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FIRST SESSION.

The Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was called to order at 2:20 P. M. by Brother Paul Lofton, President of Kappa Chapter, Columbus, Ohio. Invocation was delivered by Brother Rev. A. J. Allen, of Zeta Chapter. The General President, Brother Simeon S. Booker, was introduced to the Convention by Brother Paul Lofton.

The General President delivered his annual address, which was received with hearty applause. Following the address of the General President, appointment was made of officers of the Convention and the Committee on Rules and Credentials.

The committees and officers of the Convention appointed by the General President were: Walter R. Thornhill, Tau Chapter, Recording Secretary; F. Luther Merry, Kappa-Lambda Chapter, Assistant Recording Secretary; M. L. Shepard, Eta Chapter, Chaplain; H. D. Giles, Kappa Chapter, Sergeant-at-arms.

Committee on Credentials: J. G. Wood, Eta-Lambda Chapter, Chairman; Sidney P. Brown, Eta-Lambda Chapter; L. T. Young, Phi Chapter; George M. Johnson, Alpha-Delta Chapter; Theodore Von Dickersohn, Alpha-Iota Chapter.

Discussion was entered into regarding the suggestion made by the Editor of the Sphinx, Brother Oscar C. Brown, that each Brother attending the Convention be assessed One Dollar (\$1.00) to help defray expenses in connection with the publication of the special Convention issue of the Sphinx. It was decided to take up this matter at a subsequent time.

A short recess was taken at 2:55 P. M., in order to enable the Committee on Rules and Credentials to verify the credentials of Chapter delegates and draw up rules for the Convention. The Convention reconvened at 3:55 P. M. Report of the Committee on Rules and Credentials was read by Brother J. Garland Wood, Eta-Lambda Chapter, Chairman.

Upon motion, it was voted that the report of the Committee on Rules and Credentials be adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND CREDENTIALS.

We, the Committee on Rules and Credentials of the Sixteenth Annual Convention of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, submit the following report:

VALID CREDENTIALS RECEIVED FROM:

Alpha.....	Cyril G. Bow, F. L. Thompson
Beta.....	Elwood Downing, William R. Adams
Gamma.....	Robert B. Powell, C. L. Franklin
Epsilon.....	B. V. Lawson, A. P. Lee

Zeta.....	John Williams
Eta.....	Peyton F. Anderson, Marshall L. Shepard
Theta.....	Nelson Glover, William Benson
Kappa.....	Herbert S. Goodloe, George E. DeMar
Mu.....	Mason W. Fields
Nu.....	T. E. Percival
Omicron.....	J. Bertram Hamilton, Gerald D. Allen
Xi.....	Frank C. Beane, Nelson Redmond
Pi.....	Jarett Chavous, Emmer M. Lancaster
Rho.....	R. P. Bowman
Sigma.....	
Tau.....	W. R. Thornhill, E. F. Hamilton
Upsilon.....	Thomas M. Clark, Walter E. Gray
Phi.....	J. E. Pettruss, L. T. Young
Chi.....	N. C. King, L. L. Hubbard
Psi.....	I. W. Underhill, Jr.
Alpha-Alpha.....	Silas K. Rhodes, W. C. Coleman
Alpha-Epsilon.....	George M. Johnson
Alpha-Mu.....	George A. Rozier, Fred D. Jordan
Alpha-Zeta.....	D. L. Ferguson, Robert Carroll
Alpha-Iota.....	T. H. Von Dickerson, A. G. Chapman
Alpha-Kappa.....	H. A. Brown, Otis E. Finley
Alpha-Nu.....	Charles P. Howard
Alpha-Omicron.....	J. R. Dungee, Jr.
Alpha-Xi.....	F. K. Beck
Alpha-Lambda.....	F. M. Reid, Wilson Ballard
Beta-Lambda.....	F. T. Lane
Gamma-Lambda.....	Percival R. Piper, J. R. Henderson
Delta-Lambda.....	P. D. G. Pennington
Epsilon-Lambda.....	A. G. Lindsay, James E. Scott
Zeta-Lambda.....	L. F. Palmer
Theta-Lambda.....	E. E. Campbell, Andrew Rose
Eta-Lambda.....	Sydney P. Brown, Russell S. Brown
Kappa-Lambda.....	F. L. Merry
Iota-Lambda.....	C. A. Toles, Sumner A. Furniss
Mu-Lambda.....	A. L. Curtis

According to the rules of the General Organization, the following are privileged to vote:

- S. S. Booker, General President.
- R. P. Alexander, First Vice-President.
- R. W. Cannon, Second Vice-President.
- James W. McGregor, Third Vice-President.
- Norman L. McGhee, General Secretary.
- Homer Cooper, General Treasurer.
- Oscar C. Brown, Editor of *Sphinx*.
- V. D. Johnson, Former Editor of *Sphinx*.
- George B. Kelly, Founder.
- Charles H. Garvin, Former General President.
- M. A. Morrison, Former General President.
- E. J. Cheeks, Former General Vice-President.

RULES

- (1) This Convention shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, where not otherwise provided.
- (2) Each member shall be allowed two minutes for discussion, which time may be extended by the house.
- (3) All recommendations and reports of committees shall be properly worded and typewritten.
- (4) Absence of any delegate from a regular session of the convention shall be deemed assent to any measure passed in or during the absence of said delegate.

- (5) Members may smoke during session if they so desire.
(6) Brothers shall leave the room only when excused by the President.

Respectfully submitted,

J. GARLAND, *Chairman*;
T. H. VON DICKERSON,
GEORGE M. JOHNSON,
SYDNEY P. BROWN,
LAURENCE T. YOUNG, .

Committee on Rules and Credentials.

Following the report of the Committee on Rules and Credentials, roll call was had and seating of the delegates in their proper places was arranged by the General Secretary, Brother Norman L. McGhee.

The address of welcome on behalf of the City of Columbus, was delivered by Brother J. E. Mitchell, of Kappa Chapter, and the address on behalf of Kappa Chapter was delivered by Brother Paul Lofton, President of Kappa Chapter.

Response to the welcome addresses was made by Brother Oscar C. Brown, Editor of the Sphinx. The General Secretary announced the receipt of and read a communication from Brother Gordon H. Simpson, informing the Convention of the death of the father of our Brother, George W. Buckner, of St. Louis, Mo.

Upon motion, it was voted to extend felicitations to all Negro National Fraternities and Sororities holding Convention during the Christmas holiday season.

Appointment was made by the General President of Brother Sidney P. Brown and Brother L. T. Young, as Cheer-Leader and Pianist, respectively, of the Convention.

Brother James E. Scott of Epsilon-Lambda Chapter was appointed Parliamentarian by the President.

The following special committees were appointed by the General President, after which the first session adjourned to meet for the second session at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

COMMITTEES OF CONVENTION.

RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE.

Brother B. A. Rose, Theta-Lambda Chapter, Chairman; Brother P. R. Piper, Gamma-Lambda; Brother F. D. Jordan, Alpha-Mu; Brother T. E. Percival, Nu; Brother M. W. Fields, Mu; Brother George B. Kelly, Alpha; Brother W. R. Adams, Beta.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE.

Brother E. F. Hamilton, Tau Chapter, Chairman; Brother George E. DeMar, Kappa; Brother E. M. Lancaster, Pi.

EXTENSION COMMITTEE.

Brother R. P. Alexander, Alpha-Eta; Brother F. K. Beck, Alpha-Xi; Brother N. C. King, Chi; Brother R. W. Cannon, Mu; Brother J. W. McGregor, Alpha-Delta.

