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Welcome An Editor's Reflections

Welcome to the 75th Anniversary Issue of Alpha Phi Delta. It has been a year in the making. In actuality it has been 75 years in the making, but your editor has spent much of the past year trying to find a fitting commemoration of this event. The issue you have in your hands is the final result, and I hope you like it.

Much of this issue is dedicated to the men who have led the fraternity to where we stand today. These leaders are our past (and one present) National Presidents. From reading about their accomplishments, you may get a feel for the history of our group.

From a group of seven young Italian men in 1914, we stand today at over 10,000 strong. Those seven men (in case you have forgotten from your *Dokime*) were Ferdinand F. DiBartolo, Anthony T. Frascati, Otto Gelormini, Cesidio A. Guarini, Nicholas Frunzi, Dominic T. Ciolli and Joseph Cangiamilia. From a modest beginning, we have grown. Although not the melting pot that America is, Alpha Phi Delta has changed and diversified in 75 years. Though we are no longer an ethnic group, our Italian American history should not be forgotten. It is what made Alpha Phi Delta the distinct, close-knit organization that it is.

I have read and reread our history in preparing this issue. While I have an advantage of having a set of **The Kleos** to read, **The History of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity, 1914-1973** by Stan Raffa is good reading and available through Central Office. I highly recommend it to any brother interested in learning the history of our fraternity. Alpha Phi Delta is a unique organization with a place in the history of Italian Americans.

I enjoyed writing the article on past conventions of the fraternity. If you have ever been to one, the article or the accompanying list of sites may evoke pleasant memories for you. Alpha Phi Delta conventions are another of the features that make us unique. Bonds of friendship and brotherhood have been established at many conventions - along with good times.

This year is also the 60th Anniversary of the Kleos - giving us a double reason to celebrate. We are fortunate to have

among us our founder and first editor — Brother Dr. Peter Sammartino. He is also our 10th National President, and as such he submitted an article for inclusion with the Presidents. Dr. Sammartino must be around 90 years young, and he has a remarkable memory — as his article will show. He was the first Past National President to respond to me — only two weeks after I wrote him. His response helped to spur me on to collect the other presidents' thoughts. I do thank all who responded and assisted me in making this issue special. Particular thanks to Stan Raffa and Joe Creston in helping to collect many of the articles in here. They show what the bond of Alpha Phi Delta is — a very special bond indeed, truly lasting a lifetime. Through their efforts and those of the men highlighted in this issue, may others follow their example and lead us through the next 75 years.

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The fraternity has several items of memorabilia available for sale through Central Office

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BIG AL'S CORNER

Al Fafara
National President



Alpha Phi Delta - 75 Years of Perspective

It's a long look back over the 75 year history of Alpha Phi Delta. Our Fraternity was born in the pre-World War One era of the early 20th Century because of discrimination against men of Italian-American heritage. We have survived two world wars and the "undeclared" conflicts of Korea and Vietnam. We have survived the upheavals on the college campuses in the 1960s. We have survived our own internal "civil war" concerning the Open Door Policy which began in the 1940s and was not culminated until the 1960s. The reverberations of that explosion are still being felt today, to some degree. We have been transformed from a purely Italian-American Fraternity, located mainly on large state universities and Ivy League colleges, to one of a multi-diverse membership, whose strength today lies in the small colleges and the commuter colleges. We have been, and are today, a small national fraternity. Even though we are about to become bigger today than we ever have been before, we are still the little kid on the block when compared to the gigantic nationals of the American Fraternity System.

Have things changed that drastically in Alpha Phi Delta, or have they just been transformed to fit the problems of the present day? Have the ideals and directives of the Founding Fathers been completely washed away, or were they based on something deeper and even more meaningful than ethnic background? Are we a completely different organization today than the one founded in 1914, or the one of 1940 or 1950? Or are we the same one with a horizon expanded beyond the beliefs of the Founding Fathers, and even those of some of our older alumni?

It's easy to track where we've been and how we've gotten to where we are today. Where we're going from here as we approach the 21st Century is the tougher question. But, getting back to the previous questions, we can equate the problems faced in the early years with those of today in terms of the way we handle them. Alpha Chapter was made up of underdogs, people nobody else wanted.

They survived, grew and flourished because of an innate abstract spiritual quality known as brotherhood. This brotherhood transcends any racial, religious, or ethnic diversity present among its members. I do not believe that spirit differs at all in our present day situation. We're still the underdogs. We've got 30 chapters. Several nationals have over 200. They also have multi-million dollar budgets, paid employees, investments, houses and all of the other material wants money can buy. How can we stand up to these? The answer is the same as it was in 1914. We have this intangible, this emotional offering that cannot be bought at any price. The brotherhood bourne in Alpha Phi Delta becomes ingrained in our lives. It gets in our blood. It has allowed us to stand toe to toe with the "big boys" on the college campuses and to out-do them. And remember too, the Founding Fathers

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The Chapters of Alpha Phi Delta

Chapter Designation	Year Chartered	School Name	Location City/State
* Alpha	1914	Syracuse	Syracuse, NY
* Beta	1916	Columbia	New York, NY
* Gamma	1919	Yale	New Haven, CT
* Delta	1920	Brooklyn Tech	Brooklyn, NY
* Epsilon	1921	Buffalo	Buffalo, NY
Zeta	1921	Rensselaer	Troy, NY
* Eta	1921	City College (NY)	New York, NY
* Theta	1921	NYU (uptown)	New York, NY
* Iota	1921	Union	Schenectady, NY
* Kappa	1922	Western Reserve	Cleveland, OH
* Lambda	1922	Penn	Philadelphia, PA
* Mu	1922	Cornell	Ithaca, NY
* Nu	1923	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA
* Xi	1923	Ohio State	Columbus, OH
* Omicron	1923	Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI
* Pi	1923	West Virginia	Morgantown, W. VA
* Rho	1926	Carnegie	Pittsburgh, PA
* Sigma	1927	Boston	Boston, MA
* Tau	1928	MIT	Cambridge, MA
* Upsilon	1928	Harvard	Cambridge, MA
* Phi	1929	Alabama	University, AL
* Chi	1929	Penn State	State College, PA
Psi	1929	Duquesne	Pittsburgh, PA
* Omega	1929	Rochester	Rochester, NY
Beta Beta	1929	Manhattan	Bronx, NY
* Beta Gamma	1930	William and Mary	Williamsburg, MD
Beta Delta	1930	Temple	Philadelphia, PA
* Beta Epsilon	1930	Bucknell	Lewisburg, PA
Theta Beta	1930	NYU (downtown)	New York, NY
* Beta Zeta	1933	Ohio	Athens, OH
Beta Eta	1934	Brooklyn	Brooklyn, NY
Beta Theta	1948	Steubenville	Steubenville, OH
Beta Iota	1949	Utica	Utica, NY
* Beta Kappa	1949	Long Island	Brooklyn, NY
Beta Lambda	1949	St. Francis	Loretto, PA
* Beta Mu	1950	DePaul	Chicago, IL
* Beta Nu	1950	Miami	Miami, FL
Beta Xi	1952	NJIT	Newark, NJ
Beta Omicron	1953	Youngstown	Youngstown, OH
Beta Pi	1959	St. John's	Queens, NY
Beta Rho	1959	Gannon	Erie, PA
Beta Sigma	1962	St. Francis	Brooklyn, NY
* Beta Tau	1973	Fairmont	Fairmont, W. VA
* Beta Upsilon	1977	George Washington	Washington, DC
Beta Phi	1978	Glassboro	Glassboro, NJ
Beta Chi	1978	Utica (SUNY)	Utica, NY
Beta Psi	1979	Catholic	Washington, DC
Beta Omega	1979	Pace	New York, NY
* Gamma Beta	1979	Illinois	Chicago, IL
* Gamma Gamma	1980	Behrend	Erie, PA
Gamma Delta	1980	Waynesburg	Waynesburg, PA
* Gamma Epsilon	1981	Cleveland State	Cleveland, OH
Gamma Zeta	1982	Villanova	Villanova, PA
Gamma Eta	1984	Trenton	Ewing, NJ
Gamma Theta	1985	Eastern	St. David's, PA
Gamma Iota	1987	Pace	Pleasantville, NY
Gamma Kappa	1987	Staten Island	Staten Island, NY
Gamma Lambda	1987	Fordham	New York, NY
Gamma Mu	1987	Stockton	Pomona, NJ
Gamma Nu	1987	William Paterson	Wayne, NJ
Gamma Xi	1987	S. Connecticut	New Haven, CT
Gamma Omicron	1987	Stony Brook (SUNY)	Stony Brook, NY
* currently inactive			

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ALPHA PHI DELTA Through the Years With the Presidents

Much of Alpha Phi Delta's history can be seen through the accomplishment of its National Presidents. As of this writing, there have been forty of them. In preparation for this issue, The Kleos wrote to all known living Past National Presidents (19) and asked them to write about their accomplishments for the fraternity while they were in office and/or any special remembrances those years may hold for them. Their responses follow. In order to complete documentation, accomplishments for those presidents who are deceased (or failed to respond) were excerpted from The History of Alpha Phi Delta 1914-1973, which was written by Stanley H. Raffa (Delta Chapter, Kleos Editor 1957-1968, 30th National President 1970-72, and National Secretary 1978-1984) and copyrighted in 1974.

Salvatore F. LaCorte, Beta
First National President, 1916
(Died 1945)

The first National president was elected at the first National Convention when there were only two chapters. With the men from Columbia and the former Sigma Gamma Phi fraternity yielding their name to become Alpha Phi Delta with Syracuse, Alpha Chapter united with Beta Chapter to elect a Beta man as first president — while he was still an undergraduate.

Little history remains from this period. No new chapters were added while LaCorte was president.



Paul J. Salvatore, Beta
Second National President,
1919-1920 (Died 1960)

It was under Salvatore's leadership that Alpha Phi Delta set a goal of becoming a large and strong national fraternity.

Salvatore was directly involved with Yale University becoming Gamma Chapter. Delta Chapter at Brooklyn Polytechnic was installed on April 30th, 1920, before Paul Salvatore's administration was over.



