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Like Father, Like Son

A father's perspective of his son's initiation into ? F ?



John P. DiFalco, Esq.
Xi 1962

April 21, 2001 is a day that I will always remember. On that evening my son and six other young men from the University of Colorado were formally initiated into Alpha Phi Delta. When I observed the initiation ceremony with the new brothers taking their oath to Alpha Phi Delta, memories flooded back to my experiences almost 40 years ago as a young sophomore student at the Ohio State University when I was initiated into Alpha Phi Delta's Xi Chapter. The years have passed, but in many ways the traditions and fraternal bonds of Alpha Phi Delta remain eternal.

I must say that when my son approached me with the idea of starting a chapter of Alpha Phi Delta at the University of Colorado, I did not encourage him because I knew how much work was involved and how difficult in this modern age it is to bring together young men under the fraternal ideals and banner of any fraternity, let alone one that had most of its chapters in the east. I knew the work that was involved in an established chapter and because Kevin is my pride and joy and was entering into an extremely rigorous field of study,

Aerospace Engineering, I must admit that I was worried that he would not be able to accomplish all his goals regarding Alpha Phi Delta, while maintaining satisfactory academic performance at the university. Once Kevin convinced me of his determination to start a chapter of Alpha Phi Delta, I of course gave him all the encouragement and support as would any father and fraternity brother, endeavoring to make Kevin and his friends' quest a success.

When Kevin took his oath to Alpha Phi Delta, to me it was more than his entry into the fraternal bond, it was a benchmark in his evolution from childhood, to teenager, to young adult. Although Kevin is only 18 years old, his maturity and dedication as evidenced by accomplishing his goal of establishing Alpha Phi Delta at the University of Colorado has made me extremely proud. I am pleased not only to recognize and glory in the fact that he is my son, as would any proud father, but now I can include Kevin and his friends as my brothers in Alpha Phi Delta.

I could not help but think that someday perhaps Kevin himself will have the joy of witnessing his son's initiation into a thriving Alpha Phi Delta fraternity at the University of Colorado. Perhaps my grandson will start his own chapter at some other university, or perhaps even reactivate his grandfather's Xi chapter at Ohio State University.

In observing Kevin and his pledge brothers, a truly wonderful group of young men, take their oaths to become members of Alpha Phi Delta, I have to admit that I felt a little old,

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Award Winners

Outstanding Chapter Gamma Mu



- ? Supported Stockton College
- ? Supported needy families
- ? Supports Adopt-A-Highway
- ? Spaghetti dinner night for alumni
- ? Greek Week winners
- ? Campus leaders

Outstanding Alumnus Gerald Smulski, Psi 1970

- ? Pittsburgh AC President 1994-96
- ? Pittsburgh AC Vice President 1992-94
- ? District Governor 1993-99
- ? Foundation Treasurer since 1996
- ? District Outstanding Alumnus 1996



Outstanding Alumni Club New York AC



- ? Held Career Night for Undergraduate Chapters
- ? Donated \$500 to the Leadership Endowment
- ? Supported NYC District in Pledge Bowl and chapter ceremonies
- ? Social Activities—baseball outings, quarterly brunches, barbecues

Outstanding Undergraduate Chris Shipley, Psi 1999

- ? Psi Valentine Ball Chairman
- ? Duquesne Carnival Chairman
- ? Freshmen Orientation Coordinator
- ? Dance Marathon MC
- ? IFC President



Convention 2001



Memories of Brother Camillus Casey

When I was invited to attend the recent reception in honor of Brother Camillus, a tear welled in my eye. I was happy because a man who I cared for deeply was finally being brought to the attention of our newer brothers, but I was also sad because of short notice, work and family obligations, I was unable to attend.

Brother was not only moderator of Beta Sigma and chaplain of Alpha Phi Delta, he was my French teacher and my friend. I remember times sitting at the fraternity table in the cafeteria, that after our greetings he would begin grilling me on the questions I missed on my last French test. He would then slap his hands down on the table, roll his eyes and tell me there was no hope when I still answered the questions incorrectly. After that I knew to expect the same in the future, so I prepared a little harder and always had the correct answer ready when I would again sit across from him. I now know it was these sessions and his determination that got me through those semesters of conversational French. But that was Brother, the teacher.

Brother was also the socialite. He never missed a fraternity party. This was where he let his hair (what little there was left) down. In a dark pair of slacks and an open collar shirt, he sat in "his" chair right beside the bar on his left, and a wall on his right. His only view was of the bathroom door and a picture on the wall. He would listen to the music and gladly tell stories and remembrances of past fraternity days to those approaching the bar for another round. As one time social chairman, I knew it was my duty to keep Brother's scotch glass filled and his popcorn warm. He was always coolly aware of the party activities in the two rooms that he couldn't see to his right, but always pretended that he couldn't hear out of that right ear. He was truly an honorable man. Thinking back it must have taken great reserve to fulfill his obligation of attending those parties and watching that bathroom door all those hours. A smile always came to his face when we would introduce him to our dates for the evening. He would always seem to woo the girls from us with his French charm and smooth wit. The girls always loved him.

I think his greatest enjoyment was playing the piano for us at fraternity meetings where we would sing and dance at

by Salvatore Bologna,
Beta Sigma 1974

Brother Camillus Casey, OSF, was a Franciscan brother who was the moderator and a founder of Beta Sigma Chapter in 1962. He was beloved as our National Chaplain from 1968 until his death in 1981. On the 20th anniversary of his passing, Beta Sigma chapter held a ceremony in April dedicating a mural in his honor on the campus of St. Francis College.

My memories of him are not of the frail shell lying in the bed before me on that day, but of the giant of a man that lived within.

Al and Dorothy Palazzo's home for a social gathering. It was on their piano that you could truly appreciate his skill as a concert pianist. He would pull songs out of the air or take requests and play them as though they were rehearsed for hours.

