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OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE

97 Years and Counting

BY EMIL IMBRO, PI 1967, VICE PRESIDENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS



In just three years Alpha Phi Delta will reach its one hundredth birthday. As we prepare to celebrate this centennial celebration, it might be helpful to take a look at life back in 1914 in order to recognize what it was like back in the day and realize just how far we have come.

From 1900 to 1910, 2 million Italian immigrants had entered the United States through Ellis Island. In 1914, that annual number peaked at 285,000. Children were working in sweatshops from five years of age. The dropout rate from school for children over 12 was 96%. The average income was \$519 per year, teachers were paid \$325 per year and a three bedroom home cost \$2600.

The great majority of Italians lived in poverty in an environment filled with prejudice against them. They could not speak the language and were largely uneducated. The only work most could find were the unskilled jobs of general construction, sewer laying, subway construction and street cleaning.

Women weren't allowed to do much of anything but work in the home or in garment factories sewing. They couldn't enter taverns or pool rooms and were arrested for smoking in public. The social hierarchy consisted of the rich, the average and the immigrants.

Archduke Ferdinand of Austria was assassinated in Sarajevo, which sparked the beginning of WW1. Woodrow Wilson was president and Model Ts were rolling off assembly lines.

In 1911, just two students of Italian descent were enrolled at Syracuse University. Cesidio Guarini and Ferdinand DiBartolo. They met one evening at a social function and a lasting friendship began.

Soon five more enrolled at Syracuse University. As immigrants of different nationalities chose to be together with those of their own kind in the big cities, so these men sought to be together with other Italians on campus. In November, 1913, they formed an Italian language club called, "Il Circolo Italiano" as a part of the Department of Romance Languages of the College of Liberal Arts.

When they realized that they would soon be graduating and going separate ways, they strove to find a bond that would always keep them together. One year later, on November 5, 1914, they formed a fraternity. Alpha Phi Delta was born. That bond of enduring friendship they formed left a lasting mark on the lives of all those that were to follow.

Some 18,000 brothers in 95 chapters have been enriched by this legacy of brotherhood for 96 years—and since 1965 have shared the bond of this heritage with brothers of every ethnic background.

As for this writer, I graduated West Virginia University 41 years ago and the five classmates I met in school with whom I am still in touch today were all brothers at that old Pi Chapter house on Spruce Street. How many of us today are still in touch with fellow classmates we met during undergrad days? How many of those did we meet through fraternity affiliation?

The legacy of brotherhood initiated by those seven young Italian men at Syracuse University lives on today through all of us alumni and undergrads. So in the weeks and months ahead as we approach the 100th birthday of our fraternity, let us remember our humble but meaningful roots and how far we have come. Let us salute those seven Italian men whose bond of friendship grew and gave us all so much. Let us remember the thousands of brothers before us who followed in their footsteps and through their hard work and dedication gave us what we have today.

Finally, look around at the brothers beside you right now. They will likely be the friendships that will last a lifetime. You are beneficiaries of this legacy. Nourish and celebrate it. Its future will depend on you.

Sources: *The History of Alpha Phi Delta 1914–2000*, *La Storia: Five Centuries of the Italian American Experience*—Mangione, Morreale

ON THE COVER: On Saturday November 13, 2010, National Vice President Nick Franki conducted a Leadership Conference at Delta Chi Chapter (University of Colorado) for the Rocky Mountain District. The conference was attended by almost 30 brothers and preceded Delta Chi's induction of three new brothers. District Governor Chipper Couch as well as other prominent alumni were in attendance. Cover photo by Nick Franki.

The Online Face of Brotherhood

BY ROBERT DEVITO, GAMMA IOTA 1985



Robert Devito, President

In the last edition of *The Kleos*, I spoke of the important role “Permanent Activity and Support” plays in the overall identity of Alpha Phi Delta. I continue to be amazed by the scope and breadth of loyal AΦΔ alumni, spread throughout the US and beyond, who continue to express their brotherhood in different ways. On that note, as I’m sure we’re all aware, the world of human interaction has been changing as of late. While our alumni interaction does continue to rely on traditional standbys: Alumni Club/Association gatherings, National Conventions, and other events, in addition to communication like *The Kleos*, the advent of Social Networking and online communities has taken things to another level. If you’re one of those Brothers who hasn’t had the time or opportunity to engage in AΦΔ’s Social Networking, please consider the options below.

LinkedIn

In case you’re not already aware, AΦΔ has an official network on LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com) called the “Alpha Phi Delta Alumni Network”, which has rapidly grown to almost 1,800 online members. Created and maintained by Tony Carfang PNP (Psi ’69), it has become a truly great resource for AΦΔ professionals looking to network, connect to, and expand the breadth of their relationships with fellow Brothers across the globe. Since we’re still in the midst of an economic downturn, it’s reassuring to know that our fellow Brothers have a means of actively reaching out for advice, job leads, and other opportunities. In reflecting on the nature of our organization, it’s clear that this is a perfect medium for us. It’s also very inspiring to hear the tales of Brothers, who’d previously never met, supporting one another in new ways. As of this writing, the LinkedIn group has just begun experimenting with profession-based subgroups. At this point we’ve over 14 subgroups, in almost every discipline, where alumni are engaging in public and private networking, in addition to discussions on general matters of interest.

Facebook

From its (perhaps not so humble) beginnings at Harvard, Facebook has redefined the concept of online interaction. It has also become an interesting area of Brotherhood interaction. Though we are still working on an official AΦΔ presence, many Alumni Clubs/Associations, Chapters, and even some Districts have created Facebook groups. One interesting aspect of

Facebook has been its use in the recruitment of interested students for our potential expansion projects. In his role as VP Expansion, Joe Rahtelli PNP (Beta Beta ’82) has used Facebook to actively seek out students who are attracted by the ideals and heritage of AΦΔ—with excellent results. Both the quality and quantity of recruits he’s succeeded in attracting via these means have been truly outstanding, and has given our Expansion program a much needed boost.

