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CONVENTION NOTES

The Third Annual Convention of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity was held in Charleston, South Carolina, July 13, 14, 15, 1909. Charleston has been the scene of all three conventions, and the local men have endeavored to make each successive year of more interest, value, and enjoyment than the preceding. We feel confident that there can be no disputing when we claim for 1909 the honor of being the banner year. Future conventions may strive to equal but they will never surpass it in the spirit of general good fellowship and good times. There was only one cause for regret, and that was by no means the fault of the Charleston entertainers. But of that we shall speak later.

Summer time being on, and their city not being especially comfortable in that glorious mosquito period of the year, the Charleston men decided to give their inland brethren a real treat. Consequently the Hotel Seashore, Isle of Palms, was selected as headquarters and rendezvous. This arrangement was equally agreeable to local men, as it gave them a chance for a real holiday. Regular seashore pleasures and amusements were arranged for the guests, and every plan was made to give them the time of their lives. Nothing can surpass the Isle of Palms alone, and, with the Charleston men

as entertainers, the treat in store was inexpressible. But here comes in the disappointment:

Letters and circulars were sent out and favorable replies poured in. The Convention grew and expanded until it amounted to a Pi Kappa Phi reunion; for everybody was coming. Alphas and their alumni beamed with joy at its mere mention. So things went on until the fatal day. Train after train came in without its proper burden. Faces grew long and sad. There was weeping and gnashing of teeth. And when the dust cleared off the battlefield, and the Convention was in full swing, it proved to be merely a convention after all. The reunion had evaporated. Seriously, though, the Charleston men were only too glad to welcome their visiting brothers. We enjoyed their stay with us, and we only hope that they did likewise. Of course we would have been delighted had more turned up; for the more the merrier. But there were sufficient here to give us an exalted idea of the greatness and goodness of Pi Kappa Phi men.

The three convention days saw work and play mixed in about the right proportions. Mornings were given over to business sessions, and a multitude of important affairs were discussed and generally settled. New enterprises were set on foot, and everything went to show that the brothers were all actively interested in the general welfare of the Fraternity. Afternoons and evenings were occupied with entertainments, and many, varied and delightful they were.

Charleston men decided that the countrymen (everybody outside of Charleston is a countryman) needed first of all a well-salted wash. A glorious surf-party was then in order for Tuesday afternoon. We hope they enjoyed their ducking. Tuesday evening a hop at the big Isle of Palms pavilion was on the ticket. Everybody was delighted whether they

danced or not. Charleston's beauty and chivalry was out in full force, and merely to watch the pretty Charleston girls is heavenly enjoyment enough. We have the sweetest girls in the world right here; haven't we, boys? Subsequent to the dance there were manoeuvres on the beach. Country brothers, which did you enjoy most; the dance or the following adventures? From all we can hear, the latter must have been superb. How about it?

Wednesday afternoon we showed our inland guests some water, and then some, when we took them around Charleston's "magnificent harbor." Seasick sailors spent their best endeavors to control their assailant, and succeeded wonderfully well, considering. Never were two jollier hours spent upon the "rippling waters" of Charleston Bay. Like babies we cried for more when at last our sails were furled, or rather the motor ceased its chugging. Wednesday evening Frater Mixson tendered, at his home, to his weary and seasick brethren, a reception which necessitated early return to the island cut short.

Thursday afternoon the men took a farewell dip in the sea, and prepared themselves for the evening; for that was, as it always is, the crowning event of the Convention. Our Convention banquet was held at the Commercial Club, in Charleston. Finer feasting there never was. The spirit of peace and order, tinged with friendship, and good-fellowship, prevailed. After the eating came the speaking. Inspired by their meat and drink, the words flowed forth in eloquent oratory. After the formal toasts everybody had his little say. And then E. S. A. Kroeg dismissed the company by leading in the tuneful singing of "*Auld Lang Syne*." When the Convention adjourned with much handshaking and good-wishing, to the question: "When shall we meet

again?" was returned the general heartfelt cry: "Let it be soon."

Ask Frater Miller how he likes Isle of Palms bathing suits.