Robert V. Santangelo, Beta
Third National President,
1921-1922 (Died 1984)

Robert Santangelo was the third straight Beta man elected to lead the fraternity in its early years. He served for one year while still an undergraduate. The following account is straight from The History of Alpha Phi Delta:

"The newly elected officers with the active support of such men as John Pasta and Anthony Armore continued the work started during the previous administration. Financial support was lacking but this group gave unstintingly, not only of their time but also financially. Santangelo gave practically his entire time and every dollar he could coax from his father to the fraternity. The results were indeed positive. During his administration the number of chapters more than doubled. There were four chapters at his election, and he closed his administration with nine.

"In the short space of one year, by incessant diligence, corresponding, holding conferences and traveling, Robert Santangelo brought to completion the greatest part of the work expected by him. He installed Epsilon Chapter at the University of Buffalo; Zeta at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Eta at the College of the City of New York; Theta at New University; and Iota at Union University."

Joseph Guzzetto, Beta
Fourth National President,
1922-1923 (Died ?)

The fourth of four straight Beta men as Beta continued to be the dominant chapter in the early days of the fraternity. During the one year of Guzzetto's leadership, four new chapters were installed. Prior to his term in office, expansion had been concentrated to the New York State. Guzzetto opened new territory by opening the doors to "the west". Under his administration, chapters were started at Western Reserve University (Kappa) in Cleveland, University of Pennsylvania (Lambda), Cornell University (Mu) and the University of Pittsburgh (Nu).



Joseph V. Petrelli, Theta
Fifth National President,
1923-1924 (Died 1981)

Joseph V. Petrelli was the first president from other than Beta chapter. With the fraternity at thirteen chapters, more blood was coming into the national offices. Petrelli's greatest contribution in office was the continued expansion in the west. Under his guidance, three chapters from the west were added to the fraternity roster: Xi at Ohio State University, Pi at the University of West Virginia and Omicron at the University of Michigan.

As president, Petrelli consummated the first contract with Balfour, the fraternity's official jeweler, and approved the first designs and printing for official pledge certificates. He was the first to rent a Central Office, and the first to invoke penalties against delinquent chapters.

Louis J. Rinaldi, Iota
Sixth National president, 1924
(Died 1977)

Louis Rinaldi served a short term in office — from February to December, 1924. He was the last of the undergraduate presidents. During his term, legislation was passed deciding that only graduate brothers would be eligible for the office of National President (which was known as Grand Consul then). Also the fraternity was split into districts for the first time in order to promote contact among the entities. No expansion took place during 1924.



John Pasta, Beta
Seventh National President, 1925
(Died 1984)

John Pasta, as the first alumnus president, took over a fraternity that was in financial trouble with many uncohesive entities. Under his leadership, the treasury was strengthened with help from a young treasurer named Peter Sammartino, and communication improved among the chapters. The first fraternity directory was completed by Ben Marsicano. In addition, Pasta started negotiations with five college groups for the installation of new chapters, one of which (Rho at Carnegie Mellon) was installed during his administration.

He further encouraged the formation of alumni organizations and took preliminary steps towards admission into National Interfraternal Council. Progress along this line was halted because of certain phrases in the fraternity constitution. This led Pasta to undertake a complete revision of the constitution which was revised a few years later and which, together with a revised ritual, were his greatest contributions to the fraternity.

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Benjamin Marsicano, Theta Eighth National President, 1926-1927 — (Died ?)

Benjamin Marsicano brought great communications and organization to the office of Grand Consul. Under his administration, Grand Council work was systematized, a new system for the treasury was installed, the second fraternity directory was completed, and Alpha Phi Delta was submitted for admittance into the National Interfraternity Conference.

Marsicano was a tireless worker during his two years as Grand Consul. He visited every chapter, traveling from New York to Michigan to West Virginia. Sigma chapter at Boston University was installed in 1927 with Marsicano in attendance. By the time he left office, the fraternity treasury had a surplus after having been in a deficit since the term prior to John Pasta.



Charles J. Barone, Nu Ninth National President, 1927-1929 (Died 1963)

Dr. Barone was a professor at the University of Pittsburgh. As such, he gave the fraternity dignity and poise and contact with University presidents and deans. He provided greater recognition for the entire fraternity. His

greatest endeavor was the fulfillment of his scholarship program. For the first time, serious efforts were made to raise the scholarship standing of the undergraduates and of the chapters as units.

Under Dr. Charles Barone, the fraternity enjoyed great expansion. Six new chapters were installed under his administration - Tau, Upsilon, Phi, Chi, Psi, and Omega. With Phi chapter established at the University of Alabama, new territory in the south was opened up for the fraternity. The first alumni club was chartered in 1928 by the Cleveland group.



Peter Sammartino, Eta Tenth National President, 1929-1931

It is quite a shock to be referred to as the oldest living Past National President of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity. It was at the tall end of 1924 when John Pasta, who had just been elected Grand Consul (we used the old Roman titles at that time), asked me to be his Grand Tribune (national secretary). I gladly accepted. We both lived in Queens, Long Island at the time, he in Woodhaven, I in Winfield Junction.

I was given nothing to start with — but nothing. We didn't even have a correct list of chapters or of their addresses. We started backwards. We knew that the last chapter was Pi at the University of West Virginia. We began to fill in, believe it or not, simply by word of mouth as to whom we could contact. In a few cases, we were able to locate the chapter through the dean at the college or university.

We also worked through L.G. Balfour and Company in Attleboro, Massachusetts, a jewelry concern. We received a royalty on all jewelry sold, and this slowly began to build our treasury. We also strengthened our control through the issuance of the shingles or certificates. Since I had

worked my way through high school by engraving certificates (printing in the names by hand), I took care of this chore and was able to know who was joining.

Johnnie Pasta gave me complete leeway in my detective approach, and soon we began to take on the semblance of an organization. I did all my own typing and duplicating. We had no money for anything fancy like printing, but we did begin to send out a mimeographed newsletter called "The Ticker". I found the work exciting: getting to know all these new friends all over the country, like Bernie Pellegrino and Lou Giorgio (Yale), Tom Paolino (Brown), Henry Salvatore (Pennsylvania), Charlie Barone (Pittsburgh), Frank Paladino (Alabama).

Slowly we paid off most of our debts and had a respectful balance in our treasury.

At the 1925 meeting of the Grand Council, Ben Marsicano was elected Grand Consul. Since the idea was that each Grand Consul would appoint a Grand Tribune near enough to him to make for easy communication, Lou Voso became Grand Tribune. One happy note: all chapters were represented even though two could only send one instead of the regular two delegates. I was elected Grand Quaestor. It was at this time that I asked Frank Pagano to help me set up a regular kit for monthly financial reports. It was another step in the strengthening of the central office which, of course, moved everytime there was a new administration.

I paid a call on Mr. Baird who lived in the Chelsea section of New York City and arranged to have Alpha Phi Delta listed in Baird's Manual which was the official handbook of all fraternities in the United States. I began to attend the meetings of the Interfraternity Conference where I met its president, Mr. Edward T.T. Williams. This was in 1926. Years later, in 1942 when I founded Fairleigh Dickinson, by strange coincidence, he was to be my first chairman of the board of trustees.

At the next election in 1927, I was elected as Grand Tribune-Quaestor under the Grand Consulship of Dr. Charles Barone. It was during this period that we began the work of systematizing the pledging of prospective

members. I wrote the pledge manual **DOKIME** and even arranged for the appropriate gowns to be used.

In 1929, in an atmosphere of strength and progress and financial jubilation, Charlie Barone and I switched positions. I became Grand Consul and Dr. Barone assumed my position as Grand Tribune-Quaestor. We embarked on a campaign to encourage new chapters. It's more or less a jumble after all these years, but I remember being active in the installation of chapters at Alabama, at Penn State, Duquesne, Rochester, Manhattan, William and Mary, Temple, Bucknell and New York University at Washington Square. That last chapter was to mean a great deal to me. One of the Theta Beta members was Louis Scaramelli. At the dinner given in my honor, he brought as his guest his sister Sylvia, a graduate of Smith College and of Columbia for her masters. Sally, as she was called, and I met that night. It was love at first sight.

But back to the fraternity. We thought we could expand beyond Cleveland, but the mechanics of transportation and communication made it impossible.

A committee composed of Frank Pagano, Liddy Carlino, Henry Maccario and Harry Vecchio brought out the first Alpha Phi Delta Songbook. Each new chapter installation was a formal ritual and function. As I remember them, I was proud of all of them. We were active in the Interfraternity Conference and began to receive continuing favorable notices in **Banta's Greek Exchange**, the official interfraternity magazine. We applied for senior membership in the Interfraternity Conference and, under the skillful handling of Paul Salvatore, were successful.

Kleos, the official Alpha Phi Delta magazine was launched. I enjoyed being its editor. Just about then, I prevailed upon Frank Pagano to write the first history of our fraternity.

By then, I had served with Johnnie Pasta, with Ben Marsicano, with Charlie Barone and had ended my own Grand Consulship — I think it was then the longest span of service in our history. I was glad to give over the reins to Professor Paul J. Salvatore. I was still active as editor of **Kleos** and

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in arranging social activities.

I noticed important changes in fraternity doings: The Italian-American men were not discriminated against as much as before. Fraternities had been mainly Protestant and that left most of us out, Catholic and that meant mostly Irish, and the few Jewish fraternities. But now Catholic fraternities opened up, and nonsectarian fraternities appeared on the scene. I also noticed that many Italian boys were marrying non-Italian girls, in some areas, the proportion was as much as 50%. And now most of all, Italian boys were less "Italian" in their stance. All of this was to the good. The melting pot was in full stew. In the mid-thirties I said, "We have to make a decision. Either we fade out of the picture quietly or we allow those of non-Italian background to enter our ranks." We had already changed our constitution to that effect. My ideas were not readily accepted, and I can understand the disinclination to change drastically. However, as I read our history, both, in a sense, have taken place. Of the 29 chapters in existence by the time I was Grand Consul, I believe 23 have atrophied although new ones have cropped up. And now Alpha Phi Delta is no longer limited to men of Italian background.

