

ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY

1953 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Pocono Manor Inn, Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania  
September 3 - 6, 1953

RESOLUTIONS

Passed by Convention Action, September 6, 1958

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Memorial Fund, Brother Paul L. Fussell, California '14, Chairman, Brother William L. Mullendore, Michigan '12, and Brother Wesley M. Hine, Stanford '21, have served and administered the Memorial Fund since its inception; and

WHEREAS, this service has been freely and cheerfully rendered and with meticulous care;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Twenty-fifth National Convention, held in the year of 1958, express on behalf of the entire Fraternity its lasting gratitude to Brothers Fussell, Mullendore, and Hine for their devotion to Alpha Sigma Phi through their work with the Memorial Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this message of appreciation be conveyed to these Brothers for their efforts on behalf of the Fraternity.

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WHEREAS, the members of the Fraternity, and their guests at this Convention, have found invaluable the guidance and wisdom in the remarks made by our distinguished speakers; and

WHEREAS, we are indebted for their presence with us and for their demonstration of steadfast loyalty to Alpha Sigma Phi;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Twenty-fifth National Convention, held in the year of 1953, express to Brothers Lloyd S. Cochran, Paul J. Cupp, Hugh K. Duffield, and Edmund B. Shotwell, its sincere gratitude and deep appreciation for their inspiring contributions to the proceedings of this Convention.



- 3 WHEREAS, during the year of 1958, several of our Chapters have or will be celebrating the Fiftieth Year of the Founding of the Chapter; and
- WHEREAS, a Fifty Year Certificate is presented to the alumni founders of these Chapters by the Fraternity;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Twenty-fifth National Convention, held in the year of 1958, express, on behalf of the entire Fraternity, its congratulations to the Chapters at Cornell University, the University of Illinois, the University of Michigan, and Ohio State University on the occasion of the fiftieth year of their founding.  
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- 4 WHEREAS, the Chapter at the University of Toledo is in good standing; and
- WHEREAS, the Chapter named above was not represented at this Convention by an official delegate; and
- WHEREAS, the deliberations and its contributions to the Convention were missed; therefore
- BE IT RESOLVED: That this Convention express its regret to the Chapter named above that it was not represented by a delegate at this Convention.  
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- 5 WHEREAS, so-called "Hell Week" practices have done more than any other single factor in bringing fraternities into an unfavorable light; and
- WHEREAS, occasional accidents resulting in permanent physical injury or death, as well as foolish public spectacles, have caused unfriendly and critical public opinion and cannot be justified within a Fraternity of mature and responsible college men; and
- WHEREAS, there is absolutely no constructive value which attaches to the "informal initiation"; and
- WHEREAS, the proper emphasis of pre-initiation activities should be the presentation to a pledge during his final week of pledgship of a program of fraternity activity which shall uphold the dignity of our Fraternity and which shall create an atmosphere and attitude in which the teachings of our Ritual can be impressed with lasting effectiveness;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Twenty-fifth National Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi reassert the policy adopted

in 1937 and reiterated by almost every succeeding Convention, TO WIT:

"The pledge is to be presented with a positive and constructive program designed to benefit him, the Chapter, and the College community, rather than a negative program which tends to physically harm or spiritually or morally degrade either the pledge or the Chapter.

"Specifically, undignified practices, either private or public, such as quests, treasure hunts, and road trips, are prohibited. Pledge training may only include duties around the House and other forms of activity designed to further the interest of Alpha Sigma Phi."

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Convention urge upon every Chapter of the Fraternity a faithful and conscientious adherence to the letter and spirit of the above stated policy.

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6 WHEREAS, the Delegates and Visitors to this Convention have benefited immensely from the considerable planning and the tireless efforts of the Convention Committee; and

WHEREAS, the effort of that Committee was coordinated and directed by the worthy Chairman, Luther R. Campbell, Jr., who has followed so successfully in the footsteps of his father in serving as chairman of the Convention at Pocono Manor; and

WHEREAS, this same Chairman and his entire energetic and untiring Committee have thoughtfully provided for our enjoyment and entertainment amid a setting appropriate to the most successful transaction of our business;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Twenty-fifth National Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, held in the year of 1953, express its deepest appreciation and lasting gratitude to Brother Lu Campbell, to all alumni, especially in the Pocono Manor area, and to the Host Chapter at Lehigh University, who have worked so arduously to guarantee the success of this Convention.

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7 WHEREAS, business demands have kept absent from this Convention, Grand Councilors Emmet B. Hayes, Vernon C. Myers, and Harold C. Mueller; and

WHEREAS, we have missed with deep regret their congenial company as well as their thoughtful counsel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Twenty-fifth National Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, held in the year of 1953, express its cordial greetings to Brothers Hayes, Myers, and Mueller.

