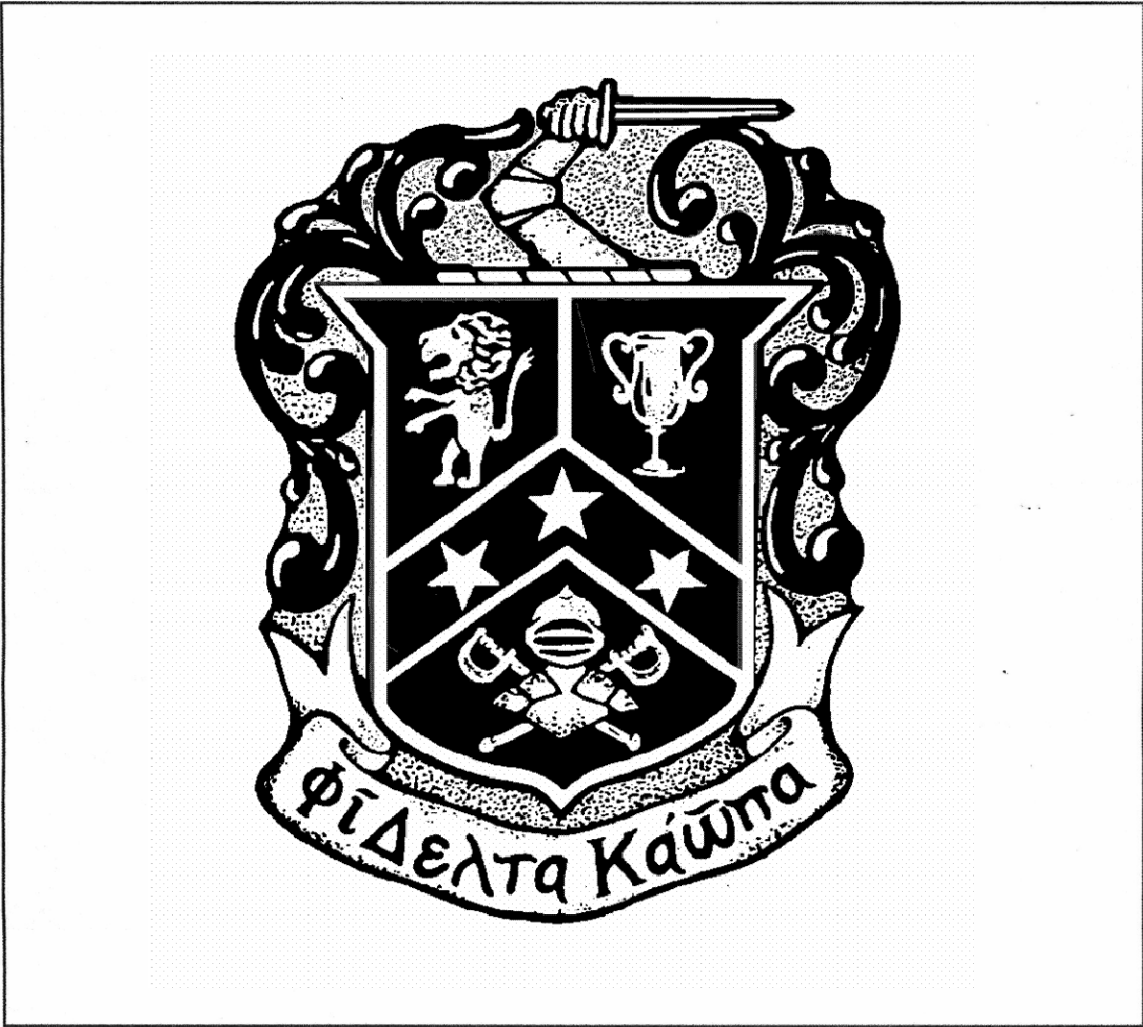


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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LAST CALL

I have given this article a lot of thought over the last many months, and am still struggling with what I want this last message to be.