The Centennial Effort

If you haven’t already gotten some communication from our Centennial Committee—well, you must have somehow missed it! Thanks to some great effort and coordination by the Alpha Phi Delta Centennial Committee (chaired by Tony Carfang and Mike Iacovelli), the Fraternity and Foundation have joined forces to plan a massive series of AΦΔ Centennial Celebrations, leading up to our 100th Anniversary Gala in 2014. Taking things a step further, this “cast of thousands” has also launched some exciting new initiatives that will endow the next 100 years as well. Here also, the world of Social Networking and online communities has been a great help. Our team has had the pleasure of pulling together alumni from all walks of life who, though they may have fallen out of touch many years ago, have carried the spirit of AΦΔ close to their hearts. Using various online and email channels, the team has held regional planning meetings in otherwise remote locales such as South Florida and Arizona, gaining more followers and goodwill with each passing day. Interested in receiving online updates? Feel free to email our Central Office apdoffice@apd.org, and ask to be added to the Centennial News distribution list.

Thanks!

In closing, this will be my last address as National President of Alpha Phi Delta. The last two years have been a great step forward for our organization, and I’m proud to join the ranks of other past Presidents who’ve been such a great source of support in recent years. Many thanks to my Vice-President (and President-elect) Nick Franki for taking our education to new heights while being such a great officer and supporter; to Fr. Jim Lentini and Joe Piras for making Central Office look easy; to Chris Mancusi, Joe Rahtelli and the rest of the Expansion committee for giving Alpha Phi Delta such a needed boost; and to all of our District Governors and other officers for making the past two years such a triumph. After almost 17 years of service as an officer, I can say that it has truly been an honor to serve Alpha Phi Delta, and I expect only bigger and better things from our new leadership. *Faciamus!*

UNDERGRADUATE SCRAPBOOK

Photo by Rob Mastrovita



In October, in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, the brothers of **Beta Iota Chapter** (Utica) wore their letters on pink shirts to show their support in making strides against breast cancer. The brothers helped by raising money to donate to the cause, as well as participating in the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk in Utica, NY, joining their community in support of the loved ones and families of those whom have survived, to those whom we hold dear in our hearts, and the courageous women whom are still fighting each and every day.

Photo by Joe Rahtelli



On December 2, 2010, the Psi pledge group, (23rd since reactivation), was inducted into **Beta Iota Chapter** at Utica College. From left to right, James Smith 2009, Cody White 2008, Jordan Santiago 2010, Chris Buchner 2010, Matt Rosenbaum 2010, Phil Hayes 2010, Chris Philpott 2009, Greg Failing 2009, Rob Mastrovito 2008, Mario Baggio Delta Theta 2010 and Luke Chacho Delta Theta 2010. The group celebrated by having dinner at Palermo's Restaurant after the ceremony.

Beta Theta (Steubenville) held spring induction April 16 and brought in six new brothers: David Almeida, Joe Nehrbas, Devin Tovey, Tim Knoban, Tim Knob and Matt Samson. The new brothers were enthusiastically accepted by the existing undergrads who attended the induction ceremony conducted by District Governor Jim Miller.



Photo by Jim Miller



Photo by Jim Miller

Beta Rho at Gannon initiated four new brothers April 3rd. New brothers Sean Floor, Charles Lear, Conrad Thibault and Adam Weinell are pictured above with the "old" brothers.



Photo by Jim Lentini

Six of the seven fall initiates of **Delta Delta Chapter** (Wesley) put in an afternoon of hard work, helping out at the Central Office of Alpha Phi Delta. Part of their pledge program and their chapter's commitment is to put service hours into assisting in the Office. (Pictured, L to R: Anthony Tagliafero, Michael Chiedi, Daniel Armstrong, Andrew Crews, John Jackson, and Zachary Vogel).



On February 20, 2010, Delta Theta Chapter hosted the **Hudson Valley & Expansion Leadership Conference at Marist College**. Over fifty brothers from five different chapters/colonies were in attendance. It was run by Nick Franki, VP for Membership Education, John Whyte and Joe Rahtelli, VP for Expansion. A pizza lunch was provided and was followed by a Hudson Valley District meeting. In the picture are undergraduate brothers from Beta Beta, Gamma Iota and Delta Theta chapters and Delta Nu and Delta Rho colonies.



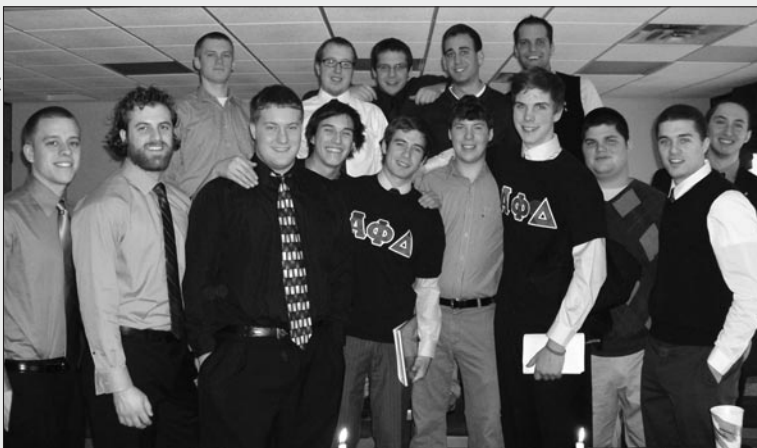
On April 3rd **Beta Beta Chapter at Manhattan College** inducted five new brothers. The newly inducted brothers are Vincent M. Jennosa, Michael R. Loneragan, Jr., Kenneth J. Marzocco, Matthew R. Sorensen and Kevin T. Swenson. The ceremony was conducted by Hudson Valley Assistant District Governor Joseph Carcione, Beta Beta 1980, and Joseph Rahtelli, Beta Beta 1982. Since its reactivation in 2008, nearly 75% of the inducted brothers have been of Italian descent, by far the highest percentage in the fraternity.



LEFT: Delta Delta Chapter at Wesley College celebrated the initiation of its Sigma pledge class on March 25, 2011 in Dover, Delaware. The initiation of the four new men gave Delta Delta a total of 11 new members for the school year. The Sigma pledge class, left to right behind the flag of Alpha Phi Delta, is made up of Christopher Fucetola, Bradley Emory, Randy Baisden and Keith Ackler.

UNDERGRADUATE SCRAPBOOK

Photo by Jim Miller



Psi Chapter at Duquesne University inducted two new brothers (John Colter and Sam Grundy) on February 19th. The two new brothers are shown wearing the letters while the older brothers welcome them.

Psi Chapter Donates \$10,000

Psi Chapter held its 41st Annual Valentine's Day Charity Ball on the campus of Duquesne University February 5th. The annual event attracted over 250 people to a dinner-dance fundraiser. The brothers with the help of many sororities were able to collect and donate \$10,000 to its primary charity, the ALS Foundation which works to find a cure for "Lou Gehrig's Disease." The disease felled Psi's longtime chapter advisor, Michael Cahill, and the group has focused its charitable efforts to combat ALS. To date the chapter has donated \$50,500 since 2003.