Toward the end of my undergraduate days, I spent much time with him in the different hospitals where he had surgeries trying to improve blood flow to his legs. The very last time I had seen him I had already transferred from St. Francis to Long Island University to complete my studies in nursing. I had heard he had again had surgery on his legs and went to visit with him at post-op. He had the usual complaints of discomfort, but this time he was different. We talked a short while but before I left I asked to examine his wound to see if it required care. When I pulled

back the covers I found him lying in blood soaked sheets with an artery pumping away from the fresh incision. I ran to the hall and called the nurse who in turn called his surgeon and the operating room staff while I returned to Brother to hold pressure on the artery. By this time, Brother was less responsive and all those times we spent together

flashed through my mind. Here was a man who had given me so much, and here I was, able to do so little. My last memory was seeing the operation room team whisk his bed down the tiled wall hallway toward the bright light above the doors that lied ahead.

I never saw Brother again. My memories of him are not of the frail shell lying in the bed before me on that day, but of the giant of a man that lived within. A man who promoted morals and character. A man who knew so much more than he let on to know. A man whose shoes I know I could never fill. Brother Camillus was my French teacher and my friend, but more, he was my fraternity brother.

The undergraduate brothers of Beta Sigma have been collecting monies in his name to further his Scholarship. If you would like to remember Brother Camillus, please mail a donation to Alpha Phi Delta Scholarship Foundation, c/o Richard Primiano, Treasurer, P.O. Box 8212, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002.

Undergraduate Scrapbook

Catholic University



Beta Psi members made a visit to NYC on June 5th to visit Central Office. During their stay, they visited Ellis Island and had a great lunch at Casa Bella in Little Italy. They also attended the NYC District Convention in Brooklyn. Pictured: Felipe Martinez, Michael Brown (President), Justin Laezza (Vice President), Ryan Dorsey (Treasurer), Vince Verdile (Beta Phi and Delaware Valley District Governor).

On the evening of April 28, 2001, eleven men gathered in the twilight that fell upon the capital, and, far from the prying eyes of fellow Catholic University students, out of the reach of the long arms of university administration policy, assembled in secret to consecrate the sacred bond of their commitment to brotherhood. At once, the dreams of the decades silent Beta Psi Chapter of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity rose from the ashes of a tragic history to be reborn with the new and fervent spirit of a new generation of Catholic University students.

Having proven themselves committed to the improvement of their scholastic ability, the support of their university and its mission, the local community, the knowledge of Alpha Phi Delta, and most importantly, to each other, these pioneers overcame the divisions incurred upon them by age, race, economic status, ethnicity, culture and education. Having broken the chains of convention that held them bound to mediocrity, they ignored the lack of faith displayed by their peers, the adversity presented to them by their environment, and bravely took the first step toward revolutionizing the identity of The Catholic University of America and endeavored to give new life to the vision set down eighty-seven years before by the founders of Alpha Phi Delta.

In accord with the principles set down by the founders of Alpha Phi Delta, the "Expectations of a CUA Student" as outlined by the Division of Student Life of The Catholic

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Brooklyn Polytechnic Univ.



On April 27, 2001, three pledges were initiated into Delta chapter, bringing the chapter to a healthy and strong 14 members. Before the ceremony, the NYAC held a meeting.

Manny Rodriguez and Felipe Martinez were present to head the induction ceremony. Manny administered all information and questions, while Felipe watched over and took part in the more serious parts of the induction process questioning. All members of Delta chapter were present. This pledge period was a great success, shown by the pledges and reflecting on the Pledgemaster and Assistant Pledgemaster for a job well done. One shining prospective, who knew an extensive amount of material about APD, proved this to the brothers present during the ceremony. As a growing power in Polytechnic University and in the New York district area, Delta is striving for a goal of 23 members for the future.

On behalf of all the members of the Delta Chapter a great Thank You to Aldo Del Sorbo once again, for letting us hold our induction in his office and to all brothers who made this night possible

*Submitted by Steven Vito Iacoviello, Secretary
Alpha Phi Delta Delta Chapter*



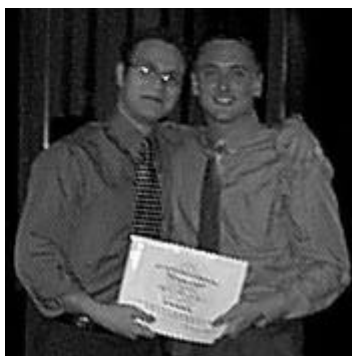
Tufts University



The brothers of Delta Sigma pose at their Semiformal Banquet on April 20, 2001. Chapter Awards were given out to brothers in recognition of their contributions to the fraternity during the year. The night was also a celebration for the addition of a new brother, Michael Blumberg, who had been inducted earlier that day.



Brothers Weyant Stone, Reed Ellison, Rich Wilner, and Nash Borges pose with children at "Kid's Day," a Tufts Community Service event to benefit local and underprivileged children. Most brothers cooked food for the day, except Ellison and Wilner who dressed up as McGruff, the Crime Dog, and Jumbo, the Tufts Mascot for the day.



Chapter Pledgemaster Rich Wilner (left) shakes hands with Past Chapter President Justin Friedman (right) after awarding him with the Sean DiBartolo Award. This chapter award is named for its first recipient, and is given to the brother who has become most valuable in the past year.

Submitted by Paul D'Orlando, Delta Sigma Vice President

St. Francis College



April 30th, Beta Sigma brothers held a Memorial Service for Brother Camillus Casey (see story page 3).

