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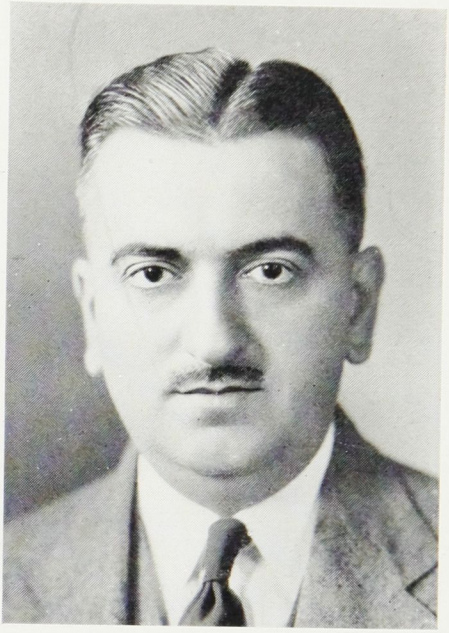

FLORIN JOSEPH AMRHEIN
1892-1934

Grand Vice-Regent, 1925-32; Grand Regent 1932-1934.

"They are not gone who pass
Beyond the clasp of hand,
Out from the strong embrace.
They are but come so close
We need not grope with hands."

—*Hugh Robert Orr*

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KAPPA PSI PHARMACEUTICAL FRATERNITY

Mu Chapter
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy

RESOLUTION

Whereas, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to remove from our midst our esteemed Brother, Professor Florin Joseph Amrhein, Grand Regent of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, and,

Whereas, Through his warm personality, sterling character and genuine enthusiasm in the Fraternity, he endeared himself to all of the Brethren, and,

Whereas, For many years Brother Amrhein was a most faithful officer and untiring worker in the upbuilding of Mu Chapter, ever devoted to the furtherance of the highest ideals among its members,

Be it resolved, That in the passing of Brother Amrhein, Mu Chapter of Kappa Psi has suffered a severe and irreparable loss, and

Be it further resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family in their bereavement, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Amrhein and to the Grand Chapter of Kappa Psi and that a copy thereof be spread upon the minutes of Mu Chapter.

Signed this twelfth day of April, A.D. 1934,

Heber W. Youngken
Francis M'Cormack
Walter J. Lang
Committee

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF FLORIN J. AMRHEIN, GRAND REGENT OF THE KAPPA PSI PHARMACEUTICAL FRATERNITY*

Washington, D.C.,
May 8, 1934.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call from our midst our beloved friend and brother, Florin J. Amrhein, our Grand Regent, to the Fraternity of Immortality on high, and

WHEREAS, The brotherly relations held with him in the discharge of his duties as Grand Regent of the Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity and in his associations with the members of the Fraternity make it eminently befitting that we record our appreciation of him.

RESOLVED, That the industry, loyalty, self-sacrifice, patience, enthusiasm and nobility which he exercised in the performance of his duties as Grand Regent and in his association with us, his Brothers in Kappa Psi, will ever be held in the highest esteem; and that the mist of death has enshrouded a shining light and the shadows of his departure will ever hover over us, his brothers, associates, and friends; and be it

RESOLVED, That with the deepest sympathy for the relatives we pray that the sorrowing loved ones may be comforted by Him who comforteth all; and be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity render every possible assistance and advice to the family of our deceased friend and brother; and be it furthermore

RESOLVED, That this expression be published in THE MASK, a copy sent to the bereft ones, and a copy be made part of the records of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity.

A. O. Mickelsen, *First Grand Vice-Regent.*
Clyde M. Snow, *Second Grand Vice-Regent.*
George H. Frates, *Third Grand Vice-Regent.*
A. Richard Bliss, Jr., *Grand Secretary and Treasurer.*
L. K. Darbaker, *Grand Historian.*
F. D. Stoll, *Grand Ritualist.*
W. Bruce Philip, *Grand Counsellor.*

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*Adopted at a meeting of the Grand Council and members attending the Washington, D.C., meetings of the A.Ph.A., May, 1934.

Grand Regent Amrhein's Last Official Letter to the Chapters

Dear Brothers of Psi:

The spirit of Christmas is upon us. Our hearts should radiate "Good Cheer" and in the spirit of the "King of Kings" we should be at Peace with men of good will.

