2010 Grand Arch Council

Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity convened its Seventy-Fifth Grand Arch Council at the Hilton Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida, on July 28, 2010.

The President's Reception on Wednesday evening welcomed brothers, spouses, and kids with food, games, and music, plus Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Daisy and Donald Duck, Goofy and Pluto. Many had their photos made with the Disney characters, which later led to the question "Which one is Goofy?"

The serious business of the Fraternity began promptly at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday when a grand procession of current and former officers filed up the center aisle and SWGP Paul Wineman declared the GAC officially open. After the permanent officers of the GAC were installed and procedures were described by Attorney General Jim Boyle, the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation gave a presentation in which they reported that the Our Phi Psi campaign had reached $19,794,871 or 98% of its goal since it officially began in January of 2007.

The Awards Luncheon, with Tryon Hubbard as Symposiarch, followed, and a multitude of awards were given to individuals, Chapters, and Alumni Associations in recognition of their achievements over the past two years. Later that evening, the Executive Council presented a model initiation, with a review of the Ritual by Brother David McDonald. Afterward, the Foundation hosted a reception for members of the Bridge Builders Society, Letterman and Moore Society, and the Founders League at Bongos Cuban Café in Downtown Disney.

On Friday, General Session II included the report of the SWGP; a report on the status of the Permanent Fund by Trustee Fred Clay, Alabama Alpha '67; a report on the progress of the Canonsburg Corporation by Chairman John Ziegelmeyer; various committee reports, and a Memorial Address by Chaplain David McDonald. Those of us from Alabama Alpha quietly remembered our departed brother and S.C. member Mark Moore, a faithful attendee at many GACs.

At noon, the six Districts convened in their individual luncheons. District IV Archon Aubrey Richardson, Alabama Alpha '06, led our district as each Chapter and Alumni Association reported on their recent activities and plans for the future.

After another round of committee meetings, General Session III convened and the call was made for nominations for officers for the coming biennium. Shannon Price, Alabama Alpha '88, nominated Tryon Hubbard, Alabama Alpha '64 for the office of SWGP. The nomination was seconded by Rick Pelletier, New Jersey Epsilon '02. Shannon and Rick have nominated and seconded Tryon for each office he has held, and it is much appreciated. Jim Miller, Ohio Delta '85 was nominated for SWVGP; Scott Noble, Texas Alpha '81, for SWP, and Jim Boyle, Washington Alpha '88, for SWAG. Each of the nominees in turn made a brief campaign speech.

On Friday evening, the Forty-Fifth Dinner, Meeting, and Initiation of the Order of the S.C. welcomed some twenty-three new members into the folds of this unique fraternity within the fraternity. None of the new members were from Alabama Alpha, but we stand to increase our membership in these ranks at the 2012 GAC when Brother Hubbard will be eligible for membership. Those who were not members or initiates of the S.C.

managed to entertain themselves in various ways in Downtown Disney or other exotic spots in the Orlando area.

Saturday got under way at 8:00 A.M. with an Alumni Association Breakfast, followed by General Session IV, where we heard an inspiring speech by Stacey Walker, Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year, followed by committee reports.

After a lunch break, General Session V concluded the business of the GAC with the election and installation of officers. Brother Hubbard was presented with the SWGPs Medallion of Office (also known as the Death Star) by outgoing SWGP Paul Wineman and Brother Hubbard in turn presented Brother Wineman with the Past President's Medallion (mini Death Star). In his first official act in office, SWGP Hubbard appointed Kent Christopher Owen, Indiana Beta '57, as Mystagogue Emeritus and Suzann Mitten Owen as Mrs. Mystagogue Emerita. He then closed the GAC according to the Ritual.

On Saturday evening, a Children's Banquet was held in parallel with the Grand Arch Council Banquet. The sixteen members of the Alabama Alpha delegation – the largest attendance from any chapter – enjoyed front row seating. During the banquet, the moment that everyone had been waiting for (no, not adjournment) finally arrived and the Grand Chapter Award was presented to the California Beta Chapter at Stanford University.

On Sunday morning, a brief meeting of the new Executive Council was held to take care of required business. SWGP Hubbard appointed Shannon Price, Alabama Alpha '88, as the Attorney General for the biennium. Brothers departed Orlando, returning to their homes and chapters to continue the work of Phi Kappa Psi in the new biennium.

Respectfully submitted,

Tryon Hubbard…
Alabama Alpha '64
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