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President's Message

As I reach the midpoint of my third term as National President of Alpha Phi Delta I want to once again say how much of a privilege and an honor it has been to serve in this position. When I was first elected, the Constitution and bylaws of the Fraternity limited a brother to two consecutive one-year terms as President. Shortly after I was elected, that term limit was changed to four one-year terms by the National Council.

At the beginning of my first term as President, I met with the Executive Secretary and the Vice President for Financial Affairs and we developed several long-term goals that we wanted to work on as a team. These goals would require several years of working together. Therefore, I took on the challenge of seeking a third term as President.

One of our goals was to find new brothers to take up leadership positions within the Fraternity. I am happy to say that we have accomplished that goal to a great degree. We now have five new District Governors serving the Fraternity. Kirk M. Spencer, Delta Iota '92, is serving as the Eastern Pennsylvania District Governor. Christopher R. Bernard, Gamma Eta '87, was recently appointed as District Governor of the Hudson Valley District. Jason Lafreniere, Delta Nu '94, is serving as the New England District Governor. Manuel Rodriguez, Jr., Gamma Sigma '94, is the District Governor for the New York City District. Finally, Ross S. Alessandro, Psi '95, is the Western Pennsylvania District Governor.

During my first term as President, Richard C. Barnes, Beta Chi '93, volunteered to be the Vice President for Expansion. After one year in that posi-

tion, he successfully ran last spring in Boston for the position of Executive Vice President. Rick has been a great help to both myself and Central Office with all of our duties and responsibilities.

With Rick running for Vice President, the position of Vice President for Expansion was once again vacant. Fortunately, Evan Sottosanti, Beta Eta '88, volunteered. Evan immediately established a committee and is doing a fantastic job with our largest expansion push in over twenty years.

Another goal that was established in the early meeting was to establish an aggressive and rational expansion effort. I am pleased to say that this effort is doing better than expected. We are focusing our efforts in Boston, Chicago and Washington D.C. We also have projects in the New York City area and Florida. The Expansion Committee is attempting to work as a team with the District Governors, Central Office and myself to establish chapters that will survive for the long term.

Surprisingly, the problem areas right now are with our established chapters. For example, a serious problem with the Beta Theta Chapter at Steubenville University has recently developed. In spite of efforts from the District Governor and Central Office, this chapter has failed to pay its debt to the National Fraternity and did not attend the recent National Council meeting. I am hoping the problem can be solved. If there are any alumni brothers from Beta Theta that would be willing to help us with this problem, please contact me.

The Upstate New York District also continues to be a problem area in

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Tom Carroll
National President

Alumni, Where Are You?

Back in the 1970s when I was National President, we had about 17 chapters and about eight alumni clubs. Today there are 40 chapters, 11 alumni clubs and 10 colonies — give or take a few. This does not count our alumni expansion listing of eight groups.

Yes, we have grown rapidly, but the alumni support has not kept up with our expansion as it did in the 70s and early 80s. Many of the alumni have vanished. These alumni must come out of hiding and support our young brothers who now pay big bucks for membership, per capita, etc. If we don't support them and our National Officers, these young men are paying too much for too little. Many of us alumni know how much APD meant to us as undergraduates. When we graduated, many of us kept in touch, did our best to keep our bonds tight as we sought employment, married, raised children, and got on with our lives. As I look back over my 50 years of brotherhood, I am so thankful that APD accepted me into the brotherhood.

Today, where are you alumni hiding? It would be great if you would assist your chapter or any nearby chapter by speaking to these undergraduates. Tell them about your love for APD, stories of your undergraduate days, the history of your chapter, your life since graduation, and how you are still so proud to be a brother at 30, 40, 50, 60, etc. Let them know that we are out there willing to support them in any way that we possibly can.

This is not happening. Why? When graduation comes for these young brothers, we lose them because they think that fraternity life is over. They surely didn't get their money's worth. A good example of poor alumni support—we bring in a new colony or reactivate a chapter, and they pay their induction fees, etc. They are all pumped up because they

by A. Joseph Creston, Psi, PNP

are now part of the brotherhood. But often, due to lack of constant alumni support, the brothers who laid all the ground work disappear. In a year or two, the group is dormant. It is not fair! When Mike Zerega, PNP, was Expansion Chairman, his rule was if one was interested in establishing a



A. Joseph Creston
Past National President (1976-78)

chapter or reactivating one, he had to make a three-year commitment to these young students. I made that commitment in 1980 when I founded Gamma Delta at Waynesburg College. It is still there today. The Pittsburgh Alumni Club supported me on the long 70-mile trips. I made 30 trips the first year, 15 the second and others in the following years. I was in my 50s during that time. It is not an overnight effort; it is a definite commitment.

Tom Carroll, our National President, needs our support. He and other presidents before him have had difficulties getting alumni to take offices and assignments. Because of this, many of the governors have been on the job too long since they can't find replacements. When this happens, they become less effective; and the

chapter becomes weaker and less motivated. I started the system of each governor having an assistant who would eventually become the governor. The governor would serve approximately 2-3 years then move up to other offices if he desired. But today some governors can't obtain assistants. Instead of having elections each year, they remain tired governors.