BUDGET COMMITTEE.

Brother Homer Cooper, Theta; Brother A. W. Hardy, Kappa; Brother William A. Benson, Theta; Brother J. B. Hamilton, Omicron; Brother J. G. Wood, Eta-Lambda.

JOURNAL AND PRINTING COMMITTEE.

Brother Oscar C. Brown, Eta-Lambda; Brother L. T. Young, Phi; Brother Arthur E. Prince, Tau.

RITUAL COMMITTEE.

Brother Sydney P. Brown, Eta-Lambda; Brother Walter E. Gray, Upsilon; Brother W. C. Coleman, Alpha-Alpha; Brother E. E.

SUSPENSION COMMITTEE.

Brother Robert Carroll, Alpha-Zeta; Bro. F. M. Reid, Alpha-Lambda; Brother C. P. Howard, Alpha-Nu; Brother A. L. Curtis, Mu-Lambda; Brother Elwood Downing, Beta.

CUP COMMITTEE.

Brother Charles A. Greer, Theta; Brother H. Jefferson, Phi; Brother F. T. Lane, Beta-Lambda.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE.

Brother George M. Johnson, Alpha-Epsilon; Brother C. L. Franklin, Gamma; Brother F. L. Thompson, Alpha.

COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

Brother P. D. G. Pennington, Delta-Lambda; Brother M. L. Shepherd, Eta; Brother J. L. Henderson, Gamma-Lambda; Brother H. A. Brown, Alpha-Kappa; Brother Irwin Underhill, Jr., Psi.

COMMITTEE ON REORGANIZATION.

Brother R. W. Cannon, Mu; Brother J. H. Hilburn, Delta-Lambda; Brother Gerald Allen, Omicron; Brother Nelson Glover, Theta.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Brother J. R. Dungee, Alpha-Omicron; Brother Jarett Chavous, Pi; Brother P. F. Anderson, Eta; and Brother George A. Rozier, Alpha-Mu.

SECOND SESSION.

The second session of the Convention was called to order by the General President at 9:40 A. M. Invocation was delivered by the Chaplain, Brother M. L. Shepherd, Eta Chapter.

A supplementary report of the Committee on Credentials approved the credentials of Brothers B. V. Lawson and A. P. Lee of Epsilon Chapter.

Brother C. W. Chinn of Epsilon was appointed temporary Sergeant-at-arms in view of the absence of Brother Giles.

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted. Communications from various persons and organizations relative to the holding of the 17th Annual Convention were read by the General Secretary, Brother McGhee.

Greetings were received from Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

A communication was read from L. G. Balfour, official jeweler of the fraternity, by the General Secretary, in which the official jeweler announced his desire to present to each delegate a Waldemar charm, upon which was stamped the court-of-arms of the fraternity. As the acceptance of these charms involved a change in the organic law of the fraternity, because of the use of fraternity emblem, the matter was referred to the Committee on Ritual for investigation and recommendation.

Brother M. A. Morrison, of Beta Chapter, who was especially invited by General President Booker and General Secretary McGhee to attend the Convention and be its guest, in honor of his having served as the first General President which the fraternity had, being elected such at the first Annual Convention held in Washington, D. C., in 1908, was introduced to the Convention.

It was decided by common consent to permit the Second Vice-President to incorporate in his report the report of delinquent and unrepresented chapters.

Brother Morrison, the honor guest of the Convention, was asked to speak to the delegates and Brothers in attendance. The remarks by Brother Morrison were most inspiring. He pictured to the delegates his own great amazement that the organization had grown to such an extent during the past sixteen years, and stated that he intends to be present at all subsequent conventions if there is any way possible for him to do so, as the inspiration received and the contacts made amply repay every Brother who attends. It was especially inspiring to him, he stated, because of his many years out in the world where he was out of touch with fraternity activities.

The report of the Go-to-High-School—Go-to-College Committee was given by the director, Brother President, S. S. Booker. On motion, the report of the Go-to-High-School—Go-to-College Committee was received.

Recommendations were read to the Convention by the delegates representing Gamma-Lambda Chapter and Upsilon Chapter. It was decided by common consent that all further recommendations be referred to the Committee on Recommendations before being read in the session.

A motion that the remainder of the time of the morning session be used in hearing grievances and complaints of the several chapters was ruled out of order. Upon motion, it was voted that a Committee on Grievances and Complaints be appointed. The following committee was named: Brother M. L. Shepherd, Eta; Brother L. F. Palmer, Zeta-Lambda.

A motion that a committee be appointed to draft a statement for the press was passed. The following committee was appointed: Brothers McGhee, Gregg, Ridley, Benson and Scott.

Upon motion, properly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

THIRD SESSION.

The third session of the Convention was called to order by the General President at 2:20 P. M., Friday, December 28th. Invocation was given by the Chaplain, Brother Shepherd. Roll call. Minutes of the second session were read and adopted.

The General Secretary read the following communications: Wilbur C. Douglass, Omicron Chapter, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Atlanta Life Insurance Company, inviting the 17th Annual Convention to Atlanta, Ga., 1924.

The news statement prepared by the Committee on Press was read to the Convention. Upon motion, it was voted that the sending out of the statement be deferred until report of the Budget Committee was received by the Convention.

The report of the Advisory Committee was given by the Chairman, Brother Raymond P. Alexander. Upon motion, it was voted that the report be received.

Brother Oscar C. Brown, Editor of the Sphinx, read the report of the Committee on Printing. Upon motion, it was voted to receive the report and turn over the recommendations made by the committee to the Committee on Recommendations.

Upon motion, it was voted that the report of chapters be received at this point. The following reports were given:

Alpha—Brother F. L. Thompson.

Gamma—Brother C. L. Franklin.

Beta—Brother W. R. Adams.

Epsilon—Brother B. V. Lawson.

Eta—Brother P. F. Anderson.

Theta—Brother William Benson.

Kappa—Brother H. S. Goodloe.

Upon motion, it was voted that the reading of chapter reports be dispensed with.

Brothers L. H. Goodman, Kappa Chapter, D. L. Brown, of Kappa Chapter, and J. R. Henderson, of Detroit, were introduced to the Convention by the General President. Each of these Brothers was requested to make a few remarks.

Adjournment.

FOURTH SESSION.

The fourth session of the Convention was called to order by the President at 10:05 A. M., Saturday morning, December 29th. Invocation was given by the Chaplain. Roll call. Minutes of the last session were read and adopted.

The General President announced the following additions to Committees:

On Constitution—Brother F. C. Bean, Brother C. G. Bow.

Ritual—Brother Nelson Glover.

Cup—Brother A. G. Lindsay, Brother H. A. Brown.

Resolutions—Brother D. L. Ferguson, Brother O. E. Finley.

The General Secretary read the following communications:

Zeta Chapter, New Haven, Connecticut.

Alpha-Mu Chapter, Evanston, Illinois.

Sigma Chapter, Boston, Massachusetts.

Alpha-Kappa Chapter, Springfield, Ohio.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

The reports of general officers were called for.

Brother Raymond W. Cannon read the report covering his work as Second Vice-President. Upon motion, it was voted that the report be received and turned over to the Committee on Recommendations, and that Brother Cannon be given a vote of thanks for his splendid work in the conduct of his office.

Brother James W. McGregor read his report covering his work as Third General Vice-President. Upon motion, it was voted that the report be received and thanks be extended to Brother McGregor.

