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OF THE
Psi Upsilon Fraternity
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HELD WITH THE
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May 14 and 15, 1908

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The Seventy-fifth Year of the Fraternity
1908
The report was accepted and Bro. Bridgman took the Chair.

Convention Rules of 1892 were adopted.

The Annual Report of the Executive Council was read by Bro. George S. Coleman, Secretary.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Bro. Giddings, Treasurer.

The President then appointed the following Committees:
TO NOMINATE AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL—Bros. Honiss (Sigma), Chairman, Harriman (Beta Beta), Potter (Tau), White (Iota), Skinner (Rho).

ON ANNUAL COMMUNICATION—Bros. Munson (Xi), Chairman, Schiefer (Pi), Ham (Kappa), Bills (Zeta), Shearer (Phi).

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Bros. Magrath (Delta), Chairman, Mac-Cracken (Omega), Schmertz (Eta), Broughton (Epsilon), Stevens (Theta).

ON NEW BUSINESS—Bros. Hudson (Lambda), Chairman, Burns (Gamma), Howard (Beta), Jones (Psi), Burr (Upsilon).

On motion the Convention took a recess until 4:30 P. M.

Meeting called to order at the appointed hour, Bro. Bridgman presiding.

During the recess a petition for a charter was presented from Chi Delta Psi society of the University of Toronto, Canada, and Messrs. Frank H. Phipps and W. J. Hanley, graduate members of the society, spoke in its behalf.

Mr. M. Ross Haynes of the Aztec Club of the University of Illinois spoke in behalf of its application for a charter.

Both petitions were referred to the Committee on New Business.

Bro. Samuel M. Havens (Upsilon '99) announced that after adjournment the brethren were invited to an informal reception at the Alpha Delta Phi house.

On motion the Convention adjourned until Friday, May 15, 10:00 A. M.

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1908

Meeting called to order at 11:10 A. M. at the Upsilon Chapter House, Bro. Bridgman in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday's meeting were read, corrected and approved.

The Committee on Credential ssubmitted a supplementary report as follows:

FIRST GRADUATE DELEGATE.—Samuel M. Havens (Upsilon '99).

SECOND GRADUATE DELEGATE.—Le Van R. Barnes (Theta '06),

The report was accepted.
At the request of Bro. Bridgman Vice-President Bro. Saxe took the Chair.

The Committee to Nominate an Executive Council presented the following names:

- Herbert Lawrence Bridgman (Gamma '66)
- George Silas Coleman (Xi '76)
- George Henry Fox (Upsilon '67)
- Robert Willets Carle (Beta '97)
- Edwin Paul Shattuck (Lambda '99)
- Albert Draper Whiting (Tau '88)
- Leo Weldon Wertheimer (Iota '99)
- Lucien Samuel Bayliss (Xi '91)
- John Lawson Senior (Chi '01)
- Earl Daniel Babst (Phi '93)

Bro. Honiss (Sigma '08) moved the adoption of the report.

Bro. Havens (Upsilon '99) moved that the name of Bro. John Godfrey Saxe (Lambda '00) be substituted for that of Bro. Bayliss.

On request of Bro. Saxe Bro. Anthony (Upsilon '08) took the Chair.

The motion was carried.

The report as amended was adopted.

Bro. Bridgman resumed the Chair.

Committee on the Annual Communication presented a resolution approving the report of the Treasurer. Adopted (General Resolution No. 1).

The Committee also presented resolutions concerning the suggested establishment of a Chapter at Leland Stanford University, concerning the various Masters of Rolls, and concerning the observance of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Psi Upsilon in November next. All of which were adopted (General Resolutions Nos. 2, 3 and 4).

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported a resolution in relation to Fraternity Song Books. Adopted (General Resolution No. 5).

The Committee recommended the prompt printing and distribution of Psi Upsilon matter in the future.

The Committee on New Business reported the following resolutions:
1. Concerning the petition of CHI DELTA PSI society. Unanimously adopted (General Resolution No. 6).

2. Concerning the AZTEC CLUB, as follows:

Resolved, That this Convention hereby votes in favor of granting the petition of the AZTEC CLUB for its establishment as a Chapter of Psi Upsilon at the University of Illinois, and hereby lays the matter before the Fraternity.

Further resolved, That the Recorder of this Convention is authorized and directed forthwith to send a copy of this resolution to each of the several Chapters, with the request that each Chapter forthwith vote on the proposition and send to the Executive Council a report as to whether or not it ratifies the same.