First, I want to thank Beta Eta for their unwavering support over the last 5 years. Many times I have taken positions that weren't always popular but my brothers support never wavered. Thank you.

Next, to all of the great people that Cathy and I have met through our travels, thank you for your hospitality and your friendship. I would like to invite all of you to our National Convention this month in Winchester, as there are many issues that we will be taking up. I am going to try and make the business of the fraternity the center piece of the week, not the party. As you know this is Beta Eta's 100th year as an active chapter and many of my brothers are working very hard to make this convention a special event.

It has been my honor to serve you as a national officer. My passion for our fraternity remains undaunted and I will continue to work on the projects that are closest to my heart. Again, I invite all of you to Winchester in July. Many events are planned but it takes your participation to make it successful.

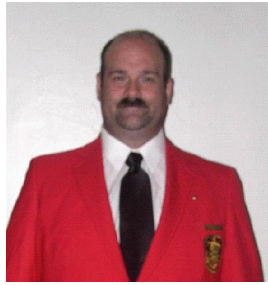
May God bless all of you, may he continue to bless this great nation, and may he bless Phi Delta Kappa. Thank you all for this great opportunity to serve you: it has indeed been my great honor and, for the last time, always looking forward,

Craig Brutout
National President



Brian Nelson
National Vice President

Howdy brothers and sisters. July is here in full force and the heat is on. I can melt just going from the house to the car.



Candie has the van packed for convention, which should in a couple days by the time you get this article. I am ready for it to start! Like I say every year, "convention is more than doing fraternity business, it's our social time to bond with our extended family". I hope that the price of gas and travel will not keep to many people away this year. Every year there are fewer and fewer people coming to convention and I am not sure if it's due to the price of travel, or the generation is getting older, or people are just losing interest.

Sometimes when Candie and I eat at Ducky's restaurant we talk to Betty Duncan and we enjoy hearing the stories of the conventions she attended and the crazy things they did. It's not just her; we hear a lot of stories of the fun and wild times that went on at past conventions from numerous brothers and sisters. When you watch their faces as they recall their stories its all smiles. Convention will have everlasting moments and memories that only can be made if your there and I am glad to say I have never missed a convention since I became a member. Hope I see you all there.

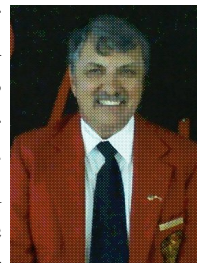
I would like to say to Mr. Craig Brutout: "I've been with you from day one during your journey

through the chairs, even though we didn't see eye to eye on everything, you could always have counted on me. You earned the right to be a P.N.P. not just because you sat in a chair for a year, but also because you led from that chair for a year. Thank you for your hard work."

I want to let you know that if I'm elected as your National President I will serve the fraternity to the best of my ability, be fair and honest, and lead from the chair and not just occupy it. Proud to a Phi Delt!

Sam Agresti
National Master of Ceremonies

Hello brothers from South Florida. This is our last newsletter prior to convention so I'm hoping to see many brothers at this event.



Sunday June 3 was a great day at FI Mu. We celebrated our first annual Youth of The Nation music festival. This was the brain child of brother Lee Ranson and I want to thank him for many months of dedicated service to this project. We had over 40 young people from 9 years old to 17 performing on our stages all day from 1 PM to 8 PM.. I was the parking lot attendant and we parked over 250 cars so our attendance was around 500 people all day. The support from the chapter members was great, as well as the support from volunteers, family members, parents of musi-

cians, and vendors. FI MU did a great job.

Our next big event is also in June with FL MU working with the National Organization Perfect Alignment musical events with the tour kicking off here in South Florida. Make a Wish Foundation is also a participant in this event.

I want to thank Craig Brutout for leading us this past year. Craig loves PDK and believes without any doubt the principles, goals, history, traditions and rituals are all the backbone of this 110-year-old fraternity. May Craig continue to support PDK for many years to come. Convention this year should have fun, brotherhood, interesting meetings, grand activities as well as our new SEC officers taking over for next year. Winchester has planned well and I'm looking forward to the trip.