I had already been interested in national Italian American organizations since 1909 when I attended my first meeting of the Order of Sons of Italy at the Garibaldi house in Rosebank, Staten Island. Alpha Phi Delta is one of the most important aspects of the history of Italians in America and indeed it is exceedingly important because it represents the first national surge in upward mobility of the Italians in America — an organization of 100% college men.

Paul J. Salvatore, Beta
Eleventh National President,
1931-1933 (Died 1960)

Salvatore was also the second National President. He is the only man to be elected twice as National President in non-consecutive years. Being elected at the 1931 Convention in New York City, Alpha Phi Delta looked to his leadership to pull them through the Great Depression that had begun in 1929. The fraternity, like the country, was in the

midst of a financial crisis which threatened its very existence. This financial crisis was to dampen the fraternity's expansion, and only one chapter (Beta Zeta at Ohio University) was admitted to the fraternity under Salvatore's second administration.

A policy of retrenchment was adopted to maintain a balanced financial budget. Expenditures were cut back, and the 1932 convention was postponed. By sacrifices, Alpha Phi Delta was able to survive these lean years. Paul Salvatore's greatest achievement in his second term was guiding the fraternity through financial crisis.



Gerard Chirichigno, Nu
Twelfth National President,
1933-1935 (Died 1980)

With Gerard Chirichigno came an era of cordiality. He instituted the Mid-Year Executive Committee meetings which were held at a chapter house between National Council Conventions. Holding these Mid-year meetings gave more exposure to the entire fraternity.

The fraternity gained one new chapter, Beta Eta at Brooklyn College, under Chirichigno's administration. (Unfortunately, this would be the last new chapter admitted for the next fourteen years.) The fraternity also lost one chapter as Omicron's charter (University of Michigan) was pulled due to debts.

An official fraternity flag was defined during this presidency. And the Northeastern Alumni Club of Scranton, PA, was admitted to the fraternity in 1934.



Francis X. Pagano, Eta
13th National President,
1935-1937 (Died 1955)

Francis X. Pagano had served as Tribune-Quaestor (Secretary-Treasurer) for four years prior to his election as President. Upon his assuming the presidency, the fraternity adopted a new resolution that the Secretary position was not to be used as a stepping stone to the presidency, and was to be an appointed position by the Executive Committee. Unfortunately Pagano's Executive Committee could not decide on a successor, and he had to fill both positions for a short period.

Two new districts, the Seventh and Eighth, were installed under Pagano. The first written reports were issued at the 1936 Convention. Financial problems still abounded in Pagano's term. Beta Gamma chapter at William and Mary College instituted an "open door" policy for membership and had its charter pulled.



Frank Travaline, Lambda
14th National President,
1937-1939

Frank M. Travaline Jr. was elected National President in the "City of Brotherly Love", Philadelphia, on September 4, 1937, at the convention held that year at the historic Benjamin Franklin Hotel. The position was known as Grand Consul then and Frank had as his official assistants then a Grand Historian-Chaplain-Delegate, Victor S. Leanza and a Grand Tribune Quaestor, Philip

Repino. Of course there were District Pro-Consul's (Governors) by then but nothing like the sprawling heirarchy that we have today. In fact the Fraternity didn't have Vice President who could legally succeed a President in case he was incapacitated until 1941, nor a separate Secretary and Treasurer until after World War II.

Frank Travaline faced a deteriorating organization. The Fraternity was in an unsound, unhealthy and undesirable state, the results, mainly, of a depressing economy and a supervision that was lackadaisical at best and potentially destructive at worst. After many chapter visitations, spirited talks with interested alumni and making his own studies of the situation, he set down in writing the various ills of the Fraternity in the subsequent annual report.

Space does not permit the listing of the 19 failings that he observed in his studies (many of which, incidentally, you may find in existence today). You will find them on page forty two of the History. But what is interesting, and perhaps overlooked by most Alpha Phi Delta men today, is the fact that such a document exists, that 50 years ago someone would take the time to diligently study and write about the factors that were working to potentially bring down a once proud organization. Many of the problems had at its roots money, the economy or disillusionment with an organization that was booming during the twenties only to cease growing during the depression of the thirties and the frustrations that accompanied it. But several others had nothing to do with money, and its fruits bore the poisons of disarray and disorganization.

Nor was Frank Travaline alone in his observations. Phil Repino, who has previously served as the 5th District Pro-Consul, made a study of his own and came up with similar conclusions. The result was a pica-typed, single-spaced, 49 page annual report that has become a classic of its time (and kind).

It is a credit to Frank Travaline, an otherwise modest, music loving and diplomatic lawyer, that he and his administration had the vision to set down some firm groundwork on which the Fraternity could anchor its footing for building the organization we know

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today.

Today, at the age of 90, Frank Travaline is retired from his law practice and maybe reminisces about the time he became a candidate for the New Jersey Legislature and was elected with a majority of 45,000 votes. This marked the first time a person of Italian extraction had been elected to public office in that section of the state. He went on to be elected to three additional terms, and at the age of 32 served as "Acting" Speaker of the House.

He was a charter member of Lambda chapter and its first President, and the author of two early fraternity songs, "What We Do Goes Down In History" and "Alpha Phi Delta Sweetheart Of Mine" which he dedicated to his wife, the former Winifred S. McHugh who passed away late last year. He wrote the basic ritual for Memorial services adopted in 1929 and the revised initiation ritual of the mid-thirties. He served as District Governor for several years. Meanwhile, he and "Winnie" raised five children.

(Submitted by Stan Raffa)

Frank Travaline read the above article by Stan and was able to respond on his own. He writes: "I cannot improve on it (what you have written). My proudest accomplishment as Grand Consul was in the adoption by the convention of the new initiation ritual which abolished the cruel and sadistic form of ritual which did our fraternity a disservice; putting it on a higher intellectual plane and voiding the inhumane hazing was an idea whose time had come. And our fraternity rose to the challenge. The songs and original memorial service were incidental." Brother Travaline turned 90 years young on July 1, 1989.



Victor Leanza, Xi
15th National President,
1939-1941 (Died 1980)

In an effort to revive finances,

one of Victor Leanza's goals in office was to stimulate Life Memberships among the alumni. In addition to economic recovery, Leanza saw an increase in scholastic efforts among the undergraduates. An Expansion Committee was created to pursue new chapters.



Joseph A. DeGuglielmo, Upsilon
16th National President,
1941-1945 (Died 1983)

When Joseph DeGuglielmo took office in 1941, he felt that the fraternity was ready for expansion. Prospects for new chapters were promising. However, the United States entered World War II in December 1941, and everything changed. Collegemen were being drafted or enlisting, and existing chapters would struggle to survive. There would be no expansion for DeGuglielmo's administration.

During the war, the fraternity went down to 15 active chapters - small but active. All conventions from 1942 to 1945 were cancelled. Many brothers were called into the service including President DeGuglielmo. "DeGug", as he was affectionately known, continued to serve APD even in the service until March 30, 1945, where he resigned due to a physical disability he sustained in the service.



Felix Ottaviano, Omega
17th National President,
1945-1946

Brother Ottaviano writes: "In 1942 President DeGuglielmo was called into military service so I,

as Vice-President, became President. It was up to me to hold APD together. With little money in the treasury, it was difficult to cover the territory from Chicago to Alabama. What really hurt was the breakup of Boston and New York. There was a falling off of pledges, and many of us wondered about a real need for APD.

"At an intra-fraternity conference, one of the speakers stated that it was not the duty of a fraternity to take a sow's ear and make a silk purse. I, as representative of APD, rose and challenged his remark and stated it is the function of a fraternity to make a better person. After the meeting, the President of Tulane asked me why APD was not on his campus. My response was that many of the schools thought as the speaker did.

"Through the efforts of Brothers Vannicola, DeGug and Vinnie, the editor of the Kleos, we did hold together.

"In September of 1946 the first convention since before WWII was held in Syracuse, NY, and was well attended. My term of office then ended."



Domenic A. Macedonia, Kappa
18th National President,
1946-1948 (Died 1968)

At the start of Macedonia's term of office, the fraternity had 16 active chapters and 13 alumni clubs. Enthusiasm abounded among the entities. Soon Rho, Tau and Theta were reactivated. A group of men at the College of Steubenville petitioned for chapter status (and soon became Beta Theta Chapter), the first to be added in fourteen years.

From the History: "In two years, under the able guidance of Dr. Macedonia, and through his untiring efforts (he made the complete circuit of chapters and alumni clubs three times during his two administrations), Alpha Phi Delta was a stronger and better understood fraternity. During his two terms as Grand Consul the fraternity consolidated centralized management in its steps to

secure permanent office headquarters, a first step toward solidification. Through his efforts and the cooperation of many more, the fraternity had recaptured five chapters inactive as a result of the past conflict, added and chartered two alumni clubs, added 175 Life Subscribers to its roster, made possible the purchase of Xi House at Ohio State University, which, though not owned nationally, was at least the first parcel of real estate owned by and for fraternity brothers, and initiated a charter grant for a new chapter, a feat unheard of since 1934."



Samuel Varco, Epsilon
19th National President,
1948-1950 (Died 1973)

More growth for the fraternity in the Varco administrations. Beta Iota at Utica College was founded in 1948. Pi and Beta Chapters were reactivated. Beta Iota and Beta Kappa were installed in 1949. In 1949, the fraternity consisted of 23 active chapters, a colony, and 14 alumni clubs. Pi Chapter was able to obtain a house through the efforts of PNP Domenic Macedonia. Zeta Chapter was reactivated in 1949. On a negative note, Beta Zeta Chapter (University of Ohio) seceded from the fraternity due to violating the "closed door" policy of membership.

Expansion continued in two distant and uncharted (for Alpha Phi Delta) areas. Colonies were established at DePaul University in Chicago (Beta Mu Chapter) and Miami University in Florida (Beta Nu Chapter). The total membership in Alpha Phi Delta as of July 31, 1950 was 4,530 of which 88 were deceased.

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Joseph W. Alaimo, MU
20th National President,
1950-1952 (Died 1977)

The Alaimo terms as President saw the end of the city conventions. In 1951, the first resort convention was held in Oceanside Hotel in Magnolia, MA. Attendance was 200 people. The Seventh District was established for Chicago. Beta Xi Chapter at Newark College of Engineering was chartered, and the Newark Alumni Club was reactivated.