By special request the delegates stated the position of their Chapters on this matter as follows:

**Theta**—Unanimously in favor of AZTEC CLUB.
**Delta**—Some feeling of opposition, but unanimous instruction to vote "Aye."

**Beta**—Unanimous instruction to vote "Aye."
**Sigma**—No instructions.
**Gamma**—Very favorable.
**Zeta**—Very favorable.
**Lambda**—Evenly divided; no instructions.
**Kappa**—Unanimous instruction to vote "Aye."
**Psi**—Unanimous instruction to vote "Aye."
**Xi**—Unanimous instruction to vote "Aye."
**Upsilon**—No instructions.
**Iota**—Unanimous instruction to vote "Aye."
**Phi**—After a thorough investigation unanimous instruction to vote "Aye."

**Pi**—No instructions.
**Chi**—Unanimous instruction to vote "Aye."
**Beta Beta**—Unanimous instruction to vote "Aye."
**Eta**—Majority of the Chapter favorable.
**Tau**—Two-thirds of the Chapter opposed.
**Mu**—After investigation instruction to vote "Aye."
**Rho**—After investigation instruction to vote "Aye."
**Omega**—After thorough investigation Chapter unanimously in favor.
**Epsilon**—No instruction, but after investigation delegates all in favor.
**Graduate Delegates**—Instructed not to vote on the question.
Bro. Saxe then moved that the resolution be amended to read as follows:

Whereas, The members of the Aztec Club of the University of Illinois, after diligently seeking for upwards of five years to be granted a Charter for a Chapter in Psi Upsilon, have duly petitioned this Sixty-eighth Convention of the Fraternity to be granted such a Charter;

And Whereas, This Convention, after reading the petition and hearing the report of the Committee on New Business, and the remarks of members of this Convention and of the Aztec Club, is convinced that the University of Illinois is an educational institution of high standing, and the establishment of a Chapter there would add strength to the Fraternity, and is also convinced that the members of the Aztec Club, not only by their characters as men, but by their high ideals of fraternal intercourse, and their steadfast devotion to Psi Upsilon, have proved themselves to be worthy to become members of such a Chapter;

Resolved, That this Convention hereby votes in favor of the proposition for the establishment of such new Chapter and hereby lays the proposition before the Fraternity.

Further Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention be and he is hereby authorized and directed forthwith to send a copy of this resolution to each of the several Chapters, with the request that each Chapter forthwith vote on the proposition for establishing such new Chapter and send to the Executive Council a report as to whether or not it ratifies the same.

This amendment was accepted by the Chairman of the Committee on New Business.

At the suggestion of the Chair the resolution was amended to the effect that the Secretary of the Council rather than the Recorder of the Convention send copies to the various Chapters.

The resolution as amended was then carried by the following vote:

Ayes—Theta, Delta, Beta, Sigma, Gamma, Zeta, Kappa, Psi, Xi, Upsilon, Iota, Phi, Pi, Chi, Beta Beta, Eta, Tau, Mu, Rho, Omega, Epsilon.

Nooes—Lambda.

(General Resolution No. 7).
3. Concerning the printing and distribution of Convention records. Adopted (General Resolution No. 8).

4. Concerning the distribution to the Chapters of the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Council. Adopted (General Resolution No. 9).

5. Tendering a vote of thanks to the Upsilon Chapter for its hospitality. Adopted (Special Resolution No. 1).

6. Tendering a vote of thanks to the Rochester Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi for its hospitality and instructing the Recorder of the Convention to write an appropriate letter of thanks to said Chapter. Adopted (Special Resolution No. 2).

7. Instructing the Recorder to acknowledge the letter of greeting sent to the Convention by President Rush Rhees. Adopted (Special Resolution No. 3).

Bro. MacCracken (Omega '09) moved a resolution acknowledging the very efficient work on the Council of Bros. George Welling Giddings and John Vosburg Irwin. Unanimously adopted (Special Resolution No. 4).

Bros. Coleman and Giddings made announcements concerning the publication of the new song book.

Bro. Honiss (Sigma '08) invited the Convention to meet with the Sigma Chapter in 1910.

Bro. Wertheimer (Iota '99) stated that the Iota Chapter in celebrating its fiftieth anniversary wished to have the Convention in 1910.

It was voted that the meeting place of the Convention of 1909 be selected by the Executive Council and that the Chapters be notified before January first (General Resolution No. 10).

