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#### NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Change

Change was a major theme of the last US Presidential Campaign. There was no attempt to define the parameters of that change, only to emphasize the need for it. It has since become clear that many who voted for change would not have done so had they known what that change would mean to their finances and to their health.

It is always good to change the baby's diaper when you have a clean diaper available for that purpose. It does no good to change the baby's diaper into one that is just as bad, and it can even be harmful to the baby if the diaper you plan to

use is worse than the one you are changing from. Change for the sake of change is not logical. There are things you must ponder before making any change.

Our National Vice President, Craig Brutout, is in the process of promoting changes to the way our fraternity is administered by the Supreme Executive Committee. Such changes would be ill advised without a lot of consideration about what these changes entail and what they will mean to all SEC Officers. Ultimately we must consider how the changes will affect our fraternity and whether they will be beneficial or detrimental. Are they achievable, sustainable, and will they promote growth or be an impediment to growth?

Craig has been looking for solutions to the problems that have plagued us since he became a redcoat, as have I. As the years went by, these problems seemed more and more insoluble. Ideas were promoted and dropped, reconsidered, and dropped again. We could easily identify the problems, but the answers were elusive. Then Craig proposed a plan and presented it to me first. I was naturally suspicious when I looked at his suggestions. But the more I looked at it, the more sense it made to me. His plan mostly involves additional work for the SEC Officers, but I began to see that these are things that the SEC Officers should have been doing all along.

His plan will involve participation of the Chapter Officers and some cooperation with the Chapter Coordinators. But, again, there should always have been this cooperation. It is what made our fraternity great in the first place. Defined duties are always easier to fulfil than trying to accommodate undefined duties and disappointing a lot of people. A task becomes a privilege when you feel that you are doing what is expected of you and those you are trying to please appreciate it.

I have been traveling with Craig the last couple of months, and we have visited many chapters where Craig has presented his plan. I have not yet heard one objection from the chapters, and most have had high praise for his ideas, especially from older and long-standing members of Phi Delta Kappa. One comment that stood out to me was from an older member who asked, "Why haven't we been doing this all along?" Craig laid out his plan at the last SEC meeting in Winchester. All SEC Officers (including me) were impressed with the plan and feel that it is achievable. I individually asked each officer if he was on board with this plan, and each one assured me that he was going to support it.

I will be leaving SEC in July at National Convention. I have indicated to Craig that I will not simply disappear when I become a PNP, but he could count on me to support his plan and will work to complete any tasks he assigns me to help make this work. I am once again hopeful about Phi Delta Kappa's future.

God bless, Jon Handy



#### What's Holding Us Back? By Craig Brutout National Vice President

As many of you know, I have been on a cross country adventure during the month of April. Now I am not going to bore you



with a travelogue, but I did see many man made marvels, and many more natural wonders that have been touched by God's hand, and as I witnessed all of these, I wondered what is holding us back?

I wondered what the first people who saw the Appalachians thought, were they content with where they were? No, they kept moving. When the settlers of Savannah needed to get across the bay, were they content with just using boats? No, they figured out how to build a bridge and then built it. When Gutzon Borglum decided to accept the challenge to carve out Mt. Rushmore, did he stop halfway through because it was to hard? No, he finished his challenge and it lives on today as one of the most visited sites in our Country, so I wonder, what is holding us back?

Do we not belong to one of the greatest organizations that our country has to offer? Do we not sit in our Chapter Houses and tell each other that we do? Our fraternity is no different then any of these other marvels. It is almost 110 years old, has withstood World Wars, prohibition, the great depression, Korea, Vietnam, social upheaval in the 1960s and 1970s, and yet we are

still here. So Brothers what's holding us back? Let's get together and figure this out. If you've ever seen any of God's wonders, or even some that are man made, this really can't be that difficult, but we must do it TOGETHER, remembering the oath we all took, and with the memories of our Founders.

Now, on a personal note Cathy did me the great honor of becoming my wife on April 18th, in Green Valley, Arizona. It was a true Phi Delt Ceremony.

I want to thank Jon Handy for his kind words in his message this month, I just hope I am worthy.