At this time, I would like to thank everyone for all the support I received this year as a SEC member. To all my fellow SEC brothers, thanks and hope to continue our work on SEC next year with you and any new member we will get. I hope that all the chapters had a great half year and hope the second half will be better. I also want to thank our National Sweetheart Karen Williams for representing us as a true first class lady. That's about it from South Florida and I'm proud to be a PHI DELT.

**Convention
Chris Parks
National Auditor**

Hello Brothers and Sweethearts! July is here, which in the world of the Phi Delt, means it's time for our National Con-



vention! With Beta Eta hosting the convention this year, and it being my home chapter Jacki and I are looking forward to seeing all of our Brothers and Sweethearts without all of the packing! So this year I won't have any of the hoops to jump through at the last minute for that one item that Jacki forgot to pack.

Brothers, you all know that little item that is so insignificant that no one would notice, but to our Sweethearts it's a major catastrophe. God knows I've told Jacki before that the Presidents Ball will be dark and that nobody will notice that her shoes don't match! Man you'd thought I'd killed her cat! So being a male and we all know that means as a male we have a superior intellect, I may have made a slight error in judgment and suggested a solution to the situation. I thought it really was rather simple, get rid of all of your shoes! Just keep one pair of each color.

Well in the end I was reminded of the simplest rule in physics, that for every action is an equal reaction. Again, a rule written by a man who forgot to factor in the female response, for every action of a male there is a much greater reaction from the female of our

species! Well apparently Jacki is right and the couch is less than desirable for sleeping on so as we are shopping, for shoes I guess we'll be at the furniture store.

Now on to the convention. I am running for the office of Master of Ceremonies this year and I'm asking for your support. I believe we are heading in the right direction for our fraternity. Over the past couple of years, we have started growing and with the right leadership, we can continue to grow. Over the years, I've been asked and heard our members question the need and purpose of the National Officers.

Why do we have a National council? It's not just to glad hand the chapters and get a free beer, it's to see what is going on in our chapters, to solicit suggestions and offer them when needed. This is where changes to our National Constitution come from; you our members. You, our members, are the driving force of our fraternity. We as National Officers are nothing but your humble servants. We work as medians from your chapter house to the rest of the fraternity to convey your message. Unlike Congress, we are elected and work for the best interest of our members, not ourselves. We are dedicated to the belief of Brotherhood and Fellowship among men and we know we can break the 1000 mark of Brothers over this next year with your help! As a National Officer, I challenge each and every one of you, that the next time you utter the words "Proud to be a Phi Delt" is only after your new member you just sponsored is initiated.

**July
Jeff Woolf
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

Greetings Brothers and Sweethearts. Summer is here. Wait a minute. It has been hot since winter here. Where did spring go? Ah, it is just another Indiana weather cycle. Wait till next year if you don't like this one.



July is the month we celebrate the birth of our nation. It is also the month we as a fraternity recognize the passing of another fraternal year. As one chapter closes, another chapter begins. The new fraternal year, fresh out of National Convention, with a new slate of officers, a fresh board of trustees, and a newly kindled passion for the fraternity as a whole, always seems to be full of hope and new ideas.

It also means that we say goodbye to a couple of national treasures. Our National President and our National Sweetheart both pass on to being a PNP and a PNS respectively.

I want to congratulate our soon-to-be newest PNP, Craig Brutout, on his journey through the national offices. It has been a long time since a national officer has held the passion for Phi Delta Kappa that Brother Brutout possesses. He has had many good ideas for the fraternity in the last few years, and actually managed to get some of them implemented while he was still in office. I hope that all who have borne witness to his passion pick up a small amount of it a carry it forward

through the next few years. Congratulations again Craig, and please do not fade away. PDK needs people like you.