Photo by Leon Panella



Psi Chapter at Duquesne University inducted three new brothers (Colin Vechery, Kyle Sheerin and Kyle Vanchalk) on April 10th. Several brothers also won Greek Awards from the university: Travis Weaver—Student Community Service; Justin Bernard—IFC Athlete of the Year; Alex Roebuck—Outstanding Merit; Bill Trombatt—Outstanding Chapter President; Brandon Konieczny—Greek Man of the Year. Pictured above: award winners with advisor Brigitte, her son, and alumni Nick Bell and Leon Panella.

The Connecticut Alumni Club held its version of Brotherhood for Life on April 7th. The alumni hosted undergrads and pledges from the Gamma Xi, (Southern Connecticut State University), and Delta Nu, (Eastern Connecticut State University), colonies. Alumni Club President Rod Ragucci, Gamma Xi 1989, stepped down as president, having been the key brother in reactivating the club, with Joe Ferretti, Gamma Xi 1988, stepping up to fill the position. The club plans a family picnic in June and is making efforts to restart colonies at Yale University and University of Connecticut. For more information contact Joe Ferretti at joseph.a.ferretti@comcast.net.



Photo by Joe Rahneil

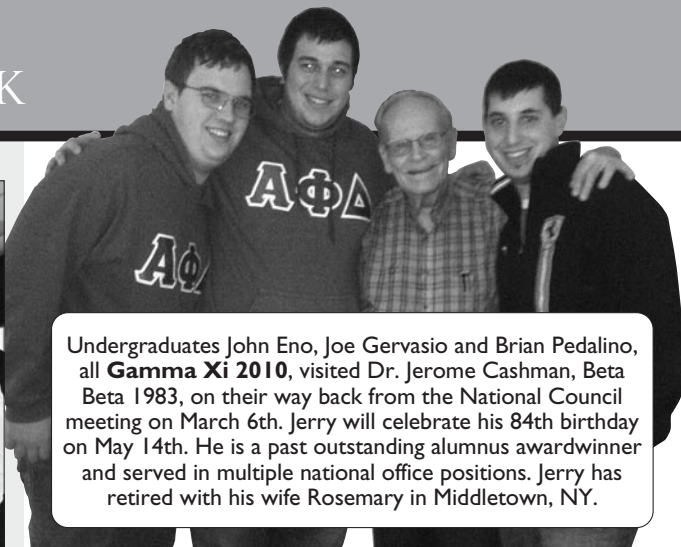


Photo by Joe Rahneil

Undergraduates John Eno, Joe Gervasio and Brian Pedalino, all **Gamma Xi 2010**, visited Dr. Jerome Cashman, Beta Beta 1983, on their way back from the National Council meeting on March 6th. Jerry will celebrate his 84th birthday on May 14th. He is a past outstanding alumnus awardwinner and served in multiple national office positions. Jerry has retired with his wife Rosemary in Middletown, NY.



On April 3rd 2011, **Beta Pi Chapter** (St. John's) inducted its 61st pledge class. Bartholomew Dikattina, Anthony Giamatteo, Patrick Kenney, Karl Konetsky, Nicholas Matteo, James Pace and Niko Paoluci took the oath of brotherhood. The ceremony was performed by Chris Mancusi, NYC District Governor.



Photo by Chris Mancusi

Gamma Omicron (Stony Brook) held their spring induction ceremony on April 15th, 2011. Mike Calvello, Nick Gallo, Deni Hamzaraj and Cody Pelcher became brothers of Alpha Phi Delta. Chris Mancusi, NYC District Governor; Todd Cusato, VP for Alumni Affairs and Sal Flagiello; Asst. NYC Governor officiated over the ceremony.

Beta Mu, DePaul, Being Reactivated

Photo by Joe Stacy



On February 26, 2011, four undergraduates from DePaul University were inducted to establish our Beta Mu colony. The expansion project started with the decision of Frank Arena III, (son of Frank Arena II, Beta Beta 1984), deciding to attend DePaul. Once at DePaul, Frank was able to get high school classmate Frank Gasparino and new friend Alex Pavlovčík to join him in pledging Alpha Phi Delta. The group was rounded off with the addition of Robert Carfang, (son of Anthony Carfang, PNP, Psi 1969). The Chicago Alumni Club, led by Joe Stacy, Beta Mu 1957, jumped in to assist with the project. It was decided that Kevin Arrogonate, Delta Chi 2003, and Dave Knuepfer, Delta Chi 2003, would act as pledgemasters for the group.

Three of group were baptized on January 15th, while Alex Pavlovčík was baptized shortly after them. The godfathers for the group were all Beta Mu alumni: Mel Vander Velde 1967, Frank Cirone 1954, John Beyer 1963 and Joe Stacy. The group pledged for six weeks and the pledge period culminated with its induction ceremony which had over twenty Beta Mu alumni in attendance which included Anthony Morici 1951, who was in the first Beta Mu pledge group after their chartering and the National Outstanding Undergraduate in 1952. The ceremony was conducted by VP for Expansion Joseph Rahtelli, assisted by John Whyte, VP for Expansion-elect. Joseph Rahtelli II, Delta Theta 2007, filled in for the pledgemasters that were unable to attend. All brothers involved in the colony were in attendance as well as Beta Mu brothers, John Peter Curielli 1966, Louis Episcopo 1968, Vince Fabis 1958, Roger Guidice 1955, Ronald Lencioni 1966, John Rago 1968 and Frank Redisi 1962.

The school is on a trimester schedule and the group is planning a spring pledge group, starting in March. Incoming Chicago Alumni Club President Sal Lombardi, Beta Mu 1962, and Vic Quilici, Beta Mu 1954, have been supportive of the group from the very beginning while Vic has also been working diligently on getting the group campus recognition.

It is very important to restate this project would not have been possible if Brothers Arrogonate and Knuepfer had not stepped up to be pledgemasters. Also, the colony needed the continuous oversight and support of brothers Stacy, Quilici, Lombardi and the rest of the Chicago Alumni Club. The induction was a very special event, having a group of brothers gathered where most have been part of Alpha Phi Delta over fifty and sixty years. Having the support of these brothers will almost guarantee the success of the project and a long resurrected life of Beta Mu Chapter. Beta Mu chapter was active from its inception in 1950 through 1982.