Announcement was made by Brother V. D. Johnston of Kappa Chapter concerning the arrangements for the banquet, the Dunbar Pilgrimage, and the Public Session of the Convention.

Brother Norman L. McGhee read the report of his activities in the conduct of the office of General Secretary for the year 1923; also a financial report of the funds received through the General Secretary's office. Upon motion, it was voted that the report be received, and the recommendations contained in it turned over to the Committee on Recommendations, and that Brother McGhee be extended thanks for the fine work done by his office. His financial report was turned over to the Auditing Committee.

The General President, Brother S. S. Booker, at this point introduced Brother Dr. J. E. Moreland, Beta Chapter, who had been asked to deliver the Annual Fraternal Address to the Convention.

Adjournment.

FIFTH SESSION.

The Fifth Session of the Convention was called to order by the General President at 2:25 P. M., Saturday, December 29th. Invocation was given by the Chaplain. Roll call. Minutes of the Fourth Session were read, and, upon motion, adopted.

Communications were read by the General Secretary.

Brother Oscar C. Brown, Editor of the *Sphinx*, rendered his report of the conduct of his office for the year. Upon motion, it was voted that the report of the Editor of the *Sphinx* be received, and that thanks be extended for his fine work in providing for the fraternity such a representative official organ during the year 1923.

Brother Homer Cooper rendered his report as General Treasurer for the year 1923. Upon motion, it was voted that the report of the Treasurer be received and turned over to the Auditing Committee.

Brother Raymond P. Alexander made report of his activities as First General Vice-President for the year 1923. Upon motion, it was voted that the report be received.

The General Secretary called attention of the Convention that, up to that time, there had not been turned in sufficient railroad certificates to meet the requirement in connection with the granting of the reduced rates to delegates.

Brother Sidney P. Brown presented a plan to get a sufficient number of railroad certificates to bring the total up to 250 required by the railroad company in order to secure the reduced rate. No action was taken upon the suggested plan.

By common consent, Brother W. O. Stokes, of Theta-Lambda Chapter, was given permission to speak to the Convention concerning the proposed donation to Mrs. Dunbar, to be applied on the debt of the Dunbar home. Upon motion, it was voted that the President be given power to appoint a committee to provide ways and means by which Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity could assist in lifting the mortgage on the Dunbar home during the year 1924.

Upon motion, it was voted that the General Organization present a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Dunbar on the occasion of the pilgrimage to the Dunbar home.

The Convention was informed, through the General President, of the decease of Dr. J. H. N. Waring of Downingtown, Pa., the father-in-law of the General President, and the father of Brother J. H. N. Waring, Jr., of Beta Chapter.

Upon motion, it was voted that a telegram of condolence be sent by the General Secretary in the name of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, to the family of Dr. J. H. N. Waring.

Meeting adjourned.

SIXTH SESSION.

The Sixth Session of the Convention was called to order by the General President at 9:35 A. M., Monday morning, December 31, 1923. Invocation by Brother Bowman of Rho Chapter. Roll call. Minutes of the Fifth Session were read and adopted.

The General Secretary read communications as follows: Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Company of Atlanta, Ga., inviting the fraternity to hold its next Annual Session in Atlanta. Brother Dr. J. H. Hilburn, Delta-Lambda Chapter, Baltimore, Md., expressing regrets regarding his inability to be present at the Convention. Dr. F. C. Hicks, President of the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, inviting the Convention to hold its next Annual Session in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Report of the Constitution Committee was read by Brother E. P. Hamilton, Tau Chapter.

Report of the Constitution Committee, as adopted by the Convention, will be found elsewhere in these minutes.

The report of the representative of the Inter-Fraternity Conference was given by the General Secretary, Brother Norman L. McGhee.

Upon motion, it was voted that a committee be appointed to consider the report of the representative of the Inter-Fraternity Council, and determine what part the fraternity is to take in the formation of the Inter-Fraternity Council. The report made by Brother McGhee in this connection will be found elsewhere in these minutes.

The report of the Committee on Extension was given by Brother Raymond P. Alexander. This report, as adopted by the Convention, will be found elsewhere in these minutes.

Brother Oscar C. Brown, of Eta-Lambda Chapter, presented the names of the following gentlemen for election as exalted honorary members, on behalf of Eta-Lambda Chapter: A. F. Herndon, Atlanta, Ga.; Bishop R. E. Jones, New Orleans, La.; Heman E. Perry, Atlanta, Ga.; U. G. Mason, Birmingham, Ala.

The following were elected as exalted honorary members: Bishop R. E. Jones, Heman E. Perry, A. F. Herndon.

It was the consensus of opinion that Eta-Lambda Chapter be urged to elect Dr. U. G. Mason as an active-honorary member of the fraternity.

Brother Charles P. Howard, of Alpha-Mu Chapter, presented the name of Professor George W. Carver, of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, for election as an exalted honorary member of the fraternity. Upon motion, it was voted that Alpha-Mu Chapter make investigations to ascertain whether or not Mr. Carver was already a member of the Greek Letter Fraternity.

Report of the Grievance Committee was read by Brother Shepherd of Eta Chapter. The report of the Grievance Committee, as adopted, will be found elsewhere in these minutes.

The report of the Committee on Suspension was read by Brother Robert H. Carroll, of Alpha-Zeta Chapter. The report of the Suspension Committee, as adopted by the Convention, will be found elsewhere in these minutes.

Brother A. E. Malone, President of the Poro College, St. Louis, Mo., at this time, made a short talk to the Convention.

Meeting adjourned.

SEVENTH SESSION.

The Seventh Session of the Convention was called to order by the General President at 2:20 P. M., Monday, December 31, 1923. Invocation by the Chaplain. Roll call. Minutes of the Sixth Session were read and adopted.

Communications were read by the General Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Organization was read by Brother

Nelson Glover, of Theta Chapter. This report dealt particularly with the Fraternity Endowment Plan, submitted by the General Secretary, Brother Norman L. McGhee. Upon motion, it was voted that the plan be printed and referred to the Chapters for consideration. The plan, as submitted, will be found elsewhere in these minutes.

Upon motion, it was voted that the Advisory Committee be composed of all of the general officers of the fraternity.

The report of the Committee on Recommendations was read by Brother Piper of Gamma-Lambda Chapter. This report, as adopted by the Convention, will be found elsewhere in these minutes.

Brother George B. Kelly, one of the founders of the fraternity, at this time presented a set of resolutions to be considered by the Convention. The resolutions, as adopted by the Convention, will be found elsewhere in these minutes.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Brother George M. Johnson, of Alpha-Epsilon Chapter. This report, as adopted by the Convention, will be found elsewhere in these minutes.

The report of the committee to formulate a plan whereby the fraternity might assist in lifting the mortgage on the Dunbar home was read by Brother Russell Brown. The report, as adopted by the Convention, will be found elsewhere in these minutes.

The report of the Printing Committee was read by Brother Oscar C. Brown. The report, as adopted by the Convention, will be found elsewhere in these minutes.

The General Secretary read a communication from Brother Kelly Miller, inviting the fraternity to send delegates to the Negro Sanhedrin to be held in Chicago, February 11 to 15, 1924. Upon motion, it was voted to accept the invitation and that the General President be empowered to appoint the delegates to represent the fraternity at this conference.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read by Brother J. R. Dungee, Jr., on Alpha-Omicron Chapter. The report, as adopted by the Convention, will be found elsewhere in these minutes.

The report of the Budget Committee was read by Brother Homer Cooper. The report, as adopted by the Convention, will be found elsewhere in these minutes.