Before I left Pittsburgh to winter in Florida, I arranged a meeting with Psi chapter at Duquesne University through their president, Mike Ziezula. I wore my fraternity blazer, shirt and tie so that I could look like a Past National President who was still in love with APD and my Psi chapter. There were approximately 35 brothers and pledges present. I asked the question, "I am Joe Creston, Psi '49, PNP. Have any of you heard of me?" Only three raised their hands — two undergraduates whose fathers I had inducted into APD when I was district governor; and the president Mike whom I had met at the Pittsburgh Alumni Club golf outing this past summer. I was angry! Mr. Joe Creston, a Psi brother, recipient of many National awards, and who served on countless national committees as recently as 1993. My own chapter did not know who I was. But as I drove home, on that rainy, foggy night, my anger turned to embarrassment. I, not they, was at fault. I was the one to blame because my visits became infrequent. *Shame on me.*

Don't let this happen to you. Get out and meet these young brothers — they would like to know us alumni. Then, upon graduation, they will join our alumni clubs. Most of our alumni clubs are missing the 25 plus age groups. By visiting the chapters, our undergraduates would learn that the brotherhood is still strong after graduation. Don't say that you are too old to be active. Plato said, "age is not a time in life but a state of mind." Joe Randazzo, who is in his 80s, drives

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Undergraduate Scrapbook

Duquesne University



Psi Chapter initiated five new brothers from the **Fall Pledge Class** on November 9th. The induction ceremony was hosted by the Pittsburgh Alumni Club as new brothers and old brothers including alumni enjoyed dinner together at Jameson's Restaurant after the ceremony.



Fraternity Replay. Doug Sundo, Psi '75, and Cal Shipley, Psi '71, were brothers at Psi chapter in the 1970s and developed a lifelong friendship. A generation later, their sons are both Psi Chapter brothers. Cal's son Chris, Psi '99, who is a senior, became big brother to Doug's son Michael, who was just initiated in the spring of 2000 and is a sophomore this year. Above in picture from left: Doug Sundo, Mike Sundo, Chris Shipley and Cal Shipley.

Manhattan College



Godfathers and pledges after Beta Beta **Fall 2000 Baptism**: Pat "Egon" / James Minton, Dan "Roach" / John Gennoey, Dennis "Dobber" / Brain Baker, Rich "Uncle Buck" / Aaron Cormier, Rich "Washout" / Kevin Stransky.



Beta Beta Brothers Dave Braun, Mike Juliano, Kevin Stransky and Sean Lynch at baptism.



Psi Chapter brothers came out for a little dining and dancing at the Pittsburgh Alumni Club's annual **Dinner Dance** on November 11th.

Polytechnic University



October 8, 2000, Delta Colony held its baptism for the fall pledge class of 2000, at New York District Governor Manny Hernandez' house. Present was Executive Secretary Felipe Martinez, Vice President of Expansion Evan Sottosanti, and the Assistant Vice President of Expansion Frank DiMaria. Six interested men showed up for this baptism showing a great deal of courage. Frank administered all questions to the bids, while Evan took note and asked questions as well. On hand for Delta Colony were all its members, President Brian Silk, Pledgemaster Ettore Daddi, Historian/Chaplain Alan, Vice President Jack Flores, and Secretary/Treasurer Steven Iacoviello. In closing it was a great success for Delta Colony now expanding to become a great power in Polytechnic University and for the Fraternity. Also on behalf of Delta Colony thank you to all who participated to make this event happen and to Manny for letting us use his house for the event.

Submitted by Steven Vito Iacoviello.



The Delta Colony at Polytechnic University inducted six new members on November 18th at the office of Aldo Del Sobo in Queens, New York, bringing the chapter to 11 brothers. In the picture are the new initiates along with the chapter and members of the New York Alumni Club who attended the initiation.

George Washington University



On Friday, October 27th at Justin Lee's apartment in Washington, D.C., five young George Washington University men were baptized to reactivate the Beta Upsilon Chapter. The goal is to begin colonizing at other D.C. Metro campuses. We are looking into Beta Psi at Catholic University, George Mason, which is located in Fairfax, Virginia, and to reactivate the National Capital Alumni Club. Pictured above: Thomas Amazzalorso, Gamma Pi '93, Gregory Jasgur, Logan Garrels, Benjamin Jones, Scott T. Bleaszey, Waleed M. Bississo, Justin Lee, Delta Sigma '96. Missing from picture is Michael Zerega, PNP, Psi '69 (he was at the ceremony but left before the picture was taken). Helping with project, but not in the picture is Robert Janssen, Lambda '92. Robert and Justin were both founders of their respective chapters.

S.U.N.Y. Stony Brook



The brothers of Gamma Omicron show off after the fall pledge class is initiated on December 2, 2000.

Undergrads—submit your pictures and news for the next issue of The Kleos. Show your alumni what is going on at your chapter in the next edition of the *Undergraduate Scrapbook*. Use the e-mail or address listed on page 2.

Catholic University

Beta Psi Chapter at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. is being reactivated. It will begin pledging during the spring semester. The chapter has been dormant since 1983 after being founded in 1979.

University of Indianapolis



Expansion Vice President Evan Sottosanti conducted an induction on November 4th of our newest brothers at the University of Indianapolis, an expansion colony. They are as follows from left to right: Mike Caronti, Sean Weisman (back), R.J. from Loyola Colony (front), Scott Moore (back), Omar Barragan (colony president), Frank DiMaria (front), Cameron Causey, Evan Sottosanti.

Kean University



Our expansion colony at Kean University (Union, N.J.) celebrated an induction on December 2, 2000.