Adam DiVincenzo, Psi
21st National President,
1952-1954

Adam DiVincenzo set as a theme for his presidency of strengthening our weak chapters, continued encouragement to the strong, and larger and more active alumni clubs in support of both. The Mohawk Valley Alumni Association was chartered in 1952 for the Utica, NY, area. The Youngstown Alumni Club cultivated a nucleus of undergrads at Youngstown College and formed Beta Omicron chapter in 1953.



Frank Cavallaro, Theta Beta
22nd National President,
1954-1956 (Died 1980)

Frank Cavallaro could be termed "The Great Communicator" for his administration as president. During his two years in office he sent out over two thousand pieces of correspondence and visited every chapter at least twice. He personally organized the Westchester Alumni Club which was chartered in 1955.

In an effort to stimulate participation in the fraternity, Cavallaro activated and staffed eighteen national committees in the hopes of channelling the talents of the brothers into constructive fraternity efforts. After eighteen years in office, Vincent Larcy retired as Kleos Editor in 1955. Cavallaro appointed Stan Raffa to fill the post and continue on with Larcy's policies.

While Brother Cavallaro has passed on, his wife Anne still attends conventions. In response to a request from the Kleos, she mailed one of Frank's presidential reports. The following paragraph is excerpted from his report: "The greatest benefit our Fraternity can bestow upon any member is the joy derived from participation in the fraternity programs, and from association with other brothers. The amount of enjoyment any brother receives from fraternity life varies proportionately to the degree of participation of the other brothers. To increase the benefit to each brother, I have encouraged larger attendance and better cooperation. I have encouraged closer relations between chapters and their schools. I have promoted increases in Life Subscription... I have suggested alumni activation procedures to the chapters. I have tried to impress the alumni clubs with the importance of 'Fathering' the nearby chapters. I have stressed the value of good public relations. I have recommended the formation of more chapter and district news letters. I have spread

the doctrine that each brother's enjoyment depends on each brother's cooperation."



Frank Costanzo, Nu
23rd National President,
1956-1958

In his own words: "During 1954-56, Frank Cavallaro, 22nd Grand Consul, was a very aggressive and vital person, and being his Vice-Grand Consul, we accomplished a lot. The following is a listing of some programs that were initiated during this period: (1) Quarterly publication (from biannual) of the Kleos. (2) A sum of \$3000 for expenses and service for the Executive Secretary. (3) Positive theme to increase new brothers. Initiation of 235 brothers in 1955 was an increase of 53. (4) National housing brought a new house to Beta Lambda. (5) First effort for APD National Scholarship Loan Foundation. (6) A drive for Life Subscribers. (7) A five dollars annual alumni dues was approved. (8) Expansion efforts brought two new chapters in.

"These were some accomplishments that I as Vice-Grand Consul supported. However, in those days Central Office had a lot to say in what we could do or would do. For that reason I made several trips to Boston to get a feel for what we could do to off-set the "Open Door" policy that universities had been imposing on fraternities. We had to rush students of non-Italian descent in the fraternity. Frank Cavallaro volunteered to prepare a revision of the constitution that was accepted by the fraternity. Later the Ritual was also rewritten to include Italian Culture as our purpose. You can imagine the discussion the alumni had on this issue. We actually lost several brothers over this.

"During my tenure in office, we hammered away at the alumni and did get several alumni clubs. One was the Chicago Alumni Club. We held our 1958 Executive Committee meeting in Chicago. The

undergrads (Beta Mu chapter of DePaul University) and the alumni showed their hospitality by holding a splendid affair for the National Officers.

"Housing was another issue for Central Office. Every Chapter wanted a house, but the money was not available to meet the demand. When St. Francis got their first house, Jules Zangrille and Joe Scotti put it all together. I remember them coming to my house with a truck and loading my living room set for the good of the fraternity. When the Pi house was purchased, I approached my father, then in the hardware business, for a built-in kitchen unit; and the brothers at West Virginia came up with a truck to Steubenville, Ohio to pick it up.

"Getting back to Central Office in 1958, Joseph DeGuglielmo, National Secretary, announced his successor as Fred Pegnato. This was the end of a period that I felt would make a big change for our fraternity, but in reality made little or no change. Which showed the fraternity will continue to exist regardless of who runs the organization.

"During my tenure as President, Joe D'Urso was Vice-President. We worked well together in accomplishing our objectives: (1) Increase treasury income; (2) Four houses were bought; (3) Alumni clubs increased by three (4) Convention attendance increased; (5) Turnover of Central Office to Fred Pegnato; however, Carlo Vannicola remained as treasurer; (6) Sharing traveling commitments to make sure all entities were visited.

"The traveling around the country and visiting all the chapters, alumni clubs, Ladies Auxiliaries and Central Office will be an experience that I will never forget."



Joseph M. D'Urso, Beta Delta
24th National President,
1958-1960

In his response to the Kleos, Brother D'Urso wrote: "My mind

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is vague about my tenure. I do know that the Gannon College group (Beta Rho) was organized, and I was part of the chapter installation and initiations. During my time the Buffalo Alumni Club was activated. What stands out in my mind is beating Ernie Coletti (2nd District Governor) on the golf course.

"One of the accolades given to me was by Carlo Vannicola, when at the time he became president, he told me he wished he could do the same fine job that I did.

"Ernie Coletti was my campaign manager. It was 1957, and we were at Scaroon Manor at our Convention. As Ernie tells it, I kept going out of the meeting hall to try to get involved with the movie Marjorie Morningstar which was being filmed on location. So Ernie figures in order to keep me at the meetings, he nominated me for Vice-President. That's how I got started."



Carlo M. Vannicola, Rho
25th National President,
1960-1962 (Died 1977)

In 1960 Central Office moved to Pittsburgh after having been in Boston since 1945. Joe DeGuglielmo retired as National Secretary, and Carlo Vannicola, who had been National Treasurer for seventeen years, was elected as National President. These positions were filled by Adam DiVincenzo as Secretary and Joseph Scotti as Treasurer. In 1960 the Alpha Phi Delta Convention Corporation was formed with Joe DeGuglielmo as its Chairman.

On the expansion side of Vannicola's term in office, the Weirton Alumni Club was chartered in 1961 and Beta Sigma Chapter at St. Francis College in Brooklyn was installed in 1962.



Joseph Scioscia, Psi
26th National President,
1962-1964

Brother Scioscia writes:

"Reflecting on past history can only be truly enjoyed in its entirety by the participants. If you are honest with yourself the majority of the youth could care little about the past, a natural faculty. I believe that there is ample evidence that the new brothers would find it difficult to expound upon Italian-American history and fully appreciate the history of Alpha Phi Delta.

"As for predictions one must first consider need, then future predictions are somewhat less cloudy. Fraternities as a whole must establish new precepts charting principles of excellence that can only be obtained through collective effort with the added protection of freedom of choice for the individual. Avoid the fevers of popular social reforms emanating from the political liberal social agenda that if adopted, would ultimately replace your freedom with socialism, a system that will self destruct in time. Remember freedom is the absence of control.

"To the young I say perfect your talents to the point of excellence, avoid causes and plan your objective to materialize in the future. Always remember that when you consider a course of action in the present time frame, that decision or plan is shrouded in the distortion of history. Action based in that time frame will result in a fifty percent success rate or less.

"Last but not least as the population of this country expands and the dynamics of our economy are distorted to meet social appetites, the only fortress will be the family unit. Take care and protect it as the alternative is unacceptable."



Francis Paladino, Phi
27th National President,
1964-66 (Died 1985)

In 1979, Brother Paladino wrote an article for The Kleos entitled "Quo Vadis II". The article was four legal pages long (typed) and was never published. Some of it is excerpted here to reflect Paladino's thoughts.

"The fraternity system has weathered the vicissitudes of our times in a fairly comparable and reflective manner. At crucial periods social responses have been well mirrored by these American collegiate institutions. Wars, post war adjustments, campus upheavals, strong characterizations upon ethnic ideologies, responses to identities, and the strong polarization from pure idealism to individuality per se; all stemming from youths search for a status, and the greater effort to unshackle themselves from the blunders of the elders . . .

"More times than I care to repeat, I have stated that a National Fraternity is a Business. The forcefulness of conducting a business should not be put aside when invoking the merits of idealism, brotherhood and camaraderie. The object of any fraternity is a perpetuation of its ideals and to assist others . . .

"The real purpose of a fraternity is a bond of ideals, which includes the aim to help young men become better men. One cannot fault the idealists and the sincerity and efforts of those of Alpha Phi Delta who have striven to promote a better, larger, more meaningful organization . . .

"It matters not one iota whether the policy is 'closed or open door'. The problem is not with National Office, nor with existing alumni clubs, nor with existing chapters. The problem is still as basic today as it was fifty years ago; namely, the need for more interest from unaffiliated alumni, more interest by the chapters in their rushing . . . Rushing is the particular job of

everyone in a chapter because the lifeblood of a chapter is its pledges . . . Since Fraternity is a business, it is the job of everyone to sell the merits of his fraternity. No pledges — no chapter. It is as simple as that . . .

"*Sine Labore Nihil* — which means, nothing without labor."

(The fraternity policy of "open door" was started in 1965 under Paladino's term of office.)



Trent J. Ciarrocchi, Psi
28th National President,
1966-1968

"Twenty years brings back memories, some good and some bad. The loss of a good friend and brother, Dr. D.A. Macedonia, in early 1968, and the loss of my son, Trent, Jr., also a fraternity brother, on November 24, 1968. There was good and bad during my term in office.

"The highlights were as follows:
1. The National Convention authorized the publication of an updated history of the fraternity. Stan Raffa was the Kleos Editor, and we did not have an official history since 1940. 2. Attempted to institute the Five Year Plan as submitted by Stan Raffa. The Plan covered six areas: Life membership, Life subscription, Scholarship, Ritual, Traveling Secretary, and the establishment of a Contingency Fund. This was tabled for further study, but we did push for 200 Life Members. The older and more recent alumni members support was very visible. Expansion was something we all pushed for, some years were good and some were at a standstill. My opinion at the time was that the closed door policy made us something. Many older brothers felt the same way, but the open door policy prevailed, and we all went along.