—Submitted by Joseph Rahtelli, V.P. Expansion



Photo by Joe Rahtelli

Brothers from Delta Chi and the Colorado Alumni Club met with VP for Expansion Joseph Rahtelli to discuss plans for expansion in Colorado. Rocky Mountain District Governor Chipper Couch and Ryan McCaw will be the project managers for expansion at Colorado State in the fall and possibly at Metro State in Denver in the near future.



Photo by Joe Rahtelli

On March 18th the Delta Rho colony at SUNY Oneonta inducted their second pledge group. The event was held at the Delta Theta house at Marist College. Undergraduates from Beta Beta and Delta Theta were in attendance. The six new brothers are Michael Bouranis, Thomas Connors III, Nicholas Delarm, Ryan Kelly, James McCaffrey and George Lenz. The colony now totals fifteen brothers. The colony was recognized by the college as having the highest GPA on campus. Their projected reactivation date is Spring 2012.



Photo by Joe Rahtelli

On April 9th the brothers from Farleigh Dickinson University welcomed three new brothers in its colony. The newly inducted brothers from the Gamma pledge group are Anthony Fischer, Aden Steindl and Michael Stout. The brothers from Delta Beta colony at Rutgers-New Brunswick hosted the ceremony and PNP Al Fafara was in attendance.

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Over 140 brothers were at the council meeting. This picture was taken on the council floor at Zurn Hall on Gannon's campus.

National Council Meets in Erie for First Time

BY JOHN J. RUSSO, KLEOS EDITOR

The 2011 National Council Meeting of the fraternity was held March 5th at Gannon University hosted by the brothers of Beta Rho Chapter. Approximately 150 brothers were in attendance, about 40 of them alumni. The national council meeting is held annually to conduct the business affairs of the fraternity. The highlight of the meeting was the election of new national officers to lead the fraternity in 2011-12.

The meeting was efficiently run and business was conducted very promptly by National President Rob DeVito. The Midwest District and in particular Beta Rho was thanked by the council for hosting the meeting. For its efforts National Secretary James Lentini thanked them by giving them a district flag.

Delta Epsilon Chapter at John Jay University was reactivated and given their charter. The chapter had been inactive since 2001. Sal Flagiello, Gamma Rho 2006, was recognized with an Expansion Award for his work in the reactivation.

Joseph Rahtelli, PNP, currently serving as Vice President of Expansion, reported that seven expansion colonies were in attendance at the meeting and all had traveled at least 400 miles to be there. He also stated that expansion is having a great run, the strongest in 20 years.

The national budget was presented keeping the current fee structure in place (which is actually a 30% reduction from



Newly elected leaders of the fraternity: Chris Mancusi, left, new National Vice President and Nick Franki, right, incoming National President.

several years ago) and was passed unanimously, a rare occurrence for budget. The fraternity has actually run a surplus for several consecutive years and is in the strongest financial position ever. Outgoing Treasurer Joe Piras was thanked for his years of service in the position.

Two circulated amendments to the bylaws were put up for vote and passed. One moved the terms of office to start July 1st instead of September 1st. The other made a change to our ideals of purpose

that we are an all-volunteer fraternity. Two other uncirculated amendments did not have enough votes to be placed on the floor for a vote.

Elections for national officers were held as the current officers had served for the standard two year terms. Outgoing Vice President Nick Franki, Gamma Lambda 1987, was unanimously elected as National President. Current New York City District Governor Chris Mancusi, Gamma Sigma 2002, was unanimously elected as National Vice President.

Nick Franki proposed the following slate of officers which was approved: Secretary, James Lentini; Treasurer, Rick Trieste; Vice President for Expansion, John Whyte; Kleos Editor, John Russo; Chaplain, Rev. James Lentini; Legal Counsel, Randy Sawyer; Historian, Joseph Rahtelli; Vice President Cultural Affairs, Emil Imbro. The offices of Member Education and Public Relations were left vacant for the time being.

Jeff Breen was elected as Vice President of Alumni Affairs and Mike Albano was elected as Vice President of Undergraduate Affairs.

Incoming President Franki announced that the next National Council Meeting will be held February 18, 2012 at Stockton University. The council meeting ended with a mass performed by our chaplain, Fr. James Lentini followed by an Italian Feast in a private campus dining hall.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING 2011



Delta Epsilon Chapter at John Jay University was reactivated at the council meeting. The chapter had a large contingency of brothers on hand to accept its charter.

Outgoing National Treasurer Joe Piras is enjoying "working" at his last national council meeting. He's smiling because the fraternity's financial position is strong and greatly improved in four years.



Photo by Chris Mancusi



Over 100 brothers attended the council dinner. Pictured above are a variety of the attendees: alumni and undergrads from Chicago, Colorado and New York.



Alex Franki (left), chairman of The Alpha Phi Delta Foundation and resident of NYC, laughs with Ross Alessandro, a Foundation Director and resident of Pittsburgh. Alex wore a Pittsburgh Steelers jersey to honor a lost friendly wager after the Jets lost to the Steelers in the January playoffs.

CENTENNIAL LUNCHEON

Photo by Tom Scali



Brothers and spouses gather for a meet and greet in Naples, Fla. in February. The group of twenty-five celebrated with a dinner at the Naples Italian American Club Foundation and followed with a luncheon the following afternoon. Brothers from Epsilon, Xi, Tau, Psi, Beta Delta, Beta Omicron and Beta Rho attended. Most brothers did not know any of the other brothers before the dinner. Names of attendees: Vito and Lana DiSalvo, Joe D'Annunzio, Tony Carfang, Sam Dolfi, Carol Carfang, Dave D'Eramo, Tony Williams, Mary Beth Williams, Judy D'Eramo, Ron D'Alessandro, Marissa D'Alessandro, Vince Muffoletto, Sam Galasso, Don Luciano, Joe DiMento, Viola D'Annunzio, Rita Galasso, Sandy Yannon, Pat Amico, Al Yannon. Missing: John and Maria Cucinotta, Rocco Taccone.



New Anastasio Scholarship Established

The family of Lillian Anastasio, deceased mother of former *Kleos* Editor Neil Anastasio, Theta Beta '73, is pleased to establish an AΦΔ Scholarship in her name. Pictured above is Neil and his family with Scholarship Chairman Charles Fiore. From left: Charles Fiore, John, Elizabeth, Kathy, Tricia and Neil Anastasio.