The good old fraternity is in its fifty-fourth year and it has *carried on* in times that were as difficult as the present, if not more trying than the present. Yet, this was made possible because of the spirit and zeal which fired our ancestors, and we as the present standard bearers should be fired with the same spirit and zeal. So we owe it to our worthy ancestors to *carry on* the banner of Kappa Psi in order that this grand old fraternity may reach newer heights in the field of professional fraternities.

The Grand Officers of Alpha Chapter join with me in wishing each and everyone of the brothers of Kappa Psi a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,

Florin J. Amrhein, *Grand Regent*

"He Has Not Died"

How strange it seems. He's gone away!
This man who was our friend so true.
The mighty Hand that rules the day,
Saw fit to call him from our view.

He returns again from where he came,
His problems solved; his soul at rest.
The paths he trod led but to fame.
He sleepeth now where sleep the blest.

The lessons taught point out his worth.
He left his mark as none else could.
Until we too depart this earth,
We'll feel his influence for good.

How strange it seems. He's gone away!
This man who was our teacher tried.
But still he lights us thru the day;
His life our guide; he has not died.

[*The above is adapted from the original by J. Mackenzie, through the kind permission of the author, Mr. S. Lewenberg.*]

A Tribute From Mu Chapter

It is with much sorrow that we of Mu Chapter write of the death of our brother and friend, Professor Florin J. Amrhein, Grand Regent of Kappa Psi.

Professor Amrhein, through his many kindnesses, his ready willingness to help, and his sympathetic nature, endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact.

We of Mu Chapter knew him as a wise counsellor and as an enthusiastic and untiring worker for Kappa Psi—who inspired us all to do our best for the Fraternity he loved so deeply. He had seen and helped our Chapter grow from a small beginning—he fostered the idea of our comfortable Chapter House, and saw to it in his capacity as permanent treasurer of the chapter, that its obligations were discharged with unfailing regularity.

Several times during the school year, Professor Amrhein gave instructive and educational lectures on various phases of Chemistry and Pharmacy to the assembled Graduate and Undergraduate Chapters. These lectures were exceedingly popular among the members, were well attended, and gave some conception of the multitudinous activities that crowded Professor Amrhein's days.

The loss of our beloved Grand Regent is a profound one. It is tempered only by the thought that Mu Chapter's loving memory of our brother will cause it to carry on the good work he loved so well.—Roopenian, *Historian.*

NOTES FROM BETA PI

Beta Pi Chapter of Kappa Psi started in the fall Session of School of 1933 with five members and three pledges. Shortly after the rush settled down, a member of Beta Omicron moved in and this boosted the number of our members to six. After the time requirement for pledges to live in the house had passed, Lawrence Klock, Edward Jennings, and Vern Enos were added to the list of members thus raising our membership to nine. At this time we had twelve pledges, nine of whom were living in the house. After the grades for the first semester were issued we initiated Elmon Ousley, John Foster, Howard Stacy, Robert Au, Joe Fiorita, and Vearl Day to membership and received another pledge. After fulfilling pledge requirements, we later initiated Lewis Todd. We now have sixteen members and six pledges.

George Norin, our president, received his second honor certificate from Phi Kappa Phi and was initiated into Rho Chi. Beta Pi entered the intramural debates and placed second. Elmon Ousley was a member of the varsity debate team and was one of the representatives of W.S.C. at the Coast Intercollegiate debates held at Pasadena, Calif. He was also initiated into the Forensic Circle Debating Honorary. Howard E. Caldwell was a member of the Dads' Day Committee and Kappa Psi had the third largest percentage of fathers present for the annual Dads' Day.

Florin Joseph Amrhein was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on August 3, 1892, the son of John and Catherine Amrhein. He received his early education at the Dudley Grammar School and at the Public Latin School of Boston.

Grand Regent Florin J. Amrhein

When thirteen years of age he became an apprentice in the pharmacy of Cyrus Davies, who was located in the Highland Section of Boston. Later he was employed for six or seven years at the Bossom Pharmacy in the Back Bay. During the latter period he entered the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy where he earned the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy in 1915. At the time of his graduation, he received the prize awarded for excellence in Pharmacy.

