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THE IMPORTANCE OF A TRIPLE-X PUBLICATION.

Thirteen years ago a group of High School students at Fresno conceived the idea of starting a fraternity. A meeting was planned, and this idea developed into the organization of the Triple-X Fraternity.

It is true that they resembled nothing more than a boys' club in those days; but that is natural, for all great institutions have had small beginnings.

As the years passed, this little known fraternity grew in strength and prominence. As its membership increased there was also an increase in its activities.

Then came the incorporation of the fraternity under the laws of the state of California. This act was of vital importance, in that it established a firm foundation for the future development of the fraternity.

As time went on, some of the brothers were drawn away to other cities and carried with them the spirit of the Triple-X Fraternity. This resulted in the organization of the Los Angeles and Golden Gate chapters.

This expansion brought forth new problems in the government of the fraternity. For this reason a Grand Chapter was formed, whose function and interest concerned all chapters alike. The Grand Chapter is interested in the welfare and progress of each and all chapters.

One of its duties is to create a fraternal bond between chapters by inciting the spirit of brotherhood among them. It should strive to maintain at an equally high level the standards of character and conduct of all chapters.

But the question arises: How is the Grand Chapter going to go about accomplishing these things that are so vital to the life of the fraternity? The annual convention helps in some degree, but is far from enough. The one solution lies in the publishing of a Triple-X paper. The convention cannot be attended by every member; this is impossible. But every member will read the Triple-X paper. The paper will be a medium in which matters of general concern can be discussed. Personal items of an informal nature will create interest in the paper, and at the same time will tend

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Let's Go!
Golden Gate Chapter
Semi-Annual

Dance.

May 31-1930 Sir Francis Drake Hotel

San Francisco

Gothic Room

E d i t o r i a l

Fellowship

There are certain factors in fraternity life that must be adhered to, not by force, but with the individual will. These basic factors are the foundation of any fraternity. In this issue I will discuss fellowship. First of all, let us define fellowship: fellowship may be defined as - association, communion, intimacy, society, joint interest or feeling. The reader will note that all these synonyms point to closer relationship of individuals. Of what intrinsic value is a fraternity without fellowship? Members must learn and should carry out principles of fellowship in their daily activities. Why do large organizations plan inter-organizational contests, competition among the employees? Primarily for the benefit of the organization, but secondly, and most important, it creates fellowship by friendly competition. It activates the mind, creates interest, does away with disharmony, promotes interest, and lastly, lightens the so-called drudgery of work.

Let us look back in history as far as possible and we will find those who were unsuccessful were so for certain definite reasons, mainly through satisfaction of their personal egos with no regard to anyone else. Caesar and Napoleon are good examples; they attempted to conquer the world, but both met their finale in disgrace. Now let us look at a few who were successful or achieved fame, and who to the present day are idols of the public, - George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt. These were men who realized the value of fellowship, and who practiced it every day of their lives until they received their reward. We may say they were not the most perfect men, but they set a certain standard which the public looks up to and sets as examples.

Our fraternity must and will exist forever so long as each successive generation adheres to those principles which the preceding generation sets forth.

We should not shirk from any obligations placed upon us; we should do our utmost to carry them out. It might take part of our time and maybe a little of our financial backing, but after all it is the result we're after, and that is what counts.

Each individual in the organization should feel the necessity of fellowship. Each should regard the other as an entity to that group which when working in harmony produces the most results. Each should respect the other but only on the same level. Do not overestimate yourself nor yet underestimate yourself. Give heed to corrections if they are just, but always attempt to understand justness.

Every organization has its group of radicalists. This group is necessary to show the difference between the thoughts of different men. Try to educate this group, but do not use force in your attempt to explain your trend of thought. Try to find out the other man's point of view and by careful educational tactics you can put your thoughts over, but always remember, forceful methods as well as narrow-mindedness will defeat your purpose.

Remember the other fellow is also a human being. He has certain thoughts which he would like to express; let him do so. Get together often and figure things out systematically. Be careful about drawing your conclusions too suddenly. Reason out your ideas, and then arrive at some definite conclusion.

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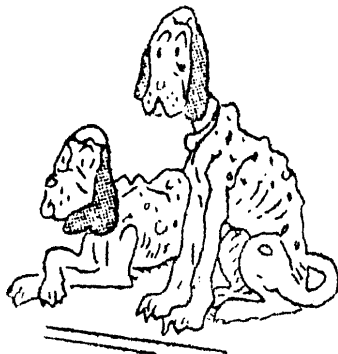
Editor's Note

It seems that the two chapters, Los Angeles and Fresno, forgot certain instructions given to them as regards topics for this paper. In view of the fact that no report has been received from them, the editor has made this a Golden Gate Chapter issue. All material in this issue is obtained from members of the Golden Gate Chapter. The editor wishes to thank them for their hearty cooperation in this regard.

Let's make the next issue a greater one. Come on, Los Angeles and Fresno Chapters, join us! The paper is started, - let's keep it going!

Don't forget each corresponding secretary is appointed an associate editor. So do your best, secretaries, and send in all the material you can. All material for the next issue must be in the hands of the editor on or before April 21, 1930.

