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On this, the twenty first day of the month of September, in the year of our lord, nineteen hundred and eight, we respectfully submit this, the Constitution of the $\square\Delta$ social sorority of the city of Mankato, of the county of Blue Earth, of the state of Minnesota, of the United States of America; and said Constitution does contain all the principles, rules, and by-laws in full, and is subject to amendment at the discretion of the members of said sorority.

Principles.

I The first symbol of the emblem $\square\Delta$ is \square representing the Greek word Oktu meaning eight. The second symbol of the emblem $\square\Delta$ is Δ , Delta, the Greek equivalent of the

English

1 D, which in this case stands for devils.

Leaving the translated name of the sorority "Eight Devils."

II The purpose of the sorority $\square\Delta$ is to have a good time. The only theory it has to expound is, "Laugh and the world laugh with you."

III Requirements of the sorority are being jolly; always in for fun; sticking by the bunch; true to each other; and treating every body square.

Rules and By-laws.

I Each member of the sorority is pledged to secrecy concerning the name, the principles, rules, and by-laws, and "doings" of the sorority.

II The membership of the sorority is limited to eight resident members; any one of them moving from the vicinity is

account of the "doings" of the sorority (and) collecting dues, and imposing fines. A social committee of two girls shall be appointed every other meeting to make arrangements for at least one festivity for the sorority during their allotted time. For example, dances, picnics, cross-country tramps, mock weddings and stag parties.

V. Each member will entertain the sorority every eighth Friday evening, with the alternative of the afternoon if the evening is occupied. The members will entertain in alphabetical order. Simple refreshments may be served.

Take what you get and be satisfied.

We, the undersigned having heard these principles, rules and by-laws and agreeing with them, promise

considered an honorary member; any two out-of-town girls may be incorporated as honorary members also, subject to the approval of the others; vacancies occurring in the resident eight may be filled at their discretion.

III The initiation fee is $\$ \frac{2}{100}$. The monthly dues are $\$ \frac{10}{100}$, and the money accumulated by means of these is used to forward the purposes of the sorority, at the discretion of the social committee.

IV. A quorum is six. The officers are elected by ballot, majority ruling. The officers are President and Secretary-Treasurer to be elected every three months. The duties of the President are to preside over meetings and appoint committees. The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer are calling the roll, keeping a brief.

to meet all requirements and be governed by these rules.

Signed on this the twenty-fourth day of September in the year of our lord nineteen hundred and eight

Maudie Palmer Hart.

Mayorie Gerlach.

Eleanor Johnson.

Marion Willard

Ruth Williams.

Mildred Oleson

Catherine Kenney.

Frances Kenney.



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The first meeting of the $\Delta \square$ sorority occurred on Sept. 26, 1908, at the home of our very worthy sister, Marjory Gerlack. Six of the sisters were present. Namely, Maude Hart, Marjory Gerlack, Ruth Williams, Eleanor Johnson, Mildred Olson and Marion Willard. The meeting was called to order with sister Hart acting as chairman. The most holy and sacred constitution of the sorority was read in an impressive manner by the chairman. Then the sisters were put thru a series of tests, with view to ~~fitting them~~ testing them as to their fitness to become sisters. Sister Willard, as laid in the constitution, disrobed her white spudles as directed, and walked three times about the room chanting a little verse. The performance was very credit able, altho' the character of the chosen verse was some what shady. Sister Johnson, as laid in the constitution, robed herself in a certain gown, as directed, and which exposed ~~her~~ considerable of her form to the view of the assembled sisters. Sister Williams as laid in the constitution, turned a somersault as directed. She did so in a very graceful way manner, according to the most authentic account I am able to secure, sister

Person was pronounced exempt from any special
test. Then the sisters took the final, supreme, test
of walking thru a tunnel of inky ~~black~~ darkness,
and to sign their names to the constitution, in
the realm of spirits. And all ~~were~~ ~~those~~ did so
with courage and fortitude, were found thus worthy
of admittance, and were duly entered as members
of the sorority. All repaired to the earthly realm
once more and a business meeting was held,
whereby Sister Johnson was elected president,
and Sister Hart was elected Sec. - Treas. M. W.,
and M. G. were appointed social committee
for two weeks. Refreshments were served
and the meeting adjourned.