He was appointed Assistant in the Pharmacy Department of the College the following session, and in 1916 was transferred to the Chemistry Department to serve in a similar capacity. In 1917 he was appointed Instructor in the Chemistry Department, and in 1918 he received the degree of Ph.C.

During the period 1918 to 1920, he held a Lectureship in Chemistry and Urine Analysis in the Training School for Nurses of Long Island Hospital in Boston Harbor. He served also as Chemist in Charge of the Division of Food and Drug Inspection, Health Department of the Town of Brookline, Massachusetts.

In 1921 he was appointed Assistant Professor of Chemistry, a position he held until his death. For the last fifteen years, he was Secretary of the Alumni Association of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and in 1919 he was elected to membership in the College Corporation.

He was a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association for years, and served as Chairman of the New England Branch. He was a member also of the Massachusetts State Pharmaceutical Association; the Vermont Pharmaceutical Association (Honorary Member); the Boston Association of Retail Druggists; the Boston Druggists' Association; the American Chemical Society; the American Public Health Association; the New England Chemistry Teachers' Association; the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists; the Chemists' Club of New York City. Professor Amrhein was a Fellow of the American Institute of Chemists, an Auxiliary Member of the U. S. P., XI, Sub-Committee

No. 7, and a member of the Brookline Lodge of Elks. In 1933, he was elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He was the author of a textbook on The Examination of Urine, and also a Laboratory Manual of Food and Water Analysis. He contributed many articles to pharmaceutical and chemical journals, and was in great demand as a speaker and lecturer. The absorption of Vitamin D through the skin, and the chemistry of the Viburnums were his last contributions to scientific literature. Professor Amrhein was widely recognized as an excellent consulting chemist, and in this capacity he was associated with many manufacturing concerns.

In November, 1920, Professor Amrhein married Elizabeth McCarthy, M.D., a graduate of the Boston University Medical School, a member of Lambda Kappa Sigma Sorority and at that time Bacteriologist to the Long Island Hospital. They have had one child, Florin Joseph, Jr.

In January of this year, Professor Amrhein was stricken with an illness which was thought to have been caused by overwork. It was later discovered that he was suffering from a brain tumor, and an operation was scheduled for the first week in April, but he succumbed on Friday, March 30. Funeral services were held at his home and at St. Mary's Church in Brookline, Massachusetts, which was attended by almost the entire student body of the College. Mu Chapter members attended in a body, and the ushers and some of the pall bearers were Kappa Psi men. Interment was in Holyhood Cemetery in the Chestnut Hill Section of Brookline.

Professor Amrhein is survived by his aged mother, his wife, Dr. Amrhein, his son Florin, Jr. and two sisters.

In 1925 Brother Amrhein was unanimously elected Grand Vice-Regent of K Ψ, and, in recognition of his splendid work in that office, he was advanced to the highest honor K Ψ can bestow—the Grand Regency—in 1932, the office he was filling so well at the time of his death.

We, as a Fraternity, have suffered a tremendous loss. Brother Amrhein was ever a most enthusiastic, loyal, self-sacrificing, energetic Knight of Psi, always thinking of the welfare and advancement of our Order. He has gone to his reward, and his memory will ever remain with us, his example will always continue to be a splendid inspiration, and his great work shall continue to bear fruit down through the years.

A. R. B., Jr.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

College of Pharmacy

Austin, Texas,
April 30, 1934.

To the Grand Council of the
Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity,
C/o Dr. A. R. Bliss, Jr., G. S. and T.,
Crosstown Station,
P.O. Box 6308,
Memphis, Tenn.

GREETING:

We, the undersigned students, graduates, and members of the faculty of the University of Texas College of Pharmacy at Austin, Texas, do hereby petition the Grand Council of the Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity for a charter as a collegiate chapter of the said Fraternity.

We do promise, in the event our petition be granted, to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, and to do everything in our power to advance its welfare and interests, and to insure the continuous, successful existence in our institution.

Respectfully submitted,

(Names in full with complete home addresses and year of graduation)

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8. Jordan, Howell Romie, Ph.G., 502 West Ave., Austin, Texas—1932
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10. Malouf, Joseph Shahady, Rotan, Texas—1934
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15. Simpson, Hatton William, Littlefield, Texas—1934
16. Trousdale, Henri Gordon, Ph.G., B.S., Smithville, Texas—1931
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