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8 WHEREAS, for the first time in the recorded history of our Fraternity, a Brother has been appointed a member of the Cabinet of the President of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Brother Arthur S. Flemming, Epsilon '24, was appointed to the position of Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in August, 1953; and

WHEREAS, Brother Flemming has already received our Fraternity's Distinguished Merit Award;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Twenty-fifth National Convention express on behalf of the entire Fraternity its congratulations to Brother Flemming upon his assuming this important national position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be presented to Brother Flemming.

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9 WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Constitution and By-Laws of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. will be changed so that the number of members of the Grand Council will be reduced from fifteen to seven, and that certain of the present members of the Grand Council will no longer serve the Fraternity in such capacity, notwithstanding the fact that their services have been of great and lasting value to the Fraternity, and it is the desire of this Convention to express appreciation for their values service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; UPON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: That thanks and appreciation be expressed and given to such present members of the Grand Council who will no longer serve in such capacities by reason of any change in the Constitution and By-Laws of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

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- 10 WHEREAS, Alpha Theta Chapter, University of Missouri, has requested that their chapter song, entitled, "The Old Gal Song" written by an alumnus Brother of Alpha Theta Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, be added to a future printing or edition of "Songs of Alpha Sigma Phi";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, UPON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND CARRIED AT THE TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY: That this Fraternity publish in a future printing or edition of "Songs of Alpha Sigma Phi" the song of Alpha Theta Chapter, at the University of Missouri, entitled, "The Old Gal Song", written by an alumnus Brother of the above named Chapter.

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- 11 WHEREAS, Brother Robert L. Jagocki, initiated May 16, 1914, charter member of Omicron Chapter, University of Pennsylvania; and
- WHEREAS, Brother Jagocki was elected to the Grand Prudential Committee and acted as Chairman of said Committee and Executive President of the Fraternity from 1919-1921; and
- WHEREAS, Brother Jagocki was elected to the Grand Prudential Committee in 1923 and served on that committee until 1936; and
- WHEREAS, Brother Jagocki has administered the Tomahawk Trust Fund from its inception in 1928 to the present, serving as Chairman of the Trustees during that thirty-year period; and
- WHEREAS, his conscientious handling of the Fund has resulted in a continuing profitable operation for the Fraternity; and
- WHEREAS, this service has been freely and cheerfully rendered and with meticulous care; and
- WHEREAS, Brother Jagocki has been ably assisted by Brothers Ambrose Day and Ralph C. Hawkins, co-trustees of the Tomahawk Fund of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity; and
- WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Convention to express its deepest thanks and appreciation to Brother Jagocki for his long years of faithful, diligent and fruitful service to Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity in the many offices which he has so efficiently filled and in his faithful stewardship as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Tomahawk Fund and the great benefits which Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity has received from such services; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Convention to express its deepest appreciation and thanks to Brothers Day and Hawkins as Co-Trustees of such Fund for their faithful and diligent assistance rendered by them to Brother Jagocki, and Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; UPON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED AT THE TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY HELD IN THE YEAR OF 1958:

that Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity does hereby express its deepest appreciation and thanks to Brother Jagocki for his long years of faithful, diligent, and fruitful service to the Fraternity in the many offices held by him and as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Tomahawk Fund of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and the great and lasting benefits derived by Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity therefrom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; UPON SUCH VOTE: That the deepest and sincere thanks are expressed to Brothers Day and Hawkins for their faithful and diligent assistance to Brother Jagocki as Trustees of the Tomahawk Fund of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; UPON SUCH VOTE: That a copy of this resolution be furnished to Brothers Jagocki, Day and Hawkins as a memento of this Convention for their great services rendered by them to Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

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12 WHEREAS, the Constitution and By-Laws of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, contain no creedal nor racial restrictions to membership; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity was founded upon Christian principles which include the second law, the law of Brotherly love;

NOW, THEREFORE, UPON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND CARRIED, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Grand Council be, and it hereby is, requested to change the Ritual so that it contains no statements restricting membership upon the grounds of race or religion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Grand Council be requested to change the Ritual so that individuals be elected to membership who are likely to be intellectually morally, and socially a valuable acquisition to the Fraternity; and that the individuals are to be selected by unanimous secret vote of the Chapter.

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- 13 WHEREAS, Wayne State University Chapter requests that, subject to the approval of the Grand Council, the following questions be added to the form of this Fraternity entitled "Report of Pledging" worded as follows:

Religious Preference ?, Racial Background?,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; UPON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND CARRIED AT THIS TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY: That, subject to the approval of the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, the above questions to the above mentioned form of the Fraternity be added.

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- 14 WHEREAS, Brother Ellwood A. Smith, Assistant Chairman of the Twenty-fifth National Convention has had to leave this Convention early because of the death of a member of his family;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That this Convention express to Brother Smith and his family, our sincere sympathy.

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