NYC Convention



On June 5th, the NYC District Convention was held at Polytechnic University, in Brooklyn, NY. Manuel Rodriguez (Gamma Sigma) was elected to a second term as Governor. His assistants are Todd Cusato (Beta Sigma) and Basim S. Othman (Gamma Rho). There were 56 brothers from the following chapters: Delta (Polytechnic University), Beta Sigma (St. Francis), Beta Eta (Brooklyn College), Gamma Rho (Baruch), Gamma Omicron (Stony Brook), Gamma Kappa (CSI), Beta Kappa (LIU), Long Island, Brooklyn and NY Alumni Clubs, Beta Sigma AA. Colonies: Delta Epsilon (John Jay), Beta Omega (Pace University). Guest: Beta Psi (Catholic University of America), Vince Verdile (Delaware Valley District Governor). Pictured above: Manny conducts the district convention. Photo credit: Felipe Martinez.

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University of America, and those inalienable rights professed reverently in the Declaration of Independence, with honor as our touchstone and faith in Almighty God, our creator as our ultimate motivation, we, the newest brothers of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity, without fanfare, demonstration or protest, hereby refound this, the ?? colony of ??? Fraternity.

Submitted by Michael Brown, Beta Psi President

S.U.N.Y. Stony Brook



Gamma Omicron held their spring induction on May 5th which brought in four new members. They were reactivated at the National Council meeting in March.

St. Francis University



The Beta Lambda fraternity house in Loretto, Pa. is rising from the ashes after the original house burned in a fire in December 1998.

Embry Riddle University



Delta Pi chapter gave an Award of Appreciation to Vince Verdile, their District Governor, at the March National Council meeting.

Brooklyn Alumni Club

Celebrating 25 Years In Softball

In 2001, the Brooklyn Alumni Club is playing its 25th consecutive season in the very competitive Staten Island Softball League. Since first stepping on the field, a total of 87 brothers have played for the team, representing nine different chapters.

The team was founded in 1977 by recent grad Joe Nunziata (Beta Sigma). Joe was part of the group that reactivated the BAC the year before. The philosophy for the team still exists today—while still striving to be competitive, only APD brothers are used and any interested APD brother plays regardless of ability.

There has always been a mix of good athletes and recreational players and there has never been any challenge to the team philosophy. In its first year, the team won only one game, but improved markedly in the next few years.

For the first five years, the team was comprised primarily of recent Beta Sigma grads (Billy Weber, Tony O'Toole, Dennis Argentieri, Tony Ceraso, Mike Polito, Tony Siconolfi, Bob Zeleny) with a sprinkling of Theta Beta (Charlie Fiore, Neil Anastasio, Jeff Uliano, Bobby Cucco) and Beta Eta (Steve Jones). The team also accepted the only undergraduate to ever play during this period—Scott Giammarino of Beta Omega. In the mid to late eighties, there was a changing of the guard as many of the original players aged and the team received an infusion of youth from Theta Beta (Mike Iacovelli, Doug Awn, and Pete Gaudiuso). This group helped recruit the next generation of players such as Joe Narciso (Gamma Lambda), Lenny Plantemoli (Boston College), John Loddo (Beta Omega) and Al Candela (Theta Beta). The nineties saw another infusion of youth from Beta Omega—Leo Parmegiani, Billy Simmons, Tony Amato, Rob Nicotra and Kris Hakanson. The newest player on the team is a 2000 graduate from Beta Sigma, Rob De Martini.

Two brothers require special mention. First, Zeke Parmegiani who has been on the team as a catcher and third base coach since the second season. Zeke now plays with both his nephew and son on the team. Second is Joe Caldarella who is the only brother to play all 25 years. Joe has been the manager of the team since 1979 and is still the starting shortstop.

The on field highlight for the team came in 1989 when they barely qualified for the post season and then swept through the playoffs, knocking off the top four seeds along the way, to capture their first championship. Since then, the team added two regular season championships in 1990 and 1998.

However, even though there have been some memorable moments on the field, the team is really about continuing the bond of brotherhood. The team bridges several generations with players currently in their 20's, 30's, 40's and even

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Long Island Alumni Club



Seated for the Long Island Alumni Club Installation Dinner, clockwise from left: Angelo and Marion Sinatra, Gene and Marie Cassiano, Annette and Ned Flores, Sam Galasso, Larry Costiglio, Joseph Randazzo, Vincent and Doris Giamusso.



Clockwise from left: Manuel Rodriguez, Allan Fronda, Jim and Kathy Soviero, Paul and JoAnn Meli, Joseph and Gale Audiino, Michael and Eloise Mangino, Tom Torre and Lisa, Todd Cusato, and Phil Zito.

The Long Island Alumni Club held its annual Installation Dinner on June 8th at Angelina's II Restaurant, Syosset, Long Island. A total of 27 attended including the ladies, Executive Secretary Felipe Martinez, New York District Governor Manuel Rodriguez, former Vice President for Undergraduates Todd Cusato, and Phil Zito. Also joining the LIAC group once again was Sam Galasso, with his wife Rita, who doesn't seem to mind the long ride up from Glassboro, New Jersey. Angelina's cuisine was very well received and kudos should be tendered to Gene Cassiano who diligently made all the reservations.

Story submitted by Joseph Randazzo, LIAC Secretary.

Photos submitted by Felipe Martinez.

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Pittsburgh Alumni Club

The Pittsburgh Alumni Club held its annual District Awards Banquet on April 6th at the Churchill Country Club in Pittsburgh. A total of 60 brothers and guests were on hand to honor Charles "Chuck" Liberatore, Psi '60, as the Outstanding Alumnus; Panfilo DiCenzo, Psi '68, as the recipient of the Adam DiVincenzo Award for Community Service; and Christopher Shipley, Psi '99, as the Outstanding Undergraduate of the district.

Chuck was honored for his fraternity work as President and Vice President of the PAC for the past four years and his outstanding work as dinner-dance chairman. Panfilo received his honor for community service for the work he has done with Clean and Sober Humans, a nonprofit organization helping those with drug and alcohol disorders. Chris was recognized for his efforts at Duquesne University as Ball Chairman for the chapter and Carnival Chairman and IFC President for the school.