I also want to congratulate our newest soon-to-be PNS, Karen Williams. Every time I saw Karen this year, she was as happy as the day she received the honor. I hope you enjoyed your reign as National Sweetheart as much as we enjoyed you.

Congratulations, as well to all of Phi Delta Kappa. It has been a fairly good year, with some growth in our membership, some hearty brotherhood both locally and nationally, and many, many positive ideas being put into place. I am proud to be a Phi Delt. Until next time, Jeff Woolf

Gregory Trombly National Inner Guard

Hello from MS ALPHA , the Hospitality Chapter

I look forward to the 106th National Convention at Beta Eta in Winchester, IN. I will meet new friends and greet old friends. I will seek out a run for National Sergeant-At-Arms and hope to continue my education into the Brotherhood of the PDK. I hope to bring strength and unity to all of our Chapters and a better understanding of what it means to be a true Phi Delt. I have been to many chapter houses and hope to visit many more this year. I will be retiring on July 4th from Naval Air Station Meridian MS, after 34 years of government service. I will have more time to serve our

Phi Delta Kappa! I believe with your support we can improve our brotherhood and have a bright future for the coming year.

This July we will elect a new President and Outer Guard. We will say goodbye to National President Craig Brutout who has led us through a year of change. He has made a difference in the way we do business. He has made us realize that the big picture is not just one chapter, but all the chapters united and working together under one leadership to develop a new way to better communicate and inform local chapters and keep every one aware that they have a National organization on which to rely, making the S.E.C. more responsive to the chapters they represent.

I wish our President and his Sweetheart a wonderful future and am proud to have served you! I look forward to working with our new President Brian Nelson I know he is up to the task that is before him. I also look forward to working with our new National Outer Guard.

MS Alpha has had a great May with many cookouts to a Mother's Day Social, Men's breakfast, Race day Sundays and finally a great Memorial Day Weekend. July 4th remember to fly your Flags and have a safe time. Hope to see everyone at the convention. God Bless America!

National Sweetheart Karen Williams

Hello everyone, I hope you all are fine. Well the year is coming to an end. And its been the best time of my life! I want to thank everyone for letting me be your National Sweetheart.

It was an honor and privilege and I had the nicest time of my life. I will take away very fond memories and new and old friends and you all have touched my heart in a very special way! And I hope we can all keep in touch!

Well that is all for now. Thanks again everyone!! Well, until next time. God Bless You All.

Hello from Cracker Country By David Rieker

Hello again from cracker country. Mary and I just got back from a trip to Hawaii. The cruise liner was offering a very generous discount to veterans and the accumulated free air miles we've earned on our credit card got us on the plane, first-class, to and from the ship. Better still, we were able to have a family reunion with one of our sons and daughter-in-law in San Diego. What a pleasure it was to see them after so long a time. And speaking of pleasure, it sure jogs the memory when the ship's orchestra brings back the sounds of old classic country music and tunes from Guy Lombardo and Glenn Miller. Much of the entertainment was pointed toward the vets and their spouses. And the fun went on and on.

Two more pledges committed to P.D.K. at Fla. Alpha Lambda last week. And attendance is growing. A number of members live as much as 20-25 miles and more from the club house. And when you add the cost of fuel for a car, a beer or two, and dues, this can start to add up! All of which says

a lot for the dedication of our members. Now, in my case, allowing for traffic on Hwy 54 and whether the only stoplight, on the way is red or green, it can take me as much as a minute to get to club and less than that to get back home.

Now! Here's one for the books. It's been reported that Saudi Arabia (the world's largest exporter of crude oil) is planning to construct solar energy panels in their country to produce 1/3 of their required electricity. And they are going to introduce wind, geothermal and nuclear sources to handle another 1/3. AND they want outside investors to put up the money to help them build all this. I guess they want to keep all their trillions of dollars socked away safely in our banks! Can't you hear one of them now, trying to explain how their oil derricks are being powered by a solar panel? All of a sudden the expression "rag-head" has taken on a whole new meaning. If anyone would like to make a contribution, then contact Khalid al-Suliman in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Keep me posted.