"We wanted to memorialize mom in some unique way" said Neil. "When our family put our heads together to think of a way to accomplish this goal, it was painfully obvious to us all. Mom placed a special emphasis on education. As a daughter of the Great Depression, she was forced to quit school and work at a very early age. Despite this lack of formal educational opportunity, she was a prolific reader and a self-taught woman with an attitude that 'women can do it all'... well before it was a popular political sentiment!"

"Mom also loved the brothers of AΦΔ. During her time with us she came to know and love the NYU brotherhood, the brothers of Beta Sigma and many of the brothers and alumni of the old Third District chapters. She cooked for them, housed them on occasions of late evening arrivals, and even did a load or two of wash for them over the years! She attended their weddings, their children's christenings and communions. In short, as the brothers of AΦΔ became my lifelong friends, they became her children too.

"When this scholarship is awarded, we want the recipient to understand that the words 'membership in AΦΔ is eternal' are more than a few words strung together in a catchy paragraph. The words are a living testimonial to the power of brotherhood in Alpha Phi Delta. AΦΔ touches brothers AND families forever. We know Lillian would have celebrated that sentiment over a family dinner!"

LAST CHANCE FOR AN ITALIAN COOKBOOK

The Pittsburgh Ladies Auxiliary of Alpha Phi Delta fundraising cookbook "Home Grown Italian Recipes, A Legacy for Our Family and Friends" is almost sold out. With approximately 500 favorite recipes, these heirloom cookbooks can be purchased for \$20 plus shipping and handling. Proceeds go to the endowment of a scholarship with the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation. To order your copy, please contact Karen Panella (724.865.7804) or twinkle@zoominternet.net.

Estate Bequest Establishes the Felix Infausto (Epsilon 1929) Scholarship

Brother Felix Infausto was born in Buffalo, N.Y. in 1909 and died in 1992. He joined Alpha Phi Delta, Epsilon Chapter in 1929 at the University of Buffalo and graduated from the Buffalo School of Law in 1932. His wife Clara passed away in July, 2010. Their will named Alpha Phi Delta as the beneficiary of a \$25,000 gift. In announcing the gift, Scholarship Chairman Charles Fiore emphasized the importance of estate giving programs to the future of the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation.

Brother Infausto was a renowned child support advocate. His entire career was dedicated to child support, first as legal counsel for the New York Department of Social Services. Most notably, he chaired the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association and was a life member Public Welfare Attorney's Association, the American Judicature Society, the Inter-American Bar Association and both the National and Child Support Conferences. In 1970, he co-authored with W.J. Brockelbank, *Interstate Enforcement of Family Support (2nd Edition)* which is considered by child support professionals to be the authoritative reference for interstate and international child support. This book answered the crucial legal question in the late sixties and early seventies: "Did the law have meaning if thousands of families and children were left destitute and dependent, even though the obligor had the ability to pay and was in another state?"

Brother Vincent A. Savona, Theta '41 Remembers Alpha Phi Delta with an Estate Gift

The Alpha Phi Delta Foundation announced that it has received a gift from the estate of Vincent A. Savona, Theta '41. Brother Savona joined the fraternity at NYU in 1941 and was called to active duty in the U.S. Navy shortly thereafter. Following the war, he completed his degree in German.

He lived in Germany and Italy for several years before returning to Long Island. Before starting his own import/export company, he was a purchaser at Montgomery Ward and Federated Department Stores.

Brother Savona passed away at Air Force Village in Riverside, California on April 17, 2008.

Richard Primiano, PNP, Scholarship Endowed



Richard Primiano, Beta Delta 1960 (Temple) served Alpha Phi Delta as National President 1984-86 as part of a 50 year love affair with the fraternity. Throughout his service to the fraternity, he always related to the undergraduates. When he passed away in 2008, he was beloved by undergrads and alumni alike.

During his lifetime, Rich had contributed over \$5,000 to the AΦΔ Foundation Scholarship Fund in order to give assistance to students. After his passing, his estate donated another \$5000 to complete the endowment of a scholarship in Rich's name. The first award was given at the summer convention this past August.

Have you remembered Alpha Phi Delta in your estate plan?
Gifts to Alpha Phi Delta Foundation, Inc. are deductible for estates to the full extent allowed by the law.



CENTENNIAL COUNTDOWN

BY JOSEPH BELL, PSI 1977

Centennial Update

If you're one of those guys whose plans change on a day-to-day (or hour-by-hour) basis, a deadline of 2014 seems so very far away. Believe this: It will be here in the blink of an eye. That's why plans are rushing headlong into action, as we speak, to make sure Alpha Phi Delta's big Centennial bash is as grand as it should be.

Planning is in the early discussion stage for a black-tie Gala in Washington, DC, in March, 2014. The celebration will continue at the Summer Convention, and at other regional events throughout that year. On the road to that, the Centennial Committee has established a series of goals. One of those is an outreach to brothers who may have drifted out of touch by virtue of geography, career demands, or other reasons.

The first outreach efforts have yielded promising returns. The first occurred in Naples, Florida. Centennial Co-Chair and PNP Tony Carfang (Psi '69) sent out an exploratory invitation. He was astounded when, 18 hours later, 14 brothers responded, eager to get together. On February 17, the brothers and several of their spouses met Carfang for a waterside luncheon, serenaded by Bro. Vito DiSalvo and his accordion (on vacation from Pennsylvania). It was a reunion, of sorts, even though many of the guests were meeting for the first time. Their inductions into Alpha Phi Delta spanned 60 years and nine different chapters. Two of the men were shocked to find they live in the same condo building, three floors apart, yet had never met!

National Vice President for Public Relations, Jeff Breen (Gamma Sigma '89) organized the next gathering on March 25, in Tampa, Florida. Again, the group spanned the ages, from those who pledged during World War II to those too young to remember the "Disco Era". Several of Breen's contemporaries from St. John's were on hand. The luncheon talk eventually turned to forming a new alumni club, and possibly exploring the idea of reactivating Delta Mu Chapter at the University of Southern Florida.

As the printing deadline arrived for this *Kleos*, yet another "long lost" luncheon was about to happen in Scottsdale, Arizona... with nearly 20 brothers and wives on the guest list. Yet another potential get-together is in the planning stages for Hilton Head, SC.

