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Murder Mystery Dinner
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Business Highlights: Fall 2005

Minnesota Graduate Chapter held their Fall business meeting on November 17th, 2005 at brother Sandy Johnson's house. Fifteen brothers from MN Grad and Epsilon were in attendance.

MN Grad Regent and our Grand Counselor Becky Fahrenbruch opened the meeting with the ritual. Her report included sharing a thank you card from the brothers of Delta Psi regarding our assistance in their chartering and recent trip to GCC. The Entertainment Book sales were drawing to a close with over \$300 raised for MN Grad. Once again, this was a very successful fundraiser. The money raised will help support our philanthropic activities this year. Brother Fahrenbruch also brought up the idea of placing a bid for GCC 2009 in Minneapolis, MN. A lot of great ideas were shared!

Vice Regent Tracy Ander-

son-Haag reviewed the Risk Management Policy and discussed importance of adherence and frequent utilization of this document. The Local Chapter Ordinances were also reviewed and no changes were proposed. Brother Anderson-Haag also proposed a new philanthropy project with the American Lung Association (ALA) to complement our long-standing work at Camp Superkids. The ALA will now be sponsoring an Asthma Walk (5K) June 3rd, 2006 at Boom Island. The group felt this would be an excellent opportunity and we will be creating a team, possibly along with Epsilon and Delta Psi.

Secretary/Treasurer Christy Askew was unable to attend the meeting, so this report was forwarded to the Regent. As of that date there were 52 dues paying members. The finances were found to be in order, and the previous minutes were

reviewed and approved. Sarah Barber gave the Scholarship/Awards report-see the Scholarship section for details! Sandy Johnson, Social Chair, gave several options for social events this winter/spring including a murder mystery dinner and resuming monthly Happy Hours.

New business focused on Grad/Collegiate relations. We voted to donate the Epsilon Fund toward hotel rooms at Spring Conclave in Omaha. We also discussed the Grad Chapter hosting board reviews, residency primers or other educational events at a home with dinner to get to know the collegiates better. We will also make a strong presence at the spring dinner meeting to help with the transition from collegiate to grad. New grads were very supportive of this idea. Brother Fahrenbruch then closed the meeting with the ritual.

Minnesota Graduate Chapter's winter social event this year is a Murder Mystery Dinner at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Brooklyn Park. The dinner is called **The Svensanos: A Norwegian Mafia Mystery**. It follows 2 crime families, the Corvanos and the Svensons battling for control of the Upper Midwest. It's Good-fellas, vs. Minnesota nice!

Tickets were pre-order, but if you are interested in attending, please contact Sandy Johnson at sjohn2308@hotmail.com. Due to cancellations, she may have an extra ticket or two available for purchase. We are looking forward to getting the group together again and having a fun and entertaining evening!

Mark Your Calendar!

- Spring Province VIII meeting on April 21-22, 2006 in Omaha, Nebraska hosted by Beta Nu!!
- Spring MN Grad Meeting at on May 18th, 2006. Social hour starts at 5:30 pm, meeting starts at 6:30pm!
- Breezy Point Resort Weekend: May 19-21, 2006!!
- Camp Superkids: July 9-14th, 2006 at YMCA Camp Ihduhapi!
- Fall Province VIII Assembly October 13-14, 2006 in Fargo, ND!!

Epsilon and Delta Psi Updates!

As usual, Epsilon was very busy during the Fall Semester! They continued to participate in philanthropy projects with the PNC, Ronald McDonald House, the "Light the Night" walk, the Diabetes Expo, where they did hypertension screenings, STI talks and they also send a group to conclave in Omaha. In addition to all of these activities, they

also initiated 16 new brothers! This spring they are creating a lot of College of Pharmacy and Kappa Psi clothing items for fundraising. If you are interested, contact Epsilon for items and prices.

We are proud to be able to report on the early successes of Delta Psi as well! Our newest chapter in Minnesota pledged 6 new members this Fall. They

also sold clothing for fundraising on the Duluth campus. In addition they held a Texas Hold'em poker tournament at one of the new brother's house. Several of our Delta Psi brothers also attended conclave this Fall where they presented an awesome slideshow with highlights of their chartering.

Keep up the great work!
You make MN Grad proud!!