Always looking forward, Craig

#### June By Brian Nelson National Master of Ceremonies

Howdy brothers and sisters. Summer officially begins in the month of June and it's about that



time. The past winter and spring were some of the longest and toughest days this country seen in years, with Indiana having blizzard after blizzard, then in the spring it was rain after rain. In the south, there were tornadoes and the destruction that came with it, and floods with mighty Mississippi River. With all of this happening, we need to keep these people in our prayers and if you can find a charity to give to, that would be a blessing.

As you all know convention is next month and I will be running for the Vice President spot. Since I started this journey as Outer Guard in Muncie in 2007 until now, I watched and learned with great mentors like PNP's Jim Myers, Greg Sumpter, Devon Reid and soon to be PNP Jon Handy helping me get ready for the journey and the future positions to be held. I am ready to help to lead this fraternity forward into the future.

During convention this year, there is going to be a road map laid down by Craig Brutout and of what I have seen of this plan, I like. In order for this plan to work, it will take many years to implement it. It cannot be done in one year. I am hoping there will be someone from every chapter there to hear about it so that every chapter will have a good understanding of this plan. If we keep doing the same thing year after year, we will keep getting the same results, without moving forward. We would become more stagnant year after year until we die off and this is no longer a PDK. The founders wouldn't want that to happen any more than I do.

Brothers and sisters I know from already talking to some of you that due to the high gas prices and the economy, you will not be making the trip this year. Candie and I will miss you. These conventions have become a sort of family reunion for Candie and I, and we have come to see all you as our brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins and grandpas and grandmas. We hope to make more trips to visit you all in the coming year.

#### Sam Agresti National Auditor

Hello to all my brothers in PDK from sunny south Florida. The southern chapters had a very productive meeting at Fl Nu for South-



ern Districts. National Vice President Craig Brutout attended and gave us a fine pep talk. As always, the members of Fl Nu did a great job as host for the event. With convention not far off, I'm feeling the enthusiasm for being a Phi Delt growing every day.

The chapters that I'm seeing are working on membership at a fast pace and we hope by year's end to reach 1000 strong. The community involvement is outstanding and every member seems willing to do their part to promote brotherhood. I wish the chapters were not so far apart so more brotherhood could be maintained.

As a National Officer, my duties encompass promoting new membership, brotherhood, and above all, respect for the sanctity of our fraternal vows. This is a great time for me and I can't wait to see my good brothers from Indiana this summer in Michigan City. Just a reminder to all chapter Presidents who have not sent me your annual audit please do so shortly. Best of luck to all and keep up the fine work you're doing. Proud to be a Phi Delt.

National Auditor Sam Agresti

#### RESPECT By Chris Parks National SGT at Arms

Hello Brothers and Sweethearts! This month I have chosen respect as the next value that as Phi Delts we



should all strive to attain. But what is respect? How do I get respect? And are there different types of respect? Respect its self is simple; it's nothing more than treating others with consideration and honor. It's the ability to accept and value other individuals, and that my friends is where it gets complicated. The greatest gift God gave us was the gift of free will. That allows us to form our own opinions and points of view. So if you have two or more human beings in the same room, you will have a whole variety of views on any given subject. This is where respect comes into play at its simplest form, the ability to disagree with but still respect their point of view

So then how do I get respect? Unlike the gift of free will which God gave us, he also gave us the ability to earn it. In order to earn respect you must first give it! Treat people as they should be treated, as you want others to treat you. The old school yard saying, "Sticks and stones may break my bones but words can never hurt me." was not well thought out, for words have meaning. Whether they are just in fun in order to get a laugh or just plain spiteful, you have just disrespected that individual and thus lowered the respect others have for you. There is a fine line between cutting up as group versus a group belittling an individual not present for laughs. Always remember what your mother told you "If you don't have anything nice to say about someone, don't say anything." So if you get nothing else out of this article just remember; engage the brain before the mouth! Well thought out words are never hurtful; but respectful and thus you are respected in return.

What about different types of respect? Well there is respect for the office, position, or accomplishments an individual has attained in their life. Here at PDK, we have our officers both national and local, our PNP's, Emirs, and PNS's who still actively devote their time and energy to the betterment of PDK. Their office, position, or accomplishments demands respect, but their actions have earned it. And then there is self-respect. A person must respect themselves before anyone else can respect them. If you don't like yourself, I doubt anyone else does! And then there's respect for one's elders, those who have influenced our lives. Our mothers and fathers who through their love, nurturing and patience have instilled their values and morals in us. And then there are the fraternity elders who, through their wisdom and guidance, we remain a thriving fraternity. They have devoted their lives to Phi Delta Kappa on the local and national levels to ensure our existence. For that, not only do they deserve our respect, but they have earned it.