The alumni gatherings are just a small item in a long list of activities. Recently, a group of dedicated alumni in Chicago presided over the reactivation of Beta Mu Chapter at DePaul University (where Brother Carfang helped to induct his son, Rob).

The Centennial Steering Committee has been finalizing the official Centennial Logo design, reviewing the results of *The Kleos* survey, and beginning the process of updating the fraternity database. Various sub-committees are working on official merchandise for the Centennial, the assembly of a Distinguished Alumni list and a web presence. Public relations efforts are attempting to spread the message of Alpha Phi Delta in local news media and among Italian-American organizations. A critical task ahead will be defining the type and location of special events related to the celebration. As this effort progresses, it will be important to draw upon the enthusiasm and talents of many more brothers, both undergraduate and alumni. Willing to help? Make that call today to your District Governor, or a member of the steering committee. You may also email the Centennial Committee at: centennial@apdfoundation.org.

For more information about the Centennial effort go to www.apdfoundation.org/centennial. As an added bonus on that site, you'll find links to some great video presentations of the alumni gathering in Naples and the reactivation ceremony for Beta Mu.

Looking Back in History

This is the first in a series of history snippets looking back on our first hundred years, by decade. The series will move backward in time culminating in the first decade to be told in 2014.—John Russo, Editor of the Kleos

Highlighting the 2000s

2000... To celebrate the millennium, the fraternity held its national convention in Las Vegas, the first and only time it was held outside the eastern U.S. and Canada. Reactivations occurred at Alpha (Syracuse), Delta (Brooklyn Poly), Sigma (Boston) chapters (although none would last long) and Gamma Omicron (SUNY Binghamton). Beta Phi (Rowan) went inactive after 22 years.

2001... An updated History of the fraternity was published for the first time since 1973. Tom Carroll, Chi, was elected as national president for an unprecedented fourth term.

2002... Delta Phi (Univ. Indianapolis) was chartered. Richard Barnes, Beta Chi, was elected national president. Beta Omicron (Youngstown) was reactivated after a six year absence. Gamma Zeta at Villanova became inactive after 20 years as a chapter.

2003... The lowest attendance for a national convention occurred in Niagara Falls, Canada. The low point would actually lead to a resurgence in the summer event starting the next year. The fraternity spread to the far west for the first time with the chartering of Delta Chi at the Univ. of Colorado, the first chapter west of Chicago. It also was back in Florida with Delta Psi (Lynn Univ.). Manual Rodriguez, Gamma Sigma was elected national president. Gamma Delta (Waynesburg) was inactivated after 23 years.

2004... Expansion continued in Colorado with the chartering of Delta Omega at Univ. of Northern Colo. The national summer convention in Baltimore broke 100 in attendance for the first time since 1994, starting a trend of increasing convention attendance through the balance of the decade. Psi Chapter celebrated 75 years of brotherhood with a reunion that attracted 125 brothers in March.

2005... Manual Rodriguez, a captain in the U.S. Army reserve, resigned as national president as he was called to active duty in Iraq. Evan Sottosanti, Beta Eta, was elected as new national president. Epsilon Beta was chartered at LaSalle Univ. Expansion became dormant as LaSalle is the last new chapter of the decade. Psi Chapter (Duquesne), continuously active since 1929, initiated its 1000th brother, the first chapter to do so. Beta Xi (NJIT) went inactive after 53 years of continuous fraternalism.

2006... The fraternity was in dire financial trouble, not having enough funds to pay for its liability insurance and a full time executive secretary. Central Office moved to Struthers, Ohio, and Danny Thomas, Jr. became Executive Secretary. Two chapters had to be closed due to lack of activity and members at their respective schools: Tuft's University in Boston and Embry Riddle in Florida.

2007... Douglas Sundo (Psi) was elected as 49th national president. Chapters at Delta (Polytechnic Univ.) and Delta Zeta (St. Peter's College) were closed.

2008... Summer convention in Lancaster, Pa. had 175 attendees, the highest in 25 years. The scholarship fund gave out 27 awards totaling \$21,000. Beta Lambda (St. Francis) and Delta Omicron (Rutgers) were reactivated after short periods of dormancy.

2009... Robert DeVito, Beta Omega, was elected as national president. Beta Rho (Gannon) celebrated its 50th anniversary with a gala weekend celebration July 24–25. The fraternity had 26 active chapters as the decade ended. Beta Eta (Brooklyn College) celebrated its 75th year of continuous activity.

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Christmas Gatherings

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LEFT: Members of the **Steubenville Alumni Club** held their annual Christmas Party on December 11, 2010 at The Knights of Columbus Hall in Mingo Junction, Ohio. Pictured Row 1 L- R: Charles Manfreda, Pete Olivetti, James Provenzano. Row 2 L-R: James Paoloemilio, Anthony Violi, Sam DiMeo, Richard Angelica, Orin Diomedi, Dominic Schell, Gerald DiLoreto, Joe Quattrone, John Mascio.



RIGHT: The Youngstown Alumni Club annual Christmas party was held December 6, 2010 at Brother George Guarnieri's Belleria Restaurant in Struthers, Ohio. Over 50 brothers braved the first winter storm to join in the festivities.



Photo by Danny Thomas, Jr.

Photo by John Russo



The Pittsburgh Alumni Club held its annual Christmas dinner party December 20, 2010 in Pittsburgh. Forty brothers and their guests gathered for a fine Italian dinner served by Minutello's Restaurant. After the socializing and dining, the group gathered and took photos (brothers only in one and their lovely spouses, girlfriends and daughters in another). The group was honored to have PNP Anthony Carfang and his wife Carol attend from Chicago, and past Executive Secretary Danny Thomas and his wife Michelle who drove in from Youngstown, Ohio.

RIGHT: On December 15th, over forty brothers, mostly from the **Mohawk Valley of Upstate New York**, met for their annual Christmas gathering at the Valley View Country Club, in Utica, New York. The event was coordinated by Beta Iota brothers Bruce Brodsky 1970, Phil Vanno 1970 and Malio Cardarelli 1955. Most of the alumni were brothers from Beta Iota and Beta Chi Chapters, which spanned over fifty years of brotherhood. Two undergraduates, Chris Buchner 2010 and Chris Philpott 2009, represented Beta Iota at the event.