"One humorous incident occurred to me at the Laurels Convention. I was conducting a meeting on the Open versus Closed Door Policy. One undergraduate kept talking that it should

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be closed, and he gave many convincing arguments. I called for a fifteen minute recess and made it my business to talk to the undergraduate, who was from New York. He told me that the reason he was for the Closed Door Policy was that he was the only Jewish American boy in an outstanding Italian-American Fraternity, and he did not want any other Jewish students in his chapter. Back at the time some chapters did slip in a pledge of other ethnic groups. The incident still stands out in my memory."



Vincent Muffoletto, Epsilon 29th National President, 1968-1970

"My best recollections of my term as president was the expansion resulting in increase in chapters which provided housing and thus establishing the catalyst which generated additional benefits of fraternal life. I refer to the social experiences of communal living, the fiscal responsibility that was assumed and mastered, and the solidification of lasting relationships nurtured in fraternlism.

"In retrospect, I also believe it was the period which marked the subtle passing of the mantle of stewardship of the fraternity from the founding brothers to a succeeding generation of young, bright, energetic brothers promising to breathe new life into their legacy of rich social and scholastic accomplishment."



Stanley W. Raffa, Delta 30th National President, 1970-1972

History is necessarily a digest of isolated but related happenings, sometimes denoting progress. The historian attempts to weave together some meaningful words or thoughts based on some relevant information that he has available, in the hope of getting the desired theme across. The result is that he often drops (or edits) a lot of material that he would have liked to insert in order to make a more cogent point or a more readable essay.

For me, some of the best lines I wrote are not contained in the History but in the letters, reports and otherwise lengthy precis that were written during my tenure as National President during 1970-1972. They run the gamut from the sublime to the hilarious, from the many trips I took across country advertising "I AM NATIONAL; WHAT CAN NATIONAL DO FOR YOU", to the thoughts that I had while making these trips, even while Al Palazzo lay sleeping in the car. Much of this is the droll humor that one develops about a certain incident or subject that just doesn't fit into someone's idea of History. (After all, one must be bold and meaningful in writing History!) In reviewing these otherwise "lost" letters (which I took pains to preserve) I felt it would be worthy to resurrect a few at this time. If they sound like Carlo Vannicola's "Roundtable" I'm proud of it. After all, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

To Gene Ball, social chairman of Beta Lambda, I wrote in March of 1971: "In my next report you will find that your affair is erroneously referred to as the IRIS Ball instead of the ORCHID Ball. It seems that I just can't keep my flowers straight" (especially since Beta Beta has the ROSE Ball, or is it Beta Iota). It was coincidence that his name was GENE Ball. Can you imagine the uproar it would have caused if I substituted Balls for flowers?

To Joe Creston, prophetically, I wrote: "Well, you did it again! Last year, at the National Convention, you surprised everyone (that didn't know you that well, maybe) with a few concise remarks that set most of the delegates on their heels.

"At the Executive committee meeting in Chicago you did pretty much the same thing at the Beta Mu/Chicago Alumni Affair.

"At the Fifth District Convention last weekend, you revealed yourself a master organizer in Alpha Phi Delta . . .

"It seems to me that you have mystique about you that attracts both alumni and undergraduates alike.

"Someday, you know, you are going to make a great President, whether you like it or not."

And you know what Joe Creston, who said many times that he would never be President, ended up doing!

To Santo Barbarino (now Dr.) I wrote: "Speaking of Joe Creston, I received a little note scribbled on a 5D Convention notice which says, "Tell Santo the **Kleos** was the best I ever read. He should have taken it over long ago". Unfortunately he spelled 'Kleos' 'Kelos'. Since I can't expect more from Duquesne graduates, especially those of the early fifties, don't let it go to your head!"

Another gem occurred to me while I was crossing the Susquehanna River going to Pittsburgh or some other "western" spot. "It seems to me that I have crossed the Susquehanna River more times in the past year than the Hudson next door to me. When you travel a lot, places become landmarks . . . After enough trips, it suddenly occurs to you that unless you're traveling via the New York thruway and Buffalo, you just can't get across country without crossing the Susquehanna as it winds its way from Cooperstown, New York, through the Appalachians to empty its waters in Chesapeake Bay."

Santo Barbarino (now Dr.) was generally the straight man I used to bounce my lines off. I may be doing that now but at that time he was the editor of the **Kleos** on which I strived for a good rating. One day I sent him copies of letters I had written to Frank Sinatra, Joe D'Urso and **Kleos** Lucciano, mascot of Chi chapter. In the accompanying letter I wrote: "Someday, when the N-E-X-T History is written, let it be known that the undersigned could feel perfectly at ease corresponding with such diverse personalities as a Board Chairman, an Ex-President, and a dog, all in the same week . . ."

To Sinatra I had written: "It was with great pride that I watched the presentation of the film industry's Jean Hersholt Humanitarian

Award being made to you last Thursday night. It seems to me that this type of award is the most coveted that any industry can bestow upon one of its own. You were very gracious in your acceptance.

"The entire Fraternity joins me in congratulating you on this proud occasion. Amidst reports that you are "retiring" from active show business (somehow, it won't be the same), our very best wishes go with you in your future endeavors."

I understand that a reply is in the mail.

To Joe D'Urso, a labor consultant and arbitrator, Past National President, and an ardent golfer, had written me a letter about a "hole in one" he had made somewhere in Las Vegas or Bermuda and therefore was looking for the Alpha Phi Delta golf crown. Shrugging it off I wrote: ". . . I've played golf maybe only ten times and never caught on to the game. It seems to me that I did something special once too. I think it was during my 7th game on a Class "D" course in Santa Maria, California. Teeing off on the first hole, about six-thirty in the morning, I missed the ball eleven times! I thought it was a great feat (after all, how many times can you miss when you're really trying to hit the ball); but nobody gave me an award. Naturally, my friends squirmed a little and the guys behind me cursed, but I was hysterical and was having a whale of a time . . . I finally let that little ball have it with a five iron . . . Somehow I always worried about breaking 120; it might ruin my enthusiasm for the game!"

To **Kleos** I had written: ". . . It was thoughtful of you to write and I must admit you have a flair for it! Certainly you sign your name with a flourish! I just had it examined by a paw reader and he tells me that in addition to possessing a long life line, you have character plus any number of hidden talents.

"The paw reader also tells me that you're at least a few pounds overweight. (It seems that you leaned heavily on the signature and this guy's pretty sharp to notice such things). He says to cut out fatty stuff and lay off between the main meals. He also told me the same thing. I guess it's not so easy to get us old dogs out of old

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habits . . .

"Whoever told you that I wouldn't be at the 5D Convention gave you a bum steer (and I bet you could sink your teeth into a leg of that stuff!) . . . I called Santo Barbarino (another uncle of yours) just today. We, and a few others from Beta Sigma, intend to make it to your house on a Sunday in May. We want to make a day of it and share some meatballs. . .

"Meanwhile, take care, you hear? Stay away from that erzats stuff — all that oatmeal jazzed up in the can with bouillon broth and all that rubber stuff in a plastic bag. Hold out for the real stuff, pal. . ."

A copy of the letter was sent to Barbarino, Zangrille, and Creston who also liked dogs. Unfortunately, when we went there in May we found that **Kleos** was seeing his last days, a victim of cancer.

Finally, I wrote a letter to Dr. Horace Goffredo, which I'll quote only in part:

" . . . I must admit that I've never had more fun in Alpha Phi Delta than I've had this year. I've been welcomed and well received by everyone, initially, at a couple of places with some suspicion (one chapter thought I was there to collect dues), later, with genuine enthusiasm, I think . . . I would like to think that my trips have been as spiritually inspiring to the undergraduates as they have been to me . . .

"In other things, I guess that the idea of the reports have been a big help. Frankly, it seems to me that the way to get the most mileage out of these trips was to write about them to all our entities. It was pointless to wait for the **Kleos** (that's not a criticism, it's the way it is); besides, it provides the 'personal communications' that I feel we need at this time. As it turns out, the reports are no real problem to write (something at which I am much better at than making speeches) . . ."

I would like to think that I ushered in the era where the National President took on this "personal communications" personally. In just one of those years, I recorded 32,000 miles, at least 6,000 miles for the fraternity, many of these with Al Palazzo as Third District Governor, who two years later was to become National President, and still later joined me in collectively becoming Central Office. God Bless that faithful

1966 Chevrolet which lasted through 150,000.8 miles. If it could talk, it would surely say that there is no "generation gap" among Fraternity men.



Julius J. Zangrille, Beta Lambda 31st National President, 1972-1974

When I look back to the years I was National President, it is hard to say just what was the most important accomplishment.

During these years, Fraternities were not the "in thing" and acquiring new brothers and building the chapters were difficult.

My predecessor, Stan Raffa, started direct contact with the chapters and alumni clubs and I continued the same policy by visiting every chapter and alumni club.

I personally believe that this is why Alpha Phi Delta survived those years without any great loss and, in some cases, we had gains.

In March 1973, we installed Beta Tau Chapter at Fairmont, West Virginia, and in 1973 the National Capital alumni club of Washington, D.C. was installed.

Another important action, which I lobbied for successfully, was the undergraduate coordinating committee chairman who became an undergraduate National Officer with a seat and vote on the executive committee.

My active years in Alpha Phi Delta started in 1949 as the first president of my chapter. I then became the Alumni Advisor, 5th District Governor, National Housing Member, National Vice President, National President and National Housing Committee Chairman.

I hope that by serving my fraternity, I returned just a little of what Alpha Phi Delta gave me.



Albert E. Palazzo, Theta Beta 32nd National President, 1974-1976

For me, the Fraternity has left a lot of pleasant memories, especially those occurring during my administration. Foremost was my criss-crossing around the country several times, stopping here and there wherever I went, always selling Alpha Phi Delta like a determined salesman with only one product to sell. As National President, responding to the undergraduates cries that National was not giving them the attention they deserved, I would say, "HELLO, I'M NATIONAL. WHAT CAN NATIONAL DO FOR YOU?" Actually, these claims were already in the minority because my predecessors were doing a lot of travelling and the charge that they were not being paid enough attention was already mute. Nevertheless, they knew me for that.