At the Convention we had representatives of three great universities: Columbia, N. Y., Johns Hopkins, Baltimore and California. The time was enlivened by hot discussions as to the relative merits of these institutions. Fisticuff settlements were prevented only by the earnest efforts of uninterested parties. Frater Kelly, supporting the University of California, generally managed to hold the centre of the mat by the aid of his famous "military feature."

Wonder if Frateres Kelly and Reid have recovered from their seasickness yet?

Why are Isle of Palms partitions so thin? Perhaps Frater Lowman can explain.

People at the Seashore Hotel were greatly excited when they found that one of our party had registered from Egypt. Why were the young ladies so disappointed when the Egyptian turned out to be E. S. A. Tom Mosimann, from Egypt, Georgia?

Ask anybody at the Convention whether ex-E. S. A. Kroeg isn't a brave man.

A man of interest at the Convention was K. E. Lowman, of Orangeburg, S. C., all-round athlete of Alpha Chapter. He made College of Charleston 'varsity in base ball, foot ball, basket ball, tennis and track. He is base ball captain for next year, and will in all probability head the tennis corps also. Pi Kappa Phi makes men of her fratres.

By the way, Pi Kappa Phi seems to take all-round leadership in tennis. Her men composed the whole College of Charleston team. At the South Carolina Inter-Collegiate meet she had four representatives, and kind of ran things up there. Pi Kappa Phi men hold the presidency and vice-presidency of the South Carolina Association for next year.

Pi Kappa Phi chapters, send in your athletic records to the editor!

It was suggested at the Convention that Pi Kappa Phi get a brand new fraternity song. In order to secure the best possible, a contest was proposed. All Pi Kappa Phi men are eligible. Write a song which has beauty and meaning; one that is really adapted for a frat. song. Set it to old music or compose a new tune. Send it in to the E. S. A. before December 1, 1909. Supreme Council will judge upon all songs submitted, and the writer of the one selected as fraternity song will be presented with a jewelled Pi Kappa Phi pin. The Council reserves the right to retain for its own uses any or all songs if it should so desire. Get busy and write a frat. song. The more the better.

CHAPTER LETTERS

S. C. ALPHA.

As South Carolina Alpha marked the birthplace and prime movers of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, so she is expected to assist, if not to lead, in all new ventures. And she is always proud to do so. Accordingly she is glad to take her place and to extend the hand of fraternal welcome to all true Pi Kappa Phi's who read these pages.

Alpha is situated in a small college, with ninety as the highest year's enrollment, and with seventy as an average, to which we are much afraid that we will return during the coming season. Besides the Pi Kappa Phi, there are two national fraternity chapters (both of which are old and powerful) and one strong local. With so few eligible new men, each year there is a tremendous struggle for initiates. This year we are preparing to make a good fight and to come out with a nice new enrollment if possible. We shall let you know the results in our next.

At any rate we stole a march on the others at the close of last year, for we took in two desirable men at our last meeting as a sauce for our annual banquet, which was held on the same night. The initiation was great, being conducted by our "old team;" and the banquet was greater still, being a big joyous reunion. Nearly all of Alpha's alumni were with us; our star guests being T. B. Kelly, of Berkeley, Cal.; James Fogarty, of Columbia University, New York, and A. P. Wagener, of Johns Hopkins, Baltimore.

If all of next year is to be as successful as that meeting we have a glorious outlook before us.

Fraternally,

SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA.

S. C. BETA.

South Carolina Beta Chapter sends her greetings to the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity Journal. She is delighted at her opportunity to be one of the first to utilize this new fraternal organ to extend brotherly greetings to her sister chapters and to each and every individual Pi Kappa Phi.

Beta is more than fortunate in the number and enthusiasm of her sisters. At the end of each college year it has been customary for the chapter to give a banquet. Last year, through the skill of her fratres and the efficient aid of her sisters, Beta surpassed herself and her previous efforts by the most excellent banquet of her existence.

Frater L. Harry Mixson, of the Supreme Chapter, acted as toast-master, and filled the place as well as it could be filled.

It seemed like a reunion, for we had with us Fratres Owens, Simpson and Bailey; and, if circumstances had not prevented, Frater Miller would have been with us. Then all the charter members of Beta would have been brought together in fraternal union with the new men, and with one of the instituting officers.

