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As Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International starts into its ninetieth year, the Grand Crescent has thirty-two active Chapters. Virginia is represented by eight Chapters, New York by two Chapters, and Ontario, Canada by 22 Chapters. This year the Chapters dues have been raised to \$100.00 per year, an increase of 15 dollars over the previous year. This extra money will help offset a large deficit incurred by over zealous brothers at the last Convention in the Constellation Hotel, Toronto, Canada.

ANNUAL CONVENTION 1968

Well attended? Yes. Individual interest? Most definitely.

Swinging? To the hilt. Constructive? Undoubtedly.

Destructive? No comment.

Yes, all in all the 1968 Convention has to have been the best yet.

The most important item that was accomplished at the Convention was the passing of the new Constitution. This Constitution, which is now law, will result, I am sure, in a smoother, more effective running Fraternity at both the Chapter and Board of Control levels.

In addition to the passing of the new Constitution, many other exciting items were discussed. As a result of this Convention something will finally be done about our alumnus problem. In addition the Board of Trustees have been instructed to consider the possibility of Gamma Delta Psi expanding to the college level.

Socially, the Convention also was successful in that the banquet that was held on the Sunday evening was undoubtedly the largest ever, with well over 200 fraternity brothers and dates in attendance. At this function, Bob Guthrie, the outgoing President, was presented with a solid gold watch, as a token of appreciation for the many years service he has given our Fraternity.

Generally, as mentioned above, the 1968 Convention was the best yet. It will, most definitely, tie the chapters and individual brothers closer together for the coming Fraternity Year.

Will you be at next year's Convention?

Ken Marskell  
Member of Board of Trustees.

It seems that the Brothers of Gamma Delta Psi have not changed much through the years as shown by the following excerpt from the 1936 "GARNET and SILVER". This article refers to the Convention which took place on June 30, July 1 and 2nd, 1936, in the Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, New York. Sponsor was Alpha Iota Chapter.

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS OF CONVENTION - 1936

1. Thou shalt not drive the night of the stag party.
2. Thou shalt treat thy dance date with respect.
3. Thou shalt not create any disturbance at any time in the hotel.
4. Thou shalt never drink more than thy fill.
5. Thou shalt show thanks to Alpha Iota by leaving Syracuse in the same condition that it was in before.
6. Thou shalt not break any property other than thy own.
7. Thou shalt see that thy delegate goes to all the business meetings.
8. Thou shalt act with a brotherly feeling to all brothers of Gamma Delta Psi.
9. Thou shalt not skip thy hotel bill; verily that is a trick of a heel!
10. Thou shalt, above all, have a grand and glorious time!

A damn good guideline for the 1969 Convention in Virginia Beach.

WHAT IS THIS THING?

The thought it has occurred to me,  
 Yes, many a time and oft,  
 What is this thing called Brotherhood  
 That sets us all aloft?

We all know in some general terms  
 Of 'brothers' and 'bond' and 'chain'  
 But when something it has gone amis  
 What gives our brothers pain?

What is it that's in these hearts of men  
 That often made them cry?  
 -----it's LOVE my brothers, yes it is,  
 -----LOVE for GAMMA DELTA PSI!.

RALLY REPORTSNORTH

The first rally of this new fraternal year was held on Sept. 8th, at the Ascot Motel with Gamma Alpha serving as the host chapter. Because the rally was poorly publicized, only thirteen chapters and sixty-five individual brothers were in attendance. Unfortunately, none of the chapters from outside the Toronto area made an appearance, therefore, we cannot consider this meeting a complete success.

Although we suffered a numerical disappointment, it should be noted that terrific spirit was exhibited by the attending chapters.

The main purposes of the rally were as follows: to introduce the new Board of Control for the approaching year, to sell to the brothers the long awaited pins and other jewellery, and to discuss problems arising from our new Constitution. Also under discussion was the preceding Convention and the financial losses resulting from the damages incurred there. Many brothers participated in the discussions and several points were defined and clarified, thus giving the meeting a certain note of success.

The next Northern Rally will be held in early November, possibly in the Hamilton-Burlington area. We intend to inform the chapters of the location in the near future and we request full attendance from each chapter. All jewellery and fraternity equipment will be sold and orders will be taken for all desired merchandise. At that time we anticipate a gathering of over two hundred brothers and we hope to solve any constitutional problems which may have arisen. The I.B.C. desires and expects you to be present.

By Barry Yeates.

SOUTH

September 22nd, was the date of the opening Southern Rally for the 1968 - 69 fraternal year. Seven of the eight southern chapters were represented and total attendance was registered at sixty-five brothers. At this time the chapter members were officially introduced to their new Vice-President, George Longsworth, for the first time. Also attending the meeting were four members of the I.B.C. from Canada - Al Weston (Treasurer), Jamie Hinds (Secretary), Paul Holroyd (District Deputy), and Barry Yeates (President). The rally was held at the Holiday Inn in Petersburg, Virginia and was sponsored by the Southern Board.

Major topics on the floor were the John Tyler Alumni Association, pledging and expansion, mainly dealing with Vieux Carre Crescent Club in New Orleans. The alumni question remains unsolved as the Board of Trustees, represented by Ron Adams at the rally, is still discussing the present situation; however, definite decisions were made regarding pledging, primarily dealing with physical hazing, and Vieux Carre C.C.

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This meeting was definitely a total success. Attendance was remarkable considering the relatively small number of southern chapters and spirit was high. The South has truly become a strong force within Gamma Delta Psi once again and I am sure that we all take great pleasure in observing their obvious revival.

I am sure all members are looking forward to the next rally, which will occur in late November. More news will follow as soon as definite plans are made.

By Barry Yeates.

QUOTE? -----"Never enumerate your feathered Progeny until the process of incubation has been completely realized."

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This year due to the newly rewritten Constitution the Board of Trustees has increased its number to eight. Brother Dan SCHIRALLI and Brother Ronny ADAMS are the newly recruited members. At the time of this article the Board of Trustees have met twice with the main topic of discussion being our Alumni problem. They will continue to meet every second week for the remainder of the fraternal year. Chairman this year is Brother Ronald FLEMING, 3178 Rebecca Street, Oakville, Ontario. All enquiries regarding the Board of Trustees should be addressed to the same.

GREAT TALKERS SHOULD BE CROPPED, FOR THEY HAVE NO NEED OF EARS.

- Benjamin Franklin.

#### CANADIAN FRATERNAL CONGRESS

The first meeting of the 1968 - 1969 year was held at the Holiday Inn, Toronto, Ontario, on Monday, September 23rd, 1968. This meeting saw ALPHA ZETA Fraternity resign as an active participant in this organization. The following are the remaining active members.

1. Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International
2. Delta Omega Pi Fraternity
3. Theta Kappa Sigma Sorority
4. Alpha Beta Psi Sorority

Elections for officers were held at this meeting and Past-President of Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International, Bob Guthrie, was made Chairman. The position of Editor was filled by Paul Gibson, also of Gamma Delta Psi. The meeting on October 7, 1968, should see the years work get under way.

INTER-FRATERNITY CONGRESS

The 23rd Annual Meeting of the Inter-Fraternity Congress will be held at the Capitol Park Inn, Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A., on the 25th, 26th and 27th of October, 1968. All members of Gamma Delta Psi are welcome to attend. Rooms may be reserved by writing to the following address -

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