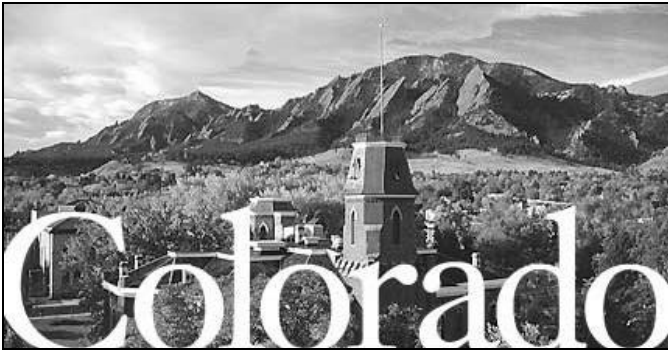


Doug Sundo (PAC Vice President and Alumni Advisor to Psi on left) and Ross Alessandro (District Governor on right) offer congratulations to Outstanding Undergraduate winner Christopher Shipley.



Panfilo DiCenzo (left) and Chuck Liberatore were honored with their awards from the Pittsburgh Alumni Club.

??? Expansion at The University of Colorado



In what will certainly become a history-making project, the fraternity has established a colony at the University of Colorado, the first westward undergraduate expansion project for Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity.

Kevin DiFalco, the son of John DiFalco, Xi 1962, contacted Central Office in November 2000 regarding the possibility of starting an Alpha Phi Delta chapter at Colorado. After serious consideration by the fraternity, the Vice President for Expansion, Evan Sottosanti, made the decision to establish a colony.

Kevin was able to recruit six friends from the baseball team and his aerospace engineering classes. Matt David, Delta Pi 1993, was appointed the Denver Expansion Consultant, to educate and supervise the colony. John DiFalco was appointed alumni advisor by the colony.

The interest group was baptized in January, and participated in a six-week pledge period. The induction ceremony was conducted by Executive Secretary, Felipe Martinez, on April 21, 2001.

During the pledge period, the colony garnered campus attention through their hard work. The colony conducted a Dinner and a Movie fundraiser which raised \$500. They worked with *Habitat for Humanity*, as their philanthropic project, and acquired the lease of a chapter house within fra-



Induction Ceremony

ternity row. The colony was recently voted as associate members by the Interfraternity Council (I.F.C.). The colony gained major support from the University's Vice-Provost, Dr. Philip DeStefano, Xi 1965.



Kevin and John DiFalco



Baptism Ceremony



Dinner with Denver alumni



The Magnificent Seven

The founding fathers of the Colorado colony are athletes and academically established young men.

Nathan R. Barnes is a sophomore from Boulder, Colorado majoring in economics and an athlete with the baseball team.

Kevin J. DiFalco is a freshman from Fort Collins, Colorado majoring in aerospace engineering and is an athlete with the baseball team.

Michael C. Federle is a sophomore from San Francisco, California majoring in economics and is a pitcher for the baseball team.

Gabriel A. Hernandez is a freshman from San Antonio, Texas majoring in aerospace engineering.

Robert Macaria is a freshman from Lafayette, Colorado majoring in electrical and computer engineering. Robert is an athlete with the track and field team.

Sean M. Sanchez is a freshman from Broomfield, Colorado majoring in civil engineering.

Martin Thompson is a freshman from Englewood, Colorado majoring in electrical and computer engineering, and an athlete with the rugby team.

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but I also was pleased with the continuity of a great fraternity that can only prosper with the involvement of the outstanding men represented at the new Colorado colony.

I also wonder, if someday Kevin and I may look back on this and recognize it as the impetus which caused Alpha Phi Delta to spread its message of fraternal love and respect to all the western states and to truly become a "sea to sea national fraternity." I can tell you that Kevin has most certainly convinced me that anything is possible, if only one has a vision and perseveres to achieve it. May God bless the "magnificent seven" of Alpha Phi Delta colony at the University of Colorado and all the brothers and their families of Alpha Phi Delta.

Editor's Note: If you have a similar story, or would like to recommend your son or family member into the fraternity, please contact Central Office at 866-Join-APD.

Expansion News

Expansion Consultants

The recent expansion success would never be possible without the help from brothers serving as Expansion Consultants. These brothers assist with the day-to-day colony operations. They advise the colonies on recruitment, pledging and chapter management areas. These brothers cover the following areas:

Todd Cusato	Alumni Expansion
Richard McGlynn	Boston
Mark Wasielewski	Connecticut
Joseph O'Rourke	Central Pennsylvania
Thomas Ammazalorso	DC Metro
Matt Caronti	Midwest
Zack Craver	North/Central Florida
Giorgio Bentrovato	North Jersey
Frank DiMaria	New York City
Richard Maxon	Upstate New York

Vice President for Expansion

Evan Sottosanti, Beta Eta 1988

Reactivations

Alpha at Syracuse University (NY)

Sigma at Boston University (MA)

Beta Psi at Catholic University of America (DC)

Gamma Psi at the University of Connecticut (CT)

Delta Epsilon at John Jay College for Criminal Justice (NY)

Colonies

Kean University (NJ)

SUNY Albany (NY)

University of Colorado (CO)

University of Indianapolis (IN)

Alumni News

Peter M. Cordovano, Beta Beta '78, has relocated his law firm to Highland, NY and has also formed an "Of Counsel" relationship with the law firm of Feldman, Kleidman & Coffey, LLP, of Fishkill, New York. His practice centers on all types of general legal matters, with an emphasis in real estate transactions, as well as litigation of automobile accident, social security disability, and workers compensation cases. Bro. Cordovano has successfully argued several precedent setting cases before the New York State Court of Appeals, in the Appellate Division for the Second & Third Departments. Bro. Cordovano previously served Alpha Phi Delta as Beta Beta Chapter President in 1980, Vice President in 1979, Treasurer in 1978, and also is a former Vice President of the Lower Hudson Valley Club.