They also knew me for my cars. My fortunes in Alpha Phi Delta are not necessarily a reflection of the number of cars I drive. The fact that I may have had a dozen cars in as many years should not be looked upon as the amount of driving that I did, but rather on how much mileage was left on the cars that I had. The cars must have known that when I took them over, that was the end of the line. It was just a matter of where that line terminated.

I recall one instance, long before I became President, coming back from the Balsam's Convention, when my car gave out on the road. Unable to get it started, I left my wife, Dottie, two sons, Vincent and Albert, Jr., and my 7 month old daughter Jerianne by the side of the road while I walked to town to buy another car — used of course. (I might add that my son Danny had not been born yet). They told me later that with that broken down car, they felt like leftovers from "The Grapes of Wrath".

Another time, on a trip to Wisconsin to visit my brother, the car collapsed in North Olmstead, Ohio. This time Danny was with us. We took all salvageable equipment out of the car — battery, start-up cables and spare oil (in cans of course) — packed them all in blankets, and got on a bus to finish our trip. Sometime later, I met a girl at a party at Pi House who happened to come from North Olmstead. "I know that place", I said, "I left a car there!"

There were several places where I was rescued by Fraternity Brothers. Ernie Coletti had the honor of picking me up twice, both in Utica. Once my car gave out right at the toll booth of the N.Y. Thruway. Another time the Universal Joint of the car gave way. Both times it was Ernie who picked me up. Good old Ernie. One time the car collapsed in Albany. This time we were going up to Lake George. Again, I left the family on the road like the Joads, (there were more of us this time including a lively dog named Rags), while I went looking for John Wetzel, a fraternity brother who was still living in Albany. I finally found John. We packed up everything, put it in John's car, and finished the trip. Good old John.

Another time I was going to Pittsburgh with plenty of spare oil to get me there. One of my stops was at Jules Zangrille's house. He gave me enough oil to get home. I was, by that time, stopping every 20 miles putting oil in my car. Good old Jules. That trip, I paid the boys at St. Francis (Loretto) a surprise visit. A big black cloud rolled to a stop in front of the Fraternity House. The boys didn't know who was coming at first until they caught sight of my pipe. Then they weren't sure whether it was my pipe or the car that was burning all the fuel.

During my tenure in office, and before and after, I managed to leave cars along the countryside with some of their parts — drive shafts, motor blades, tires, etc. — somewhere else. One time I brought a car to the garage to get something fixed. While I was talking to the mechanic, the car had the temerity to catch on fire. That was the end of the conversation. Another time I got a flat, only to find that both my spares were also flat. Luckily a fraternity brother, Joe Derrico, was behind me and I borrowed his spare. Unfortunately-

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ly that tire was the wrong size, but we managed to hobble to a garage a few miles down the road. Another time I bought a Mercury for \$1600. It was a real beauty. I had really splurged on that car (most of my cars cost \$50 to \$200). Unfortunately it was stolen four months later. So much for parking "new" cars in front of the house. A fraternity brother, Bill Linteris, is my supplier for most of my cars (not the Mercury). I can vouch for his product. After all, the price is right!

In a way, the way I remember my cars, is the way I remember my administration — fondly. When I didn't have a car, I would either fly to a function, rent a car, or ask Stan Raffa to take his car and go with me if he was free. There were many parties, dances, initiations, installations, spaghetti dinners, mid-years and just plain chapter or alumni club meetings that I attended, and many places that I slept while stopping over — Doc and Madeline Tosi's, Jules and "Bootsy" Zangrille's, Chi and Pi Chapter Houses — to name but a few. They were all very hospitable and very accomodating.

I like to think that I closed whatever we had left of the "communications" gap during my administration. In doing that, I said it then, and I'll say it now — "IT WAS FUN!"

Hey, Stan. Wanna go to Steubenville? They're having a spaghetti dinner out there this Sunday!



Anthony Nardone, Lambda
33rd National President,
1976 (Died 1976)

Brother Nardone did not actually serve as National President. He had been elected as Executive Vice-President under Al Palazzo for 1974-1976 and was in line to be National President at the next convention. In March of 1976, Dr. Anthony Nardone passed away. At the following convention (in Stevensville, New York), Dr. Nar-

done was posthumously granted the title of National President.



A. Joseph Creston, Psi
34th National President,
1976-1978

My tenure as National President from 1976 to 1978 started a new era of modernization for Alpha Phi Delta.

After a three year effort, the revamping of the constitution was completed at the 1978 convention. One of the important changes limited the number of years each national officer could serve. The limited tenure finally presented the opportunity for younger brothers to energize our fraternity.

During my term I initiated the Assistant Governor's concept. Some districts had become stagnant and the governors refused to resign. I assigned the assistants when the governors refused. Many of these assistants went on to become governors and national presidents. These young brothers followed me in office; I was the last of the older presidents.

I always believed the vice presidents should have more field exposure. My VP became an excellent trouble shooter. I sent him into the troubled districts and gave him specific assignments. From that time on, our presidents and vice presidents have become stronger teams.

I appointed a young alumnus to the position of VP Expansion, the first change to that office in twenty-five years. Expansion took off from that point and has never slowed down.

After eighteen years the Executive Secretary and VP Financial Affairs resigned and National Office moved from Pittsburgh to Dumont, New Jersey.

I initiated the immediate appointment of officers after my election. This procedure has continued. Previously no presidential appointments were made and the same officers continued to serve.

I would like to be remembered

as the president who led by example and prepared Alpha Phi Delta for a new era. To meet this objective I had to put my fraternity ahead of old friendships.



Santo J. Barbarino, Beta Sigma
35th National President,
1978-1980

Some would call it a transition, others a revolution. I became president in 1978. This presidency was accompanied by the beginning of a new central office (after 18 years), as well as a new constitution, establishing several vice-presidents positions with particular functions to better service the organization.

Several accomplishments were realized during this administration. Structurally, in addition to the new constitution, the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation was established, the National Housing Corporation was reorganized, the Convention Corporation was dissolved, the fraternity was brought into good standing with the Internal Revenue Service, and the first chapter consultant was appointed. Needless to say, these changes did not come easy.

Some of these structural modifications may at first seem distant or impertinent with respect to the more regular APD functions. However, this was not so. For example, with the change in the Convention Corporation came a resolution to distribute the profits of a given convention equally between the Scholarship Foundation and the undergraduate delegates. Also, via the new constitution, a vice-president for public relations was instituted. This position yielded a brochure and publicity posters to be used by chapters for recruitment purposes.

Perhaps the most enjoyable moments of my two-year tenure were the trips with Stan Raffa and Al Palazzo, the central office team. Believe me, Abbott and Costello have nothing on these two. I sat in the back of Stan's car,

while Al served as navigator. I think I still have the stomach pains from the laughter each time Al directed us onto a wrong highway in Ohio.

It was during a trip to Steubenville, while addressing the alumni club at Bob Palumbo's house, that someone interrupted me and asked, what, specifically, can the alumni do to help Alpha Phi Delta. I responded by saying we should establish a president's special projects fund developed by special contributions from our members. I indicated that any money contributed by the Steubenville brothers would be directed toward the computerization of our national alumni list. When I returned to New York, I received a letter from Rich Angelica, Steubenville A.C. president, along with a check in the amount of two thousand dollars. A totally unrehearsed response led to a magnificent gesture which started a wonderful trend across APD land, allowing us to address several areas of interest and concern, now that we had the money.

The most glorious, satisfying and exhilarating activity of a president is the signing of a new chapter charter. I had the privilege of signing three of these documents and will never forget the deep sense of pride when doing so.

Much was done from 1978 to 1980 because of the team with which I was blessed. I had, in Stan and Al, one of the most productive central office duos in the fraternity's history. I also had the good fortune of ahving very dedicated district governors, particularly Ron Sme of the third and Rod Belsky of the fifth, at that time the fraternity's two largest and most demanding districts. Neil Anastasio did a terrific job with the Kleos. Mike Zerega worked feverishly and productively at expansion. Peter Bertolini developed the publicity material mentioned above. Steve Ferrara, vice-president for cultural affairs, was determined to heighten awareness of our Italian heritage. Charlie Fiore, vice-president of good and welfare, rewrote the Dokime.

Finally, I was especially blessed with an outstanding executive vice-president, Tony Carfang. I dare say that never, before or after, did a president and executive vice-president work so closely together

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as Tony and I. For two solid years, our moves were totally coordinated. It was an inspiration to work with this man.



Anthony J. Carfang, Psi
36th National President,
1980-1982

Background— The 1970's saw baby boomers attending college in droves, yet the number of Alpha Phi Delta chapters and members was in a decade long tailspin. There was a resignation on the part of many fraternity leaders that we were destined to second class status, the uninspiring result of years of frustration. Many good ideas were tried by men with uncommon dedication, only to end in a continuing string of missteps or outright failures. Our infrastructure was nonexistent.

Action — I was determined to end this malaise. My management team and I took a series of firm steps to do so. Many were not popular; most were successful. They included:

- Adopting a can do attitude. We are first class. Being a second rate fraternity is a choice, not a fate.
- Establishing the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation, my **proudest achievement**. We don't have to be poor.
- Hiring a full time chapter consultant. Delivering on site service to the chapters is an objective without which there can be no other.
- Building an infrastructure. We can no longer rely on the heroic efforts of a handful of dedicated men.

Results— Can do attitude. The undergraduate response was overwhelming. Initiations doubled, the quality of chapter activities improved, and several new chapters were established.

Alpha Phi Delta Foundation. Established on January 17, 1981 with \$34,000 in assets, the Foundation has led to the most suc-

cessful fundraising we have ever witnessed. Over \$100,000 locked in local alumni trusts were merged into the newly tax exempt scholarship division. Individual fundraising tripled by 1982 from the pre-1980 levels. Assets are nearing \$400,000 in 1989. Unfortunately, as scholarship (albeit very important) became a cause celeb, establishing endowments for other important chapter services, to this day, takes a back seat.