All correspondence thru Dr. J. V. Shahbazian, 319 Franklin Building, Oakland, California.



Grand Chapter Notes

The following committees were appointed by Supreme Grand Master, D. K. Tateosian,

1. Finance Committee:

Hagus Sarabian, Fresno, (Chairman)
Haig Hovoy, Los Angeles,
Deran Kurkjian, Golden Gate.

2. Publicity Committee:

Charles M. Ashjian, Fresno, (Chairman)
Al Mason, Los Angeles,
Souren Toomajian, Golden Gate.

For the benefit of those appointed, as regards their duties reference is made to Article IX, Section 1 and Section 2, of the Grand Constitution.

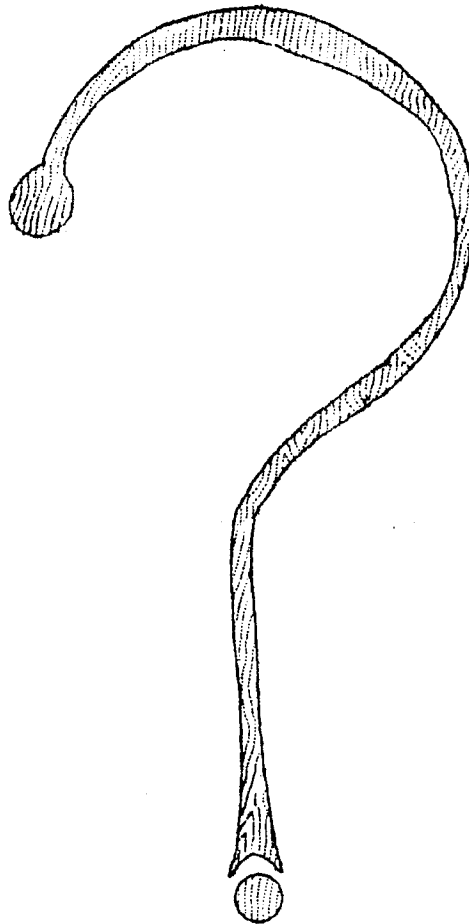
In all probability the next Grand Chapter meeting will be postponed until later in the year.

Don't forget to square up chapter accounts with the Grand Treasurer in regard to head tax, etc. His address is P. O. Box 738, Fresno, California.

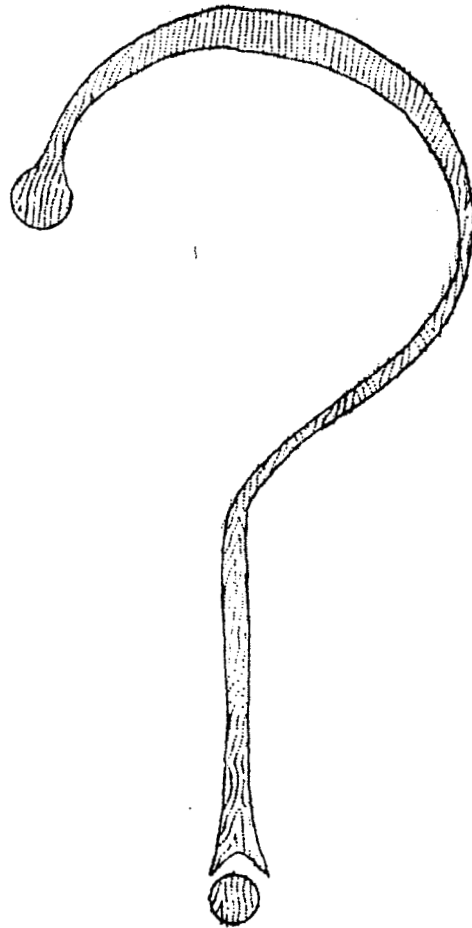
Forward all Grand Chapter communications other than financial accounts to Dr. J. V. Shahbazian, 319 Franklin Building, Oakland, California.



Fresno Chapter (No report)



Los Angeles Chapter (No report)



HUMOR

The newly elected Grand Master has started a movement on foot to change calendar dates and wishes assistance along this line. He has started it thusly: the 26th of April is the last Saturday in March: Come on you geniuses, figure that out!

Bro. Sam Donabedian who is employed by a very reputable railroad company is permitted to travel about without charge, so some bright member thought he could go along with him on his trips: - imagine his embarrassment when he found a sign pasted on him - "Excess Baggage."

Science teacher: Name a liquid that won't freeze.

Student: Hot water.

Mrs. Willis: (sternly to husband arriving home at 3 a.m.) What does the clock say?

Mr. Willis: (genially) It shay 'tick-itok;' and the doggie shay 'bow-wow', and the little pussy cats shay 'meow-meow.'

Jack and Jill went up a hill
Upon a moonlight ride;
When Jack came back,
One eye was black, -
His pal, you see, had lied.

In the Forest

Deran K. Do you know if all the boys are in the woods or in the Lodge?

Sauren D. I know for sure they are in the Lodge.

Deran K. Have you been in the Lodge to know?