Bro. Havens (Upsilon '99) announced that the Convention picture was to be taken immediately.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned sine die.

Subsequent to adjournment the senior delegate from the Tau Chapter asked that his vote on General Resolution No. 7 be recorded in the negative.

Edward W. Conklin
(Upsilon 1910),
Recorder.
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution No. 1—Resolved, That the report of the Treasurer of the Executive Council be and is hereby approved.

General Resolution No. 2—Resolved, That the letter of Bro. Smiley (Xi '74) in regard to the establishment of a Chapter at Leland Stanford University be referred to the Executive Council.

General Resolution No. 3—Resolved, That all the Chapters strictly observe the provisions of the Convention of 1903 with respect to Masters of the Rolls.

General Resolution No. 4—Resolved, That the Convention request the Secretary of the Executive Council to send out notices to the Chapters and Alumni Associations in regard to the appropriate celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity on November 24, 1908.

General Resolution No. 5—Resolved, That prior to October, 1908, the Council print five hundred copies of the song book and send ten copies to each Chapter at the rate of two dollars per volume, the price fixed by the last Convention.

General Resolution No. 6—Resolved, That the Convention should not submit the petition of the CHI DELTA PSI society to the Chapters.

General Resolution No. 7—Whereas, The members of the AZTEC CLUB of the University of Illinois, after diligently seeking for upwards of five years to be granted a Charter for a Chapter in PSI UPSILON, have duly petitioned this Sixty-eighth Convention of the Fraternity to be granted such a Charter;

And Whereas, This Convention, after reading the petition and hearing the report of the Committee on New Business and the remarks of the members of this Convention and of the AZTEC CLUB, is convinced that the University of Illinois is an educational institution of high standing, and the establishment of a Chapter there would add strength to the Fraternity, and is also convinced that the members of the AZTEC CLUB, not only by their characters as men, but by their high ideals of fraternal intercourse and their steadfast devotion to PSI UPSILON, have proved themselves to be worthy to become members of such a Chapter;
Resolved, That this Convention hereby votes in favor of the proposition for the establishment of such new Chapter and hereby lays the proposition before the Fraternity.

Further Resolved, That the Secretary of the Council be and he is hereby authorized and directed forthwith to send a copy of this Resolution to each of the several Chapters, with the request that each Chapter forthwith vote on the proposition for establishing such new Chapter and send to the Executive Council a report as to whether or not it ratifies the same.

General Resolution No. 8—Resolved, That in the opinion of the Convention its Records should be printed and distributed to the Chapters within two weeks next following adjournment.

General Resolution No. 9—Resolved, That the Convention cordially approves the distribution to the Chapters, by the Executive Council, of the minutes of its proceedings and recommends that the practice be continued and made permanent. It also urges on the Chapters prompt and careful consideration of the minutes and the topics which they present.

General Resolution No. 10.—Resolved, That the meeting place of the Convention of 1909 be selected by the Executive Council and that the Chapters be notified before January first.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

Special Resolution No. 1—Resolved, That the Convention returns its sincere thanks to the Upsilon Chapter of Psi Upsilon for its generous hospitality.

Special Resolution No. 2—Resolved, That the Convention returns its sincere thanks to the Rochester Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi for its generous hospitality, and that a proper letter of acknowledgement be transmitted to that Chapter by the Recorder.

Special Resolution No. 3—Resolved, That the Recorder be instructed to acknowledge the letter of President Rhees to the Convention.

Special Resolution No. 4—Resolved, That this, the Sixty-eighth Convention of the Fraternity, put itself on record as acknowledging the very efficient work on the Council of Brother George Welling Giddings (Lambda '92), and Brother John Vosburg Irwin (Delta '94).
be inserted in the new edition besides Brother Hovey’s "Stein Song" and the Rho "Owl Song," so deservedly popular throughout the Fraternity. The book might easily have been ready for distribution at this time were it not for complications as to the copyrights of the two songs just mentioned. Both Brother Harrington and Brother Bridgman have endeavored to secure permission from Oliver Ditson & Co., the publishers, to use the music for these songs, but after long negotiations have recently been informed that the present business policy of the publishers forbids the courtesy formerly extended with respect to copyrights. The council still hope that some arrangement may yet be made whereby the Fraternity may secure the privilege of publishing in their new book these very desirable songs with the accompanying music. The editor recommends that the same cover and loose style of binding should be repeated in the new edition, with possibly an equally light but better quality of paper. There seems no reason why the book cannot go to press in season to be ready for the opening of the next college year.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS. The amendment of Section 8, Article VI, adopted by the Convention of 1906 (General Resolution No. 5), and the amendment of Section 6, Article II, adopted by the Convention of 1907 (General Resolution No. 2) have been duly submitted to the Chapters and no objection thereto has been reported from any Chapter. Under the provisions of Article X of the Constitution the amendments are now in force. In connection with the amendment of Section 8, Article VI, relating to the discipline of members, the attention of the Chapters is called to General Resolution No. 6, of 1906, presenting an appropriate form of By-Law to secure due notice before expulsion. Under the amendment of Section 6, Article II, the Council will hereafter be composed of ten members instead of five, and the present Convention will inaugurate the new system.