Chapter Consultant. My consultant became our point man for delivering service to our chapters. He was our key to survival in the non-metropolitan areas. He was our man on the scene whenever problems arose and our liaison with our host colleges. Critics thought the position was an unnecessary luxury. Within a few years, my successors let the position lapse, and in short order we saw the demise of our once proud chapters at WVU, Penn State, Ohio State, Cleveland State, Catholic University and Michigan. The fraternity still has not adequately addressed the problem of providing service and training to non-metropolitan chapters.

Infrastructure. We computerized the alumni mailing list, replacing the old Addressograph plates. We successfully resolved a series of IRS delinquencies extending back for twenty years. We instituted a chapter management training program. We began the slow process of securing good title to our fraternity houses. And we favorably refinanced our housing debt. Most importantly, we broadened our base of alumni volunteers, ending our dependency upon the superheros, in some cases with considerable resistance.

Regrets — I most regret the bitter opposition and lack of cooperation from several of our "esteemed" alumni. Every step along the path to success was a struggle filled with emotion. I could have accomplished so much more, and we could be so much better off today if I could have counted on their support. What hurt most was their demagoguery expressed in charges like "You're trying to turn us ne'er do well Italians into an Allied Chemical".

Summary — My management team and I saw Alpha Phi Delta in dire need of a stiff dose of professional management, and that's

what we delivered. I firmly believe that I and my fellow officers orchestrated a dramatic turnaround which continues today, while preserving the Brotherhood, Love and Justice that are Alpha Phi Delta.



Michael G. Zerega, Psi
37th National President,
1982-1984

Assuming the office of National President is usually the capstone to a career of service to Alpha Phi Delta. A brother who achieves this distinction is already looking back on innumerable days and nights of meetings and events in which he had a hand; accomplishments and failures he took part in; and triumphs and travails which either make him wince or smile.

The accomplishments of my presidency are the accomplishments of the brothers who served in the many offices of the Fraternity. In as much as they were an average bunch of fellows, the accomplishments of my administration were average.

We were able to move the issue of Redistricting the Fraternity a little further. I commenced an effort to have an Alumni Directory prepared — the first since Adam DiVincenzo's fine 1962 opus. I insisted on succeeding at large, state-run universities, knowing that demographs are dictating that these represent the future of the Fraternity system in America. Hence, Ohio State University and the University of Michigan received the support they needed to prosper for a time.

Most important to me was what I accomplished before becoming National President. The Fraternity organization I sought to lead was one that Tony Carfang and I — along with others — refashioned,

restructured and redirected. It was also a Fraternity which was starting a process of return, remembrance and understanding of the Italian roots of the Fraternity. These are two things on which I worked hardest.

Until I die my proudest accomplishment in my National Fraternal life is the invention of 'expansion' as a living program in the Fraternity. When in 1976 National Vice President Ben Verdile asked me to "give the Expansion area some thought", the Fraternity had not successfully expanded to a new campus since 1962. Worse than the mechanics of expanding not being in place, was the natural tendency toward xenophobia within the organization that had to be replaced. The idea that new chapters and alumni clubs were good and positive and even fun was imbued into the collective thinking of the group, to the point where now it is expected that Alpha Phi Delta will grow and reach out to new areas and schools.

The success of Expansion is that of the 33 entities (colonies and chapters) listed on our roster today only eight are not the result of an expansion or reactivation project.

When I joined Alpha Phi Delta in 1969, the rumor was that this was the 'Italian' Fraternity. Except for one reference to "respecting the Italian heritage of Alpha Phi Delta" in the oath and a reference to the "Circolo Italiano" in the Dokime, there existed no literature which developed the theme or explained exactly what being an 'Italian Fraternity' meant.

What did that mean to members who were not of Italian extraction? What were we supposed to do about it, or were we just supposed to be a member of such an organization? When I joined, the subliminal and whispered nature of the Fraternity's Italian background was to me a great insult to non-Italo-American members.

Of course, we are the Italian American Fraternity and although the discussion is not concluded, its existence is in the open, and proudly so. Men who join Alpha Phi Delta now know the history and heritage of the Fraternity to which they pledge lifelong devotion. For bringing this about, I am again especially proud.

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Richard Primiano, Beta Delta
38th National President,
1984-1986

I first became active in national affairs when, as President of the Delaware Valley Alumni Club, we started the chapter at Glassboro State College and reactivated the chapter at Temple. I was elected Fourth District Governor and began attending National Conventions.

Shortly thereafter, I was appointed Vice-President of Financial Affairs, and had the great privilege of working with Stan Raffa during his tenure as National Secretary. Stan's dedication and perseverance have always been an inspiration to me in all my fraternity activities.

While I was Executive Vice-President, we founded the chapter at Villanova University and at the 1984 National Convention, when I was elected President, we brought in Trenton State College. The following year, we chartered Eastern College which brought the Fourth District to five chapters. This proliferation of chapters has continued during the last few years and has more than offset our losses at other schools.

Unfortunately, the other side of the story was that our two biggest houses were faced with impending catastrophe. From my first involvement as a national officer, there were chronic problems at St. Francis of Loretto and Penn State. The brothers at St. Francis had vandalized their own house, paid only token dues and initiation fees for several years, and were having trouble with the police regularly. The mood was grim when a group headed by Mike Flott came forward to attempt to save the chapter. Though we were at the end of our rope, we gave them one more chance. There were plenty of setbacks, but they finally appear to be back on top, with the house in good shape and the bills paid. For his excellent accomplishments, I nominated Mike Flott for

Outstanding Alumnus which he won in 1985.

Penn State was even in worse shape. We tried repeatedly to recruit an alumnus to take charge of the house, but no one came forth. There were only five or six brothers who were always delinquent with the rent and maintained that they couldn't recruit pledges because the house needed repairs. Finally, they called the township building inspector, who found approximately \$50,000 worth of violations. After a long, difficult meeting, we decided to sell the house. The money would be used to assist other chapters in acquiring houses.

My present activities include management of the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation, organization of the South Jersey Alumni Club and the acquisition of a house at Glassboro. I'm pleased that Joe Rossi, whom I appointed to the key position of Executive Secretary, is doing an excellent job, and that the proliferation of chapters has continued unabated.

In retrospect, even though the problems were difficult, it was gratifying to participate with close friends to keep the fraternity moving forward. My lasting reflection is that it is an unbelievable honor to be considered for president of this great organization. The overwhelming warmth and respect that was accorded me during my tenure has provided me with memories that will last forever.



Robert J. Valeriano, Psi
39th National President,
1986-1988

I would like to start with the winter meeting at Cleveland. At that controversial meeting we changed the time for future national council meetings to the winter, a time of year when the undergrads are in school. The purpose was to increase undergrad representation. Since that meeting, chapter, alumni, and officer representation have been excellent.

At the national council meeting

in Wilkes Barre in 1987, we added four new chapters, had one chapter reactivation, and abolished the old per capita tax system. We replaced per capita with a flat assessment for each entity. We also saw the first major donation by an entity to the foundation for purposes other than scholarship. The Pittsburgh Alumni Club began a printing fund with a donation of over \$6,000.00. At the summer executive council meeting in Toronto we inducted three more chapters.

Another major accomplishment during my time in office was a reduction of the debts owed to the national fraternity by the entities. In the past, our officers seemed very unwilling to bring action before the national council against entities in arrears with dues, per capita, and initiation fees. We began a "get tough" policy that said pay up or get out. At the time I left office the debts were almost eliminated, putting the fraternity in an excellent financial position. The debts were completely eliminated soon after the next administration took office.



Alexander Fafara, Beta Xi
40th National President,
1988-

It's difficult to make an objective assessment of my administration as it is ongoing; and unlike others, I don't have several years worth of perspective to judge it by. The success or failure of the Fafara-Rahtelli administration will be determined in the future.

However, at the halfway mark of my term there have been some significant achievements. There are two that occurred almost simultaneously: the elimination of undergraduate debt and the perfect attendance of undergraduate chapters at the 1989 National Council Meeting. The actual work on these got started with previous administrations. I was not necessarily thrilled with the Constitutional change which put our official business meeting in the

middle of the winter. But, no one can argue with its success. In the fourth year of this system we managed to get everybody out. As far as the debt is concerned, work on that began in September, 1986, where chapters who owed large sums of per capita and initiation monies were audited. Some previous debt was written off, and the line was drawn. Any money owed from that time forward would be collected timely, or the chapters would suffer the consequences. It took two and a half years to get it all straightened out. The chapters today understand what is expected of them and why, and they have been responsive.

Tying in with this accomplishment (and it is a direct connection) is the improvement in communications. This also began prior to this administration, with the arrival of Joe Rossi as Executive Secretary. Joe and I have the same philosophy on this subject. Not only **should** the chapters, alumni clubs, and brothers in Alpha Phi Delta be informed, we are **obligated** to inform them.

What this administration has tried to bring to Alpha Phi Delta is a return to the grass roots, hands on operation of the fraternity. I believe what had been missing for several years was the visibility of the National President. In a small national such as ours, it is vital and necessary for the chapters and alumni clubs to have a National President who genuinely cares about them. Lip service is no longer the answer.

This is certainly not something novel in A.P.D. This administration is merely emulating administrations of 20 years ago that first started this high visibility, high level of activity of National Presidents. The presidencies of Stan Raffa, Jules Zangrille, Al Palazzo, and Joe Creston set the tone for what Al Fafara is trying to accomplish.

We are not without our problems today. The main cloud hanging over us today is the litigation we are involved in at Glassboro State. That is the one negative I would rather not have been struck with, but hopefully it will resolve itself in our favor. I hope the final year of my term will result in more positives of which we all can be proud. On this, the 75th anniversary of Alpha Phi Delta, that is all I can wish for.

Remember . . . APD Conventions Over The Years

by John J. Russo, Kleos Editor

Everyone reading this 75th Anniversary Issue of The Kleos will realize and remember that Alpha Phi Delta was formed on November 5th, 1914 at Syracuse University. But June 1916 is an equally important date as our fraternity became a National Fraternity when our first fraternity convention was held. At that time Alpha Phi Delta existed only at Syracuse. But a group of men with similar ideals existed at Columbia University and had formed their fraternity of Sigma Gamma Phi. Through Nicholas Frunzi, one of the seven founding fathers at Syracuse, the two groups convened. From their meeting, Alpha Phi Delta became a national organization — Sigma Gamma Phi, bowing to Alpha Phi Delta's earlier founding, became Beta Chapter.

