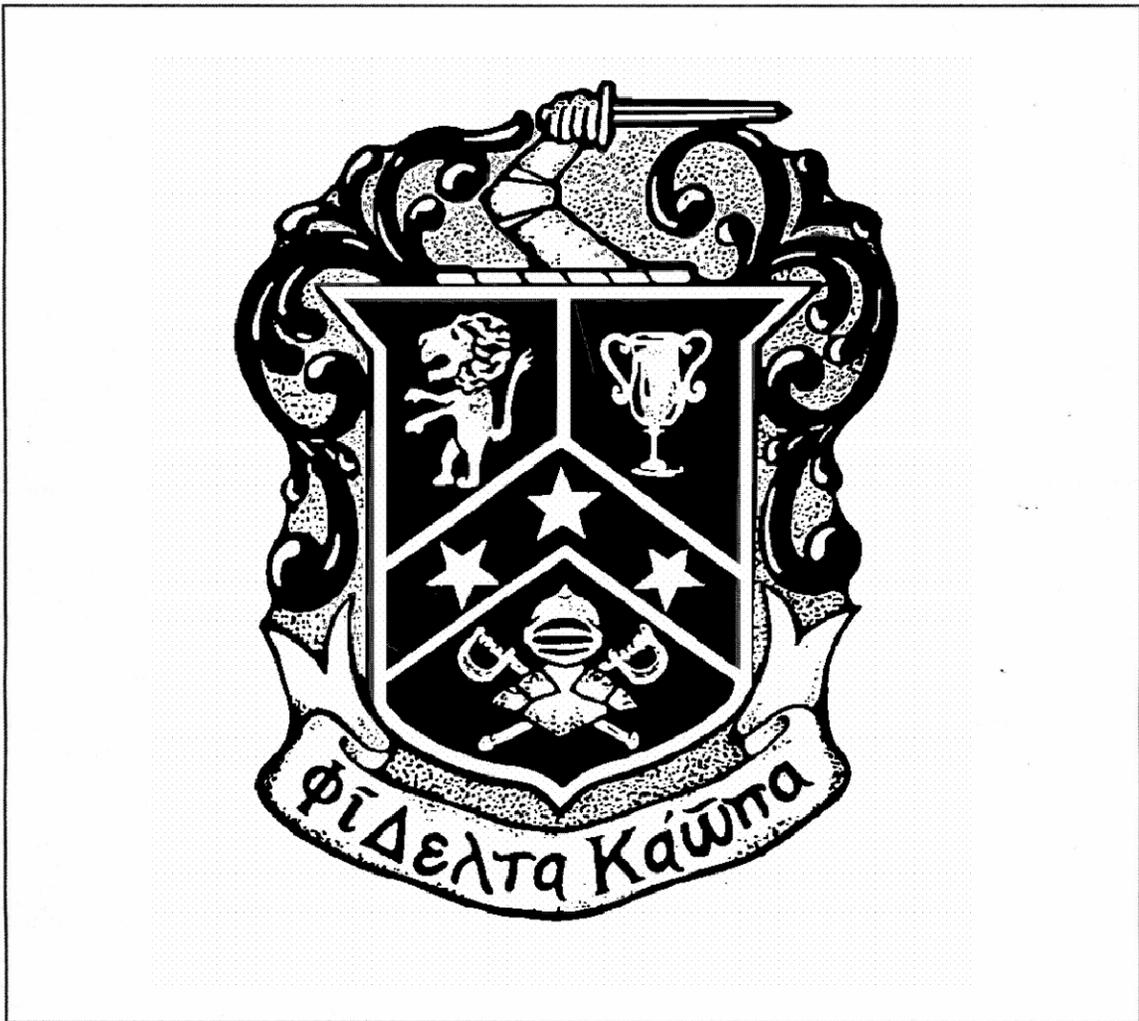


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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GOVERNMENT