Alumni Profile—Modern Day Hero

Paul Russo became a brother of Alpha Phi Delta in circumstances different than most of our brothers. While attending Youngstown State University in the early 1980s as an undergraduate, Paul commuted to school and did not make many close contacts to attract the notice to be rushed. After graduation, he attended several Alpha Phi Delta conventions with his brother and became acquaintances with many alumni across the country. He soon realized that Alpha Phi Delta brothers shared a special bond—one that he soon desired. He had a chance to redeem himself in graduate school at Youngstown State and was rushed as a graduate student. He pledged Beta Omicron and was initiated in 1988. The fraternity wasn't sure that pledging graduate students was part of our rules and to make doubly sure, the national convention voted him in as a graduate brother in 1989.

Paul was not one to join and watch others—he immediately became involved in the fraternity he had watched as an outsider for several years. During the succeeding years, he became District Governor of Ohio, secretary of the Pittsburgh Alumni Club and Vice President of the Youngstown Alumni Club. For his fraternal efforts, the Pittsburgh Alumni Club honored him as its Outstanding Alumnus in 1997.

During this time, his older sister Roseann was developing kidney problems that were irreversible. She was on a path for kidney failure. In 1998, Paul volunteered to donate one of his kidneys to her. (We all have two kidneys, but can live with just one.) Paul said about making this sacrifice, "My mother asked if I would donate one of my kidneys to my sister, and I said yes without hesitation. My parents brought us up that family comes first."

After undergoing several tests for compatibility, it was determined that he was a suitable donor. However the operation could not be performed until

By John J. Russo
Kleos Editor

In the course of my years as Kleos Editor, I have published many profiles on our alumni. Many times our profiles highlight successful careers and accomplishments. Recently I experienced first hand a story of one of our alumni that hit close to home. Paul Russo, Beta Omicron '88, volunteered to donate one of his kidneys in a living transplant operation to his sister Roseann. Paul is my brother and Roseanne is our sister. While this story is personal, I also found that it appeared fitting as a profile on a successful alumnus—success measured in the eye of the beholder. I hope that our readers think it fitting for The Kleos also.
Editor.



Paul Russo and his sister Roseann

Roseann's kidneys reached the failure point where she needed dialysis. That point was reached in September 2000.

They were scheduled for the operation on September 4th. After a nerve-racking night of anticipation, they both were in the hospital ready to undergo surgery. However, just before the operation, Paul's blood level was suspected as being too thin. The operation was canceled, and one doctor told Paul that the operation would

never take place. Putting his sister in jeopardy without the transplant, Paul saw a blood specialist who reviewed his case and approved Paul as a donor again.

The operation was rescheduled for October. A week before the scheduled operation, Roseann broke one of her hips (bone problems due to the kidney failure) and had to undergo an immediate hip operation. The transplant was rescheduled for January. Unfortunately Roseann's hip did not heal, and she required a hip replacement in January. The transplant was called off a third time.

It was rescheduled for early April. Again it was delayed – this time more blood tests were required for Roseann. Shortly the tests were done and approved. The transplant was scheduled for the fifth time for April 9th. Again a nervous night of anticipation where both donor and recipient had to arrive at the hospital (UPMC Presbyterian in Pittsburgh) at 5:00 AM. This time the operation took place.

The transplant was made successfully. However a kidney transplant is very stressful on the donor. Paul came out of the dual operations in worse shape than his sister. His body was in shock over losing one of its organs. It was four days after the operation before Paul starting feeling better. His sister was doing well and was released one day before Paul.

Paul received tremendous support both before and after the operation. "The really neat thing," he says, "was how people came up to me after they had found out about the upcoming transplant. On several occasions friends and acquaintances approached me and told me they only had one kidney, for one reason or another, and they continued to live normal lives."

Paul continues, "It was wonderful to have a family as great as ours. The love and support was tremendous. It really helps one get through times like

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these. Also, it was really wonderful how everyone was praying for Roseann and myself. Our friends, people from our church, colleagues from work, it seemed like everyone was praying for us and their prayers were answered. I truly believe that. And finally, I do not think I could have gotten through it without my wife, Rebecca. She IS my angel and has been by my side every minute, during my recovery in the hospital and here at home."

Many people undergo operations—usually because their own health is failing and an operation is needed for a repair. Few healthy people undergo an operation voluntarily, short of cosmetic elective surgery. Donating a kidney is a tremendous gift—a gift of life. Last year in the United States, 5500 people made a living kidney or liver transplant. The Kleos asked Paul if he could offer any words of encouragement to other prospective living donors. "I don't think there is anything you can say to someone to convince him or her to do it. It is something they have to answer on their own. The doctors can inform them of the risks involved in the surgery, the pain and discomfort afterwards, as well as the benefits for the recipient, but I believe it is something that each person would need to decide for him or herself."

Many people in our society today think of its athletes as heroes while others look up to movie stars, business leaders, policemen and firemen. I think that Paul Russo is a real hero. He offered part of himself to save his sister's life. What can be more heroic than that?

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one 50-year-old. Many children have grown up watching their Dads play for years with their fraternity brothers, aspiring to some day play on the team. Not many alumni groups can get 15-plus guys together, along with wives and kids, every Sunday morning from April through August for a game and the traditional post-game breakfast. The team spawned the famous BAC summer pool parties and awards ceremonies, not to mention countless memorable (or forgettable) moments on and off the field. In addition, most of the team members participate in a rotisserie/fantasy baseball league established over 10 years ago. There was even a 15-year reunion picnic and family softball game in 1992, which drew over 75 people.