St. Francis University

NEW HOUSE UNDERWAY

The Beta Lambda Chapter at St. Francis University (name changed from college as of January 1st) in Loretto, Pa. has experienced many challenges over the past two years. Through this time the brothers past and present have continued to diligently work to better our chapter. The work of the brothers and the massive effort put forth by our alumni have given the Beta Lambda Chapter a great new opportunity.

The Beta Lambda house was destroyed by fire on December 28, 1998. Since that time, the chapter has operated out of various apartments and dorm rooms. Over the past two years, we have been able to continue to attract new members and keep our numbers steady. We currently have only five undergrad brothers, three graduate student brothers still attending classes, and have pledged 10 new members with inductions occurring in mid-January. Our numbers are currently a bit shallow, but we have great promise for the future. Through an incredible fundraising campaign led by alumnus Mike Flott, other alumni and the alumni corporation that owns the property where the house was, over \$165,000 has been donated by our alumni and undergrad brothers. This is enough money to finally rebuild our house bigger and better than it was previous to the fire. Currently, construction is underway, and the expected finishing date is late spring. An official house opening is being planned for the end of spring 2001 semester or the beginning of the fall 2001 semester. We will invite everyone to this important event for our chapter.

The chapter has continued to try to regain school recognition since it was stripped many years ago. The current school administration does nothing encouraging to accommodate our request for school affiliation. We have submitted various re-instatement plans and asked for school assistance and guidance in the process. We have yet to receive any assistance from the university. While we cannot control the attitude and actions of St. Francis University, we will continue to try to improve our status with the university. We cannot do volunteer work, pledging activities, or sponsor any school activities on campus as a result of our status with the school. We do, however, volunteer in the local community with such programs as adopt a highway and the Multiple Sclerosis Society walk.

The past two years have been very trying for our chapter. However, the end result of a brand new house and the chapter still being alive and gaining strength, exemplifies the tremendous character and true brotherhood shared by brothers new and old within our chapter.

Submitted by Jerry Rush, graduate student, St. Francis University, 1999 chapter president, jarush2000@aol.com

New York Pledge Bowl

On October 25th, 2000, the New York City area **Pledge Bowl** was held in the Dibner Library Auditorium of Polytechnic University. There was a great turnout of brothers when 55 brothers and 30 pledges participated in this event. Chapters included Beta Beta, Beta Sigma, Gamma Rho, Beta Eta, Beta PI, and Delta. The caliber of questions that were asked were somewhat difficult and got harder as the night went on. A NCAA-like Final Four Grid was created and used to single out the chapters with Beta Eta Chapter ending up as the winner of the event.

Submitted by Steven Vito Iacoviello, Delta Colony.



St. Francis College

CHAPTER APPEALS FOR FUNDS FOR CAMILLUS CASEY SCHOLARSHIP

The undergrads of the Beta Sigma Chapter and St. Francis College would like to hold a ceremony for the 20th anniversary of Brother Camillus Casey's death in the month of April. At this dedication ceremony, the undergrads and St. Francis College will be dedicating a mural commissioned by the school in Brother's honor and remembrance.

That night the undergrads would like to present a check to Brother Stanley Raffa for Alpha Phi Delta's Scholarship and also to St. Francis College for its established scholarship in Brother Casey's name. We ask all Beta Sigma brothers and any Alpha Phi Delta brother who knew Brother Camillus to kindly make a donation for as much as you can. The chapter will be taking donations at the reception for both scholarships. If you cannot attend, please write a check payable to national (Alpha Phi Delta Foundation—Scholarship Division) or the school; the choice is yours.

Camillus Casey, OSF, a Franciscan brother, was the original moderator and actual founder of our chapter as well as being a longtime National Chaplain for APD. He helped our founding brothers start our chapter in 1962. This year (2001) is the 20th anniversary of his death, a day that lives in the hearts of ALL of our alumni.

A letter will be sent out stating the time and place with an RSVP card to all Beta Sigma alumni. All checks and RSVPs should be sent to: Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity c/o Justin Sorrentino, 2070 59th Street, Brooklyn NY, 11204

Submitted by Justin P. Sorrentino.

Chicago Alumni Club



The Chicago Alumni Club celebrated Founders Day with their annual Thanksgiving Dinner in November.



Chicago AC's new Executive Board. From left: Historian Joe Stacy, Beta Mu '57; Mel Vander Velde, Beta Mu '67; Robert Desanto, Beta Mu '57; Michael Caronti, Beta Theta '81.

Pittsburgh Alumni Club



The Pittsburgh Alumni Club held their annual Christmas dinner on December 18 at Minutello's Restaurant with 41 people turning out to share some holiday spirit. The group enjoyed the traditional PAC Italian Christmas fare for dinner — smelts for appetizers, antipasto, soup, *spaghetti aglio e olio* and spumonti for dessert.



The PAC held elections in January. Chuck Liberatore, Psi '60, on right, takes the gavel over as president succeeding Rocco Muffi, left. Doug Sundo, Psi '76, was elected as new VP.

National Council Meeting

Stockton State College, Pomona, N.J. October 7, 2000



October 7, 2000 at Stockton State College in Pomona, New Jersey. Many of the attendees at the **Fall National Council Meeting** found time to pose for a group picture after the Saturday gathering. The group enjoyed an informal dinner after leaving the college.