Respect maybe hard to attain but if you are steadfast in your convictions, show civility to all, respect you shall have. Be false in your allegiance, intolerant to others, and you'll find respect just out of your grasp. The choice is yours and yours alone. "How will my actions today reflect on our fraternity tomorrow?"

Chris Parks

#### CHALLENGES By Jimmy Bateman National Outer Guard

In life, we face challenges almost everyday, although some are more

d i f f i c u l t than others, but still a test of our c h a r a c t e r and ability to handle a d v e r s i t y. We all deal



with our problems differently. Some people are aggressive and confront these challenges head on, while others tend to be passive and may need help from friends or family to get through these more difficult problems . On your own or with help, getting over these hurdles can be defining moments in our lives. Every time we are faced with another obstacle, it is another chance for us to rise up to the challenge and retake control of our lives and strengthen our character.

As members of Phi Delta Kappa we face new and sometimes difficult challenges in our fraternity may they be at your local chapter or on the national level. It is how we

handle these situations that shows the strength of our organization. From our humble beginning in Marion,I ndiana to the huge organization we became in our early years with hundreds of chapters across the country, to the present thirteen chapters in three states. With membership on the rise in most chapters, we are once again showing the strength of our beloved fraternity and our ability to overcome all obstacles placed before us and deal with adversity head on. One thing I find in common with each chapter I visit is the love we all have for PHI DELTA KAPPA and as long as we can come together and face our problems, then we will see another century of great brotherhood.

#### BROTHERHOOD Jeff Woolf National Outer Guard

Webster's defines it as "the quality or state of being brothers, an association for a particular pur-

pose, fellowship, an alliance." I have always had a feeling as though I know what brotherhood is. There are many Phi



Delts who exemplify the "Brotherhood" and many others who think it is merely wearing a shirt or putting a sticker on their car. To me it is many things, but in reality it is only one....

If you take a true Phi Delt and remove his pin, remove his skin, take out his organs, brotherhood is that small fire that is left there burning inside him. That small fire cannot be extinguished, cannot be contained, and cannot be taken away. It is what makes you a Brother and you must not for any reason let personal feelings hamper any decision to help another Phi Delt if he is in need.

I know that there are Phi Delts who I could call at any hour and ask them, tell them, or demand of them anything and they would do it without asking any questions. That is brotherhood. Sure, there are others who are not Phi Delts who would do things for me or my family were I to ask, and perhaps I should be asking them to join.

Some claim that there is a brotherhood among some guys and a different one among others. Yes, I agree there are groups of friends, cliques if you wish, that are quick to help each other, but I think that Phi Delta Kappa has a brotherhood that bonds you in a different or extra way. It is an understanding that above all differences of opinion, feuds, hurt feelings, and just plain old not getting along, you understand that you have a duty to all brothers equally. In this day and age, we need brotherhood more than anything. At some point in time, we all need the assistance of others. It is a very good feeling knowing that I can call on my brothers if and when I need

We need to continue to light that fire in our new Phi Delts and make sure that the fire continues to burn in our long time members. Look all around you. It doesn't matter what chapter you are in, I am certain you can come up with examples of Phi Delts who just don't get it. Don't give up on them. Keep trying to show them the way. We need them all. If you have that fire burning inside of you, it is your duty to keep brotherhood alive. What is the Brotherhood to you? Until next time

#### **Beta Eta Easter Party**

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> Beta Eta had its annual Easter egg hunt and party. For the past couple of years, Jacki has been doing the parties for the children. But this year one of our newest member's spouse has picked up the gauntlet and taken over the parties. Kala did a wonderful job for her first solo party. She had pizza and prizes for the children and a little surprise for the parents, she rented an Easter Bunny costume, then found a willing volunteer to wear it. Then she had each child's picture taken with the Easter Bunny and gave each parent a 5 by 7 picture for lasting memories.

