

GRAND REGENT'S ADDRESS TO THE 41ST GRAND COUNCIL CONVENTION

THIS 41ST GRAND COUNCIL CONVENTION CONCLUDES MY TENURE AS GRAND REGENT, THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF GRAND REGENT, THE HIGHEST ONE IN YOUR POWER TO BESTOW UPON ME, ARE MANY AND IT HAS BEEN THROUGH A TEAM EFFORT THAT WE HAVE ATTAINED REASONABLE SUCCESS. THE CREDIT FOR THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST FOUR YEARS RESTS IN A VARIETY OF PLACES; THE BLAME FOR THEIR SHORTCOMINGS RESTS WITH ME.

I HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO SERVE WITH AN EXCEEDINGLY SUPPORTIVE AND COMPETENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF, BOB AND CHARMAINE MAGARIAN, AND THE EDITOR OF THE MASK, TONY PALMIERI, HAVE BEEN OUTSTANDING. THEY HAVE TRULY BEEN A PLEASURE WITH WHOM TO WORK.

IN KEEPING WITH MY MANAGERIAL PHILOSOPHY TO LISTEN TO THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE ME I HAVE CONSULTED FREQUENTLY WITH THE PAST GRAND REGENTS. EACH OF THEM WITHOUT EXCEPTION HAS RESPONDED TO MY REQUESTS. I AM ESPECIALLY APPRECIATIVE FOR THE INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME CONTRIBUTED ON MY BEHALF BY PAST GRAND REGENTS: FITZPATRICK, CAMPBELL, SPERANDIO, AND EBY.

TRADITIONALLY, THE GRAND REGENT REPORTS TO THE GRAND COUNCIL ON THE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HIS TERM OF OFFICE. IT IS NOT MY DESIRE AT THIS TIME TO RETROSPECTIVELY REVIEW THE EVENTS OF THE PAST FOUR YEARS. THEY ARE RECORDED FOR YOUR PERUSAL IN RECENT ISSUES OF THE MASK.

LET ME RATHER ASK YOUR INDULGENCE WHILE WE FOCUS OUR ATTENTION UPON AN ANALYSIS OF SOME OF THOSE FEATURES WHICH WILL INSURE OUR FUTURE SUCCESS. THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP IN KAPPA PSI IS IN TRAINING YOUNG PEOPLE TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF THE FUTURE.

WHAT DOES SUCCESS MEAN TO YOU? CAN YOU DESCRIBE THE QUALITIES OF A SUCCESSFUL PERSON? COMPLETE THIS SENTENCE, "I WILL BE SUCCESSFUL THIS YEAR AS A PHARMACY STUDENT, AS A PHARMACIST, WHEN" WHAT ARE THE KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL PHARMACY CAREER?

1. SCHOLARSHIP - ONE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL OBJECTIVES OF KAPPA PSI IS TO FOSTER SCHOLARSHIP. OUR FRATERNITY DOES MORE TO RECOGNIZE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE THAN ANY OF THE OTHER FIVE PROFESSIONAL PHARMACY FRATERNITIES. IT PROVIDES A NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP TRAY AWARD TO THE OUTSTANDING COLLEGIATE CHAPTER, THE GRAND COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP KEY TO THOSE MEMBERS POSSESSING THE HIGHEST G.P.A. IN THEIR GRADUATING CLASS, SCHOLARSHIP CERTIFICATES TO ALL MEMBERS ATTAINING A B OR BETTER AVERAGE IN EACH OF THE FOURTH AND FIFTH YEARS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM, AND ONE ISSUE OF THE MASK ANNUALLY IS DEVOTED TO RECOGNIZING SCHOLARSHIP. SCHOLARSHIP IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT BECAUSE YOU FIRST MUST GRADUATE TO BECOME LICENSED AS A PHARMACIST AND SECONDLY YOUR DEGREE OF KNOWLEDGE IS CORRELATED TO YOUR COMPETENCY IN PRACTICE. THE PHARMACIST MUST POSSESS THE VERY BEST PERTINENT KNOWLEDGE ATTAINABLE. FURTHERMORE, HE MUST CONTINUE HIS EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT AS LONG AS HE PRACTICES HIS PROFESSION.

2. A SECOND KEY TO SUCCESS AS A PHARMACIST IS YOUR ABILITY TO RELATE TO PEOPLE. PHARMACY IS A PEOPLE ORIENTED PROFESSION. IN THE COMMUNITY PHARMACY YOU MUST BE ABLE TO RELATE TO YOUR PATRONS AND LOCAL PHYSICIANS. IN THE HOSPITAL YOU ARE CONSTANTLY INTERACTING WITH OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. COMMUNICATION SKILLS ARE TAKING POSITIONS OF INCREASED IMPORTANCE IN PHARMACY CURRICULUMS AS THE PUBLIC IS DEMANDING IN THIS ERA OF CLINICAL PHARMACY VERBAL CONTACT WITH THE PHARMACIST. POTENTIAL

EMPLOYERS ARE LOOKING FOR PHARMACISTS WHO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN ORGANIZATIONS AND HAVE ASSUMED LEADERSHIP ROLES WHILE ATTENDING COLLEGE. THEY KNOW THAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN SAPHa, STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES, PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITIES, PUBLICATION STAFFS, ARE DEVELOPING SKILLS TO RELATE TO AND COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE. STUDIES CONDUCTED FOR THE APHa BY THE DICTOR RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND MORE RECENTLY BY SCHERING AND UPJOHN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES INDICATE THAT THE PHARMACIST HAS BEEN LOSING CONTACT WITH THE PATIENT AND THIS MUST NEVER BE ALLOWED TO OCCUR IF WE AS PHARMACISTS ARE TO ASSUME OUR PROPER PLACE IN THE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY PROCESS.