National President Tom Carroll ran a smooth meeting session that saw the National Council close Delta Tau at Roger Williams, Delta Upsilon at Robert Morris and Delta Epsilon at John Jay. Despite the closings, the fraternity's future is still bright. The expansion office announced that nine colonies are in operation. During the session, Central Office coordinated four Leadership Conference seminars for the undergraduates.



Leon Panella, left, turns over the chairmanship of the APD Foundation to **Paul Fabrizio**. Panella served the board as chairman for the past two years. He will continue to serve on the board through the remainder of his term which runs through 2004. Fabrizio has been a trustee on the board for the past two years and was elected as the board chairman for 2000-2001.



On Friday October 6, 2000, these alumni brothers enjoyed dinner and golfing at the **2nd Annual National Golf Outing** held at the Westover Country Club as a prelude to the National Council weekend. From left: Paul Fabrizio, Leon Panella, John Russo, Pete Gaudiuso, Rocco Muffi, Charlie Fiore, Don Luciano, Mike Iacovelli, Bob Valeriano, Mike Maniello, Manny Rodriguez, Tom Carroll, and Ed Magliocco (the organizer of the golf outing and dinner).



Top scholarship award winner, Joseph Testa, Jr., center, receives his scholarship check from Stan Raffa on October 7th at the council meeting. Scholarship trustees Rich Primiano, left, Al Palazzo, 2nd from right, and Charlie Fiore, right, look on. Testa is an undergraduate at the University of Connecticut and received the \$2400 Founders Award. The Scholarship trustees and the Foundation trustees met during the afternoon between National Council sessions.

Profile in Courage

Alumni Profile – Mark Chilutti, Beta Delta

Think that the presidential campaign was close? Consider the election for a seat in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Of approximately 25,500 votes cast, Mark Chilutti, Beta Delta '87, came within 50 votes of defeating House Majority Leader John Perzel, a 22-year incumbent.

Citing the need in Northeast Philadelphia, Mark's home area, to have a representative who cared about the needs of its people instead of political gain, Mark decided to challenge Representative Perzel. Mark worked diligently to raise campaign funds, and to personally visit the voters in his district. Running against an entrenched incumbent, he received little financial help from the Democratic party. He created a lot of excitement and promise, and came extremely close to winning a seat in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Mark has had to overcome many adversities. In January 1988, while attending to his disabled car on Interstate 95, he was struck by a drunk driver. The impact of the car threw his body against a wall, and under a burning car. Suffering severe burns, broken bones and other external injuries, Mark also was afflicted with severe brain trauma. With the brain injury came memory loss and temporary paralysis. Mark fought his way to recovery, and 51 days later his casts were removed and he walked out of his doctor's office with a new appreciation of life.

Never afraid of a challenge, Mark opened M and M Jewelers in April 1994. A few short years later, life was to change again. On December 5, 1996, two men entered the

by Ed Magliocco,
Past National Vice President



Mark Chilutti

jewelry store. One had a gun pointed at him. As they proceeded to rob the store, Mark cooperated completely. However, the gunman shot Mark in the chest at close range. The bullet entered his chest, pierced his lung and severed his spine, leaving him paralyzed from the chest down.

Mark is 31 years old and a graduate of Philadelphia's Central High School and Temple University. He is a member of the Delaware Valley Alumni Club serving as the corresponding secretary for the past three years.

In addition, he is an Eagle scout, a speaker on gun safety and violence in the community, city and state; a Member of Magee Rehabilitation Presidents Council, a Peer Mentor serving newly injured victims of spinal cord injuries, involved as a leader in the scouting program within the city and the region working with youth.

Mark has been recognized by the Delaware Valley Alumni Club in 1999, receiving The Profile in Courage Award, the Mercy Healthcare System with the "Courage to Come Back Award," the Pennsylvania Association of Rehabilitation Facilities with the Empowerment Award, the Cradle of Liberty Council, and the Boy Scouts of America with numerous awards for distinguished service to youth.

In Mark's farewell address to his political supporters he counsels "To people with a dream, chase it. Don't ever let people talk you out of something that you want to do by telling you that it can't be done. We have too many people who spend their lives wondering what if? Look to the positive and make it happen."

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that we cannot find brothers to step up and serve as District Governor. As a result of the lack of leadership in this area of the Fraternity, Delta Rho Chapter at SUNY Oneonta is in a similar situation to Beta Theta Chapter.

I look forward to working hard in the next few months to continue to build on our successes and to work on our problem areas. Many of these areas require long-term work and commitment. For that reason, I will be seeking a fourth term as National President to continue to work on and develop those goals that we set when I was first elected. I want to thank all of those brothers who serve the Fraternity in both elected and appointed positions. I am thankful for the improved relationship with the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation.

Our initial goals as they related to the Foundation were to eventually establish a full-time paid position for the Executive Secretary and to fully fund the Kleos from an endowment from the Foundation. Both of these goals have not been met, but progress has been made towards them.

In order to continue to meet our goals and to grow and improve the Fraternity, we continue to need the financial support of our brothers. I want to thank all brothers who have paid dues, purchased lifetime memberships and/or given donations to the Foundation. In addition to money, we continue to need time. I am proud of the team of volunteers we have put together to run the Fraternity. I look forward to more brothers stepping up to serve.

Memoirs of a Chapter

Beta Beta Chapter – Manhattan College

Circa 1929



During the early years of Alpha Phi Delta, brothers transferred to different schools throughout the Northeast to stimulate growth. These brothers began to develop friendships with societies like the Italian Club and local fraternities. Eventually, these relationships expanded, formulating Alpha Phi Delta chapters, with the founders consisting of the members from these societies. Several of our earlier chapters were developed in this matter.