Upon motion, it was voted that a photographic copy of the letter left by Brother John Trice, the noted Iowa State University athlete, be placed in the permanent files of the fraternity.

Upon motion, it was voted that each chapter shall report to the general officers all financial members of their chapters within ninety days of the date of each Convention.

The General President declared that the house was open for nomination and election of general officers.

The following officers were elected by ballot:

General President, Raymond W. Cannon.

First General Vice-President, Raymond P. Alexander.

Second General Vice-President, James W. McGregor.

Third General Vice-President, D. L. Brown.

General Secretary, Norman L. McGhee.

General Treasurer, Homer Cooper.

Editor of the *Sphinx*, Oscar C. Brown.

The report of the committee on meeting place for the 17th Annual Convention was read by Brother P. D. G. Pennington, of Delta-Lambda Chapter. Upon motion, it was voted to make selection of the meeting place by ballot. New York was chosen as the seat of the 17th Annual Convention.

The retiring President, Brother S. S. Booker, introduced Brother Raymond W. Cannon as General President for the year 1924.

Meeting adjourned.

SMOKER—DUNBAR PILGRIMAGE—PUBLIC SESSION—
ANNUAL BANQUET.

SMOKER AND SYMPOSIUM

The annual Smoker and Symposium in connection with the Sixteenth Annual Convention was held in the Spring Street Y. M. C. A. Banquet Room, with Dr. B. A. Rose, of Theta-Lambda Chapter, Dayton, Ohio, presiding. The symposium was opened with the singing of the national fraternity song. Brother N. B. Allen of Kappa Chapter led in the discussion of the general theme, "Federation of All Agencies Pertaining to the Welfare of Negro Life." Five minute speeches were made by Brothers C. H. Tobias, Beta Chapter; W. S. Scarborough, Xi Chapter; George Kelly, one of the founders of the fraternity, of Alpha Chapter; Norman L. McGhee of Mu-Lambda Chapter, General Secretary of the fraternity.

On Sunday, December 30th, the full Convention delegation made a pilgrimage to the home of Paul Laurence Dunbar at Dayton, Ohio. Arrangements had been made for special cars over the interurban railway between Columbus and Dayton to take the delegates to Dayton, where they were met by a train of automobiles which conveyed them to the home of Dunbar. The program conducted at the home included a welcome address by O. O. Morris, President of Theta-Lambda Chapter, located at Dayton; a presentation address of Raymond W. Cannon, Second Vice-President, and a response in the form of an acceptance of a bunch of beautiful flowers given by the fraternity to Mrs. Matilda J. Dunbar, mother of the poet. The master of ceremonies was R. M. Swayne. From the home the delegation was conveyed to Woodlawn Cemetery to Dunbar's grave, where a most impressive ceremony was held which included a tribute to Dunbar's contribution to literature by Dr. J. W. Gregg, President of Wilberforce University; a reading of "When All Is Done," one of the poet's compositions, by Miss Edna Browne; and a tribute by S. S. Booker, General President of the Alpha Phi Alpha. The master of ceremonies was B. Andrew Rose. Following these ceremonies, the delegation was conveyed to Memorial Hall, Dayton, to be banqueted.

The program for the banquet included an address on "Collegiate Fraternal Friendship," by Norman L. McGhee, General Secretary of Alpha Phi Alpha; an address, "The Growth of Sororities," by Dr. Sadie T. Alexander, President of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; an address by James W. McGregor, "The Aim of Alpha Phi Alpha"; an address by James A. Dunn, "Graduate Chapters," and a greeting from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority by Miss Thelma L. Taylor, one of the youngest members of the Sorority connected with the Kappa Chapter in Indianapolis, Ind. The addresses were interspersed with vocal and musical selections given by Miss Helen Walker, Madame Florence Cole Talbert, and Mrs. A. W. Hardy, and a reading of Dunbar's "Ode to Ethiopia," by Miss Edna Browne. The master of ceremonies was William O. Stokes, of Theta-Lambda Chapter.

Upon the return of the Convention delegation to Columbus, Ohio, the entire body repaired to the Columbus Chamber of Commerce Auditorium to attend the public session where Attorney Robert L. Vann of Pittsburgh spoke on the subject, "The College Man's Opportunity."

The program of the public session, in addition to the address by Attorney Vann, included the following:

"America," sung by the audience.

Invocation, Rev. A. J. Allen, Zeta.

Welcome on behalf of Kappa Chapter, Paul Lofton, President.

Music, the Kappa Quartette.

Selection, Mrs. Hazel Marie Stokes.

"The Future of Our Fraternity," S. S. Booker, Delta-Lambda.

"Lift Every Voice and Sing," by the audience.

J. Arnette Mitchell, of Kappa Chapter, was the presiding officer at the public session.

The Annual Fraternal Banquet was held at the Spring Street Y. M. C. A., with John Porter Bowles, of Kappa Chapter, acting as toastmaster. The program included:

Address, "The Relationship of Honorary Members to the Fraternity," Dr. J. E. Moreland, Beta Chapter.

Address, "Brotherhood," Raymond W. Cannon, General President.

Short talks on "Our Prospects for the Future," led by James Scott, Epsilon Lambda Chapter.

Announcement was made at the banquet of the winning of the McGhee cup by Phi Chapter at Ohio University for the best record during 1923.

The 16th Annual Convention ended as the shrilling of whistles announced the arrival of the New Year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS.

We, the Committee on Recommendations, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. That vice-presidents gather data relative to school in their districts and that no group be accepted until first accepted or recommended by them.

2. That chapters familiarize themselves with the general order concerning the pins.
3. That uniform chapter house shingles be adopted by the fraternity.
4. That A. P. A. approve the participation in civic affairs by graduate chapters.
5. That A. P. A. send a communication to President Coolidge recommending the release of the remaining members of the 25th Infantry, now incarcerated at Leavenworth.
6. That a gift not to exceed \$100.00 be given the N. A. A. C. P. to aid in passing the anti-lynching legislation.
7. That the fraternity approve Easter Sunday as a day of devotion at the seat of each chapter, upon which day a survey of the religious standing of its members be made with the hope of stimulating Christian service among its members.
8. That Alpha-Zeta, Epsilon-Lambda and Iota-Lambda be placed in the mid-western district as requested by them.
9. That general orders be compiled and added to the constitution.
10. That traveling expense to general convention of one of the founders be sustained by the fraternity each year; said founder to be selected by the president and that a different founder be present each year.
11. That the founder's picture be made and each chapter be required to purchase one; individual members also having the privilege of purchasing one.
12. Recommend that general officers meet at least once a year before the convention and as often during the convention as necessary; the minutes of their proceedings be open to the convention.
13. That yearly reports of the general officers be in the hands of the Editor of the *Sphinx* fifteen days before date of convening of convention in order to be mimeographed and made available for chapters.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) B. ANDREW ROSE, *Theta Lambda Chairman.*
 WILLIAM R. ADAMS, *Beta.*
 PERCIVAL R. PIPER, *Gamma-Lambda.*
 THEODORE E. PERCIVAL, *Nu.*
 MASON W. FIELDS, *Mu.*
 HERBERT S. GOODLOE, *Kappa.*
 F. D. JORDAN, *Alpha-Mu.*
 GEORGE B. KELLEY.

RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY BROTHER GEORGE B. KELLEY, AS APPROVED BY CONVENTION.

I recommend that it shall be the action of the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity that in the future the following shall attain as to the selection and election of Exalted Honorary members.