From this historic beginning grew the event of Alpha Phi Delta National Conventions — an event that still lives today. With high points and low points, changes in venue, changes in format, changes in dates, National Conventions hold many fond memories for the tens of thousands who have attended them over the past 75 years.

From their earliest beginning, APD National Conventions were special events. In the early 1920s attendance was small — but then the fraternity and number of chapters was small. These early conventions were held on the weekend around Lincoln's Birthday in February — much the same as the late 1980's National Council meetings are being held. Then the fraternity started growing and so did attendance at conventions. The date was moved around — being switched to Christmas break — again to take advantage of getting undergrads to attend and not interrupt the school year.

In the late 1920s large numbers of brothers and their dates/wives attended two or three day city conventions held in fancy hotels and organized by local alumni. The attendees dressed to "the nines" in formal attire at the Banquet Dinner (which has since evolved into the Awards Dinner held the last night of Convention).

The convention, with the fraternity, had its ups and downs. When the Great Depression came, Alpha Phi Delta and the convention were affected. The 1932 Convention scheduled for Cleveland was canceled due to the economy. It was rescheduled in 1933 with Cleveland still

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#	YEAR	SITE	CITY
CITY CONVENTIONS			
1	1916	Syracuse University	Syracuse
2	1919	Hotel Taft	New Haven
3	1921	Hotel Biltmore	New York City
4	1922	Hotel Biltmore	New York City
5	1923	Hotel Biltmore	New York City
6	1923	Hotel Statler	Buffalo
7	1924	Hotel Statler	Cleveland
8/10	1925	Hotel Biltmore	New York City
11	1926	Hotel Syracuse	Syracuse
12	1927	Grill Room	Pittsburgh
13	1928	Dewitt Clinton Hotel	Albany
14	1929	Elks Hotel	Boston
15	1930	Hotel Statler	Buffalo
16	1931	Hotel New Yorker	New York City
	1932	Postponed due to the depression	
17	1933	Cleveland Hotel	Cleveland
18	1934	Hotel Statler	Boston
19	1935	Hotel Seneca	Rochester
20	1936	Hotel Astor	New York City
21	1937	Benjamin Franklin Hotel	Philadelphia
22	1938	Hotel Schenley	Pittsburgh
23	1939	Hotel Statler	Buffalo
24	1940	Hotel Statler	Cleveland
25	1941	Hotel Statler	Boston
		Postponed 1942-45 WWII	
26	1946	Hotel Onondaga	Syracuse
27	1947	Hotel Carter	Cleveland
28	1948	Hotel Sheraton	Rochester
29	1949	Hotel Statler	Buffalo
30	1950	William Penn Hotel	Pittsburgh
RESORT CONVENTIONS			
31	1951	Oceanside Hotel	Magnolia, MA
32	1952	Bedford Springs Hotel	Bedford Springs, PA
33	1953	Forest Hills Hotel	Franconia Notch, NH
34	1954	Young's Gap Hotel	Parkville, NY
35	1955	Griswold Hotel	Groton, CT
36	1956	Oceanside Hotel	Magnolia, MA
37	1957	Scaroon Manor	Schroon Lake, NY
38	1958	Young's Gap Hotel	Parkville, NY
39	1959	Galen Hall	Wernersville, NY
40	1960	Equinox House	Manchester, VT
41	1961	Lake Tarleton Club	Pike, NH
42	1962	Grossinger's	Grossinger, NY
43	1963	Mt. Washington Hotel	Bretton Woods, NH
44	1964	Griswold Hotel	Groton, CT
45	1965	Tamiment	Tamiment, PA
46	1966	Tamiment	Tamiment, PA
47	1967	Laurels	Monticello, NY
48	1968	The Granit	Kerhonkson, NY
49	1969	The Balsams	Dixville Notch, NH
50	1970	Tamiment	Tamiment, PA
51	1971	The Granit	Kerhonkson, NY
52	1972	The Granit	Kerhonkson, NY
53	1973	The Granit	Kerhonkson, NY
54	1974	Picasso Resort	White Haven, PA
55	1975	Stevensville	Swan Lake, NY
56	1976	Stevensville	Swan Lake, NY
57	1977	Stevensville	Swan Lake, NY
58	1978	Stevensville	Swan Lake, NY
59	1979	Downingtown Inn	Downingtown, PA
60	1980	Pocono Manor	Pocono Manor, PA
61	1981	Pocono Manor	Pocono Manor, PA
62	1982	Stevensville	Swan Lake, NY
63	1983	Stevensville	Swan Lake, NY
64	1984	The Grand Hotel	Wildwood Crest, NJ
65	1985	The Grand Hotel	Wildwood Crest, NJ
66	1986	Hilton Hotel	Lake Placid, NY
67	1987	Sheraton Centre	Toronto, ONT
68	1988	The Granit	Kerhonkson, NY
69	1989	Hilton Hotel	Lake Placid, NY

the host.

The city conventions continued for quite some time, but the date changed again — to the Labor Day weekend. This was to again take advantage of a time when undergrads could attend as most school years began after that date. The fraternity went four years without a convention — 1942 to 1945. Those were the war years and the fraternity struggled to exist. After the war, city

conventions continued for another five years.

But 1951 changed Alpha Phi Delta National Conventions. That was the first Resort Convention, which was held at Oceanside Hotel in Magnolia, Massachusetts. Over the years resorts have provided many different locales for APD conventioners — from the Poconos to the popular Catskills to New England. The format also changed from being a three-day weekend affair to being a Monday through Friday week-long event. In 1951, the convention was held the week of Labor Day. Soon the date became set as being held two weeks prior to Labor Day (usually the third week of August).

Initially the resort conventions were organized by the Central Office of the fraternity. But soon the organizing of them was given to a convention chairman. Anyone who attended one in 1960s, '70s or '80s, probably remembers the faces of Joe DeGuglielmo or John Palermo as being convention chairmen. From 1960, when "DeGug" was made chairman of Alpha Phi Delta Convention Corporation, until 1986 when Palermo resigned as chairman, one or both of those two men ran conventions. Palermo was "DeGug's" assistant until 1972 when he became chairman.

Attendance boomed for many years at the resorts as brothers combined fraternalism and a reasonable-priced vacation into one week of enjoyment. Brothers came with their families. Soon brothers were bringing friends — outsiders to the fraternity — to enjoy the week at the convention. Friends were made at conventions — friends that one didn't see again until a year later at the next convention. Activities galore took place at these resort conventions — bocce tournaments for young and old, golf and tennis tournaments, swimming, the alumni-undergrad softball games (which was always won by the alumni), skits and "talent" night, the Awards Dinner. The swimming pool always seemed to be the afternoon gathering place — as the nightclub was in the evenings. And everyone loved to socialize at meals.

Of course for many brothers the convention centered around the meetings where legislation would be passed or rejected. Ideas would be bandied about — good and bad. The state of the fraternity would be discussed. Reports were

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given by officers and entities. And the fraternity's officers were always elected at the convention meetings.

In the 1970s convention attendance boomed and peaked at 500. Alpha Phi Delta could book an entire resort with these numbers — and one year the group actually had an overflow.

In 1986, a change took place that has affected conventions again. Legislation moved the National Council meetings from the summer convention to what was the Executive Council's Midyear Meeting. This was done to allow greater participation by the undergrads — as was done 60 years earlier. In 1987, the first convention of Alpha Phi Delta was held that was not a National Council meeting. For many brothers, something would be forever missing as part of APD conventions.

The 1987 Convention in Toronto was also the site of another first — the first APD Convention held outside the United States. It could also be termed as a return to a city convention although Toronto is very oriented towards tourism, and no conventioneer at Toronto could complain about the lack of activities.

In 1988, the convention returned to the United States and to a resort — The Granit in Kerhonksen, NY. However, with the split format of National Council meetings in the winter and a summer convention with no fraternity business being transacted and smaller attendance, the future of the summer convention could be in doubt. Since the winter conventions are short and usually

attended by only brothers, the atmosphere there is not the same as the week-long summer conventions. Only time will tell what the future holds for summer conventions, but many fond memories still remain of them by past conventioners.

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were misfits, nobody wanted them. We too, have taken that lead and have found our strength in the city schools and on the urban campuses. None of the other nationals want to go there. We go to these places with enthusiasm and have proven that you can sell the bond of brotherhood on a city street as easily as you can in a rural university setting.

The success of Alpha Phi Delta has generally been the success stories of many individuals down through the years, too numerous to mention here. In the cases of all of these men, the amount of dedication, time, effort, and love expended in order to keep us moving cannot be measured by human standards. In many cases, both on the national and local levels, it was the efforts of a single brother, that kept the entire organization alive for a good period of time. These people weren't paid for their efforts. Few, if any, expended this energy for self recognition or ego purposes. They did it because Alpha Phi Delta was family to them. If personal sacrifices were needed to get something done, then they were made without a second thought.

For the future, we are getting better. Before 1973, we didn't have a nickle of scholarship money. Today, we have a

large foundation. Before 1976, we couldn't put a buck's worth of gas into an officer's car so he could visit a chapter. Today, we at least make it a little easier on our leaders' wallets. Our mailings, fund raising and Central Office operations have now entered the computer age. We've done all that we can recently in terms of communication to pull our chapters and alumni clubs together. I personally don't feel (nor would I want to see it) that Alpha Phi Delta will ever have 200 chapters and become nothing more than another corporation wearing Greek letters. We can grow a little larger and not lose our closeness and our basic quality that has allowed us to come these first 75 years. That quality is the fact that we genuinely care about each other; and when push comes to shove, we put aside our petty differences and pull together.

Today, this is being done by brothers who are of Italian, Irish, Polish, Chinese, and Aboriginal backgrounds. It doesn't matter. The heritage of Alpha Phi Delta will always be rooted in Italian culture. Nobody can or will ever take that away from us. But, what started out as a result of an ethnic problem 75 years ago, has become truly an American dream come true in 1989.

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Any brothers from Theta and Theta Beta who served in war time are asked to send their names for a Veterans Day Project. Please write to Brother Matt Cioffi, 1666 Troy Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234.

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