Under the wisdom of our founding fathers, the United States Government was established as a constitutional republic. This is as different from a democracy as an apple is from a pear. While an apple and pear are both fruits born from a tree, their consistency, taste and nutritional factors are quite different. Such is the case with a democracy and a republic. Both are forms of government, but they differ in the methods of implementation. This difference lies in the ultimate source of official power. In the case of a republic, it lies with a charter (constitution); in a democracy, power lies with the rule of the majority. A republic prevents the majority from impinging on the natural rights of the minority. Our "Pledge of Allegiance" confirms that we are a Republic and not a Democracy. Freedom is realized by the willingness of the people to live by the dictates of the charter. The republic's charter protects the individual's rights. Phi Delta Kappa followed the example of the United States Constitution when it drafted its own constitution by vesting the power of government of the fraternity into three coordinate departments:



Legislative (National Council)
 Executive (Supreme Executive Committee)
 Judicial (National Board of Trustees)

Our fraternity further mimics the U.S. Government by granting chapters the right to run its own affairs just as the U.S. grants their individual States the right to govern themselves. Of course both States and Chapters must operate within the bounds of their own National Constitution. Both can write their own laws so long as these laws do not conflict with the National constitution. Our fraternity calls such laws the "Chapter Bylaws." The Bylaws are decided upon and enacted by a vote of the chapter's membership. Bylaws that operate within the National Constitution cannot be over-ridden by any National Department and, especially by any SEC Officer. The SEC officer has no more authority over an individual Chapter than its own members even though the SEC officer is a member of that chapter. He still has only one vote in his own Chapter. The Bylaws of the chapter trump the SEC officer's opinion so long as the Bylaws do not conflict with the National Constitution.

I have written about this only because one chapter, Mississippi Alpha, recently experienced a conflict between a SEC Officer and the chapter's officers. The Chapter President brought charges against our National Sergeant at Arms, Tim Reynolds, and a hearing was held according to Chapter Bylaws. The hearing was witnessed by three SEC Officers who attested to the fact that the hearing followed their Bylaws and did not violate the National Constitution. The end result was that Reynolds was suspended from the chapter house for six months. When he is allowed back, he must also serve a six-month probation.

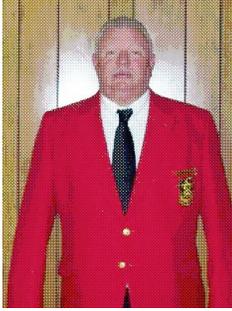
While I regret that a National Officer has been suspended from his own chapter, the fact remains that justice has been served and the legitimate authority of the Chapter has been confirmed. The autonomous nature of our Chapters has been preserved. All National Officers are servants of the brotherhood and hold no special privilege over any fraternal member. Trust is earned, not granted by title. A National Officer serves at the discretion of his home chapter, which nominated him and supports him both financially and morally. I truly hope that Tim can come to grips with the decision of his chapter and serve out the imposed penalty gracefully so that he might be received back into the Chapter. God bless, and hug a brother.

Jon Handy
 National President

A THOUGHTFUL REPRINT

By Craig Brutout
National Vice President

Our Fraternity suffered a major loss on February 2nd 2011, with the passing of Emir and Past National President Carl Coble.



Please allow me to use this space this month to reprint Carl's last message as National President. God Speed and rest well, my Brother.

PARTING THOUGHTS

The Outgoing National President's Message 1964

By the time you receive this issue, we will have adjourned our Notional Convention In Marion. I hope all chapters impressed upon the delegates the importance of the business meetings to the Fraternity. The delegates have a great responsibility, to vote as they see fit or as instructed, but at all times for the betterment of Phi Delta Kappa. Some chapters have become lax in the last few months. Maybe if they attended the convention and saw how other chapters have stepped ahead, their enthusiasm now has been regenerated.