Finally, the weather co-operated just long enough for the Easter egg hunt! I think everyone had a great time and we are waiting to see how Kala will top this party. Halloween should be rather interesting! Again I would like to thank Kala Parks for the party and Nate Sarff aka the Easter Bunny. Chris Parks

Membership Roll as of April 2011

Alpha	14
Beta Beta	9
Beta Eta	212
Beta Nu	52
Delta Nu	59
Fl. Alpha Lambda	49
Fl. Mu	18
Fl. Nu	41
Gamma Lambda	112
Gamma Theta	139
Lambda	42
Miss. Alpha	116
Zeta Eta	36
Total	899











#### COMING EVENTS

Jul. 27 - 30 National Convention, Michigan City, IN Gamma Lambda

Standing Events Every Friday, Dinner, Gamma Theta, Danville, IN 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.

#### Hello from Cracker Country By David Rieker

Hello again from Cracker Country. Every year, we at Florida Alpha Lambda, are favored by a visit from Jim Dodd and Sandy. It just so happened that on a night that Jim was at our club, we were having an initiation of two new guys. Well, Jim volunteered to be a major part of the Degree Team for this occasion. And in true Winchester form and without touching a Ritual Book, Jim recited everything from memory. That's outstanding! Once before, at our clubhouse, we've seen this kind of dedication to Phi Delta Kappa and that was when Scott Dull visited us from Winchester and did the same thing. And, the truth is, I know they're not the only ones from Winchester or other chapters that can do the same thing.

Mike Kienzle just sponsored a trip to the Seminole Indian Casino in Tampa and a busload of us went over. Everyone seemed to enjoy the trip over and back. In true fashion, my Mary came out way-ahead. I found a 25 cent poker machine that I did well enough with. The important thing is that we all had an opportunity to spread more horse feathers (that's a nice way of saying "horse hockey.") Thanks Mike, for a great time!

The next time you see one of our newest Emirs, Brad Smurr, ask him who does his hair. Everyone has told him how much they admire the new look. He's so self-conscious about it that he won't even look at you when you mention it. And I'm going to get killed for this!

Did you hear the story about Sven Svenson? Yes, a History teacher found out about a neighbor of his, up in New York, who is Swedish. His name is Sven Svenson and he volunteered for duty as a pilot in England during WWII. So the teacher asked Sven to address the class about his experiences. It went something like this; "Ya, vell I vas join up mit der British R.A.F. in der Vorld Vor-II und dey give to me von of dos early two-ving Spats planes fer shpying on Yerman Army. Und so-vun day vile I vas shpying, two of dos Yerman fokers come at me to shoott me down. So--

I haul as-- I took off und I done a loop. Butt dos two Yerman fokers done a loop tew und dey vas rite behint me!" At this point the teacher interrupted and said to the class, "please let me explain. The German Foker-109 was one of Germany's best Fighter Planes. So, go ahead, Sven." "Ya, it is so, said Sven, der Yerman Foker vas a goot plane, but des two Yerman fokers vas flyin in Messersmitts."

So, here's some fiction and fact from the Phi Delt Almanac. A study was required to evaluate why someone develops an inferiority complex. Since many Phi Delts suffered from this Malady before joining the club, (isn't it remarkable that we are all cured. I've never seen so much superiority as when I go to club) a panel of us was chosen to do the study. Our finding was, "If you put a small value on yourself, you can be sure the rest of the world will not raise your price." So, be well and full of He%\$#. Cracker Boy, signing off. Dave Rieker.



#### ANNOUNCING BETA ETA WEBSITE Jim Byrd – Beta Eta

In May, Beta Eta launched their website at the following address www.pdkbetaeta.com. This website is available to access by everyone. We invite you to visit on a regular basis and learn what is going on in Winchester. On this site you will find news of what is going on within the chapter and this is updated as it happens. You can see the monthly calendar for Beta Eta chapter. There are pictures of what has happened and other information. We have implemented a hit counter on our site to record the number of visits and how many people are taking advantage of our informational site

We were able to purchase our domain name, pay for web hosting for a year and the website builder software all for less than \$150.00. This can be a great communication tool for every chapter in our brotherhood. If anyone has interest in developing a similar site for their chapter, feel free to cont a c t m e a t j i m - byrd@email.com.

