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THE SUPREME COUNCIL MEETS

Everyone knows that the Supreme Council is elected at each National Convention and is charged with the responsibility of overseeing the affairs of the Fraternity during the two-year period. Most Brothers realize that the Council members serve without pay and have periodic meetings; that members attend Installations, Province Conventions, Leadership Schools, Founders Day banquets; and that all of them affix their signatures to a letter that is sent to every Chapter each fall setting forth certain operational requirements. Beyond this, little is known of the many and varied activities of these five Brothers on behalf of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

In mid-January the Supreme Council met for two days at its winter meeting. We thought it might be interesting to the readers of PHI ALPHA if we were to present a typical agenda which would show the range of topics discussed and acted upon. Because many of the decisions involve individual members of the Fraternity, names, and some final decisions are omitted.

Each meeting is opened with prayer. At this session a special tribute to Bish Anderson was presented, followed by the ESR's report on the special fund created by the New Mexico Alpha Chapter. The fund is to be accumulated at the National Office for a Founder Membership and grave marker in Bish's memory. He reported that he anticipated many more contributions and that these should be received soon in order to meet the goal.

Minutes of the last meeting always must be approved and so noted in the present minutes. This may seem somewhat superfluous because there are no fewer than three rough drafts before they are printed in final form. But, as we all know, official approval must be given. With considerably more care but the same amount of consistency, the members review the financial reports for the previous month.

In the financial area there was a discussion about procedures that might be adopted which would tend to ensure the continued non-profit tax status of the Fraternity. Accounting practices, proper investments, judicious spending, careful budgeting and maintenance of a strong financial base are constant concerns of the Council.

Appointment of a new Scholarship Commissioner was the next item for consideration. Many names were suggested and all were noted in the minutes. The members reached a consensus and the ESA indicated that he would begin discussions with those for whom there was the greatest interest. This position is extremely important and requires careful selection.

One of the functions of the Council is judicial, and at each meeting there is a request for a re-hearing or an appeal for reinstatement from someone who has been expelled by his Chapter or by an alumni commission. At this meeting there were three such requests. In each case the evidence is weighed carefully and all information examined before a decision is reached.

In a discussion of the Chapter Visitation program, a report was given of the annual meeting with our four Chapter Supervisors in early January, and a summary of fringe benefits was presented. It was agreed to extend the summer vacation period for the supervisors and a statement covering the desires of each of them concerning continued employment was given. Then the Council proceeded with the difficult task of selecting two new supervisors from the four Brothers who had made formal application.

A SUPREME COUNCIL AGENDA (continued)

After a brief review of the activities planned for the installation of Illinois Gamma on the following weekend, the first day's deliberations concluded.

The second day of the meeting was given to the creation of a new Leadership School Advisory Council. Assignment of those to attend Province Conventions and Founder's Day celebrations was finished. Consideration of future Province re-districting, selection of a new card to be presented to Life and Founder members, and extension matters followed.

Upon the recommendation of the Permanent Extension Investigation Committee after their careful study the following schools were added to the approved list of suitable institutions for a chapter of SAE: Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska; Nebraska State College, Kearney, Nebraska; South Dakota State College, Brookings, South Dakota; Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas; and the University of Southwest Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana. These bring to fifteen the total number of institutions currently on this list.

Also considered was a special initiation request, the dates of the next meeting, a travel policy for Supreme Council members when an emergency arises, and an invitation for Honorary ESA Sam Fleming to attend the Joint Meeting with Province Archons next September.

A constant concern of the Council is the health of each of our Chapters. At each meeting there is a time reserved for discussion of "problem" chapters. There were eleven situations on which reports were necessary at this session. Some were progress reports and others required direct action and/or special visitations.

The final session was concluded with a publications report in which each of the Fraternity's current and proposed publications was thoroughly covered. As is always the case, the meeting was adjourned with the formal closing ceremony.

This was all for SAE. But it must be remembered that the members of the Supreme Council wear two hats--they are also the Trustees of The Levere Memorial Foundation. With the proper switch of hats they went immediately into a three-hour special meeting of the Trustees.

Most of the discussions in this meeting centered around repairs and maintenance of the Temple, adequate insurance coverage for the building, the advisability of funding depreciation or creating a new fund for replacement and major improvements on the Temple, care of the stained glass windows, and a review of delinquent student loans. It was decided that the Foundation would reinstate the Chapter Library program and make more of these available to Chapters under similar requirements as under the original program.

This, then, in capsule form, is a somewhat typical agenda for a Supreme Council meeting. Not unlike a chapter, there is much that cannot be recorded in the conversations that take place over coffee in the morning, while walking to and from meetings and during the many off-hours of informal conversation. These are two days devoted completely and exclusively to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

GARY R. (BISH) ANDERSON MEMORIAL FUND

A reminder is offered to those who wish to contribute to this Fund for a Founders Membership and a grave marker for "Bish". Checks should be sent to ESR Rex A. Smith, P. O. Box 1856, Evanston, Illinois.

FOUNDERS DAY NO. 110

To most followers of the Christian religion the high point of the year is the Easter season. Most married men find it difficult to explain why they forget the anniversary of their wedding. All of us take into account the beginning of the New Year when we turn to a new calendar and often to renewed resolve to pay better attention to the things we should do. Our fraternity associations are not unlike most of these other experiences.

Fortunately, to most of Minerva's sons, Founders Day is the occasion when we take the time to gather with our SAE Brothers to strengthen or renew or extend our Fraternity friendships. It is also a time to hear restated the values of these friendships and the enduring principles upon which they are built.