FRATERNITY BULLETIN. In view of the proposed enlargement of the membership of the Council it was thought best to leave to the incoming board the matter of providing for the publication of the Bulletin contemplated by General Resolution No. 5 of 1907.

AZTEC CLUB. At the last Convention the matter of granting a Chapter of the Fraternity to the Aztec Club of the University of Illinois was to be referred to the Chapters during the year. No petition was then before the Convention and none was received in time for submission to the Chapters. Brother Nightingale (Phi ’95), who addressed the delegates last year, simply urged the Chapters "to prepare themselves for a careful
consideration of a petition if one should be received at the next Convention” (Records, 1907, page 9). During the year the matter has been considered by the Chapters and a petition from the Aztec Club has recently been received by the Council and is herewith submitted.

CHI DELTA PSI. The Council has been advised that representatives of the Chi Delta Psi society of Toronto University, Canada, will be in Rochester during the present Convention and would like to be heard on the question of establishing a Chapter at Toronto. If the Convention can conveniently afford the representatives a hearing the Council would recommend that the usual courtesy be extended.

LETTER FROM BROTHER SMILEY. A letter recently received from Brother Charles W. Smiley, (Xi ’74) and a communication from him addressed to the Convention in relation to establishing a Chapter at Leland Stanford University are herewith submitted.

TREASURER’S REPORT. The report of the Treasurer is submitted herewith.

RECOMMENDATIONS. The Council would respectfully urge:

That all the Chapters strictly observe the provisions adopted by the Convention of 1902 with respect to Masters of the Rolls. The importance and value of accurate Chapter records increase with the growth of the Fraternity.

That in view of the approaching Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity special effort be made for suitable celebration of the event by all the Chapters and Alumni Associations.

THE NEW COUNCIL. We invite a moment’s consideration to a few facts indicating the progress of the Fraternity in the thirty-nine years since the constitution of 1869 was adopted. During that period there have been thirty-six members of the Council and thirty-nine annual Conventions. The roll of the Fraternity has grown from 3,525 to 11,078. Nine new Chapters have been added and two Chapters (Alpha and Omega) have surrendered their charters. Four catalogues and five editions of the song book have been published and the Constitution has been handsomely printed. The insignia of the Fraternity and of the Chapters have been prepared and published. A uniform badge has been adopted and a Fraternity jeweler appointed. New Chapter houses have been established and are still building. Members of the Fraternity have attained deserved distinction and eminence in every honorable and useful walk of life and to-day the Fraternity in its seventy-fifth year is more vigorous and flourishing than ever before in its history.
It is a matter of profound satisfaction that the four Founders who were members of the Class of '36 lived to enjoy the successful fruition of their early inspiration, and three of them survived until after 1900. During the past year suitable tablets to the memory of the seven Founders have been installed in all the Chapters.

The best wish that the Council of Five can express to the Council of Ten is that they may always enjoy the same hearty support and cooperation of the active and retired members of the Fraternity that have been so freely accorded to their predecessors.

Respectfully submitted,

May 13, 1908

Herbert L. Bridgman
George S. Coleman
George Henry Fox
George Welling Giddings
John V. Irwin
## (APPENDIX B)

### TABLE OF MEMBERSHIP

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Convention Expenses

Martin B. Brown Co., Convention Records, '06...... $75 00
Berrian & Douglas, Convention Records, '07...... 73 00
Upsilon Chapter, Contribution to Convention Expenses, '08 ... 250 00

Badges.................................................. 18 60

Cash in Fourth National Bank....................... $716 65
Cash in Broadway Savings Institution.............. 2,310 62

Balance in Broadway Savings Institution $2,310 62
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GEO. WELLING GIDDINGS,
Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET, MAY 13, 1908

Convention Fund........................................ $1,647 15
General Fund........................................... 2,939 31
Song Books............................................. $640 69
Constitution, Edition 1904.......................... 918 50
Balance in Broadway Savings Institution $2,310 62
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GEO. WELLING GIDDINGS,
Treasurer.
The Undersigned, Members of the Aztec Club of the University of Illinois, respectfully submit their Petition to the Sixty-eighth Convention of Psi Upsilon, to grant them a Charter for a Chapter of the Fraternity.