The BAC softball team is a testament to the ideals of APD. For the last 25 years it has strengthened the fraternal bonds of everyone it has touched.

Submitted by Pete Gaudiuso.

2001 Scholarship Winners

Founders Award \$2250

Honoring Carlo Vannicola,

Joseph DeGuglielmo

and Dr. Dominic Macedonia

Brian Beldowicz, Delta Zeta, Loyola University

John Pasta / LIAC Award \$1875

Matthew G. Boyd, Delta Theta, Marist College

Ernest Coletti Award \$1500

Elizabeth B. Hamilton, University of Texas

Anthony J. Carfang Award \$1500

Anthony S. Valli, Delta Kappa, Binghamton University

Pittsburgh Alumni Club \$1125

Laura Caprario, Georgetown University

Bro. Camillus Casey Award \$1125

Nicole Cerussi, Penn State University

Alpha Phi Delta Award \$1000

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Goodbye To An Era

RECENTLY, we received the sad news that our 105-year-old Grandmother had passed away peacefully in her sleep. She was to be 106 within a month of her death, and we all fully expected her to have lived through the year 2000, so that she would be one of those unique individuals to have literally lived in three centuries.

My father's mother, who we affectionately called, "Grandma Cabo Bianca" (white hair) was a prematurely gray woman at age 35, whose hair got progressively lighter and brighter as she experienced the joys and tribulations of life for over a century. Grandma was one of those women who was truly beautiful her entire life. I have often marveled at her wedding picture taken almost a century ago when she was a mere 20-year-old lass. My Grandpa certainly had an eye for feminine beauty. Grandma had bright green eyes to go with her snow white hair, and these distinguishing characteristics, together with her always joyful personality and a mischievous twinkle in those green eyes, was a sight to behold for both young and old. She loved to sing Italian love songs in both English and Italian, play her harmonica, and when an occasion presented itself, eat a hard-bread Italian sandwich with provolone, salami, peppers, etc., and imbibe a little red wine.

As one might expect from a centenarian, Grandma has left behind a very large family, including children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and even great-great-grandchildren. She had a long, and full life with the usual doses of tragedy as well as the great moments of happiness such as when her boys returned from the War or when she was with her entire family on special occasions, holidays, or one of her many birthday parties. I remember when the family celebrated Grandma's 100th birthday in 1993, she had the best time. Literally, Grandma had the most fun of anyone. The rest of us had the usual mid-life, teenage, and old-age worries. Not Grandma — she had wonderful memories and family to love.

Italian-Italian Generation

Grandma was one of a kind, and her passing brings to the close an era that was unique in American history. I like to divide the history of my immediate family into four basic eras. This is undoubtedly comparable to the experiences of all Americans, but for me, it is especially poignant to note the incredible changes in our family that have occurred during Grandma's lifetime. She was the last of the first group of immigrants I call the Italian-Italians. They were born and raised in Italy, and because of hunger, political persecution,

by John DiFalco, Xi '62
(Written in 1999)

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or simply the desire for a better life, migrated to this country. Due to a lack of education, they worked in some of the

most difficult and menial jobs while struggling to raise their families in this strange new homeland. Grandma spent 85 years in the marvelous United States of America. However, the first 20 years of her life, which are obviously her formative years, were lived in Italy. She was fully inculcated with the traditions and culture of that wonderful and ancient land. She was, in fact, the family's last link to the past.

Italian-American Generation

Her children, including my father, were the group I call the Italian-Americans. My Dad, who himself immigrated to this country as a twelve-year-old, had one foot firmly planted in Italy, and the other foot just as firmly planted here in the United States. He was bilingual, retained the culture of his Italian roots, including a love of music and red wine, but became fully "Americanized" and purposely adopted many of the American ways. When his boy played little league baseball or high school football, even though Dad wasn't exactly sure about the rules of the sport, he never missed one of his son's games. He became quite Americanized in such matters, even learning how to properly "boo" the umpire or recognize a blitz. Dad's generation paid their dues to America during both the Great Depression and in World War II, which debt of gratitude to that generation this nation is finally recognizing as we enter the new millen-

nium. I can still remember my Dad speaking to his mother and father in Italian, and in turn, then explaining to us children in English what they were saying. His generation, possibly the greatest of all American generations, was the critical link between our family's historical and traditional past and our bright and promising future.

American-Italian Generation

The next generation, which I call the American-Italians, includes myself. This group of Grandma "White Hair's" grandchildren were all raised from birth in this country and are fully American by genetics, inclination, and desire. We are the first generation to not only complete high school, but to successfully matriculate to college and graduate school. We have moved into the professions. We are the real beneficiaries of Grandma's great "American Dream." Indeed, we are living that very dream today.

I often wonder what Grandma might have been thinking as she watched her grandchildren and great-grandchildren

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Our Heritage – Christopher Columbus

Today we take for granted that the world is round. In the fifteenth century, however, most people believed the world was flat. They thought that monsters or a trip over the edge of the earth waited for anybody who sailed outside the limits of known territory. People laughed at or jailed others who dared think that the world was round.

There were educated persons, however, who reasoned that the world must be round. An Italian named Christopher Columbus was bold enough to push this notion, and ask for money to explore the seas, and find what he thought would be the other hemisphere of the earth. Portugal, Italy and England refused to support such a venture.

At that time, spice merchants were looking for an easier route to Asia. They traveled south past Africa, around the Cape of Good Hope, and continued eastward. Christopher Columbus convinced Queen Isabella of Spain that it would be easier to sail directly west and find the rich treasures of India and Asia. A new route would be found, he said, and possible new lands for Spain.

Columbus first asked Queen Isabella for help in 1486, but it was years before she agreed, provided that he conquer some of the islands and mainland for Spain. Columbus would also be given the title of “Admiral of All the Ocean Seas,” and receive one-tenth of the riches that came from any of his discoveries.