1st. The applicant shall be a graduate of a college or university meeting the requirements of eligibility in the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity or shall have matriculated in such college or university and passed the sophomore year.

2nd. He shall have attained prominence in educational activities, the sciences, or shall be an outstanding character that has achieved results that are particularly helpful to the Negro race in the nation at large.

3rd. He shall not be a member of any other Greek Letter fraternity.

4th. The initiation fee shall be \$25.00, to be paid by the chapter proposing the name after a unanimous vote of said chapter.

5th. Election shall be by a majority vote at an annual convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Convention or the majority vote of two-thirds of the chapters after the candidate's name shall have been submitted by the Advisory Board of the fraternity.

6th. A successful candidate shall be required to appear at the Convention succeeding his election for initiation by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

APPROVED REPORT OF RITUAL COMMITTEE.

The Ritual Committee submits the following report, recommending:

That the charms presented to the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity by the official jeweler be not accepted, because of the possible establishment of a bad precedent of unnecessary show.

2. That the official jeweler not be permitted to use the emblem of the fraternity without the consent of the fraternity.

3. It is reported that the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's grip and pass-word are being used by some who are not members of the fraternity, and it is urged that the brothers do more to keep these as really only the secrets of *this* fraternity.

4. That no undergraduate pledge of a chapter be initiated into the fraternity previous to the completion of the work of his freshman year.

5. Attention has been drawn to the violation of the rule forbidding that guards be worn with the fraternity pin. It is urged that there be more strict adherence to this rule—by *all* chapters.

Respectfully submitted,

BRO. S. P. BROWN, *Chairman*;

BRO. NELSON GLOVER,

W. C. CALLEMAN,

BRO. E. E. CAMPBELL,

W. E. GRAY.

Ritual Committee.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE.

To the Officers and Members of the Sixteenth Annual Convention:

We, the Constitution Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. The following chapters have submitted constitutions to the Committee:

Epsilon, Kappa, Omicron, Tau, Alpha-Zeta, Alpha-Theta, Alpha-Iota, Alpha-Kappa, Alpha-Omicron, Beta-Lambda, Gamma-Lambda, Kappa-Lambda and Alpha Nu.

2. The following change should be made in the constitution of Alpha-Zeta Chapter:

Article V, Section 4, should be stricken out, as it is a repetition of Article V, Section 3.

3. The constitution of Alpha-Iota Chapter should have been typewritten as required by Section 8 of the By-Laws of the General Constitution, 1919.

Fraternally submitted,

E. F. HAMILTON, *Tau Chairman*;

EMMER M. LANCASTER, *Pi*,

FRANK C. BEANE, *Xi*,

GEO. E. DEMAR, *Kappa*,

Constitution Committee.

REPORT OF SUSPENSION COMMITTEE.

To the Members of the Sixteenth Convention:

We, the Committee on Suspension, after having considered all suspensions on hand, beg to submit the following report:

Nu.

Cases of Brothers Frank Hailstock, Jr., Leonidas Coleman, Wm. H. Branch, P. L. Nichols, O. W. Brown, R. A. Fairly, and M. W. Howard:

These brothers are cited for suspension because of "financial inactivity." If a brother has the interest of the fraternity at heart, he should be willing to make some sacrifice in carrying out his financial obligations. We, therefore, recommend that the General Convention put a stamp of approval upon the actions of Nu Chapter.

Tau.

Cases of Brothers P. A. Vaughn, W. F. Thornton, B. J. Gordon, J. A. Clark, C. S. Booker, and A. J. Lewis.

The following are the charges against Brother Vaughn:

1. He violated the sanctity of the home.
2. He violated the chastity of woman.
3. He has refused to obey the laws of suspension imposed upon him by the general orders of the chapter.

We, upon these grounds, recommend the expulsion of Brother P. A. Vaughn.

Brother W. F. Thornton was suspended for (a) financial delinquency, (b) refusing to obey the General Laws, General Orders, and Chapter Laws, (c) for having written a letter in which he states his refusal to comply with said laws. We, upon these charges, hereby recommend that said brother be expelled.

Brother B. F. Gordon and J. A. Clark were suspended for (a) financial delinquency, (b) and for making no effort whatever to settle their accounts. We recommend the expulsion of Brothers Gordon and Clark if his account is not settled within ninety (90) days.

Brother C. S. Booker and A. J. Lewis have been suspended on account of financial delinquency. We approve the actions of Tau Chapter in regard to this matter.

Zeta.

Case of Brother Caple:

Brother Caple was suspended by Zeta for—

- (1) Gross indiscretion and conduct unbecoming a brother,
- (2) Utter indifference to the advice and warning of the chapter as well as to its work.

We approve Zeta's action of suspending the said brother.

Iota-Lambda.

Case of Brother James Irvin:

The following reasons are produced: Indifference in regard to the fraternity in never attending a meeting; failure to meet financial obligations to his chapter, his brothers, and to the community.

We, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

Alpha-Delta.

Case of Brother Haywood Thompson:

Brother Thompson has been recommended for expulsion on the following grounds: (1) Failure to pay his dues to the local chapter for fifteen months after having been declared inactive during the said time by the chapter; (2) ignoring several letters on the question and several personal interviews and promises to adjust the matter; (3) failure to appear after having been cited to appear to explain his attitude to the chapter when the letter of citation was handed him in person by the assistant secretary of the chapter, cautioning him that his case would be presented to the Sixteenth Annual Convention; (4) exhibiting general disinterestedness and lack of fraternal spirit.

We, therefore, recommend the expulsion of said brother.

Phi.

Case of Brother Clyde E. Johnson:

The following are the charges against Brother Johnson: Brother Johnson is cold, evasive, unfriendly, unsympathetic with anything that Alpha Phi Alpha holds sacred. Brother Johnson has refused to acknowledge official correspondence, has refused to attend meetings.

Upon the charges produced we heartily endorse the suspension of said brother.

Upsilon.

Case of Brother A. Gatewood:

The charges brought against Brother Gatewood follow: Brother Gatewood is gossiped about because of his effeminate nature. It is proved that he practices homosexuality. During the meeting in which Brother Gatewood was suspended, he said on one occasion: "If I didn't do the things that he wanted me to do, he would get angry and stop speaking." This statement, along with others, helped to justify the conclusion reached by the committee.

We approve the expulsion of Brother Gatewood.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT CARROLL, *Alpha-Zeta, Chairman,*

F. M. REID, *Alpha-Lambda,*

CHAS. P. HOWARD, *Alpha Nu,*

ELLWOOD DOWNING, *Beta.*

Committee on Suspension.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION AS APPROVED BY THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

1. The committee recommends that favorable action be taken on application for a Chapter of the Fraternity at Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia.
2. It is recommended that favorable action be taken on the application for a graduate Chapter at Chicago, Illinois.
3. The committee asked that Alpha-Xi Chapter at Marquette University be permitted to elect students to the Chapter from those attending the University of Wisconsin and Beloit College, provided, however, that these colleges be advised of such intention so as not to call into question the legitimacy of such action.
4. It is recommended that Delta Chapter be continued on the rolls as inactive.
5. It is recommended that new efforts be made to see that proper establishment of the Chapter in Africa is effected, and that the services of Brother Redding of Xi Chapter be asked in connection with this matter since it is understood that he knows the proper channels through which such efforts may be directed.
6. It is recommended that the application for a graduate Chapter at Buffalo, New York, be not granted until seven brothers have joined in making the application.