Brother A.J. Melita, Iota, a senior at Manhattan College, approached several members of the Italian Club. Meanwhile, Brother F.C. Fazioli, Zeta, approached Lambda Upsilon Fraternity, a local Italian fraternity. Both brothers posed the idea of affiliating with Alpha Phi Delta to the groups. Delta Upsilon affirmed their commitment with Alpha Phi Delta by visiting as many chapters as practicable and later petitioning for chartering with the fraternity. On Saturday, December 28, 1929, twelve men were indoctrinated into Alpha Phi Delta and chartered as the Beta Beta Chapter at Manhattan College.

The Magazine of Alpha Phi Delta, December 1929

Respectfully submitted by Felipe Martinez, Executive Secretary

Alumni, Where Are You?

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110 miles round trip to each Long Island Alumni Club meeting as he picks up brothers and takes them home. We should all strive to emulate Joe. Besides all this, he is the secretary and has been the editor of the LIAC monthly newsletter for many years. Bless you, Joe.

Wake up, alumni! If all this seems too physical for you and especially my peers who have 50 years in APD and attend the free *Emeritus* Luncheon at each convention, unzip your deep pockets and make a contribution to the APD Foundation, who in turn will provide more support programs for the undergraduates instead of their supporting us.

I challenge you all (I will try harder). Give Tom Carroll and his administration strong alumni support. Our undergraduate brothers need our support. Let's give them the alumni support that we received.

A look back in time in APD History

10 Years Ago (1990) Lambda Chapter at University of Pennsylvania was reactivated for the first time since 1941...Alpha Phi Delta Scholarship awarded its first \$1500 award to Richard Klineburger of Gamma Tau... Brooklyn Alumni Club was celebrating their award as Outstanding AC... Joseph Rahtelli was leading Alpha Phi Delta as National President... Andy Cripps took over as the eighth editor of the Kleos... Anthony Carfang and Andrew Cozzolino were recipients of the Outstanding Alumnus and Outstanding Undergraduate Awards, respectively...

15 Years Ago (1985).... At the end of the 1985 convention, there were 24 active chapters and 18 alumni clubs in the fraternity. Total Life Subscribers had increased to 394.... The Kleos announced the second winner of the Vincent Larcy Communications Award in honor of the late Kleos editor. The award went to Al Fafara, Beta Xi '69, who had produced the first history of Beta Xi chapter, wrote a lengthy quarterly newsletter for the North Jersey Alumni Club, and was currently the secretary of the Third District.... Joseph Rahtelli (Beta Beta), a future National President, won the Outstanding Undergraduate award while Beta Beta's Chapter Moderator, Jerome Cashman, won Outstanding Alumnus honors.... Due to low financing, the Chapter Consultant position would not be filled during the 1985-86 year. It would be the end of the position, which only had a short life.

25 Years Ago (1975).... The 1975 mid-year meeting was held in Philadelphia, coinciding with the Philadelphia Alumni Club's testimonial to two brothers of the area celebrating their 50th year with the Fraternity: National Vice President Anthony Nardone and Housing Corporation Founder, Horace Goffredo. ... At the Swan Lake National Convention, New York, brothers Al Palazzo and Anthony Nardone were reelected to serve the Fraternity for a second term as National President and Vice President, respectively.

Member Recommendation

Do you have a son, grandson, godson, nephew or a close friend attending college? Do you want him to join an a fraternity with a deep respect for culture, brotherhood and academics? Shouldn't he have a friendship with others that resemble a home away from home and will last a lifetime? Shouldn't he have the same experiences you had in college and continue to have as a brother of Alpha Phi Delta?

If you have a relative (known as a legacy) or a friend who is attending a college or university within the United States, and he has shown interest in joining a fraternity, then talk to him about joining Alpha Phi Delta. If he is attending a college where an Alpha Phi Delta chapter does not exist, he can help develop and start a chapter on his campus.

If you want to make a recommendation, please contact Central Office by e-mail at apdoffice@apd.org or by phone at 718-745-9551.

Legacy Update

The son of John DeFalco, Xi '62, Kevin DeFalco, is attending the University of Colorado as a freshman studying Aerospace Engineering. He is currently working on recruiting his friends to start a chapter. If you have any legacy updates, please forward them to Central Office.

Website Update



The Fraternity's website has undergone some recent changes. Some new features include:

- ? History section
- ? Chapter listing section
- ? E-mail addresses for National Officers and undergraduate chapters
- ? Alumni dues payment process
- ? Online forms
- ? Scholarship application
- ? National Award applications
- ? Resale information
- ? Plus many other improved features.

Central Office will continue to update the site. You can visit the official site of Alpha Phi Delta, located at URL: www.apd.org.

2001 Membership Directory

The 2001 Alpha Phi Delta Membership Directory is nearly complete. Harris Publishing, Inc. has collected over 5000 bad addresses. Another 5000 addresses have been updated and confirmed as accurate. Almost 1000 directories have been sold to brothers.

The directory is divided into several sections:

- 1) Chapter Section
- 2) Alphabetical Index
- 3) Geographical Index
- 4) Career Network Section
- 5) E-mail Address Section

The directory will be available in March. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please contact Harris Publishing directly at 1-800-877-6554.

