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Fellow Brothers of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity:

We are assembled in National Convention in this historic city of Philadelphia wherein 165 years ago was signed the Declaration of Independence, that historic document which gave our country freedom from the shackles of a European tyrant. Today that freedom which was won through the sacrifices and blood of our forefathers is threatened by other foreign tyrants and we shall doubtless be compelled to make sacrifices of men, blood and money in protecting and maintaining our precious heritage against their treacherous designs.

The very fact that we have succeeded in holding this convention in these trying days, when the world is beset with chaos and uncertainty, attests to our faith in our country and its institutions and in the victorious outcome of our resistance to those who challenge our way of life.

Our Fraternity as a distinctly American Institution, the oldest of all national Pharmaceutical fraternities in the United States, stands ready today as it did in the last World War to bear its share of duty, responsibility and sacrifice at this critical time in the history of our Republic.

We are fortunate in holding this convention in a city which holds so much of interest. Within its bounds you will find many historic shrines and buildings, including Independence Hall, Old Congress Hall, Carpenter's Hall associated with the first Continental Congress and the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, the Betsy Ross House on Arch Street, where the first American Flag was made, the Old Christ and Old Swedes churches of Revolutionary fame and the City Hall, one of the largest municipal buildings in the world. Among the newer buildings to be seen are those developed along the

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new Parkway, including the Art Museum constructed at a cost of \$11,000,000 and the Free Library and the huge Municipal Stadium. Philadelphia has many institutions of higher education, including a number of prominent medical and pharmaceutical colleges. Here you will find the University of Pennsylvania, founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1740, Temple University founded by Russell Conwell in 1888, the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy founded in 1821, the Jefferson, Hahnemann, Women's and Osteopathic medical colleges. Girard College, founded by Stephen Girard, who at his death in 1830 gave \$2,000,000 for construction and the greater portion of his \$5,000,000 estate for endowment, supports and educates about 1500 orphans annually. The American Philosophical Society Building with its reference library containing over 50,000 volumes and a number of rare manuscripts, the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences, the Wagner Institute and the Drexel Institute are other famous institutions of this city which invite your visit.

This city also provides exceptional facilities for recreation. Its greatest pleasure ground is Fairmount Park which extends for many miles along both sides of the Schuylkill River and Wissahickon Creek.

Philadelphia is one of the greatest industrial centers of the nation. Here you will find a number of large pharmaceutical and chemical manufacturing houses, sugar refineries, textile plants, carpet and rug mills, leather and tanned goods establishments, cigar factories, and confectionery and ice cream plants.

League Island Navy Yard and several large shipbuilding plants in this vicinity also invite your attention.

Our hosts, the Eta, Beta-Omega and Philadelphia Graduate Chapters have gone to considerable effort to provide for the entertainment and comfort of the delegates in attendance at this convention and I am sure will do all in their power to see that any of the visiting brethren are shown any objectives they may have in mind before they leave the city.

In late August 1937 when the present Grand Council officers took over the piloting of the affairs of this fraternity,



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it was at the time when we were just beginning to recover from the effects of the long depression period. During that depression a number of our chapters had become dormant or semi-dormant and most of the others were at low ebb financially. The funds in the National Treasury of our Fraternity were greatly reduced owing to the inability of many Chapters to meet their obligations while the main expenses of the Grand Secretary-Treasurer's office went on. Our late Grand Secretary-Treasurer was obliged to reduce the size of the MASK and resort to other economies in order to prevent the fraternity from becoming bankrupt.

It was at once apparent that restoratives had to be administered promptly, if we were to save a considerable number of our chapters from passing out of existence.

Through careful consideration of the status of each of the weak chapters and the administration of what emergency help we could offer them and as the result of improving business conditions of the country, most of these chapters were gradually nursed back to health.

At present we have 35 active collegiate chapters with a total membership of about 436 and 35 Graduate Chapters, some of the latter being dormant.

During the present administration owing to the discontinuance of two Pharmacy Colleges, Beta Mu Chapter at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind. and Beta Iota Chapter at the North Pacific College, Portland, Oregon, passed out of existence.

Several Collegiate Chapters which were previously dormant have in this period been revived. These include Gamma of Columbia University, New York, Beta Psi of the University of Wisconsin, and Beta-Epsilon of the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy and Allied Science, Providence, R. I. The Columbia Graduate Chapter of Kappa Psi was established in 1938.

The Agora or Directory of the Fraternity was published in 1940. This was followed by supplements.