Fraternally submitted,

RAYMOND W. CANNON,

PERCIVAL R. PIPER,

WALTER R. THORNHILL,

JAMES W. MCGREGOR,

RAYMOND P. ALEXANDER,

Committee on Extension.

PRINTING COMMITTEE.

Brothers, Greeting:

Your Printing Committee begs leave to recommend that the General Secretary be directed to have the names of all subsequent initiates printed on their shingles in an attractive type and at the expense of the General Organization.

Respectfully submitted,

O. C. BROWN, *Chairman,*

L. T. YOUNG,

Printing Committee.

REPORT OF MCGEE CUP COMMITTEE.

We, your committee appointed to consider the work of the various chapters during the year, as a basis for the award of the McGee cup, beg leave to submit the following report:

The competing chapters are Alpha Zeta, Nu, Alpha Mu, Tau, Phi.

The committee finds the following, based on table adopted by 1920 Convention in Kansas City:

	A Z	Nu	A Mu	Tau	Phi
Grand tax		15	15	15	15
Plan for G. O. Revenue.....		10
List of members.....	4	4	4	4	4
Official correspondence.....		..	15	25	25
Delegates to Convention.....	14	7	14	14	14
Charter members	2	1.5	2	2	2
Pins	5	..	5	5	5
Achievements	5	5	10	25	20
	—	—	—	—	—
	30	32.5	65	90	95

We therefore recommend that the McGee cup be awarded to Phi Chapter. We further wish to point out that competing chapters should study all requirements diligently and place before the committee in detail their claims rather than refer the committee to some officer. Tau Chapter is to be especially complimented on the year's work. Phi Chapter, however, was the only chapter submitting to the committee any kind of plan for increasing G. O. Revenue.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. GREER, *Chairman*,
 F. L. LANE,
 H. R. JEFFERSON,
McGee Cup Committee.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

To the Officers and Members of the Sixteenth Annual Convention.

We, your committee, submit the following resolutions:

Whereas, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from the labors of this life and the ranks of our beloved fraternity Brothers John G. Trice of Alpha Nu, Shannon Jackson of Beta, Nelson DePew Ricks of Mu, Sidney J. Richards of Tau, William Nelson Colson of Eta, William Williamson of Gamma, and

Whereas, The loyalty and work of these brothers have been of such a nature that the before mentioned chapters feel the loss to their respective chapters, to the general organization, and to the community in which each brother was a living example of Alpha Phi Alpha ideals, be it

Resolved, That the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity through delegates of the before named chapters express by resolution its sympathy in the deaths of these brothers.

Whereas, The death of Dr. J. H. N. Waring, father of Brother J. H. N. Warring, Jr., of Beta Chapter and the father-in-law of our President, Brother Booker of Delta Lambda Chapter, occurred during this convention, and

Whereas, Brother Von Dickersohn of Alpha Iota Chapter has sustained the loss of his sister during the performance of his duty at this convention; be it

Resolved, That we, through these resolutions, extend to them our deepest sympathy.

Whereas, It is one of the ideals of this good organization to further and to encourage the spirit of fraternalism among its members, and since there exists a political practice altogether contrary to this ideal, a practice which is creating discord rather than harmony; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this organization discontinue the practice of campaigning for the election of its general officers.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity feels greatly indebted to the citizens of Columbus and Dayton, to the Spring Street Branch, Y. M. C. A., to the Sororities and other organizations to the brothers of Kappa and of Theta Lambda chapters for their hospitality, and contributions to the success of this convention.

We, therefore, resolve that we express to these organizations our appreciation and gratitude.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. M. JOHNSON, *Chairman*,
CLAUDE L. FRANKLIN,
D. L. FERGUSON,
— FINDLAY,
Resolutions Committee.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE OF THE SIXTEENTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION OF ALPHA PHI
ALPHA FRATERNITY.

To the Sixteenth Annual Convention of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Columbus, Ohio, December 31, 1923.

The Auditing Committee, having gone over the reports and books of the General Secretary, General Treasurer, and the Editor of the *Sphinx*, submit the following findings:

The report of the General Secretary is in accord with his books. The General Secretary has receipts from the treasurer for all sums received by him.

The report of the General Treasurer shows cash on hand amounting to \$2,499.52. This is covered by bank statement and by stubs in check-book. The General Treasurer reports total cash receipts amounting to \$15 more than the General Secretary reports. This is the amount of a check sent directly to the treasurer by Brother Blackiston in payment of chapter debt.

There is a difference of \$10 in the Treasurer's report and bank statement, the excess being in favor of the bank statement. This has been shown to be a typographical error on the part of the bank.

The Editor of the *Sphinx* has received statements for expenditures of the Printing Committee. Vouchers cover items of expenditures listed in report for publication of the *Sphinx*. These exceed by \$136.97 the amount received for this purpose. The deficit of the Printing Committee is \$38.21. The total deficit in account of the Editor of the *Sphinx* is \$175.18.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

J. RILEY DUNGEE, JR., *Chairman*,
G. A. ROZIER,
JARED CHAVOUS,
B. F. ANDERSON,
L. E. FAIRFAX,
T. H. VON DICKERSON,
Auditing Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF GENERAL SECRETARY.

RECEIPTS.

Amount brought forward from last year (1922).....	\$1,784.63
Receipts from January 1, 1923, to December 15, 1923.....	4,128.65
Distributed as follows:	
General Organization	\$2,543.10
Initiation Fees	847.50
Royalty	198.80
<i>Sphinx</i>	713.00
 Total receipts in hand December 15, 1923.....	 \$5,913.28

EXPENDITURES.

Total expenses from January 1, to December 15, 1923.....	\$2,289.96
Distributed as follows:	
Contingent Expenditures	\$48.96
General Organization	260.00
General President	113.50

General First Vice-President.....	63.00
General Second Vice-President.....	150.00
General Third Vice-President	25.00
General Secretary	255.00
General Treasurer	
Editor of <i>Sphinx</i>	1,299.50
Total	\$2,289.96
Balance on hand of all funds:	
Brought forward from 1922.....	\$1,784.63
Receipts January 1 to December 15, 1923.....	4,128.65
Total	\$5,913.28
Expenditures January 1 to December 15, 1923.....	2,289.96
Balance on hand.....	\$3,623.32

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
 NORMAN L. MCGHEE,
General Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY,
 SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN SESSION.

The General Treasurer begs leave to submit the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Cash brought forward, 1922.....	\$1,784.63
Total cash on debts of chapters.....	234.10
Total cash, other sources.....	3,009.55
Total cash receipts.....	\$5,928.28

EXPENSES.

Checks returned	\$229.30
Budgets to date, outstanding bills, refunds for pins, seals....	2,199.46
Total expenses	\$2,428.76
Cash on hand	\$3,499.52
Debts of chapters for returned checks.....	464.80
Total assets December 24, 1923.....	\$3,964.32

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER COOPER,
General Treasurer.

BUDGET FOR ALPHA PHI ALPHA, 1924.

INCOME.

Grand tax	\$2,800.00
Initiation fees	700.00
	\$3,500.00

EXPENDITURES.