As to the banquet, we wish that all the other chapter fratres could have been present. We received our guests in the large administration building. After all had assembled we proceeded to the dining hall, which was decorated with ivy and ferns. Pi Kappa Phi colors and pennants in profusion adorned the walls. Then came the most interesting part, the eating. After being served with six courses our attention turned to the toasts, which were given by members of the faculty and some of the Pi Kappa Alpha men, invited guests from a sister fraternity.

I cannot describe the banquet; I only wish that all Pi Kappa Phi fratres and sisters could have attended.

Fraternally,

M. McS. SELLERS,

For South Carolina Beta, Pi Kappa Phi.

CAL. GAMMA.

Out of the land of the golden West come tidings from California Gamma, our chapter at the University of California. This is one of the largest institutions of its kind in America; and Pi Kappa Phi, although only quite recently implanted there, promises to become one of its strongest and most influential fraternities. We have there a most energetic and enthusiastic worker in the shape of T. B. Kelly, an old South Carolina Alpha (who, by the way, was the prime mover in the institution of Cal. Gamma), and he declares that the others are as interested and earnest as he. We are expecting great things from them in every college and fraternity line.

Out in that country the people work, while we lazy Easterners sleep; and consequently they are always getting ahead of us. Here we are just starting our college sessions, while they have been going since August 15. Accordingly they have some active work to tell us about. Frater Clarence Fraser, of Dinuba, Cal., writes as follows:

"Up to this time two new members have been taken into the chapter: William Lawrence, of Santa Rosa, Cal., and Frank Stack, of Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands. Both fratres enter with the class of 1913.

"An informal dance was held at the chapter house on Friday, September 3d, in honor of the new members. Only the fratres and their ladies

were present, but all report a very enjoyable time.

The annual Inter-Fraternity base ball series is being played now at California. In the game with the Psi Upsilon Fraternity the local chapter of the Pi Kappa Phi won by the score of 7 to 4. Fratres Pronty, '11, and Long, '09, composed the battery.

"CALIFORNIA GAMMA."

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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

In compliance with the action taken at the last Convention, the Eminent Supreme Historian takes pleasure in presenting herewith to the officers and members of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity the first number of the official Journal. For pecuniary and other reasons it has not been possible to make the issue as full as might otherwise have been desirable. It has been deemed advisable to make the publication quarterly, and to have it appear on the first days of October, January, April and July. The staff is always handicapped in the first issue by the difficulty of obtaining matter on time. We are compelled to put this number in press without waiting for some very desirable stuff. Still we have been unavoidably delayed; but hope now to have the issue in the hands of subscribers by October 15th. By that time all our chapters will be at work again. We wish to extend a hearty greeting to all old and new Pi Kappa Phi's.

A fraternity magazine is something apart from all other publications. It contains neither fiction, nor science, nor religion. It is intended primarily neither to amuse, to educate, nor to edify. It is intended first and foremost to be a bond of friendship. With chapters scattered from ocean to ocean,

with individuals dotting the whole country, with the two extremities seldom, if ever, coming into contact and relationship, what is there to bind together the members of a big fraternity? Of course, there is the sense that we all profess the same vows and are under the guidance of the same principles; but this is something intangible, and not apt to be always powerful and binding. What interest can I feel in a man of whom I know only the name? With some more intimate knowledge of his character and doings, I have some foundation for friendship. To furnish such foundation must be the object of a fraternity journal. In chapters as a whole, in their continuance and success, an unconnected frat. man may be interested. But for their individual members he can care nothing without a more intimate personal acquaintance. How can he establish this friendship with a man thousands of miles away? Primarily through the agency of his journal. Our Journal is to be the chain of acquaintance, not only from chapter to chapter, but from man to man. Naturally we want chapter records; but more than all we want records of men, personal details which mean so much for friendship. We wish this Journal to be the bond which shall bind together the hearts of all Pi Kappa Phi men, active college men and alumni; from the greenest Freshman to the sagest Justice in our pack. Greater intimacy, more true inter-chapter fraternity spirit is to be our goal.