#### 99<sup>TH</sup> BETA ETA ANNIVERSARY By Scott Dull

Beta Eta Chapter held its 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 17<sup>th</sup>. It was a great turnout with about 105 people in attendance including National Master of Ceremonies Brian Nelson and Candy. We were very honored to have our National President Jon Handy and Stevie present also. The turnout was due to all the hard work and effort of Bill and Linda Neudecker. Bill and Linda had several people help them with decorating and a very good pork chop and chicken dinner. I can't list everyone, but I would like to thank everyone who helped.

The program was filled with many highlights. Our chapter President Chris Parks. Vice Pres. Jim Byrd, Master of Ceremonies Marty Parrot, Treasurer Bill Robbins, Sergeant at Arms Nate Sarff, Inner Guard Rob Whitted, Outer Guard Shane Simmons as well as Trustees: Kenny Collins, Chuck Jessup, Pog Shannon, and Jeff Woolf, were in attendance. We have had an excellent year with the leadership of all of these men. It was nice to have five new members with their wives and guest there; we look forward to seeing them for many years to come. Congratulations to two of our brothers who have reached a milestone, Rodney Miller and Will Neudecker received their 25-year pins. It was nice to have 45-year member Jan Keener and 52-year member Bob Pugh with us also. I started out the awards by presenting Jim Byrd, Kenny Collins, Chris Parks and Jeff Woolf with the Circle of Excellence Award. This award was started back in 1996 and in recent years has been forgotten. I hope that we can get it going again and someone in the SEC will take hold of it.

Rob Whitted was given our Rookie of the Year Award. Rob has been very active cooking, bartending, working on the building projects, attends functions and being a chapter officer. He has set the bar very high and we are lucky to have him.

And for our most prestigious award Beta Eta's Phi Delt of the Year. This year it went to Kenny Collins. Kenny has been a major asset to our chapter for many years. He has been a trustee for many years and has made sure our building and facilities are in good shape. Most notably, the last few years he has headed up our ballroom floor project and this past winter the remodeling of the ballroom and kitchen. He has put in many hours and it shows in our building. Thank you and congratulations Kenny. The night was topped of with Beta Eta member John Field's band St. Right.

### NOW SOME NATIONAL NEWS

Great news! Our membership has grown to 900 members. We have 35 new or reinstated members since the beginning of December. As you may or may not know, I take care of the magazine mailing list and e-mail notifications. For the fraternity to continue saving on the magazine, I would appreciate it if each chapter would ask new members which way they would like to receive the magazine, either by email notification or the paper copy by mail. Currently, we are mailing 660 and 270 are receiving e-mail notification. New and current members wishing to switch from mail to e-mail can simply send me a notification at sdull13@gmail.com.

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#### BREAKFAST FOR SCHOLARSHIPS Jim Byrd—Beta Eta

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This past May, our chapter awarded local scholarships for the fourth year. During this period, we have awarded over \$6500 to at least 16 students to assist them with their continuing education efforts. We can also proudly state that one of our scholarship recipients, Brother Jerren Fair, is one of our newest Phi Delt brothers.

We have raised the funds to support these scholarships through an all you can eat breakfast. We have this the first Saturday of the month from September to May. We only charge \$5.00 for all you can eat. The hours are from 7 am to 10 am, even though we have experimented with some differences. We also offer carryout and delivery. It is normally a core of brothers who help out each month, but many have assisted with this endeavor throughout the years. It is just as important to come in and eat and bring others with you as it is to help out. Several brothers help out by eating late and staying to help clean up. Not only do we raise money for a good cause, we have an enjoyable Saturday morning working together.

This year our scholarship fund was supplemented by a few other contributions. At our Anniversary party, the ladies club contributed to \$400.00 to the fund. This past year we lost two brothers, Ray Fair and Larry Winkle . The scholarship fund received contributions from both of these families through donations that were made in lieu of flowers.

The students apply for the scholarships at the high school and indicate that they have some affiliation with a Beta Eta member. The scholarship committee of Brothers Ron "Coach" Anderson, Jeff Woolf, and Jim Byrd review the applications and present the selections to the floor. After ascertaining the Beta Eta affiliation. the committee then bases the award on academic achievement and financial need. The presentation of the scholarships are made at the school's annual award presentation by Brother Chris Webb, Beta Eta's public relations chairman.