The North Jersey Alumni Club (NJAC) of Alpha Phi Delta National Fraternity held its Fourth Annual Bowling Night at Garwood Lanes in Garwood on Saturday, January 29, 2011. Over 25 brothers and family members were in attendance, the club's highest attendance since reactivating this event and moving it to Garwood Lanes in 2007. Brother Dave Schreck led the pack with a high game of 246. From left to right: Front: Mike Grossberg (Gamma Sigma '93), Garry Kosteck (Beta Xi '71), John Whyte (Gamma Sigma '94). Back: Jeff Clarke (Beta Xi '80), Alex Fafara (Delta Beta '10), Jeff Terjesen (Beta Xi '86), R.J. Hartman (Beta Xi '93), Brian Merserlian (Beta Xi '78), Jeff Breen (Gamma Sigma '89), Al Fafara (Beta Xi '69), Artie Pizza (Beta Xi '80) and Kirk Shatto (Beta Xi '87).

CENTENNIAL LUNCHEON



On March 25, 2011, eighteen brothers and spouses met for lunch at Pizzaiolo Bavaro in downtown Tampa, Fla. Guests enjoyed a wonderful meal consisting of pasta and pizza put together by Bro. Gino Vallani (Gamma Nu 1987). Among topics of discussion was Alpha Phi Delta's upcoming Centennial celebration and plans to start an alumni club in the Tampa area. In attendance, were Gene Cassiano (Eta 1940) and his wife, Marie; Chuck Kovatch (Beta Zeta 1942) and his wife, Elaine; Joe Creston, PNP, (Psi 1949) and his wife, Josie; Tom Scali (Eta 1961), Bill Andrews (Beta Xi 1982), Bro. Gino, along with his wife Eliza, and Luis Rosa both represented Gamma Nu 1987, while Gamma Sigma was represented by Jeff Breen, Brian Ireland, Pete Nesci and Brian Reilly, all inducted in 1989. Brothers interested in the proposed Tampa area Alumni Club can contact Gino at gino_villani@medco.com.



ABOVE: New York Alumni Club (NYAC) members attended The Italian Music Festival at Thanksgiving. This wonderful show took place at St. Athanasius Auditorium in Brooklyn, hosted by the Italian Opera Company. Great works of Italian and Sicilian opera were performed as well as some Broadway favorites. Performances were made by a number of talented artists including Guest Artist, F.I.A.O. Chairman and Tenor, Carlo Lauricello pictured with NYAC Italian Culture Chairman, John Barbaro.

RIGHT: On December 4, 2010, Peter and Amy Sillan, Gamma Xi 1988, were married in Fairfield, Conn. The reception was held at the Union League Cafe in the historic Sherman Building in New Haven and was attended by several brothers. Brothers and wives in the picture with Pete and Amy are Chris and Dawn Davis, John and Kristen Murphy, Joe and Donna Rahtelli, Mike Urso, and Jeff and Christine Ward.



Approximately 25 brothers from **Beta Phi Chapter** (Rowan University, formerly Glassboro State College in New Jersey) met at fellow brother Bobby Ray's Bar and Restaurant in Pennsauken, N.J. on January 29th. The alumni included brothers that pledged in the '80s and '90s and some came from as far as Virginia to attend. In true Beta Phi fashion, they closed the bar and then headed back to the hotel to play cards until sunrise.

Photo by John Russo



The Pittsburgh Alumni Club held its annual district awards dinner April 1st at Edgewood Country Club with 45 brothers in attendance. **Fr. John Skirtich, Psi 1982**, was given the Adam DiVincenzo Award for outstanding community service. Fr. John pledged at Duquesne University in 1982 and graduated in 1985 with a degree in journalism. After graduation, he believed his life vocation was in the priesthood and entered the seminary where he was ordained in 1990. He has been serving his ministry in Pittsburgh for 20 years. Also honored was Brandon Koneiczny, Psi 2008, as Outstanding Undergraduate of the District. Brandon was unable to attend. Pictured above: Ross Alessandro, PAC President; Ed Skirtich (brother of Fr. John); Fr. John Skirtich, Chris Shipley, PAC secretary and chairman of the awards dinner.

Retired appellate judge **Joseph Donofrio**, Beta Omicron 1951 (Youngstown), received the newly established Youngstown Alumni Club (YAC) Lifetime Achievement Award from YAC president Danny Thomas, Jr. Judge Donofrio was a charter member of Beta Omicron Chapter and has been a very active alumnus. Henceforth the award will be called the Judge Donofrio Award.



Mario Cardullo, Delta '53, Brooklyn Poly, received the Distinguished Alumni Award at NYU-Poly's Commencement exercises on May 18, 2010. The award recognizes outstanding leadership and accomplishments in the fields of engineering or technology and notable contributions to the world of science through invention, innovation, and entrepreneurship. Pictured (L-R): Christine Ianuzzi, President of the Polytechnic Institute Alumni Association, Mario Cardullo, and Jerry M. Hultin, President of NYU-Poly.



Beta Omicron Chapter President Dylan Thomas (left) was the recipient of the Red Nolfi/YAC Scholarship. Pictured with Dylan is Red Nolfi (center), Beta Omicron 1953 and Dylan's father Danny Thomas, Jr., Beta Omicron 1972.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Paul Giurdanella (Gamma Sigma '94) and his wife Dolores would like to welcome their daughter Sofia Luciana Giurdanella born April 6th, 2011. Sofia was born in Lutheran Hospital, weighed 5 pounds 4 ounces and measured 19 inches long. Sofia is our first child and mommy and baby are doing well.

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Rocco Sutera, Beta Eta, WWII Vet

Rocco A. Sutera (*Beta Eta 1938*, Brooklyn College) of Westbury, N.Y. died on January 17, 2011. Rocco was a proud veteran of WWII, member of Wantagh American Legion, 3rd Degree member of Wantagh K. of C. Rocco was the Chairman of the John Pasta Long Island Alumni Club Scholarship Fund in the 1970's before the money was transferred to the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation. He was just a few days short of his 94th birthday and according to the executor of his estate was still very active, drove his own car up to the night he passed away in his sleep.

**Louis A. Perillo, M.D.,
Beta Gamma Founder, 102**

Dr. Perillo was born in East Harlem, New York City on July 6, 1908 and passed away July 17, 2010. He received his B.S. in Biology and Chemistry from the College of William and Mary in 1931 and was the first president of the Beta Gamma Chapter. Dr. Perillo earned his medical degree from New York Medical College and Flower Hospital, N.Y.C. in 1936.

Upon graduation, Dr. Perillo was commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Corps and commenced active duty on March 10, 1941. Serving our country for 58 months during WWII, his first overseas tour in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre of Operations, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery, and his second overseas tour was the European Theatre of Operations.

