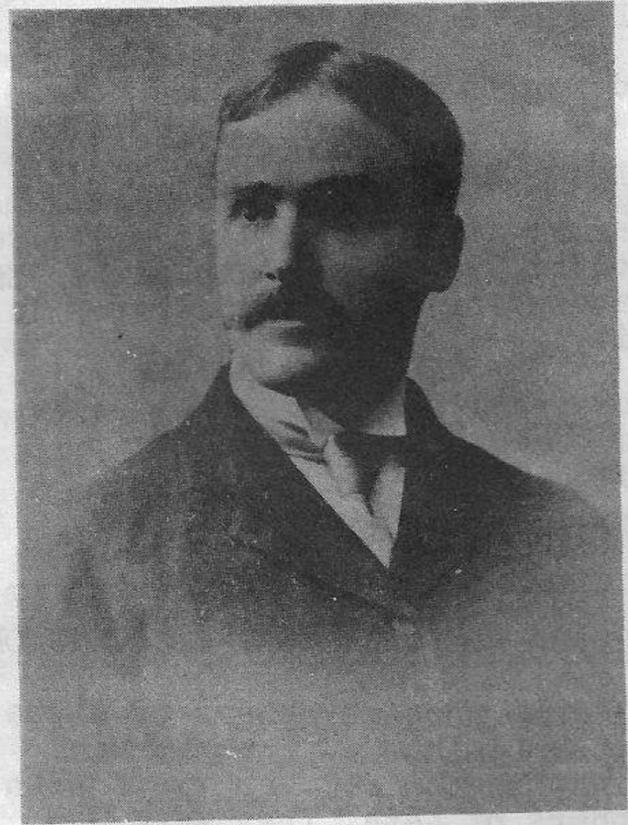
Alpha chapter of Gamma Delta Psi met once a week in a corner room of a top floor in Hill House High School and Bro. Al Wurts held "Gammas" first social function in his barn. The chief bill of fare was peanuts.

Bro. Wurts designed the pin in the shape of a crescent because the fraternity was new and bound to grow just like a new moon.

In 1884 Gamma became a national fraternity with the induction of beta chapter at DeVeaux military college in Suspension Bridge New York. Our strength continued with the addition of Delta chapter in 1887 at Grand Rapids High School in Grand Rapids Michigan. "Gamma" had begun to move. A chapter a year was added until the outbreak of World War One.

ZETA BROTHERS SHOW CANUCK DELTS GOOD TIME!!

At the end of August three brothers of Alpha Phi decided to visit Washington D.C. and meet some of the boys from Zeta chapter. The result of this meeting was a rip roaring time experienced by all plus a fair job of cementing Canadian American relations. Bros. Ian Emus, Bob Ferguson and Al Smith arrived in Washington about Four o'clock Saturday afternoon and were met Bros. Bob Chaconas and Lee Mahoney of Zeta chapter. Bros. Chaconas and Mahoney showed us all their was to see in the capital city. They drove the Canadians anywhere they wished to go and illustrated the true Gamma spirit.



Our Founder
Bro. Alexander Wurts
Taken about 1895

Pictures and chapter news must be in by November 30th. Support your fraternal organ by buying a years subscription. Use the subscription blank below.



From left to right; Bro. Chaconas, (Zeta) Bro. Emuss (Alpha Phi) and Bro. Lee Mahoney, (Zeta). The Bros. are pictured in front of Western High School where Zeta draws its members.

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