3. A THIRD KEY TO BEING SUCCESSFUL IS TO HAVE AN EMPATHY FOR PEOPLE, TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR PATIENT'S HEALTH AND WELFARE. AS A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER I CAN SOMETIMES EXCUSE A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE, AN ERROR, BUT I CAN NEVER CONDONE A LACK OF COMPASSION BY A PERSON WHO SUPPOSEDLY IS A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A GENUINE CONCERN FOR PEOPLE THEN YOU HAVE NO BUSINESS IN SEEKING EMPLOYMENT AS A DELIVERER OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES. YOUR SUCCESS AS A PHARMACIST CENTERS AROUND NOT ONLY YOUR SKILLS BUT ALSO YOUR WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY.

4. A FOURTH KEY TO BEING SUCCESSFUL RELATES DIRECTLY TO YOUR CHARACTER TRAITS: YOUR INTEREST, YOUR AMBITION, YOUR PERSISTENCE. BROTHER, ARE YOU VITALLY INTERESTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VARIOUS PHASES OF YOUR LIFE? YOUR PHARMACY PROFESSION? YOUR FRATERNITY? HAVE YOU A CLEARLY DEFINED AMBITION IN LIFE? HAVE YOU TAKEN THE ATTITUDE THAT KAPPA PSI IS "GOOD ENOUGH" OR HAVE YOU SOME AMBITION TO SEE KAPPA PSI FORGE AHEAD TO GREATER

HEIGHTS. NOTHING IN THE WORLD WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF PERSISTENCE.
TALENT WILL NOT. THERE ARE MANY UNSUCCESSFUL PEOPLE OF TALENT,
GENIOUS WILL NOT. UNREWARDED GENIOUS IS ALMOST A PROVERB. EDUCATION
WILL NOT. THE WORLD IS FULL OF EDUCATED PEOPLE WHO ARE FAILURES.
DETERMINATION ALONE IS OMNIPOTENT. "PRESS ON" HAS SOLVED AND WILL
ALWAYS SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF OUR SOCIETY, OF OUR FRATERNITY.
KAPPA PSI PROVIDES THE ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT IN THESE VITAL SUCCESS AREAS. IT ENCOURAGES YOU TO BE VERY
BEST STUDENT YOU CAN BE IN THE ACADEMIC ARENA AND IT ENCOURAGES YOU TO
ASSUME ROLES OF LEADERSHIP. IT HELPS DEVELOP COMMUNICATION SKILLS AS YOU
INTERACT WITH OTHER BROTHERS SHARING SIMILAR GOALS AND INTERESTS.
WHEN KAPPA PSI WAS FOUNDED 100 YEARS AGO, NO ONE COULD POSSIBLY FORESEE
THAT IT WOULD ENDURE SO LONG AND THAT IT WOULD INFLUENCE THE LIVES OF
SO MANY PEOPLE. KAPPA PSI HAS ENDURED, NOT BECAUSE IT IS THE OLDEST
AND THE LARGEST OF THE PROFESSIONAL PHARMACY FRATERNITIES, BOTH OF WHICH
ARE TRUE; BUT BECAUSE IT ATTRACTS QUALITY PEOPLE. A LARGE MEMBERSHIP AND
DOLLARS ARE IMPORTANT ASSETS BUT IT IS QUALITY THAT HAS CONTRIBUTED THE
MOST TO THE OUTSTANDING REPUTATION OF KAPPA PSI PHARMACEUTICAL FRATERNITY.
WE HAVE INHERITED A TRADITION WHICH NUTURES A SPIRIT OF ASPIRATION AND
ACHIEVEMENT, OF DEDICATION TO EXCELLENCE. IT HELPS US TO DEVELOP THE
INTELLECTUAL SKILLS, THE VALUES, AND THE COURAGE TO ENJOY RICH AND
PRODUCTIVE LIVES.

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IN CONCLUSION PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IT TAKES JUST AS MUCH TIME AND ENERGY TO LIVE AN UNSUCCESSFUL LIFE AS TO LIVE A SUCCESSFUL LIFE. I CHALLENGE YOU AS OUR FUTURE LEADERS TO BE THE BEST STUDENT AND PHARMACIST YOU CAN BE. BELIEVE IN YOURSELF, HAVE AN EMPATHY FOR PEOPLE, AND SUPPORT YOUR PROFESSION. I KNOW YOU WILL BECAUSE KAPPA PSI IS MORE THAN JUST A FRATERNITY; IT IS A WAY OF LIFE.

IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE THESE PAST FOUR YEARS AS YOUR GRAND REGENT.