In order to accomplish this object we must have the aid and coöperation of all our fratres. Our editorial staff is as yet small. We cannot here in Charleston know by intuition the doings of our men in San Francisco. We must have first-hand information. Anything of interest about anyone in the Fraternity that anybody knows should be sent in immediately to the editor. We cannot divine when

interesting things will happen. If anyone has an idea he thinks will be of service let him write us at once. Don't wait to be asked. We are not mind-readers. Any definite information that we need at definite times we shall not hesitate to ask for. Please do not hesitate to give it then and at any other time you feel inclined. The more matter we get the bigger, better and more capable of performing its object will the Journal be. Above all things don't be stingy and don't be bashful.

We hope that this first number of the Pi Kappa Phi Journal, meagre as we feel it to be, will be of interest to some, and will bring some welcome thought to a few of our fratres. We are going to strive to make every issue better than its predecessor. With your aid we feel that we are going to succeed. Without your aid we are sure to fail. We extend our hearty greeting to each and every Pi Kappa Phi, and earnestly ask for your fraternal hand-shake, and for your heart-felt cooperation and aid.

FRATERNITY.

There is no sentiment more powerful in the relationships between men and women than is love. There is no principle more active in the inter-relationships of men and women than is friendship, brotherly love. Through all times men have striven for the closer binding, the firmer establishment of this uniting bond. Their struggle has resulted in the formation of fraternal orders. College fraternities, Masons, Knights of Pythias and all such bodies have this for their basic creed. Naturally, each has its special signification. Each stands for some definite function in business, society, education, religion, or whatever its particular sphere. Some organiza-

tions are distinctly representative of one. Some include several. And even within the same order we are apt to find subdivisions. Influenced by external forces, this or that local band lays emphasis on some principle or purpose elsewhere unemphasized. Thus there are countless bodies of men and women varying in extremes in composition, in principles, in ideas and in purposes; all of whom, however, are brought together by their search for mutual friendship.

The principle which animates such organizations and which inspired their institution, the natural craving, actual need, indeed, for true friendship and brotherhood, including the recognition of the strength and mutual gain acquired by close and intimate association in the bonds of fellowship, may be styled the sense of Fraternity. All fraternal organizations have for their lowest and foremost foundation the desire for brotherhood, unselfish, undying friendship, interdependence and interreliance. The stronger this mutual love, the stronger is the order, the more capable of performing its function. Without harmony, active, meaning harmony, local branches are powerless. As soon as the spirit of brotherly love throughout the national organization dies out, all chances for external or internal success are at an end. With brotherhood, fraternities are invaluable. Without brotherhood, they are worse than useless.

Laying aside the immense value of associative orders in the purely physical struggle of life, there is no worldly organization which can better aid the spiritual side of man's nature than a fraternity if conducted to live up to its basic principle; for its power is due solely to this active, living force, Fraternity. There is no principle more ennobling than true, unselfish friendship; no force stronger in the building of character than the love of fellow-

man. Holding brotherly friendship as the keystone of their formation, and as their watchword, the main object of a fraternity should be character founding and fixing. Were all fraternities professing as their sole object the training and culture of their members in the road to true manhood, to uphold and practice their teaching, there could and would be no grander secular institution in the world.

Fraternity should be to us an active, not a passive principle. It is, for those who correctly understand it, an inspiration toward all that is better in human life. Without association with other men, our characters remain unformed. Fraternal association moves toward proper formation. Brotherly love exterminates all the petty feelings of man's nature and brings to view the larger, nobler traits which are in embryo in every man, and which merely need the proper stimulus to which they must sooner or later respond. Fraternity means mutual appreciation, self-knowledge, mutual knowledge. Fraternity teaches a man first to learn and to appreciate his own strength and weakness, and then to recognize the strength of his fellow. In fraternal association these weave backwards and forwards in and out among each other until a working whole is constituted powerful even in its weaknesses. For to each man through his weakness is lent his brother's strength. Close association with a few brothers teaches a man to apprise the outside world, to influence it by his strength, and through brotherly assistance to be influenced in his weak points. Fraternity lends strength to each individual and strength to the whole. It teaches the men under its influence to be creators of circumstances, to be rulers of themselves and hence to be rulers of the world. Let a man through fraternity be made capable of fraternity and he need never fear character destruction.

Fraternity is a powerful and peculiar force. Real fraternity can never harm or impoverish, and often cheers and enriches. The capability for fraternity is a gift from the divine.