And now for fiction and fact from the Phi Delt Almanac. A study was required for judging the reaction of men when the responsibility of settling unforeseen problems crop up. A group of Phi Delt's was chosen to resolve the problem. Their response was, "When the going gets tough, everyone should leave!" So be well and full of he%\$#! Cracker boy signing off. Dave Rieker.

Danville News
Nathan Reid

Hello all! Winter has come and gone, and summer is right around the corner! It has been a busy few months at home as well as down at the Gamma Theta chapter house! For those who don't know, Kimberly and I welcomed a new baby girl (Blaise Larson) to our family in January... I first have to thank Kimberly for her understanding why I am gone until late some nights, and I have to truly thank the entire Gamma Theta executive committee for all the support that they have shown this year already as well as the Gaming Committee, Bar Committee, House Committee, Steak Committee, Food Committee as well as the endless amount of volunteers who keep the Gamma Theta chapter house and grounds running like a well-oiled machine... THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU!

In May, the membership voted to go NON-Smoking beginning July 1st to adhere to the Law of the State of Indiana that was passed by Governor Mitch Daniels on Monday, March 19th. Although private and fraternal organizations are an exception to the law, private/not-for-profit/fraternal clubs that provide food or alcoholic beverages only to their members and guests, are subject to vote of the members every two years. I encourage the other Indiana Chapters to review the law as penalties could result if you are non-compliant. More information can be found here:

<http://www.in.gov/atc/files/Smok->

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Many other events are happening at Gamma Theta over the next few months:

July 13th—The first annual Gamma Theta Rib Cook-off

August 18th—Family cookout

September 21st & 22nd —Gamma Theta's Hog Roast

October 6th—Bonfire and Games (Bagger, Horseshoes, etc.)

October 27th—Kids Trick or Treat night

December 8th—Kids Christmas

We welcome our brothers and sweethearts from other chapters to come down and share in the brotherhood with us!

God Bless,
Nathan Reid

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COMING EVENTS

Jul. 25- 29 National Convention, Beta Eta, Winchester, IN

Standing Events

Every Friday, Dinner, Gamma Theta, Danville, IN

Every Saturday, Steak Dinner, Mississippi Alpha, Meridian, MS

Every 2nd Saturday, Men's Breakfast, Mississippi Alpha, Meridian, MS

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.

Keith "Stretch" Orr PNP Corner

Greetings from the Flagship of the South. It's been a while once again, but time flies now that I'm able to walk and even work a little, a year and a half on crutches felt and seemed like a lifetime. Fixed the roof for the 5th time this week now it looks real good, no leaks this week and we had a lot of rain. Ever try to go up a ladder with crutches? Enough about me.

Congratulations to our chapter President Chris Linsinbiger on being selected as our new National Outer Guard. He has been and still is a great Chapter President, and I know he will be an asset to the SEC.. Speaking of SEC, where are all the red jackets we had? I know when I was PNP I gave in about 3 or 4 and Chris is looking to buy a new one, not a needed expense. Save the new officers some money so if you have a red jacket, please turn it in.

As usual, Ed Nault and Fla. Nu members put on the annual Luau as great as it always is. Been to Fla Mu a couple of times this month and they even let me win at bonko. Must be nice to be a PNP. Always have a great time there. Will try my hardest to get to convention this year. The last two years were impossible due to the leg injury and I look forward to seeing friends I haven't seen in years. Seems to me the SEC has all their ducks in a row by reading their articles and wish them the best of luck as they make their way towards the black jacket.. That was one of my proudest moments when I got mine.

Went to a PDK party the other night and all were invited. I sat across from a small girl and she kept staring at me throughout the night. Finally I asked her why she was staring at me and she said I just wanted to see how a fish drinks. As always, hug a brother & sweetheart, Stretch