Some chapters have done a wonderful job contributing articles to our magazine. This is the only way other members have of knowing what the rest of the fraternity is doing. This being my last article in the magazine as your Notional President, I thank all the SEC.

members for the hard work they have done the last year; and also I thank all the chapters for the fine hospitality shown my wife and me. It leaves memories I shall cherish forever. It was good to gather again at the birthplace of Phi Delta Kappa. As the old song goes "I'll be seeing you in all the familiar places" - Phi Delta Kappa functions.

Fraternally Yours
CARL L. COBLE
National President

MARCH

By Brian Nelson
National Master of Ceremonies

Howdy brothers and sisters. It's March and that means St. Patrick's Day, NCAA basketball tournament,



and SEC are here. Now 2 of these events can just be a great time and one is not. Can you guess which one is not? The difference is that one is important and the other two are just special days to entertain (not to insult sports fans or the Irish). The spring SEC gives the Vice President a chance to set his agenda in place so it can be ready to roll out after convention. Knowing Craig as I do, he will have quite an agenda to get done during this SEC.

Last month we, lost one of PDK's greatest treasures: Carl Coble. For many of the newer

members to the fraternity who might not have known or met him; but also for the members who have been in PDK for awhile I will fill you in with a little bit of information that I know about him. Carl was elected as our National President in 1963 in Meridian, Mississippi. For 46 years he held the title PNP: a title that he wore with honor. He also earned the right to be called an Emir, a prince of the fraternity for he truly was. Carl was in France during the liberation of Europe during WWII. His stories could keep my attention for as long as he wanted to talk. We sat down a few times with the purpose of him giving me a veteran's view of his life. I do not think that I ever saw Carl without a smile on his face. He was a true Phi Delt!

As we always do at Beta Nu when a brother makes the last journey across the desert; we performed the PDK funeral ritual, but this time it was special because most of the parts were done by PNPs. Every member of Phi Delta Kappa has the right to have the funeral ritual done. The families can let us do this in honor of our lost brother. I have only been in PDK a few short years, so I do not know of many brothers who passed away and had this privilege. I hope that when it is my time, my brothers will do me the honor.

Brian Nelson

Sam Agresti
National Auditor

Hello brothers from sunny south Florida. With SEC coming up shortly I am looking forward to coming to Winchester for change scenery. Hope the weather is cool and pleasant for our weekend. The end of the year is not far away and I will like to reflect on the responsibility chapters have coming up. Election of Club Officers is so important in the establishment of a good new year. If someone is capable of holding a position, let me reflect on some responsibilities that should be considered.



First above all one must be respected by fellow members to lead the chapter in time of good and bad. Next and officer should be dedicated to his duties by attending meetings as well as being helpful to others when called upon to do so. A Chapter Officer must be committed to doing the little things a chapter needs done and not assumed someone else will do the task at hand. Another rule of a Chapter Officer is to be positive and encourage fellow brothers to attend meetings and activities the Chapter sponsors. All Club Officers should attend chapter sponsored activities first and for most as a sign of leadership to the Chapter and its members.

I encourage all brothers to consider holding a Chapter Office position by getting yourself involved in PTK. As they say "It's not what you say, it's what you do."

INVOLVEMENT
By Chris Parks
National SGT at Arms

Hello Brothers and Sweethearts! March is upon us, which up north generally means



by the end of the month the snow will have melted and we will be able to find all the things we left out in the yard. In like a lion and out like a lamb, or so the saying goes, but here in recent years I think the lion has been eating the lamb and we hope for better weather by May. So why is that? There must have been some basis for the saying. So after many years of pondering the situation, I think I may have identified the cause. There seems to be a direct correlation between the weather and the basketball playoffs. Right before the playoffs start, the weather is generally mild then the second they have the tip off to start the playoffs the snow or freezing rain starts to fall like clockwork. I think the phase was coined prior to the basketball playoffs. Prior to the current day playoffs, basketball ended in February so we never noticed this phenomenon.