The main object of a fraternity, then, should be exercise of *Fraternity*. All other purposes should sink into insignificance beside this. Not that all other sides of life should be dropped; for often they may cooperate and aid. But every conflicting element should be done away. The members of a fraternity should learn through Fraternity to know themselves, to know their brother, to rule themselves, to become forceful men, powerful in this world's regard; to be noble men of character irreproachable, powerful in the spirit of the world to come; to be, in short, men really great. With this accomplished, no fraternity need be ashamed of its work. May it be the goal and well-accomplished task of Pi Kappa Phi to lead through trials and despair to the clear light of a noble spirit, great now and great forever.

BIOGRAPHICAL DEPARTMENT

Andrew Alexander Kroeg, Jr., was born in Charleston, S.C., on the ninth day of February, 1885. He received his early instruction in a private school, from which he went to the Charleston High School, being graduated in 1901. The same year he entered the College of Charleston, receiving a B. A. degree in 1905. He then studied law and was admitted to the bar April 24, 1907. He is at present practicing in his native city. He is a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Washington Light Infantry, Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. He was one of the founders of the Fraternity, being at the head of the first chapter when organized. When the Fraternity was made national he was elected to the office of E. S. A. He founded South Carolina Beta and South Carolina Delta. He framed the Constitution and the charters. His term of office expired at the last Convention. He is now a member of the Supreme Council. At College he was manager of the football team, 1904, Vice-President of the Chrestomathic Literary Society, member of the second baseball team and manager of the Glee Club.

Anthony Pelzer Wagener was born in Charleston, S. C., May 27, 1887. After attending a private school for several years he entered the High School of Charleston, and graduated with first honor in 1902. He was awarded a High School scholarship to the College of Charleston, which he entered the

same year, graduating with a B. A. degree in 1906. He won a Boyce scholarship during his attendance at College. While a member of the Chrestomathic Literary Society he held the office of Treasurer and President. He was Secretary and Treasurer of the College Glee Club. In scholastic and in literary lines he was particularly active, being Associate Editor of the College Magazine for two years, and besides obtaining high general honors in his freshman, sophomore years, and general honors in his junior year; he was graduated in 1906 with first honor. He was also interested in athletics, playing on the second base ball team for several years. Was one of the founders of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. He was at the head of S. C. Alpha during the year 1906. He was the first E. S. Th. In 1907 he was elected E. S. D. A. He served as a member of the first Supreme Council. After his graduation from the College of Charleston he entered the graduate department of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., where he is at present a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Latin, Greek and Sanskrit. In May, 1909, he was elected a member of Maryland Alpha Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity. In June, 1909, he was appointed a fellow of Johns Hopkins University. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. He has taken his degrees in Masonry.

Simon Fogarty, Jr., is a native of Charleston, S. C., having been born on the seventh of June, 1887. In 1902 he was graduated from the Charleston High School. He then attended the College of Charleston, from which he received his B. S. degree in 1906. He was Vice-President of the Chrestomathic Literary Society. He was particularly active

in athletics, making the foot ball 'varsity in 1903, 1904 and 1905, when he was elected Captain. He was a member of the 'varsity basket ball team, in 1904, 1905 and 1906, when he was elected Captain. He also played on the second base ball team. He was the first treasurer of the first chapter of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, of which he was the second head. He was the first E. S. G. He now holds the office of E. S. D. A. He assisted in the writing of the Rituals. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. After his graduation he pursued a business course and is now in the business world.

Lawrence Harry Mixson was born in the city of Charleston, on August 19, 1887. After attending the public schools he entered the Charleston High School, graduating in 1903. He then attended the College of Charleston. He became a member of the Chrestomathic Society, and held the offices of Secretary, Vice-President and President. In athletics he was prominent, making the 'varsity teams of base ball, foot ball and basket ball. He was assistant manager of the foot ball team in 1904, and in 1905 made the team. He managed the basket ball teams of 1905, 1906 and 1907. He was very active in the work of organizing the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. He assisted in drafting the several Rituals. He was the first secretary of the first chapter. In 1907 he was at the head of the chapter. He was appointed by the E. S. A. to institute S. C. Beta and S. C. Delta. He was the first E. S. H., and served in the first Supreme Council, of which he is now a member. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. He is a member of Strict Observance Lodge of the Masons.