The Grounds for this Petition have been set before the various Chapters of the Fraternity by their Delegates and others, during the past year.

They further present Mr. M. Ross Haynes to make such Representation to the Convention as their Petition may suggest.

M. R. Haynes
Chas. B. Dugan
Paul W. Atwood
Frank T. Kegley, Jr.
J. H. Craig
H. E. Wilson
C. B. Carlson
Chas. A. Waddell
G. J. Pruitt
Geo. F. D. Zimmerman

C. W. Graham

W. A. Pegram
A. S. Bryan
E. H. Waggoner
R. C. Bardwell
L. H. Bremer
R. S. Isaacson
R. W. Bardwell
C. W. Bridenthal
R. C. Rutan
C. H. Solfisburg

Letter from Brother Smiley

Secretary Executive Council
Psi Upsilon Fraternity

Please attach the enclosed letter to the Annual Communication of the Executive Council to the Convention of 1908, and so present it officially to the Fraternity. If any Eastern T. could live in the University of California a year as I have he would see how differently the Epsilon is situated from its rivals and from the Eastern Chapters.

Fraternally
Chas. W. Smiley

Berkeley, April 20, '08.
(APPENDIX E')

COMMUNICATION FROM BROTHER SMILEY

BERKELEY, California, April, 18, 1908.

To the 68th Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity:

Since March, 1905, I have lived under the eaves of the University of California, going on and off the campus almost daily during these years. Today the campus is a lonely place. Everybody has gone to Stanford University to the Annual track meet. When the meet closes the Psi U's will at once take trains going away, but what the other fraternity men will do may be read in to-day's Berkeley Reporter as follows:

"A large representation from the University of California will visit Stanford to be present at the track meet. Many of this number will spend the week-end there as guests at their fraternity homes or of friends in that college.

The Stanford chapter of the fraternity has issued invitations for a dance to be given in its fine new home in Palo Alto. With the double attraction of the meet and dance, a large number of the fraternity men of the University of California will go to Stanford."

To the fraternity men whose fraternities are represented in both Universities, this going back and forth is of immense enjoyment and profit. There are a dozen such occasions each year. There also are joint dinners in San Francisco every season. Consider the impression upon San Francisco of two chapters with their alumni in comparison with one chapter and a few alumni holding any public function. The last S. F. dinner of Psi U. was not even mentioned in any of the papers. At an initiation in the East I have often met representatives of six to ten chapters. Here I can see no undergraduate visiting the lonely Epsilon. If you will recall the condition of the Theta before the Delta was organized you will see the present condition of the Epsilon. As Stanford is so near by, the isolation of the E. is emphasized. I feel this in behalf of the boys here much more than they seem to feel it for themselves. Besides, they seem diffident about asking the Fraternity to remedy this disadvantage. I am writing without their knowledge, and because I love the Dear Old Psi U.

My own idea is that the Annual Convention should show its love for the E. by taking the initiative towards helping the E. out of its aloneness by appointing a Committee and requesting that Committee at the earliest opportunity to arrange for a Chapter of Ψ. T. at Stanford. This means that as soon as that committee certifies to an Annual Convention that it has a proper nucleus for a chapter the Fraternity will present it with a
Petition

To the Honourable the Executive Council of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity

The Petition of the Chi Delta Psi Fraternity of the University of Toronto Sheweth

That Your Petitioners have been established since the year Nineteen hundred as a local Fraternity at the University of Toronto.

That Your Petitioners have made application for a Charter from the Psi Upsilon Fraternity during each of the seven years last past.

That Your Petitioners are, as they believe, worthy of admission to the Psi Upsilon Fraternity and capable of maintaining its traditions if a Charter be granted to them.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that a Charter be granted them as a Chapter of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

In Witness whereof the undersigned members of the Chi Delta Psi Fraternity have hereunto set their hands this eleventh day of May One thousand nine hundred and eight.

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