The second meeting of the $\Delta \Gamma$ sorority
occurred on Oct. 3 at the home of
Sister Hart. The meeting was called to
order ^{by pres.} and minutes of the previous
meeting requested. The Sec. - Treas. excused
herself for not having them prepared,
by saying she had been provided with a
notebook. Sister Kanner, from the fullness
of her heart offered an old notebook
of her own, free of charge, and the
pres. accepted this & expressed her gratitude
in a well-wooded address. Sister Willard
offered a whistle to be adopted for the

The third meeting of the A A sorority occurred on ^{the afternoon of} Oct. 10th at the home of Sister Willard. The meeting was called to order by the president. The ~~meeting~~ minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved. The sisters showed ~~much~~ much mirth and hilarity, during the reading of the minutes, which were very complete and concise and written in a very interesting way. The Sect. - Treas. is very smart and witty any way, as well as pretty and good, long may she live. The app't committee reported on the subject of pins. Sister Willard was especially well-informed on the subject. But no ~~was~~ action was taken in the matter. Sister Williams moved that the meetings be ~~given~~ held afternoons, or something like that, I have ~~may~~ forgotten but the motion was ^{not} carried so that is all right. A cross country train for the following Thursday was arranged. ~~if~~ Then the sisters his -
cussed " "

is all
Sister Willard



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The 4th meeting of the ΔΓ sorority occurred at the home of Sister ~~Claver~~ Johnson, on Sat. eve. Oct. - The week previous, the ΔΓ had enjoyed a c.c.t. and had also attended the foot ball game in a body and in sister Willard's automobile. The sisters did not have a business meeting very promptly, as they were disturbed by the male element ~~of the~~ which element was represented in this case by brethren Jones, Burmeister, Lee and Hughes. (The latter added this latter name with a pretty blush.) after a very unladylike chase over the Johnson premises ~~they~~ and the capture of several trophies, they retired to the house and came to order and hence forth during the evening the unruly boys ~~to~~ inspected proceedings from the windows. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. They were also objected to, tho' it had slipped my my mind entirely, what grounds were given, and at any rate I am sure it was a very foolish and ~~usef~~ silly objection as

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It was whistled and
riddled. Sister Wheeler was
I shade which was short &
ok. Sister Hart offered a
was elected & approved as
agent of sorority pins was
the distren, Hart, Gerlach, &
pp't up the price. To look after
a more suitable committee
is been app't, Sister Hart's
intent. Song live our wise
Stren Ramsey were then
the sorority, the younger
capted on trust, but the older
obliged to go thru a specified
and she went thru very ably.
acting then adjourned. The
spent in playing cards and
we were served. The distren all
at locality wherein they belong,
since to the cause of the sorority.

Sister Hard always ~~papers~~ writes up the minutes in a very dignified, concise, business-like manner, and no legitimate objection could ever be found. Sister Johnson who is very sharp and far sighted, and who always has the interest of the sorority at heart, had found an ad. of a co. who manufactures pins very cheaply and the ΔΔ who are very discreet and economical, agreed that the Sec. Treas should write to this co. and inquire about the matter. She hasn't done it yet but she will shortly and when she does you may rest assured it will be done well. For sisters then played cards. The head prize was won by Sister Willard. It was a little doll, the mascot of the ΔΔ and it was christened "pegamachone". The baby prize was won by Sister Gerlach and consisted of a soap teddy bear. In future, Sister Gerlach, there is no excuse for ~~for~~ coming to school with dirty neck and ears. Then the sisters were served with a delicious lunch to which they did ample justice. The sisters are noted for their delicate appetites, but on this occasion they subsist and rally etc. The case of Sister Willard's exceptionally remarkable, as she ate two sandwiches. The rest of the evening was spent in general jollification and the meeting adjourned at a late hour.



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exceptionally well. The audience ~~was stayed from~~
watched the brilliant portrayal of love and hatred,
~~for now~~ with tense faces, swayed from tears
to laughter. ~~by the~~ After the drama, the actors
all removed their borrowed garments and became
fully clothed and in their right minds. The
meeting then adjourned. I guess I forgot to say,
that as an excuse for being so tiny, Sister Gertrude
brought a plate of coffee cake which was ~~much~~
much enjoyed by the assembled sisters. Long
life to her. May she do it again. Now, this is
all. Aha she cried in accents wild as
she waved her wooden leg!!!