Finally, on August 3, 1492, he and ninety men set sail on the flagship Santa Maria. Two other ships, the Nina and the Pinta, came with him. They sailed west for three long months. His men became tired and sick, and threatened to turn the ships back. Columbus encouraged them, certain that they would find the spice trail to the East. On October 11th, at night, Columbus saw a light. The Pinta kept sailing, and reported that the light was, in fact, land. The next morning at dawn they landed.

Christopher Columbus and his crew had expected to see people native to India, or be taken to the great leader Khan. They called the first people they saw “Indians.” They had gone ashore in their best clothes, knelt and praised God for arriving safely. From the “Indians” they learned that the island was called Guanahani. Columbus christened it San Salvador and claimed it for Spain. When they landed on the island that is now Cuba, they thought they were in Japan. After three subsequent voyages, Columbus was still unenlightened. He died a rich and famous man, but he never knew that he discovered lands that few people had imagined were there.

Columbus had stopped at what are now the Caribbean Islands, either Watling Island, Grand Turk Island, or Samana Cay. In 1926, Watling Island was renamed San Salvador and acknowledged as the first land in the New World. Recently, however, some people have begun to dispute the claim. Three men from Miami, Florida have started a movement to recognize Conception Island as the one that Columbus and his men first sighted and landed on. The controversy has not yet been resolved.

Few celebrations marked the discovery until hundreds of years later. The continent was not even named after Columbus, but an Italian explorer named Amerigo Vespucci. In 1792, a ceremony was held in New York honoring Columbus, and a monument was dedicated to him. Soon after that, the city of Washington was officially named the District of Columbia and became the capital of the United States. In

1892, a statue of Columbus was raised at the beginning of Columbus Avenue in New York City. At the Columbian Exposition held in Chicago that year, replicas of Columbus’s three ships were displayed.

Americans might not have a Columbus Day if Christopher Columbus had not been born in Italy. Out of pride for their native son, the Italian population of New York City organized the first celebration of the discovery of America on October 12, 1866. The next year, more Italian organizations in other cities held banquets, parades and dances on that date. In 1869, when Italians of San Francisco celebrated October 12th, they called it Columbus Day.

In 1905, Colorado became the first state to observe a Columbus Day. Over the next few decades other states followed. In 1937, then President Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed every October 12th as Columbus Day. Since 1971, it has been celebrated on the second Monday in October.

Although it is generally accepted that Christopher Columbus was the first European to have discovered the New World of the Americas, there is still some controversy over this claim. Some researchers and proponents of other explorers attribute the first sightings to the early Scandinavian Vikings or the voyages of Irish missionaries which predate the Columbus visit in 1492. The controversy may never be fully resolved to everyone’s satisfaction, but 1992 marked the 500th anniversary of the Columbus discovery.

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achieve such incredible success in America. Did she think back to the hardships of the journey, to the shores of this country and to the difficult times she must have experienced as the spouse of a steelworker during the Great Depression? Did she long for her home back in Italy in Valsireggio—the beautiful mountain valley of the kings? What a trade—the clean air of the mountains for the belching black smoke of a grimy steel town—all for freedom and a better life for the family.

American-American Generation

The great-grandchildren, including my youngsters, must have truly amazed Grandma. They are the group from every corner of this great country I call the American-Americans, or better yet, without a hyphen (as who needs a hyphen in America?), the modern Americans.

All our children today are infused at birth with all the greatness of this nation. I couldn't help but to observe that all the great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren had a special bond with Grandma. It was amazing to see her, who by the end of her life, generally spoke only Italian, and they, classic young, Americans who often spoke sonic bizarre form of "valley girl, teenage English," communicate with each other as if they were long-time playmates in a school yard.

It was as if they and Grandma had ESP. Now, there was no longer a need for translation. Grandma could smile, give her blessing with the Italian words *dio ti benedici* as she would marvel at their newest accomplishments. They understood her and she completely understood them. Family love transcends oceans, cultures, age and languages. Grandma was proof of that—she was our living heritage.

Yes, Grandma, our family will miss you, and our nation must surely miss all the Grandmas and Grandpas who made the perilous journey to a new nation to give to their children and grandchildren the opportunities that we enjoy today. Among Grandma's direct and illustrious descendants are doctors, lawyers, teachers, homemakers, steelworkers, coaches, accountants, politicians, priests, soldiers, sailors, and even a rascal or two. She loved us all, and to all she was our Grandma from the "old country."

As I reflect on her life, in some ways I envy the opportunity she had to be part of, and to observe the greatest mass-migration of people in history and the evolving, flowering, of a diverse American culture during the most incredible 20th Century. It may be her time to rest and to be with some of her children, including my father who went before her, but I think all would agree that during her almost 106 years of a life, she had "one heck of a ride." Goodbye Grandma. I speak for all when I say we already miss you.

Alumni News

David Chiarello, Beta Sigma '93, was married June 2, 2001 to Danielle Frangipane. David lives in New York City and is a network engineer.

Howard Beder, Beta Phi '84, sends belated news to The Kleos that he was married in 2000. Howard and his wife Irena are living in Maplewood, N.J. He is a vice president for First Class Entertainment.

David Gustafson, Beta Rho '66, has been enjoying a 32-year teaching career at Gannon University. He is currently the chairman of the biology department and has served as director of the pre-physical therapy program, the pre-pharmacy program, and professor of ecology. An Erie, Pa. native and Gannon graduate, he was intent on becoming a teacher in his senior year of college when he taught biology labs. "I enjoyed interacting with students, and I had a desire to share my knowledge," he says.