Making the Move: Collegiate to Grad

Transitioning from collegiate member to graduate member in Kappa Psi is always a struggle. Only a small percentage of collegiate brothers internationally continue to be dues paying graduates in Kappa Psi. Minnesota is fortunate to now have two strong collegiate chapters and a very active graduate chapter. Several brothers of MN Grad have been brainstorming on how to keep our brothers involved in Kappa Psi after graduation from Pharmacy School. This topic was discussed at our recent meeting and the newer graduates had a lot of insight to contribute to the discussion. We have decided to make a special effort to reach out especially to the 3rd and 4th year students to create strong relationships with these brothers before they graduate.

Many members of MN Grad are Residency Program Directors and/or pharmacists practicing and specializing in a wide variety of topic areas. We would like to make that experience and expertise available to the collegiates in Minnesota.

Over the next few months, we will be working to create workshops covering CV building, residency information sessions, interviewing techniques and possibly pharmacotherapy topic presentations to serve as board reviews. Members of MN Grad will offer to host a workshop at their home, providing an opportunity both for socialization, networking and education. An additional event such as dinner, appetizers, movies etc. could accompany this as well. All 3rd and 4th year students from Epsilon and Delta Psi will be invited to attend.

We also hope to create a workshop about the opportunities available for careers in pharmacy for the 1st and 2nd year students in the near future. We would like to have a panel of pharmacists discussing their pharmacy practices. Mentoring or shadowing opportunities may also be developed.

What a great opportunity to show our collegiates that Kappa Psi is for Life!!!

If you are interested in helping to develop any of these programs for the collegiates, please contact Tracy Anderson-Haag at ander363@umn.edu!

Travel Update: Italy Bound!!!

Several brothers of MN Grad along with Province VIII are planning the first annual non-GCC year vacation! Our destination is **Italy**!! We have selected the dates of September 19-22, 2006 and will be convening in the Florence area.

This is not intended to be a guided tour. Instead, individuals are able to design their own trip with the wonderful benefit of spending some quality time with their Kappa Psi brothers! This will allow everyone to choose their own budget, exact travel dates and destinations. The plan is to have an activity each of these preset dates that would be with Kappa Psi brothers. You can choose to attend all events, or to spend some days off exploring on your own or with your travel companion!!

So, you'd like to go but don't know where to start? Here's tip #1: If you don't already have one, get moving on obtaining a passport. You have one? Well, double check the dates. In order to enter Italy, you need 6 months left on your passport. If yours is set to expire before April 2007, you'll want to renew! More information will follow in emails to the group including travel tips and advice from seasoned travelers.

Brother Christy Askew has been to Italy several times and is helping with some of the initial trip planning. If you would like to be included in further emails regarding this trip of a lifetime with your Kappa Psi brothers, please contact Christy Askew at chris11122@aol.com. We hope to see you in Italy!!

Scholarship and Awards

Minnesota Grad Chapter continues to support our collegiates with scholarships and awards. We are very excited to be able to share these now with 2 chapters: Epsilon and Delta Psi!

The Scholarship Committee, headed by Sarah Barber, presented the following for our 2006 scholarship and award disbursements. MN Grad will continue to provide two \$500 awards for a 1st and 2nd year student based on contributions to their chapter. Members of both Epsilon and Delta Psi will be eligible. The editors of the PharmaCOPA (College of Pharmacy An-

nual) will continue to receive a \$200 award. These awards are determined by the Scholarship Committee based on application forms and an essay.

We will also be providing three \$2000 scholarships. The applicants will provide an essay which will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. Recommendations will be forwarded to the College of Pharmacy, and final selection will also be based on financial need. Delta Psi and Epsilon brothers will both be eligible for these scholarships.

Epsilon chapter requested that the

"Epsilon Fund" be used this spring to defray costs associated with attending the Province VIII Assembly. We will use these funds toward their hotel rooms at the conference. We hope that this will cover both Epsilon and Delta Psi. These monies will now be called the "Collegiate Activity Fund" and utilized to help both Delta Psi and Epsilon.

MN Grad would like to thank our brothers who continue to generously contribute to our scholarship and award funds. The students are truly appreciative of the financial support that we provide them!