In general, I think a lot of things fly just under the radar and go unnoticed. Then when we do notice them, we jump back and say "Okay what just happened?" or "How did that happen?" Did someone just slip one over on us? Or was it there in the open just below the radar and we failed to notice? I think the latter of the two is

true and if so, then we allowed it to happen. So how do we insure that nothing slips under the radar? Involvement! Involvement in your personal life, your professional life, and in the fraternity! As National Officers we need to be involved with not only the chapters we are assigned to, but in all chapters.

If you are involved, then you are informed, if your informed. Then you won't be blindsided at home, work, or at the chapter. Involved and informed can actually be therapeutic, relieving stress by being pro-active, being able to identifying problems before they become major issues and rectifying the situation beforehand. This can also help in minimizing the dreaded unintended consequences of the rash reactions that normally don't quite work out as planned. When we are re-active it generally turns into overreaction. The end result are headaches, ulcers, and high blood pressure, and apologies are generally in order. Between the two, I prefer pro-active. I've had way too many cheeseburgers and am too old to jump through that proverbial hoop!

On a sad note Jacki and I wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Beta Nu and the family of PNP Carl Coble (1963). He will be dearly missed. Jacki and I have spent many evenings with Carl and we shall cherish the brief moments in time that he brightened our lives as he did to all he touched. Farewell dear brother, till we meet again.

“How will my actions today reflect on our fraternity tomorrow?”

Chris Parks
National Inner Guard

PAINFUL DECISIONS

**By Jimmy Bateman
National Outer Guard**

As has been publicized in the last edition of this magazine, the Mississippi Alpha chapter was recently faced with a painful decision. We had to vote on whether to suspend or banish one of our own. I believe I can speak for most of our brothers in saying that this was one of the most difficult decisions that we have ever had to make. In the end, the consensus was that we had to to suspend one of our brothers. This decision was not for spite or retribution, but to serve the interests of the chapter and the fraternity as a whole.

It was very painful for us to do this. We love Tim Reynolds as the brother that he is. Not only did we not want to be without his contributions to the fraternity, but we were also faced with publicizing this on the national level due to his service as a national officer. The last thing we wished to do was to show our chapter or the fraternity in a negative light. Nonetheless, we made this sacri-



fice for the greater good of the fraternity.

The oath which we take as brothers is a binding one. The values prescribed within are the core of our organization. We must protect and honor these values regardless of the cost. This fundamental policy has contributed to the sustained prosperity of the organization for over 100 years. When something occurs that threatens the peace within the chapter or the fraternity, it is the responsibility of the elected officials to bring a quick and concise resolution to the problem within the guidelines of our oath and constitution.

We would like to offer thanks to our national officers for traveling to Meridian in our time of need. We wished to ensure that all proceedings were held within the guidelines of our constitution without favoritism or prejudice. I feel that the contributions and oversight of the national officers in attendance solidified our confidence in the tough decision that we were forced to make.

Now to focus on the positive for a moment, I look forward to seeing the Executive Committee and my Winchester brothers at the Spring SEC on the 26th. Also, Southern District is just around the corner. I encourage all brothers to attend this event, particularly those who have never been to Florida Nu. Proud to be a Phi Delt!

Jimmy Bateman

Special Notice Brotherhood Meeting

Alpha & Beta Beta chapters are hosting a SPECIAL brotherhood meeting in Wabash on March 16, 2011.

Food 6:30-7:30pm. Meeting will start at 7:30pm (will last 1hr or less)

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SPRING SEC WEEKEND

COME JOIN US IN WINCHESTER, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY .

**MARCH 25TH AND 26TH
FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT 7PM - 10PM**

**SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER
AND COMEDY STARTING AT
6PM \$15.00 PER PERSON**

**MEETING WILL START AT 9AM
SATURDAY**

THIS WILL BE AN SEC ATTENDING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE FRATERNITY. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

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Hello from Cracker Country
By David Rieker

Hello again from cracker country. Well, it didn't take long for the effects of Mary's trip to the Mediterranean to hit the fan. There are riots and chaos in just about every country she visited. Egypt and Greece, just to name a couple. One guy over there claimed she and her sister tried to steal a Camel. And I don't mean a cigarette. Nah, it must have been the visit she made to an enormous gathering of Muslims. Some kind of religious doings and Mary got up at the ceremony and told them "they were all going to hell for worshipping some Pagan God." Since then we have been refusing all kinds of strange packages from all over Asia. And Mary has gotten to the point where she won't leave the house without wearing her "Burqa". Anyone wishing a gift from abroad, let me know and I will forward some packages on to you. No-no, don't thank me. "Share-The-Wealth" is my motto. We'll keep you posted.

