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A Fraternity With a Practical Purpose

For some years we have felt the need of creating some organization or society for the purpose of drawing our students together in intellectual and social intercourse. Many of our students have expressed a strong desire for such an organization. In response to their repeated requests we submit the following plan, convinced that it contains the outline of what very soon will be one of the largest fraternities of the world, besides being the most unique in its beneficent purpose.

Its Purpose

“To extend and apply the advantages of education; to inculcate the duty of Industry; to cultivate the art of Concentration; to stimulate the exercise of Self-Reliance; to encourage such habits as strengthen character and assure success; to make the members more efficient workers and to prepare them for larger

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opportunities; to aid the student to reap the reward of his studies and to reach the place for which he has fitted himself; to promote fraternal intercourse and mutual aid; to provide facilities for mental and social development, the I. C. S. Fraternity of the World ordains this Constitution."

(Preamble to the Constitution)

Is It Practical?

No one can doubt the grandeur of such a purpose. But is it possible to make such vast ideals actual; can an organization be devised capable of realizing such a mighty aim? Without any hesitation we answer, YES! By combining the most successful features of the great fraternal and secret societies with the most useful elements of the college and university fraternities, and then adding the practical experience which has made the I. C. S. system famous throughout the world, we shall have an organization as valuable and permanent as wisdom and experience can construct.

Is Such a Fraternity Needed?

Beyond a doubt! There is no fraternity or organization in the world existing primarily for the encouragement and aid

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of men who are seeking to increase their efficiency and enhance their worth both to themselves and to society. Hitherto, a man with such a laudable aim has struggled on alone, uncheered and uninspired. Henceforth he will have the stimulation of companionship, he will feel what college men call the college spirit, and he will find himself in an atmosphere conducive to swifter and easier progress.

What is the I. C. S. Fraternity?

It Is a Secret Society. It embodies all that is most effective in the well-known secret societies of this and other lands—rites, rituals, degrees, grip, password, and signs of identification.

It Is a Fraternity. The members will be drawn and held together by the strongest of all ties—Brotherhood. Being animated and stimulated by the same aims and ideals, they will feel their interests to be one—thus intercourse will be free and unrestrained, and sympathy, good-fellowship, and mutual aid will be developed.

It Is a World-Wide Order. A member of a Chapter of the I. C. S. Fraternity is entitled to a seat in any other Chapter—at home or abroad. In going to a new city

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a member may for a moment feel himself a stranger and almost immediately find himself among friends.

It is an Educational Institution

In Its Intention. Education is twofold, to impart knowledge and develop power. The chief function of the I. C. S. Fraternity will be to cultivate in men the power to accomplish. This can best be done by creating good and helpful habits, primarily the habit of Industry, the habit of Concentration, and the habit of Self-Reliance. No man who wishes his life to be a success can afford to neglect these qualities.

In Its Methods. It is intended that each Chapter of the Fraternity shall have a Library and Reading Room. Here a member may find the quietude which is so conducive to serious study. There will be a Registrar to every Chapter whose time will be devoted to encouraging, guiding, and aiding students. Every month an Educational Session will be held, devoted to the improvement of the members.

It is a Social Center

Wherever possible the Chapter will set apart rooms for social purposes, in which

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members may meet together for conversation and diversion and in which games and recreation may be enjoyed. Indoor and outdoor athletics will be cultivated wherever the conditions are favorable. Gambling of any kind will be prohibited. Entertainments of an elevating and interesting order will be arranged.

It is a Protective and Benevolent Association

It Will Advance the Interests of Its Members. Many well-equipped men in moving to a new community fail to find the position their qualifications would warrant. It will be the duty of each Chapter to aid any member of the Fraternity in such circumstances, and the Registrar of the Chapter will be familiar with all local opportunities and use his knowledge on behalf of the members. Thus the Fraternity will be an industrial clearing house.

All members will be held in honor; the sick will be visited and cherished with brotherly care; the unfortunate or distressed will be aided with fraternal diligence; the memory of those who die will be revered and held in perpetual remembrance within their own Chapter.

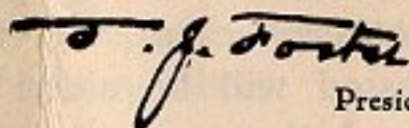
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It is Non-Sectarian and Non-Partisan

The I. C. S. Fraternity is founded upon the broadest principles. Questions that engender strife between men of different religious beliefs, of different political parties, or of different industrial opinions will not be discussed within the Fraternity. There is nothing in the Constitution, By-Laws, or Ritual that can give offense to a man's conscience or that would hinder him from being loyal to his church, his country, his political party, or to any other order or society to which he may belong.

Who Are Eligible?

For the Matriculate, or first degree, all white male students and graduates of the I. C. S. who are acceptable to the members of the Fraternity; for the Fellowship, or second degree, those members of the Matriculate degree who have applied themselves to the acquisition of habits such as will develop their natural powers, that they may make the most of their abilities and opportunities.



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