52nd Grand Council Convention August 9-14, 2005, Pittsburgh, PA

Grand Officers 2005-2007

Several brothers from Minnesota Graduate Chapter traveled to Pittsburgh, PA for the highly anticipated 52nd GCC with the theme "Seeing the Possibilities"! The festivities began on Tuesday evening with the opening session which included the tying of the Golden Bow by the Grand Ritualist, our own Becky Fahrenbruch. The assembly then heard an inspirational speech by Brother Robert Hunter. This was followed by the opening reception full

of local Pittsburgh fare. The evening ended with a beautiful riverboat cruise and dance sponsored by Pittsburgh Grad. Following meetings on Wednesday morning, the group spent the afternoon at Kennywood amusement park. Graduates socialized on Thursday night at the Graduate and Benefactors reception, which was followed by the ice cream social and Province Pharmacy Pheud. Friday brought with it the Kappa

Psi Foundation Golf tournament and opportunities to attend workshops after the business meetings. Saturday began with the assembly voting on changes to the Constitution and By-Laws and Resolutions. In the afternoon the Grand Council voted in its new executive committee for 2005-2007. The evening continued with a fabulous dinner and installation of our new officers. A outstanding local live band finished out the evening!

Grand Regent:

Dave Maszkiewicz

Grand Vice Regent:

Sean Higgins

Grand Counselor:

Becky Fahrenbruch

Grand Historian:

Claudio Faria

Grand Ritualist:

Andy Frasco

Graduate Member at Large:

Lawrence Brown

Collegiate Member at Large:

Kali Jernigan

Immediate Past Grand Regent:

Tony Palmieri

And the Winners are...Scholarship Luncheon Highlights!!

After two years of anticipation and hard work by the brothers of the Minnesota Graduate Chapter, the Scholarship Luncheon finally arrived. After the pleasure of hearing 3 chapters from Province VIII honored in the Top Ten Collegiate chapters, including Epsilon at number 7, we awaited our fate in the Graduate Top Ten. By gathering nearly all of the available points on the Graduate Chapter

Progress Report form and bonus points for overwhelming chapter and member participation in province and national events, MN Grad was honored with being named the **Number 1 Graduate Chapter in Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, 2005!!!** Several brothers took the stage for this photo opportunity with Grand Regent Palmieri.

MN Grad Celebrates as #1!!!

Legislative Changes and Resolutions

Saturday morning was spent voting on legislative changes and resolutions. The following are a selection of the important legislative changes. The Convention Chairperson will no longer have a vote in the council. By-laws must be submitted in electronic format to the Grand Counselor and Central Office. The Agora

will be made available at a cost to chapters. Proxies for the GCC must be notarized before they are turned in.

Resolutions included the typical thanks to the hotel, attendees and friends and family of the brotherhood. In addition, it was resolved to make proxy forms available online by January 1st to facili-

tate the process of notarization. It was also resolved that more time be given to provinces to give their province reports to the assembly at GCC. Lastly, the name of the Scholarship Committee was changed to the Awards Committee to avoid confusion with the Kappa Psi Foundation Scholarships.

**Epsilon moves up the ranks
to #7!!!**

GCC Workshop Highlights

During the course of our week in Pittsburgh, many workshops were available for collegiates and graduates.

The Fraternal Communications workshop was led by brother Johnny Porter and focused on what chapters could do to continue to enhance *The Mask*. The ritual workshop, led by Grand Ritualist Becky Fahrenbruch and brother Cameron Van Dyke involved a live demonstration of the ritual from yesterday and today. Epsilon chapter performed a portion of the ritual from many years ago. Several brothers in attendance had actually been

initiated with that ritual! It was very exciting to see how much had changed, but how our purpose and objectives remain the same over time. The Epsilon brothers did an amazing job, and the discussion about the purpose of our ritual was invaluable!!

The "Seeing the Possibilities" workshop was led by our Graduate and Collegiate Members at Large (Andy Frasco and Erick Sousa, respectively). During this workshop, brothers from different chapters and provinces were randomly grouped together to brainstorm about ways they could improve their province

and chapter. A large focus was bringing graduates and collegiates together to try to ease the transition from collegiate to graduate brother. Many great ideas came out of the workshop, and it was a great opportunity for networking with new brothers!

The Province Development workshop, led by brother Dawn Erdman, was well attended with representation from nearly every province! The discussion centered around the province leadership e-group, and recent discussions regarding elections, terms of office, communications and graduate/collegiate relations

whole and with each other. The discussion brought out several great ideas from each province. Topics will continue to be addressed via the province leadership e-group.

A risk management workshop pertaining to Province events was presented to the assembly as a whole by brother Adam Bell, Satrap of Province II. A general risk management review was presented by brother Craig Boyce from Ada Grad.

Continuing Education covering many topic areas was also offered during the convention.