Italian Heritage Magazine Debuts

F&L PRIMO, a new magazine that celebrates Italian American life, was launched in September 2000. Its target audience is the estimated 26 million Americans of Italian descent.

Its mission is to share and preserve the great gift of Italian American heritage in a magazine that embodies the Italian qualities of passion, artistry and attention to style. F&L PRIMO is published by Francis DeFabo, the grandson of immigrants. He created the magazine to push beyond the homogenizing aspects of American culture and to help his fellow *paesani* reclaim their heritage.

DeFabo writes, "My dream is that F&L PRIMO will enable all of us to relish the rich Italian American heritage and to preserve it for our children. In each issue of F&L PRIMO we will explore our distinct experiences. Through the trials and successes of the famous, infamous, noble and unknown, we will see reflections of our parents, grandparents and ourselves. Of course, there will be food and wine in abundance ... after all, we are Italian."

F&L PRIMO is published bimonthly and is available for \$4.95 at selected restaurants and other retail outlets. Subscriptions are available to KLEOS readers and Alpha Phi Delta brothers for \$24.95 per year by mailing a check to F&L Primo, P.O. Box 350, Latrobe, PA 15650 or by visiting the magazine's website at www.flprimo.com. Join them in a celebration of Italian American life.

Editor's note: I have read the PRIMO Christmas Issue and find that this is a classy magazine. Its articles rekindle fond memories of favorable family experiences. It also shares Italian recipes for food that some of our readers may have enjoyed in our youth — as I did. It represents Italian American heritage well. I believe it is a good fit for our fraternity members seeking to enrich their heritage.

Music, Family and APD

Alumni Profile – Al Meixner

A few years ago, a news reporter described Al Meixner's life as "overflowing with music." To audiences around the United States, this description cannot capture the emotions his music has brought to thousands over his 40 years as an entertainer. Since his professional career started at age 11 playing in his father's weekend band in the Lehigh Valley (Pennsylvania) area, he has gone on to perform around the world as a featured soloist with the Duquesne University Tamburitians where he perfected his style of button box playing. Upon returning to his hometown of Coplay, Pa. after his four years at Duquesne, Al married JoAnn Micacchione; and he then started his own four-piece orchestra in 1972. His weekend hobby soon turned into a serious family business, as it expanded to producing and recording polka and international music at the Jo-Al Studios. At this time, Al started selling various international recordings at his shop and through mail order.

He has engineered over 50 recordings for himself and other artists — including a 1994 Grammy award winner with his son Alex and Walter Ostanek. His expertise on the button accordion has astounded audiences and critics alike who have proclaimed him as "the most stylistic button accordionist in America today" although he is equally adept on piano accordion, bass (his college major), keyboards, drums and vocals in seven languages.

In 1987, Al was offered a position on the staff of the musical arranger as a show consultant at the German Pavilion in Epcot Center at Walt Disney World, Florida. Al accepted the position, disbanding his orchestra and relocating his family to Central Florida. After eight years in Florida, Al returned to Pennsylvania and started his present group — The Al Meixner Trio.

Although Al's versatility allows him to perform almost any kind of music, he chose to specialize in the international music he has loved for his entire life. The trio consists of Al on piano accordion, button accordion, mandolin and vocals, his son Alex and a drummer. The key to this ensemble's success is their love for the music. Al has raised his son to become formally educated in music in order to gain a greater appreciation of his cultural musical roots. Alex electrifies the audience with his show-stopping musicianship not only

on his main instrument, the trumpet, but also the button accordion, piano accordion keyboards, bass, drums and vocals.

For the last five years the trio has toured all over the United States playing from eastern Pennsylvania to as far west as Arizona and Las Vegas and from as far north as Minnesota to the San Antonio, Texas area. During this time, Alex has continued his education, and Al and JoAnn have restarted their mail order business in Pennsylvania still supplying the best in international recordings. Al continues to make new recordings for himself and his son and many other artists around the country.

In the mid-1970s, with the encouragement of then National President Tony Carfang, Al produced a promotional recording that contained fraternity songs which were recorded for the first time. For this, he received recognition at the national convention that year. This recording was one of the first fundraising incentives for the APD scholarship fund.

The Meixner family is augmented by two girls besides Alex. Christiane, the oldest child resides in Aurora, Illinois where she works for UPS in the marketing department. Katrina, the youngest, is a senior at Penn State where she will receive a degree in Sociology in May, and hopes to go on to graduate school.

Al Meixner, Psi '69, has enjoyed world acclaim as a musician. Al matriculated at Duquesne University majoring in music. As a member of Duquesne's world famous Tamburitians, Al was very busy studying, traveling and performing and too busy to join a fraternity — which were also frowned upon by the Tamburitan organization. But Al found time to pledge Alpha Phi Delta in his junior year and has remained a loyal life-long brother. Recently, Al and his wife JoAnn shared this story for The Kleos.

??? Expansion Projects

Reactivations

Alpha at Syracuse University
Delta at Polytechnic University
Sigma at Boston University
Beta Upsilon at George Washington University
Beta Psi at Catholic University
Gamma Omicron at S.U.N.Y. Stony Brook
Gamma Psi at University of Connecticut

Colonies

Kean University (Union, N.J.)
Loyola University (Chicago, Ill.)
University of Indianapolis (Indianapolis, Ind.)