Next year, we are intending to move the scholarship breakfast to the second Saturday of the month to avoid various conflicts. We look forward to continuing this tradition long into the future for the benefit of our local students and a positive endeavor by our chapter in our community.

### REGISTRATION

**105<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION** 

JULY 27-30, 2011

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It has taken me several years to become comfortable that Phi Delta Kappa is made up of basically two types of men. There are brothers and there are members.

Members pay their dues and rightfully expect something in return. Brothers also pay their dues and tend to make sure that the members and other brothers get what they expect. If the members are not taken care of to their liking, they may quit or make it a pain to chase them down to get their dues paid.

Brothers keep the house clean and in repair. Brothers attend business meetings, socials, and help with fundraisers and other special events. Members drink for cheap and expect everything to work perfectly. Brothers take care of the outside grounds. Members use the parking lot. Brothers try and figure out the best way to have the Fraternity survive and thrive. Members think that by paying their dues they are doing exactly what is needed to make the fraternity survive and thrive. Brothers will argue over certain points and eventually come to some form of agreement. Members trust that all is well as long as their dues are paid. Brothers will meet outside of the normal scope of Phi Delta Kappa planned activities. Brothers will be there to pick you up when you are down. They will also be there to help you celebrate small or great victories in life. Brothers are genuinely glad to see you and will spend time finding out the latest happenings in your life. Brothers know who their officers are and respect the chairs at the local and National level. Members may not even know who the local officers are and I would venture to say most may not even know or even care who the National Officers are. Members want what they want and Brothers want what is best for the whole of Phi Delta Kappa. Brothers, even when they disagree, will swallow hard to do what the rest think is the right thing to do for the greater Fraternity.

I have no idea what members do in this instance. I am proud to say that I am a BROTHER in PHI DELTA KAPPA and not just a member. But hey, if you just want to be a member. I am fine with Maybe someday you will that. wish to become a Brother; I just hope you make that choice sooner than later. Although putting in your obituary that you were a member of Phi Delta Kappa is a nice thing. I personally want mine to say that I was Brother in the Fraternity. I really truly appreciate all my Brothers and all the members of Phi Delta Kappa. Like I said in the first sentence, I am comfortable with both types of men in the Fraternity. I doubt any members read this article, but the brothers will and nod their collective heads. Hug a member and see if they would rather be a brother!

**Editor's NOTES** 

The following three articles are a series of dialog that center on two very important concepts : the purpose of the magazine as a voice of the fraternity and it principles and the second is the idea that the Editor has the responsibility to determine what is suitable material for print in the magazine and has the authority to not print an article in the magazine.

To satisfy the writer, The magazine will print these articles to give you the reader the opportunity to clearly arrive at your own conclusion on these topics and as the writer has suggested to let things fall where they fall.

The Position of Editor is loosely defined by the Board of Trustees and it is most likely something that should be discussed at the National Convention to clarify what are the defined responsibilities of the Editor of this Magazine.

This is not the first article that has been rejected by the editorial committee. In each case, I have always consulted the National President, Secretary of the Fraternity and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. In each case, the editorial consensus was that the material was not suitable for print in the magazine.

So readers, read with an open mind and consider each of the articles as unedited and printed as written. Thank You.

#### Subject: EMIRS??? by Jerry Johnson

What is an Emir? It has taken almost a year for me to write this, but I feel it is neces-As someone who has sarv. been around or involved with thiry-five PDK for years, through my father, I must say the event of last years Emir induction is and was an affront to myself and family, numerous other memmbers, as well as the "TRUE" definition of an Emir. My feeling, and I am not alone, that last years awards smacks of patronage and paybacks. An Emir is supposed to be about a" lifetime" of work and or service, not an office achieved! Some of you may take this the wrong way, but the facts speak for themslves. To wit. Every new Emir was either a board member or a part of the SEC. These same individuals, who profess brotherhood,knew of the effort to remove me from office. Not one word was said tome or half of the sitting SEC, Jon Handy, included. Brotherhood? I do not recall any communication from our new Emirs. One had his chapter closed. Worthy? Another had his own personally backed "friend" on the SEC, who embezzeled "our" money is now an Emir? Once again what is an Emir? While my family and I appreciate the honor bestowed upon my father, Wendell Johnson, the callousness exhibited by Mr. Gunn and his cohorts was and is still reprehensible. If your new Emirs had been more open and truthful,my mother and I would have