<i>General President:</i>	
Circular letters to Chapters.....	\$27.00
Go to High School-College.....	9.00
Telegraph	12.00
Emergency Fund	75.00
Personal to officers and chapters.....	27.00
	\$150.00

<i>First Vice President:</i>		
Circular letters (two monthly).....	\$43.20	
Personal letters to chapters.....	10.80	
Personal letters to General Officers.....	6.00	
Travel at 7c per mile, 1,000.....	70.00	
Emergency	31.00	
		161.00
<i>Third Western Vice President:</i>		
Circular letters	\$48.20	
Personal letters to chapters.....	10.80	
Personal letters to General Officers.....	6.00	
Travel at 7c per mile, 1,000.....	70.00	
Emergency	30.00	
		161.00
<i>Second Western Vice President:</i>		
Discretionary	\$75.00	
		75.00
<i>General Secretary:</i>		
Circular letters	\$54.00	
Personal letters	66.00	
Messages	50.00	
Emergency Fund	130.00	
		300.00
<i>Editor of Sphinx:</i>		
Publishing	\$1,200.00	
Mailing	100.00	
Printing Committee	250.00	
		1,550.00
Convention expenses	\$1,000.00	
General Treasury	25.00	
		1,025.00
		\$3,422.00
Contingent Fund		\$78.00
Grand tax—\$3.50.		
Initiation fees—\$3.50.		

(Signed) WILLIAM H. BENSON,
A. W. HARDY,
HOMER COOPER.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY GENERAL PRESIDENT
AT SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Printing Committee.

Oscar C. Brown, Chairman
Sydney P. Brown
William R. Adams.

Delinquent and Unrepresented Chapters.

James W. McGregor, Chairman
A. G. Chapman
F. L. Thompson
Elmer Cheeks
J. Riley Dungee.

Finance Committee.

Homer Cooper, Chairman
George A. Rozier
Nelson Glover.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY TO THE INTER-FRATERNITY CONFERENCE.

To General Officers and Delegates of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,
Greetings:

In accordance with the vote of the Fifteenth Annual Convention, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was represented at the Inter-Fraternity Conference held at Washington, D. C., April 5th and 6th, 1923. Brother First General Vice-President, Raymond P. Alexander, was named by this body as the official representative of the Fraternity to the Conference, but because of certain circumstances he was prevented from making the trip to Washington and requested the General Secretary to serve in his stead.

As your representative at this Conference, I sought to follow out in detail the instructions given to Brother Alexander in the form of a number of rules and regulations approved by the Fifteenth Annual Convention which would serve as the basis for permanent representation by this Fraternity in the proposed Inter-Fraternal Council. You will recall that the following are the rules and regulations outlined by the Fifteenth Annual Convention:

Article 1. Amended to read as follows: No student shall be pledged until after the first semester or second quarter's work where any one fraternity has a chapter at the school from which the student is sought to be pledged.

Article 2. Section (a) adopted in toto. Section (b) adopted in toto. Section (c) amended to read as follows: A member of one college fraternity shall not be eligible for membership in any other college fraternity. New section added (d). No *under-graduate member* of any college fraternity shall be a member of any professional fraternity. (This question was revised by the Inter-Fraternal Council at Washington on April 5-6, 1923, to the effect that each fraternity would govern this matter for itself, it being understood that the majority of the Council looks with disfavor upon the matter of dual membership.

Article 3. Adopted in toto.

Article 4. This article was an agreement by the individual fraternities to define the status of members who, after graduating from college, enter a professional school. The body recommended that the individual organizations shall define the status of such members.

Article 5. All organizations here represented agree to encourage and support all local activities by inter-fraternity co-operation whenever any other fraternity so desires. (Addition here made not agreed to by Council.)

Article 10 (6). We unanimously disapprove of Article 6, (10), as it now is worded, because we feel that it is giving too much unlimited power, exercisable to an unknown extent to mete out penalties for any *infraction* of these articles, however small. We suggest, therefore, that article 6, (10), be expunged and the following substituted: "That any underhand competition and insidious propaganda indulged in by any fraternity under this agreement, the same shall be referred to the General Secretary of the respective organizations concerned with the demand that they remedy the same within ninety days of mailing of the notice. If the same is not rectified during this time limit, the Inter-Fraternal Council shall have power to penalize the guilty fraternity by suspension from its council for a maximum period of nine months after the time limit expires. This shall be the maximum penalty. Continued repetitions of this practice shall result in permanent expulsion."

Article 7. We agree that Article 7 is a fair enabling measure to effectuate Article 6 as substituted.

Article 10 (6), Section 1. Amended to read: "No student shall be eligible to be pledged in any way or initiated by any fraternity represented until he has successfully completed one-half year or two quarter's *residential college work* in the college where the organization into which he seeks admission has a chapter with jurisdiction over that college, except where any one fraternity has a chapter with jurisdiction over that school. Such a chapter may pledge men at the beginning of the college year." (This is as revised by the Council at Washington, D. C., April 5-6, 1923.)

Article 10, Section 2. Adopted in toto.

Article 10, Section B (11). Substituted to read: "He has maintained an average scholastic standing of 10 per cent above the passing grade or its literal equivalent, without conditions, during the year in which he is pledged and elected.

Article 8. Adopted in toto.

Article 8, Section C, amended: "This list immediately upon its compilation, shall be published and a copy sent to each organization represented for their approval, the same not being effective until each organization in general assembly adopts the same."

Article 9. Changed to read: "No new chapter shall be located in any city as a graduate chapter unless all the members shall have degrees from colleges in the accredited list. Members shall not be interpreted to include honorary members.

Article 11. Amended to read as follows: "A permanent organization of the Inter-Fraternal Council should be established according to the reservations and qualifications herein suggested."

Article 12. An addition: "Each organization reserves the right to withdraw from the Council by presenting with reasons notice to that effect within thirty days after that fraternity convention has been in session."

(All recommendations herein set out were accepted except in the particulars pointed out.)

The above rules and regulations were, in the main, accepted by the Inter-Fraternity Conference.

The following is the proposed constitution for the Inter-Fraternal Council as approved by the Inter-Fraternity Conference:

PREAMBLE.

Believing that the Greek letter fraternities and sororities of America have mutual aims and ideals and that a closer association and a better understanding among them must serve to facilitate the accomplishment of these aims and the attainment of these ideals, we do hereby organize an inter-fraternal council and adopt this constitution for its guidance.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. *Name.* The name of this organization shall be The Inter-Fraternal Council.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. *Composition.* The Council shall be composed of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and such other fraternities and sororities as may be admitted under the requirements hereinafter set forth.

SEC. 2. *Requirements for Admission.* To be admitted as a member of the Council, a fraternity or sorority shall be required to make formal application and show to the satisfaction of the active members of the Council that it has attained sufficient growth and that its ideals are compatible with the spirit of the Council.

SEC. 3. *Representation.* Each organization shall be entitled to two representatives on the Council.

SEC. 4. *Withdrawal.* Any member of this Council may withdraw its membership by giving notice in writing to the Secretary of the Council within thirty days after its annual convention. A copy of the reasons for withdrawal must accompany this notice.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. *Purpose.* It shall be the purpose of this Council to preserve the spirit of fraternity among its members to standardize requirements for admission to fraternity membership, to develop methods of co-operation and association, to promote civic welfare and to regulate inter-fraternal relationships.

Organization for its approval before the Fraternity is definitely committed to permanent membership in the Inter-Fraternal Council.

Fraternally submitted,

NORMAN L. MCGHEE,
*Acting Representative to the
Inter-Fraternity Conference.*

(From General Secretary's Report at Sixteenth Annual Convention.)

PLAN FOR ENDOWMENT FUND FOR ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY TO BE STUDIED BY CHAPTERS WITH THE VIEW OF HAVING ACTION TAKEN DURING THE YEAR.

