


YOU'RE AMONG FRIENDS



*When You
Belong To*

GYRO



 Three friends – Paul Schwan, Clarence (Gus) Handerson, and Edmund (Ed) Kagy – met regularly at the Alley Bar in Cleveland to reaffirm their friendship and recall the joys of their college days. At one such meeting in April of 1912, they decided that the unity of their friendship was so valuable that it should be perpetuated by bringing other friends into the organization.

The first meeting was held on June 24, 1912, during which a constitution was presented and accepted, even though the club had no official name at the time. On January 7 the following year the name Gyro (suggested by new member Jimmie Hubbell) was adopted. It was drawn from the word "gyroscope," symbolizing the ability to maintain a desired course and attitude regardless of outside influences.

*Thus, the
Gyroscope became
the visible
symbol
of*




From the Gyral Principle came three key words:

- POWER** symbolizes the power of our friendships in our human relationships.
- POISE** demonstrates the steadiness of friendship in times of trial.
- PURPOSE** keeps the balance wheel of friendship in men's lives.

*From
the
GYRO
philosophy
came
contagious growth*



 GYRO's stated purpose, "fun for fun's sake and friendship for friendship's sake" was so disarmingly frank and honest, that one prospective member exclaimed, "I can't believe how believable it is!" Other typical questions from prospects trying to satisfy themselves that this great, yet simple philosophy is for real are...

Q What do you get out of a Gyro meeting?

A A great deal of pleasure, shared with very special friends.


Q I mean, when you leave a Gyro meeting, don't you go away with some feeling of obligation, like you have homework to do?

A No, we leave the meeting smiling with a mission-accomplished feeling. Then we look forward to the next one with pleasant anticipation.

This simple, honest philosophy proved to be highly contagious. The bug first bit Paul, Clarence, and Ed in the Alley Bar, then took off and quickly infected thousands more throughout the United States and Canada.



*Who needs
GYRO
...with
Rotary,
Kiwanis,
Moose,
Elks, etc?*

 GYRO Clubs don't compete with these excellent organizations. They provide, instead, a delightfully welcome balance. That's why a Gyro member who also belongs to one of these other organizations, takes his service-club responsibilities seriously while looking forward to his next Gyro meeting like a kid looking forward to recess. That's also why we state, with pride:



**Gyro's Goal is
"Fun for Fun's Sake
and Friendship for
Friendship's Sake!"**

A friend is a present you give yourself

OUR MISSION:

The Mission of the Friendship Fraternity we all know as GYRO shall be, as stated in our constitution:

- 1.) The promulgation of friendship among men of all states, provinces, and nations.
- 2.) The cementing of relationship and establishment of cooperation between all Gyro clubs wherever situated.
- 3.) The preservation and extension of principles and ideals of this organization.

OUR VISION:

Gyro affords men of character the opportunity to nurture friendships and exchange ideas in an open environment.

Gyro will become the "organization of choice" for these men in an era of decreasing discretionary time.

Gyro welcomes men of character from all walks of life.

Friendships, like oak trees are strong but slow growing. We seek quality members as an improvement over raw numbers.

OUR VALUES:

The Member...

The underlying strength of the fraternity is the individual member.

A Gyro is a gentleman.

His word is his bond.

He respects the rights, property, and sensitivities of others.

He refrains from using his membership for promoting personal commerce.

The Organization...

Gyro gatherings are a vehicle for celebrating friendship.

Gyro gatherings are a venue for the free exchange of ideas.

Every Gyro has the right to have his opinion heard and respected.

Guests and visiting Gyros are treated with respect.



THE GYRO Mission, Vision, and Values statements summarize this brochure and provide a succinct outline of our organizational goals...

But let us always remember to "KEEP THE FUN IN GYRO!"



TODAY GYRO IS divided into eleven districts stretching from Prince George, British Columbia to Palm Beach, Florida; from Halifax, Nova Scotia to Long Beach, California. It is truly international with over 4000 members and continuing plans for growth over the coming years. Twice a year, members from Gyro clubs meet at international conventions, usually north in the summer, south in the winter, to guide the affairs of the fraternity. This is where we prove how universal the Gyro philosophy is, for wherever the gathering...

We never meet a stranger.

We always have fun.



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A Fraternity of Friendship

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