Scholarship — Giammusso's Generous Gift

The Scholarship Division of the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation had been deliberating fund raising ideas on how to supplement their awards. A non-trustee, Vincent Giammusso, Eta '42, past president of the Long Island Alumni Club, and his wife Doris came up with a generous idea.

The Giammusso's would be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Instead of accepting gifts from their many friends, their children, who had planned the surprise party, asked that the gift be detoured as a check and sent to the Scholarship Division "in honor of the Giammusso's" under the John Pasta / Long Island Alumni Club (JP/LIAC) banner. The JP/LIAC required another \$1813 in order to reach a \$25,000 level and thereby receive two and a half shares (one share equals a \$10,000 gift). The Giammusso effort received \$2073, thereby exceeding the requirements by \$260. This August, the JP/LIAC will be awarding two and a half shares in the annual scholarship gifts.

A very generous gift put forth by the Giammusso's and their friends. And have a wonderful 50th Wedding Anniversary Vincent and Doris.

The scholarship committee expects that 28 shares will be awarded in August 2001. Scholarship applications can be obtained by writing to Central Office. The deadline for completed applications is May 31st. Scholarships from the Foundation are open to all full-time college students. Applicants must have completed at least one semester of college level work.

Silver Anniversary

The Scholarship Division of the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation is celebrating a silver anniversary—25 years of awarding scholarships to deserving students. The Scholarship Fund gave out its first awards in 1976 to two young men — Joseph Clement of Psi Chapter and Steven Jenkusky of Beta Sigma.

Since 1976, the Scholarship Division has given out 333 individual awards totaling nearly a quarter of million dollars in value. Awards have not only been made to brothers, but to many children, grandchildren and other relatives of alumni brothers of Alpha Phi Delta.

DONATIONS

With all the good things Scholarships have done for the past 25 years, we can still do more. Please be a part of our continuing success for the next 25 years. Send your donation of any amount to Stanley W. Raffa, 17 Essex Place, Dumont, NJ 07628. Donations of \$10,000 or more earn a named scholarship in perpetuity.

Award Winner

More mail ... Here is a nice note from an \$800 winner, David Gagliardotto.

"It is a wonderful honor to be the recipient of the Brother Camillus Casey Scholarship Award. This particular award holds a special significance because my father was very close to Brother Camillus during his years at St. Francis College. Brother Camillus gave a reading at the mass when my parents were married, and he gave them a Papal Blessing that hangs on a wall at home.

"My father and my uncle, Joe Caldarella, are both alumni of Alpha Phi Delta, and they often remind of the high ethics and moral standards that organization instills in its members. The confidence of such an outstanding national fraternity is truly an honor. I will work to the best of my ability to live up to your high academic standards and to prove myself worthy of this prestigious award.

"Thank you again very much for this scholarship. Please extend my thanks also to the other fraternity brothers on the foundation who were part of the decision to grant this award to me."

Award Winner

The Scholarship Committee received this thank you note from a 2000 Award Winner:

"I would like to thank the members of the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation, Inc. for awarding me the \$800 scholarship in honor of the Ladies Auxiliary of Steubenville for the 2000-01 school year. I am a student at the University of Pittsburgh and participated in the "Pitt in Italy" program this past summer. The scholarship money will help to defray the cost of my annual tuition. My grandfather was a member of Alpha Phi Delta, Beta Theta chapter, and I know how proud he would be of me.

"I am sending a photo of myself (below) with my cousin, Attorney William F. Blake, presenting me with my check for the scholarship. Mr. Blake is also a member of the Steubenville Alumni Chapter of Alpha Phi Delta. Thank you again."

Sincerely, Valerie A. Fabbro



IN MEMORIAM

Benedict Colombi, Kappa '30, passed away December 14, 2000 in Cleveland. Ben was 90 years old and is survived by his wife Gertrude. Ben and Gert were convention regulars for many years. He won the national Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1982 and was a long time member of the Cleveland Alumni Club.

LOST BROTHER—NOW FOUND DEPARTMENT

Mark Roloff, Psi '71, has been missing from the fraternity address roster for over a decade. Recently his whereabouts became known (thanks to a Harris college alumni directory). After being contacted, Mark wrote back to The Kleos. "I have been living in Hendersonville, N.C. for almost 10 years. I was transferred here by the last company I worked for, Trinity Industries. I came with them when they bought Pullman Standard. I was in the Railroad Equipment business for 22 years selling freight cars, fabrications, forgings, castings, etc. I was in sales and marketing, but also did a lot of traveling for a number of years working with engineering, production, etc. I have been married to Linda for 15 years. We have two boys, Mark 12 and David 9. Then there is Samantha, our 10-month-old Lab. I love living here. We are in the Smokey Mountains, northwestern corner of North Carolina near Asheville. I am involved in Boy Scouts and Elks, help coach David in soccer—you know all the Dad stuff. There is some great camping and back-packing in the area. Over the years I have lived in several places in Pa., N.J. and made the decision that for now N.C. will be my home. I am currently working for a small recycling company, Quality Recycling. It was wonderful of you to think of me after all these years."

The Kleos editor also ran into one of Mark's pledge brothers at a high school band show at West Virginia University. **Dave Cech**, Psi '71, is living in Marietta, Ohio with his wife Jean and five kids (although not all are still at home). Dave and Jean are avid band parents (as is The Kleos editor) and are supporting their fourth child in the Marietta High School band. Dave still has a 4th grader and has years to go before leaving the ranks of band fundraising and support.