There have been many suggestions in the past few years with reference to the providing of an endowment fund for the General Organization of our Fraternity and the providing of Headquarters Offices for Alpha Phi Alpha. All are in accord that there is a definite need for a substantial endowment fund, and for the establishment of headquarters. The only problem which has confronted, and still confronts the Fraternity is the question how may funds be secured for these purposes? During the course of years, it has become increasingly apparent that unless the Fraternity is properly financed, there is likelihood that it will be unable to properly function as a unit. The great increase in the number of Chapters and the membership of the Fraternity, there now being fifty Chapters and an approximate membership of 3,000, argues for earnest consideration of the problem of proper financing of the General Organization. The results of the past few years, show that, practically all of the moneys collected for grand tax and other fees is used up by yearly expenditures, and, in many cases, there have been deficits at the end of the year. Realizing the acute need of the General Organization in this direction, the General Secretary, last year, recommended a plan for the providing of an endowment fund for the Fraternity. The plan, however, on account of lack of time, perhaps, was not given the consideration which the problem warranted. Not that the plan presented at that time was a solution of a problem, but if it directed attention to the matter and caused serious consideration to be given the problem, it would have effected a good result.

During the past year, the General Secretary has concerned himself with this whole matter of finance, and has decided to present the following revised plan as a means of securing the funds necessary to provide an adequate endowment for our Fraternity, and to enable it to, in the near future, provide a National Headquarters Office.

(1) It is suggested that, beginning with the year 1924, the classification of members of Alpha Phi Alpha, as to financial status, shall be as follows: Active, inactive and life members. The active members of the Fraternity shall be those men residing at the seat of the under-graduate Chapter, and who pay the annual grand tax fee to the General Organization. Inactive members shall be those who reside at the seat of the under-graduate Chapter who fail to make payment of grand tax to the General Organization. Life members shall be those who reside at the seat of the graduate Chapter, or such Brothers as may reside in cities where no graduate Chapter is located. Life members shall be required to pay a fee of One Hundred Dollars to the General Organization of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Such fee may be paid all at once, or with an initial payment of twenty-five dollars and the balance in three equal yearly installments covered by notes to the Fraternity.

Eligibility to life membership shall be based upon graduation from a College or Professional School, or discontinuance from such course; it being understood that, should a member of the Fraternity discontinue his College or Professional course and take out life membership in the Fraternity, and later return to school, he shall be required to pay the annual grand tax to the General Organization while attending school. Upon graduation or discontinuance again, such member will resume the life membership status.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. *Officers.* The officers of the Council shall be Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, no two of whom shall be members of the same organization.

SEC. 2. *Duties of Officers.*

SEC. 3. *Election of Officers.*

SEC. 4. *Sequence of Chairman.* The office of Chairman shall rotate among the organizations composing the Council in the order of their establishment, the oldest being first.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. *Election of Representatives.* Each organization shall elect two representatives to the Council to serve for a period of two years each, except that at the first election one representative shall be elected to serve one year and the other for two years.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. *Voting.* Except as herein otherwise provided for, all voting of the Council shall be by acclamation and a majority vote of the organizations represented shall be necessary for acceptance.

Each organization shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE VII.

SECTION 1. *Executive Committee.* During the interim between sessions of the Council the business of the Council shall be transacted by an executive committee composed of the officers of the Council and the senior representatives of the remaining organizations.

The executive committee shall not have legislative power nor the authority to reconsider any action taken by the Council in session.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION 1. *National Headquarters.* The national headquarters of the Council shall be in the city of Washington, D. C.

SEC. 2. *Sessions.* There shall be an annual session of the Council during Easter week at the seat of the National Headquarters. Special meetings may be held upon petition by a majority of the organizations of the Council.

Notice of all meetings shall be sent to the members of the Council by the Secretary of the Council upon instructions from the chairman thirty days prior to date of the meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

SECTION 1. *Recommendations.* All recommendations made by the Council to its members shall be effective only when accepted by all organizations composing the Council.

SEC. 2. *Violation of Obligations.* Unanimous acceptance of a recommendation shall be considered a moral obligation binding upon each organization. Any organization violating this moral obligation without cause satisfactory to the Council shall, by two-thirds vote of the active members of the Council, be suspended from the Council for a period of one year, or be subjected to such other disciplinary measures as the Council may direct.

ARTICLE X.

SECTION 1. *Taxation.* Each member of the Council shall be assessed an annual taxation of ten dollars payable in advance at the annual meeting of the Council.

ARTICLE XI.

SECTION 1. *Amendment.* This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the Council.

Your representative to the Inter-Fraternity Conference recommends that the Fraternity be represented in the Third Annual Inter-Fraternity Conference to be held in Washington, D. C., in the month of April, 1924, with the understanding that such action as he may take is to be referred to the General

In connection with the payment of the life membership fee it shall be required that, if the fee is paid in installments, the member will be required to pay the annual grand tax to the General Organization during the period the life membership fee is being paid off. The exemption from the annual grand tax fee not to be in vogue until the complete payment of the life membership fee is made.

The life membership fee is to be set aside by the General Organization as an endowment fund. This endowment fund shall be placed in the control of the Executive Council of the Fraternity, which Council shall be composed of the General President, the General Secretary and the General Treasurer, with four other members to be selected by the General Convention.

The duty of the Executive Council shall be properly to invest the endowment fund, to make an active campaign among the members of the Fraternity for the payment of the life membership fee on the part of every graduate Brother of the Fraternity, and to hold in the name of the General Organization of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity such properties or property that may be purchased by this Organization.

The life membership fee is based on a careful estimate of the approximate sum which would come to the General Organization if an annual grand tax fee were collected from such Brothers as might become life members of the Fraternity. You will note that if the fee of One Hundred Dollars were distributed over a period of years, as a grand tax fee of approximately five dollars a year, it would cover a period of twenty years. It is estimated that the average life of a Fraternity man is approximately twenty years, so that in naming the fee One Hundred Dollars, the Fraternity would be securing the payment of grand tax at the rate of five dollars a year for twenty years. This arrangement, aside from being an ideal one from the point of view of the Fraternity, in that it would provide funds which are, at this time, necessary to put it on a substantial financial basis, is also ideal from the point of view of the graduate Brother, who is yearly inconvenienced by being bothered with the matter of payment of grand tax, especially when he is in sections where there is no Chapter situated. He would then be, at all times, a full-fledged member of the Fraternity, on the active rolls, without being concerned with the fact that his grand tax was not paid whenever he came in contact with another Brother.

ATTENDANCE SHEET

OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION		Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
NAME	CHAPTER	E	M	E	M	E
1. Cyril G. Bow	Alpha	P	P	P		P
2. F. L. Thompson	Alpha	P	P	P		P
3. Elwood Downing	Beta	P	P	P		P
4. Williams R. Adams	Beta	P	P	P		P
5. Robert B. Powell	Gamma	P	P	P		P
6. C. L. Franklin	Gamma	P	P	P		P
7. B. V. Lawson	Epsilon	P	P	P		P
8. A. P. Lee	Epsilon	P	P	P		P
9. Peyton F. Anderson	Eta	P	P	P		P
10. Marshall L. Shepard	Eta	P	P	P		P
11. Nelson Glover	Theta	P	P	P		P
12. William Benson	Theta	P	P	P		P
13. Herbert S. Goodloe	Kappa	P	P	P		P
14. George E. DeMar	Kappa	P	P	P		P
15. Mason W. Fields	Mu	P	P	P		P