Every two or three years, Gustafson travels to various places in the world to study the ecology of that area. His past travels included Florida, the James and Hudson Bays in Canada, and Africa. His next effort is a trip to China to study Asian ecology. His most memorable trip was to Africa in 1988, where he spent six weeks on a safari. He climbed 19,000-foot Mt. Kilimanjaro, lived with an African tribe, and communicated with the mountain gorillas with hand gestures. "It was a unique and exciting experience to communicate with these creatures."

Being a teacher for 32 years, Dave has received 25 teaching awards on local, state and national levels. He is proud of having received the prestigious Distinguished Professor Award at Gannon in 1999. He is also very proud of the biology department. Last year, Gannon put 21 students into medical school — quite an impressive achievement.

Congratulations to three Delta Xi alumni on their recent accomplishments.

Steven LaVista, '95, recently published his first novel, "A Moment of Evil." The book has gotten excellent reviews, and has been compared to authors Steven King and Wes Craven. It is available in all major bookstores and online.

Erich Vidal, '93, and **Phil Dolcemasclo**, '92, recently graduated from the UMDNJ/Rutgers University Physician Assistant Program with Master of Science degrees. Erich is practicing family medicine in New Jersey, and Phil is with an open-heart surgery team in Boston.

Terry Leishman, Gamma Delta '90, received a promotion at Thomas' English Muffin Frederick Plant from a line worker to assistant production supervisor. Terry resides in Frederick, Md. with his wife Nancy and three children: Neil 11, Nadine 8, and Jessica 4. He has worked at Thomas' English Muffins for six years.

In Memoriam

Albert M. Danton, Alpha, Syracuse, 1933, passed away 12/14/97 and reported on 3/22/01.

James A. Varrone, Gamma, Yale, 1930, passed away 4/1/00.

George R. Bartle, Theta, N.Y.U., 1940, passed away 9/18/00.

Victor E. Minotti, Iota, Union, 1929, passed away 6/8/00.

Victor D. Ippolito, MD, Kappa, Case Western Reserve, 1933.

Anthony C. Rini, MD, Kappa, Case Western Reserve, 1931.

Augustus Meola, Nu, Pittsburgh, 1929.

Aladdin A. Bucci, Xi, Ohio State, 1925.

Evelino W. Mastrangelo, Xi, Ohio State, 1946.

Patrick E. DeSalvatore, Sigma, Boston University, 1947.

Louis H. Caperelli, Chi, Penn State, 1929, passed away 9/15/00, reported on 5/10/01.

Raymond T. Cardamone, Chi, Penn State, 1949.

Patrick C. Frye, Chi, Penn State, 1969, passed away 12/29/00.

Gerald A. Castelli, Psi, Duquesne, 1949.

Ralph N. Alparone DDS, Omega, University of Rochester, 1939.

Joseph Dianetti, Omega, University of Rochester, 1941.

Ernest E. Gialluca, Beta Zeta, Ohio University, 1936.

Frank A. Valicenti, Beta Zeta, Ohio University, 1941, passed away 4/1/99, reported on 5/10/01.

Fred J. Canei, Beta Theta, Steubenville, 1954, passed away 1/27/01.

Mark A. DiOrio, Beta Theta, Steubenville, 1954, passed away 5/24/01.

Anthony F. DiMeo, Beta Iota, Utica College, 1953.

Peter N. Poleo, Beta Iota, Utica College, 1950, passed away 4/2/01.

Keith Elliot, Beta Omicron, Youngstown, 1990, passed away 4/1/00.

Joseph C. Alaimo, Gamma Lambda, Fordham 1987, passed away 7/20/01.

Editor's Note: Date of death not available for all brothers

A look back in time in APD History

The History of Alpha Phi Delta has been updated and is being readied for publication for the first time in 28 years. It will contain the complete text of History originally written by Stan Raffa in 1973. The History starts in 1914 and continues forward through the year 2000. The volume will be 190 pages long and contain a decade by decade picture scrapbook of the fraternity. It will be printed this fall. Please watch for offers to purchase this volume to read and have as your complete fraternity reference.

25 Years Ago (1976). . . Alpha Phi Delta celebrated America's bicentennial at its 56th National Convention back at the Stevensville Hotel and Country Club, in the Catskill Mountains on August 23rd through 27th. Past National Presidents were especially honored at this convention and it drew them there in record numbers: Brothers Cavallaro, Ciarrocchi, Costanzo, DeGuglielmo, D'Urso, Muffoletto, Ottaviano, Pasta, Raffa, Santangelo, Scioscia, Vannicola, Zangrille and soon to be PNP Palazzo. . . Former 5th District Governor, A. Joseph Creston was unanimously elected National President, while there was a real horse race for National Vice President. Richard Canestraro (6th District Governor), John Fiore (7th District Governor), Steve Rubino (1st District Governor) and Ben Verdile (former 4th District Governor) were nominated. On the day before the election, Stanley Raffa arranged for each candidate to meet with the undergraduates for 30 minutes. The undergraduates caucused and brother Verdile, the son-in-law of the late Dr. Nardone, garnered a majority on the first ballot. Besides some good, healthy politics, this convention also saw Adam DiVincenzo and Joseph Scotti announce that they would manage Central Office for only two more years, this being their 16th.

40 Years Ago (1961). . . Expansion, its ways and means, was the keynote of the business sessions with much of the discussion and proposed legislation centered around this vital subject. Initiations had slipped to one hundred and sixty-three; the collection of alumni dues however showed an increase to \$1,798. . . Highlight of the convention was the acceptance of the petition of a group at St. Francis College in Brooklyn, New York, headed by their moderator, Brother Camillus, O.S.F., which became the Beta Sigma Colony.

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The Founder's Dinner



On November 5th, Alpha Phi Delta turns 87 years of age! The alumni clubs listed below will host *The Founder's Dinner* sometime in November. If you wish to join in this celebration, feel free to contact your local alumni club to find out the exact date, time and location. I hope you will be able to join in celebration of the founding of our fraternity. *Faciamus!*

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