Tony DiGirolamo, Psi '70, recently wrote to The Kleos after discovering our long lost brother (Mark Roloff, mentioned earlier): "I have lived in Reading, Pa. about 75 miles northwest of Philadelphia with my wife Ellen, whom I met at Duquesne (we've been married 26 years), and our youngest daughter Diana, who is a senior in high school. We have been in Reading about four years now. I have three kids: a daughter (23) living in Naperville near Chicago where we lived for eight years prior to coming to Reading; and a 21 year old son who is a senior in college majoring in business information systems who told me a couple weeks ago he thinks that he wants to go to law school!

"I have moved around, too, spending most of my time in finance/accounting in controller's positions in automotive, printing presses and other capital goods industries and most recently as a CFO of a \$100 million company in the Gourmet Dessert industry. I still get ants in my pants to move and I still miss Pittsburgh and the family and companionship there." *Tony, we'd love to see you in Pittsburgh soon (Ed.).*

alumni news around the country

Doug Wiley, Pi '69, recently wrote to The Kleos. "I just wanted to let you know that some of the guys from Pi chapter got together after 20 years. The Central WV Alumni club was active for only a few years after the chapter (Pi) died, but the guys that stayed in Morgantown keep in touch with each other. E-mail and the web have helped out greatly in getting back with a couple of Alums. **Dave Teachout** (past Chapter President) for example, moved from teaching at Penn State to the University of Minnesota. When he makes a trip back to the area, I will try and round the boys up for a get together with him. **Bobby Perna** recently came in for the weekend from southern Florida. We stay in touch after all these years. **John May** was active at the National level and was credited with starting Beta Tau Chapter.

"Speaking of Beta Tau, one of the brothers is the Chief of Police for the city of Fairmont and two others are on the same force. Another is a lawyer in that town and one is a social worker. From both of these groups there are individuals that would like to reactivate the two chapters, but as to date, no one is in a position to do that."

Tom Noschese, Chi '66, retired from the FBI in 2000 and relocated from Pittsburgh to Las Vegas. Tom is now enjoying the gambling mecca of the world. He couldn't stay retired long as he gained new employment with an internet firm. Tom was the treasurer for the Pittsburgh Alumni Club for the past 10 years.

Joe Audiino, Beta Pi '69, announced his resignation from the Post Office that he served for 30 years. He was postmaster at Setauket, N.Y.. He will soon be working for people much different than he was accustomed to. He will be assured a quiet atmosphere and no back talk of any kind. Towards this end, he went back to school and eventually will be certified as a mortician.

Mark Chilutti, Beta Delta '87, profiled in this issue, sent this note in as we were going to press. As of January 29th, he has joined the staff of Magee Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia full-time as a Director of Development/Major Gifts where he will be responsible for administration and growth of the annual giving campaigns. Mark writes, "It will certainly be a new experience for me, as I have never had a Monday to Friday job. But I know I can handle the challenges. My time and hard work during the campaign proved to me that I could handle (and actually enjoy) a full schedule, and I am looking forward to putting my time and talents to use. I could not think of a better place to work than at Magee, where I have spent a lot of my time in the past four years."

Brothers, please submit your alumni news to The Kleos to share with your fraternity. E-mail and regular mail addresses are shown on page two.

New York AC Outstanding in 2000

Accomplishments of the Outstanding Alumni Club Award Winner

Supporting area chapters: NYAC has a strong relationship with the Beta Sigma (St. Francis College) chapter. However, the relationship it is especially proud of is with the Delta (Polytechnic University) chapter. It has hosted several initiation ceremonies with the Delta chapter. NYAC also publishes chapter events in the NYAC Newsletter.

Promoting Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity: NYAC co-sponsors a Career Night with the Brooklyn Alumni Club for the undergraduate chapters located in New York City. They conduct a seminar helping undergraduates

with the job market, highlight professions, answer questions, provide help with resume writing, review interview skills and networking with local alumni.

Fundraising: NYAC has donated \$500 to the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation for the Leadership Endowment.

Promoting the Italian American Heritage: NYAC hosted the Founders Day Dinner at Goodfellas Italian Restaurant supporting the fraternity and the Italian Heritage of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity. It is impossible to have any function without receiving information, wisdom and influence from brothers like Al Palazzo and Stan Raffa.

Activities: It attends New York City district meetings, pledge bowls, and supports the local chapters, the Brooklyn Alumni Club and Beta Sigma Alumni Association. It also hosted Mets and Yankee baseball games, several Sunday brunches, movie nights, family barbecues, a Super Bowl party, and the New York Alumni Club Christmas party.

Comments from Nicholas Franki, New York Alumni Club President, on accepting the Outstanding Alumni Club Award at the Las Vegas Convention: "We are extremely proud of our history. Founded in 1930 and having been constantly active throughout the past 70 years is awe-inspiring. However, as great as our past has been, we are most proud of our future. Our membership has increased, our visibility on the district and national level has likewise increased. We beef up our schedule with not only meetings but also events for brothers and for their families and getting intrinsically involved with the undergraduates to provide guidance and leadership. We are a proud bunch of hard working brothers, and appreciate this recognition."



The **New York Alumni Club** held a September meeting at Stan Raffa's house. It had a cause for celebration as it showed off the 2000 Award for Outstanding Alumni Club which it received at the summer convention in Las Vegas. Seventeen alumni and four undergrads, representing eleven chapters, were in attendance.

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