not went to the expense to have him transported to this charade. Once again Brotherhood"? For the uninformed, one should read the pamplet written by PNP Tony Guido, from Start at pages 39 thru 1984. 41. It will explain my feelings as well as others. It seems certain brothers have "brotherhood only when it fits their needs. We have enough problems filling offices. If you do not want someone, stop them early, dont wait five years! When was our last "strong president? One who did not just go through the motions! A TRUE PHI DELT.

#### **EDITOR'S Response**

Jerry: I have received your article that was from earlier this year. As editor, I have reviewed vour article and found the article to be not suitable for print. If vou wish to rewrite it and resubmit, I am open to getting it reviewed if submitted. Here are the parts that I have issues with. 1. The date of your original article was back in May, is this still relevant in Jan. of 2011? 2. While you may not agree with the selections by the Past National President, it is their choice and not that of the body of the Fraternity. I agree with your point that all selections were former SEC member and it appears that it would suggest favoritism towards PNP's. I would also agree that in some cases the term lifetime of work may be a very short lifetime. 3. As far as your fathers situation. I had nothing but

respect for your dad and his work for the Fraternity. He was always open and honest with me and I tried to be the same with him as well as vou. We did not always see eve to eye but we did respect each others opinions. 4. Their are always going to be people who think that they are PDK and speak for the rest of the fraternity. Many of them are old school and have not changed with the times. We need to remember our vows to have patience for peoples short comings and errors in judgments. 5. As an Emir, I am proud to have been selected for the title and I hope you feel that I have met the criteria to merit the selection. If not, I would like to say I am sorry you feel that way. I have tried to treat all Phi Delts as equals and respect them as I would desire to be respected. Our fraternity is only as strong as the body which makes us one body of brothers. I agree that the leadership may not have been as strong as it should be, but as you pointed out we have had problems getting people to run for office. I hope that sending this in was a way to vent some frustration and get someone to listen to your point of view. However, I also hope that you can accept my position on your article and we can move on from here. The magazine needs to promote the fraternity and not drag it down. Please contact me if you wish to discuss further either via email or call me at home. Also I apologize for not getting back to you sooner but I wanted to think about this before responding.

#### Subject: CENSORSHIP by Jerry Johnson

Last year, before convention, I made a mistake in Mr. Sumpter's e-mail address. the point of my article at that time was the number of "Emirs" that were presented at the previous convention. By my mistake, it was not published before the convention in Odessa. I felt in my letter that I spoke not only for myself, but a number of other Phi Delts.But Mr. Sumpter thought different in what was written. In short ,I feel I was censored.

I feel OUR editor,s response was condescending and represented "his" feelings of why I wrote my letter. National Auditor, Sam Agresti, took both my letter and his response ,and proceeded to have PNP Tim Musser, read it aloud at River Ranch. From all indications it was received in a constructive manner. I feel that our editor should print both letters before convention, and let the chips fall where the may.

You want more letters. PDK wants input. Well if we are not allowed to express differences of opinion regardless of our editor's , personal feelings as "our" editor of "our" magazine, this I feel of great concern. My articles from my time on the SEC are in the archives. Read them. Then you will understand my position better. If you do not toe the company line you are out of line. You want articles and input, let us debate "our" issues!

Respectfully, Jerry Johnson FL MU

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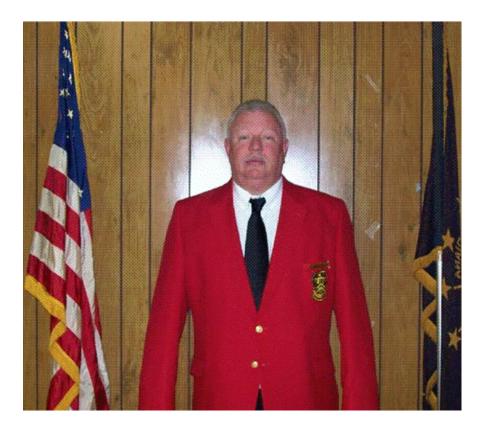
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