This year we celebrate the 110th anniversary of the founding of our Fraternity. It should be an occasion when all of us re-think some of the teachings of the Fraternity.

The friendships we form in the days of our youth are most certainly among our lives' most cherished possessions. And where on earth is there a better place to make fast friends than living and working and playing together in a fraternity house? In this setting, to make and keep friends requires certain qualities of character. Foremost among these are loyalty and honor, or honesty. These virtues sometimes find different names in this jet-propelled, psycho-analyzed age, but their values still weigh just as much in the balance of our lives.

The opponents of fraternity are numerous today, as they have been in the past. We believers in fraternity should be reassured by the figures which tell us that we are numerically, in membership and in chapters collegiate, stronger than ever before, and the intellectual level of the chapters collegiate continues to rise.

So, on our 110th birthday, we should be glad to see the excellent state of health of our order, and all of us should be proud to claim membership in a movement that is a vital and constructive factor in the important business of education and in our lives.

NOTE: The above is by Robert P. van Blaricom, Eminent Supreme Herald, who is charged with the responsibility for the alumni program as a part of his Supreme Council duties.

THE LION'S SNORT



Received from the Atlanta Alumni Association:

"Yesterday our Association, under the leadership of President John R. Maddox, staged a successful 'Open House' for Atlanta area actives and pledges. Approximately 65 rushees visited with us, so we are out to take the cream of the crop in the fall of 1966!"

The following invitation was sent by the Brothers of Ohio Mu to the Faculty, Staff and their families of Denison University.

"The Brothers of SAE would like to extend an invitation to all faculty members, staff, and their families to use the SAE house, its fireplace, its hill, and its toboggans on Saturday and Sunday, February 5th and 6th at any time during the day. Hot cocoa will be served from 2:00 - 5:00 on Saturday and 1:00 - 5:00 on Sunday. This is to be very informal -- feel free to come through the front door and downstairs -- there may not be a host there at some times. We possess only two toboggans, so feel free to bring your own."

In 1957 the Levere Memorial Foundation embarked on a program of providing Chapter libraries and subsidized the major part of the cost. Since then 106 of these libraries have been presented for a total cost to the Foundation of \$43,718.51. As reported on Page 1, the program has now been reinstated. In 1961 a supplemental Encyclopedia program was begun and 65 of these sets have been provided to Chapters. Fifteen are still available. The total cost to the Foundation of this program has been \$18,532.99.

The following letter was received from Province Mu Archon William A. Unsworth:

"I am enclosing an article from the Indianapolis Star concerning the 'Bleed-in' project of our Indiana Epsilon Chapter.

"This is the third chapter in our Province to initiate this program for the benefit of our troops in Viet Nam. It is, indeed, noteworthy that SAE is in the forefront of programs so beneficial to the nation.

"Our Illinois Beta chapter was the first in the nation to conceive the idea, plan the program and carry it through to a successful conclusion. It is my hope that all SAE Chapters initiating this program be recognized in an appropriate manner."

Noble Notes



NOBLE LESLIE DeVOTIE
Founder

Lauren Foreman, '01, Ga. Epsilon (Emory), Past Eminent Supreme Archon (1924-1928), Past Eminent Supreme Recorder (1933-1950), Acting ESR (1955-1956), Archivist (1950-1961), and former President of Province Gamma (1903), succumbed at Buford, Ga., February 8, 1966, at the age of 85. He was Founder No. 13 of the Levere Memorial Foundation Sustaining Fund.

Past ESA Fred H. Turner, after 48 years of student personnel work at the University of Illinois, has tendered his resignation as Dean of Students, effective September 1, 1966.

According to U. of I. Pres. David D. Henry, Brother Turner first made his request to be relieved of his job as dean a year ago when he was named chairman of the centennial committee. Demands on him as committee chairman are increasing as planning for the celebration moves ahead. The University will celebrate its centennial from Feb. 28, 1967 to March 11, 1968.

Fred began working in the U. of I. Dean of Men's office in 1918. He was named assistant Dean of Men in 1922 after his graduation and was appoint-

ed Dean of Men in 1931. Then in 1943 came his appointment as the University's first Dean of Students, and to date, the only man to hold this post.

Elmer B. (Tubby) Sanford '03, Mich. Iota-Beta (Michigan), Kan. Alpha (Kansas), former Editor of THE RECORD, and Secretary of the Board of Trustees for 25 years, died at Miami Shores, Fla., February 1, at the age of 84. Twice President of Province Zeta, he was a founder of Kansas Alpha at the University of Kansas and was Founder No. 28 of The Levere Memorial Foundation Sustaining Fund. Brother Sanford received the 7th Distinguished Service Award at the Mackinac Convention in 1947 when the awards were inaugurated.

It has been reported to us that Past ESA G. A. (Dolph) Ginter has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to return to his office three days a week. He will reach the young age of 90 on March 12 of this year.

George L. Tye, '35, Ohio Epsilon (Cincinnati), Ky. Epsilon (Kentucky), president of the Chicago Alumni Association in 1956 (the Fraternity's centennial year), and for years a coordinator (Find-A-Job Bureau) in The Alumni Program, died at his home in Oak Park, Ill., January 29, 1966. He was a broker with the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, two sons and two sisters. Representing the Association at the Service were DeHaven Woodcock, president, and George F. Dvorak, treasurer.

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