Did you hear about the little girl who woke up with a tummy-ache? Her mother told her it was because there was nothing in it and after she put something in it, it would be all better. Later that day, as she and her family were attending church, the minister said that he was sorry that the sermon was poorly done, because he woke up with a headache. The little girl, hearing this, told him that it was because his head had nothing in it and that if he would put something in it, he would be all better.

I still haven't gotten used to this computer. The thing that puzzles me is it's ability to read my mind. And you have to know what you're looking for too. Every time a screen pops up, there are somewhere near a thousand places to click. And they don't fully explain themselves. Ninety percent of everything is abbreviations. I've been trying to get Mary to invite a homeless 12 year-old kid to come live with us. This way we can get all our computer problems resolved right away. Smart!!-Huh??

And now, for fiction and fact from the Phi Delt Almanac. A study was required to explain some of the mysteries of life. Since we Phi Delts answer the definition of "some of life's mysteries," a panel of us was chosen. Our explanation was simple. "You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, but you can make a silk purse out of a mulberry leaf, because mulberry trees are where silk worms live!" So be well and full of he%\$#. Cracker boy, signing off. Dave Rieker.

Jim Bates
Old Folks Home
Tampa, FL

Hi Everyone, Things are great here at the "Old Folks Home", We have some vacant apartments, lots of people want to move in but they can't sell their homes.

Kay and I are going to Hawaii for two weeks on the first of Feb. We are flying to LA and board the Golden Princess for a round trip to the Hawaiian Islands. We are going to "River Ranch for the "FL State Meeting when we get back. We plan on going to The National Convention if the gas prices do not go to high.

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Southern District Meeting
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Rate \$74.00 + tax per night

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next month

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COMING EVENTS



- Mar. 5 PDK Garage Sale & Chili Cook Off, FL. Alpha Lambda, Odessa, FL.**
Mar. 12 Florida Nu Luau, Florida Nu, West Palm Beach, FL.
Mar. 16 Brotherhood Meeting, Wabash, IN, hosted by Beta Beta & Alpha Mar.
Mar. 16 NCAA Donation Rally, Danville, IN, Gamma Theta, Danville, IN
Mar. 19 Chili Cook-off St. Patrick's Day Party, Gamma Theta, Danville, IN
Mar. 19 Doggie Day @ PDK FL. Alpha Lambda, Odessa, FL.
Mar. 25 - 26 Spring S.E.C., Beta Eta, Winchester, IN
Apr. 8 - 9 Southern District, Florida Nu, West Palm Beach, FL
Apr. 16 Beta Eta 99th Anniversary Party, Beta Eta, Winchester, IN
Apr. 16 Poor Mans Dinner, Gamma Theta, Danville, IN
May 7 Derby Party, Gamma Theta, Danville, IN
May 28 Race Donation Rally, Gamma Theta, Danville, IN
Jul. 27 - 30 National Convention, Michigan City, IN Gamma Lambda

Standing Events

- Every Friday, Dinner, Gamma Theta, Danville, IN**
Every 2nd Friday, Bingo & Dinner, Florida Nu, West Palm Beach, FL
Every 3rd Saturday, Dinner, Beta Nu, Kokomo, IN
Every 3rd Friday, Dinner, Bunko, Florida Mu, Lake Worth, FL
Every Last Friday, Blues Jam, Beta Nu, Kokomo, IN

We can only put it in the Coming Events if you let us know!! By letting everyone know what is happening and when, it allows more members to make plans to attend.