Dr. Perillo was beloved and respected by his patients and their parents, nurses and fellow physicians. Upon retirement from his medical practice at age 77 in 1985, someone remarked that he could now do what he wanted, to which he replied, "I've been doing it."

**John Zinicola, Beta Lambda,
Business Owner**

John Zinicola, *Beta Lambda 1968* (St. Francis), passed away February 4th at the age of 63. He was a resident of Nutley, N.J. and the proprietor of Zinicola's Baking Company. He graduated from St. Francis College (Loretto, Pa.) and earned an M.B.A. from Rutgers University.

**Don Costa, Beta Xi, Engineer
and Air Force Officer**

Donald Edward Costa, 79, *Beta Xi 1955*, succumbed to pulmonary fibrosis on January 6 in Cape Coral, Fla. He was born April 17, 1931, in Passaic, N.J. After graduating from Orange High School, Don attended the U. S. Coast Guard Academy. Don earned his degree as a mechanical engineer from Newark College of Engineering, now the New Jersey Institute of Technology. As an officer in the U.S. Air Force, Don was stationed at Burtonwood Royal Air Force Base in the United Kingdom.

32nd National President Albert E. Palazzo

Born August 22, 1926, in Brooklyn, N.Y., **Albert E. Palazzo**, the 32nd National President of Alpha Phi Delta, passed away on April 28th, 2011. Brother Palazzo was a graduate of New York University in 1949. He held two teaching licenses but he ultimately made his career in insurance. A long-time resident of Brooklyn, he and his family resettled into the town of Maywood, N.J. in the 1990s, where he lived until his passing.

Brother Palazzo was initiated into Theta Beta Chapter (N.Y.U.) in 1946. From time of his initiation he had been constantly active in Alpha Phi Delta. He was a member of the New York Alumni Club since graduation from college.

Amidst a career of service to our Fraternity, Brother Palazzo is best remembered for his service as National President from 1974-76, following two terms as National Vice President from 1972-74. As National President, Brother Palazzo travelled extensively during his tenure. His travels and visitations (often with the companionship of his friend—and former President—Stanley Raffa) proved to be the stuff of fraternal legend.

Following his term as President, Brother Palazzo continued to serve the Fraternity: He was National Treasurer from 1978-1980 and was one of the original founding Trustees of the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation in which he served for many years as a Trustee for the Scholarship Division. Brother Palazzo likewise was a devoted and regular attendee of most National Council meetings and National Conventions since the time of his initiation into Alpha Phi Delta; whether an officer or just a good brother, Al was a fixture at national gatherings.

On a local level, closer to his Brooklyn home, Brother Palazzo—affectionately known as "Panda Bear"—served six terms as District Governor in New York City's Third District.

For his service and his grand sense of brotherhood, Brother Palazzo received many honors and accolades from the fraternity over his lifetime. He was a recipient of Third District's Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1970. That same year he was awarded the National Outstanding Alumnus Award. In 1996 he became part of the Alumni Emeritus groups—brothers with 50 years or more of brotherhood. However, Brother Palazzo's highest honor was given him in 2006 when he received the rarely awarded "Lifetime Achievement Award of Alpha Phi Delta"—he is one of only four winners of that award in the history Alpha Phi Delta.

Brother Palazzo is survived by his wife, the former Theodora Costanzo, known to our brotherhood as "Dotty." Having met Al in college, she has been active in APD (as a supportive girlfriend, fiancée and wife) for as long as he was. "Al and Dotty" became a familiar team at Alpha Phi Delta events for better part of the Fraternity's life since the 1950s.

Brother Palazzo is also survived by his four children: Vincent (Theta Beta '71), Albert Jr. (Theta Beta '75), Jerianne and Daniel (Gamma Iota '89). In addition to his three sons being in APD, his daughter Jerianne married Art Pizza, a brother from Beta Xi ('82). As is part of fraternity history, his son Vincent, the eldest, turned down a scholarship to Manhattan College just so that he could reactivate his father's old chapter at NYU. He is survived by 15 grand children, and 5 great-grandchildren. Brother Palazzo's grandson Arthur Pizza, son of Jerianne and Arthur, is currently part of pending reactivation class at Cornell University (Mu Chapter).

The Alpha Phi Delta Foundation has set up a scholarship in Al's name. If interested, please send donations in honor of Al Palazzo to Alpha Phi Delta Foundation, Inc., PO Box 23188, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-6188.

He always loved to reminisce about his military life in England. Don had an exemplary thirty-year career in engineering and retired as department chief of the atomic weapons division for the U.S. Army at Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, N.J. in 1986.

**Salvatore "Sal" Caniglia, Beta Delta,
WWII Veteran**

Sal Caniglia, *Beta Delta 1937* (Temple), passed away March 18th at the age of 91. Sal was living in Mount Laurel, N.J. He retired as a Major in the U.S. Army in 1979 from the National Guard. In private life, he was president and partner of Cutler Electric Products in Westville, N.J.

Arthur Carducci, Beta Theta

Arthur "Arturo" R. Carducci, *Beta Theta 1949* (Steubenville), died March 28th, in Sunnyvale, Calif., at the age 83 after suffering with leukemia.

**Carmen Gelormini, M.D., Epsilon,
WWII Veteran**

Dr. Carmen D. Gelormini, *Epsilon 1947* (Buffalo) passed away June 23, 2010 at the age of 93. He attended Indianapolis University and graduated from Syracuse University in 1942. Following graduation he enlisted in the Army, serving during WWII in the Medical Corps in the Pacific Theater from 1942-1946. He graduated from the University of Buffalo School of Medicine in 1950 and specialized in internal medicine. Returning to Syracuse in 1954, he began a career in medicine and practiced in area hospitals for over 30 years. He later worked as an emergency room physician for over five years. He then became the medical director at Mutual of New York and Farmers and Traders insurance companies. His life was dedicated to his family and caring for the sick.

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Delta Theta Membership Breaks 50!

Delta Theta Chapter at Marist College inducted six new brothers on April 2nd. The six new brothers are Timothy Gilbert, Jason Kronenberger, Daniel McGahan, Andrew McGee, Nicholas Pepe and Terence Post. The induction ceremony was conducted by Hudson Valley Assistant District Governor Joseph Carcione, Beta Beta 1980. The chapter now has 53 brothers, the most of any chapter in over twenty years.