Sauren D. No! But I just shot a deer in the Forest, so I know they are in the Lodge.

Poor Cal.

Sauren D. How did California finish in the football conference?

Geo. S. They didn't get to finish; they're through.

Try it.

"Got a match, Edmund?"

"No, Doc, but here's my lighter."

"How am I going to pick my teeth with that?"

Deah Doctah

"Do you come from Harvard?"

"Hell, No! I'm talking this way because I cut my mouth on a bottle."

Traits rather odd.

A Fresno bootlegger has had printed across his personal checks: If at first you don't succeed, try, try, again.

Golden Gate Chapter Notes

Golden Gate Chapter Election Results.

Grand Master - Bro. Frank Damir
 Junior Grand Master Bro. Ed. Manogan
 Secretary - Bro. Albert Adams
 Corres. Secty. - Bro. Ed. Kazanjian
 Auditor - Bro. Deran Kurkjian
 Custodian - Bro. Dr. Shahbazian
 Critic - Bro. A. K. Mirigian

The following is a report of the election campaign to show how serious a matter it is to campaign for a certain office and to win. It is rumored that a grand jury investigation is under way to determine the exact amount of money received and spent for Brother Damir's campaign; the candidate claims the monies received were all donations; this doesn't sound so good; however, time will tell. We hope to have a report of the investigation for the next issue. We wish Brother Damir luck because he needs it.

By Albert Lindberg Adams
 (Special Trex Staff Correspondent)

In the life time of every organization strange things happen; some times stranger than fiction. This is especially true in the final results in the election of officers for the Golden Gate Chapter of the Triple-X Fraternity.

March 12, 1930 will go down in the history of this organization. Millions of members from the Golden Gate Chapter went home feeling that the Vandals had ransacked Rome. They believed the entire country had gone to perdition, when out of the night Brother Frank A. Damir carried his unanimous election to the office of President for Presidency.

The election was one of the most spectacular scenes that members had witnessed for years. Brother Damir emerged from this crucible moment, and went on a wild rampage. Scenes of wild disorder broke loose, the pillars of San Francisco shook, as in a quake, while Oakland rocked under a heavy slaughter, as the Damirians wiped out the election just as a ballast from a falling dirigible, crumbled in its path.

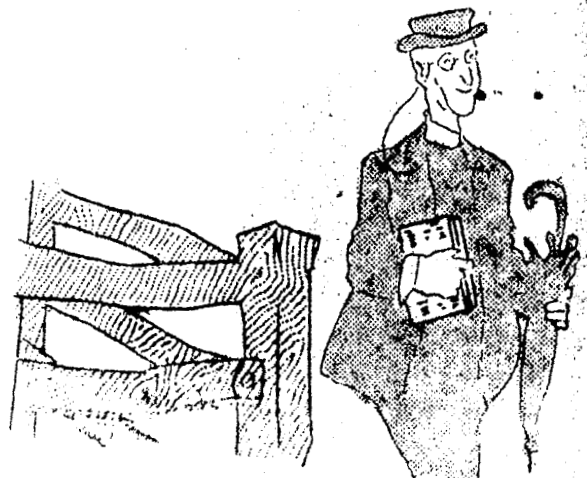
This little Giant rose to fame over night and much must be added to his glory. He emerged from the "sidewalks of New York" and like an Abram Lincoln his name will live on forever! Viva la Damir!



Manager of Firm: How long do you want to be away on your Honey-moon?

K.C. Bij: Well, sir-er, How long would you say?

Manager of Firm: How do I know? I haven't seen the bride.



Social

Golden Gate Chapter members enjoyed a very hilarious evening at Lida's Cafe. It seems that there was one certain young lady who attracted considerable attention from the boys. In fact there were threats of monopoly in the meat trust. All the M. D's (meat dealers) were there so you see it was every man for himself. This type of entertainment at certain intervals is invigorating and takes away the dullness of continuous meetings. It also acts as an attraction to those who would wish to join our organization.

Modern trend of thought points to social entertainment in a more sombre way; so within a few weeks Golden Gate Chapter will be able to have a few slick bridge players in the persons of Bros. Damir, Dorderian, Enoch, Monogan, Rustian and Shahbazian.

Within another month, Bro. Damir will be able to challenge the entire Triple-X members to a bowling tournament. At present he is training strenuously decorating windows and juggling lettuce crates.

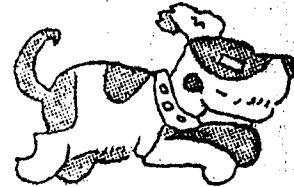


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to acquaint the new members with members in other chapters whom they have not met. There is no end to the values that can be derived from this paper.

Our editor, Brother Shahbazian, of the Grand Chapter, has instructed his associate editors from each chapter just what type of material is desired. It is the duty of every Triple-X brother to do his share in helping to make this paper the success that it should be.

A. K. Merigian,
President, Golden Gate Chapter.



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We all succeed with the help of each other, not by ourselves. So, fellows, let's see if we cannot show some spirit in our work. Do each your individual task and do it well, and if you have time to spare, help your fellow brother.

J. V. S.

