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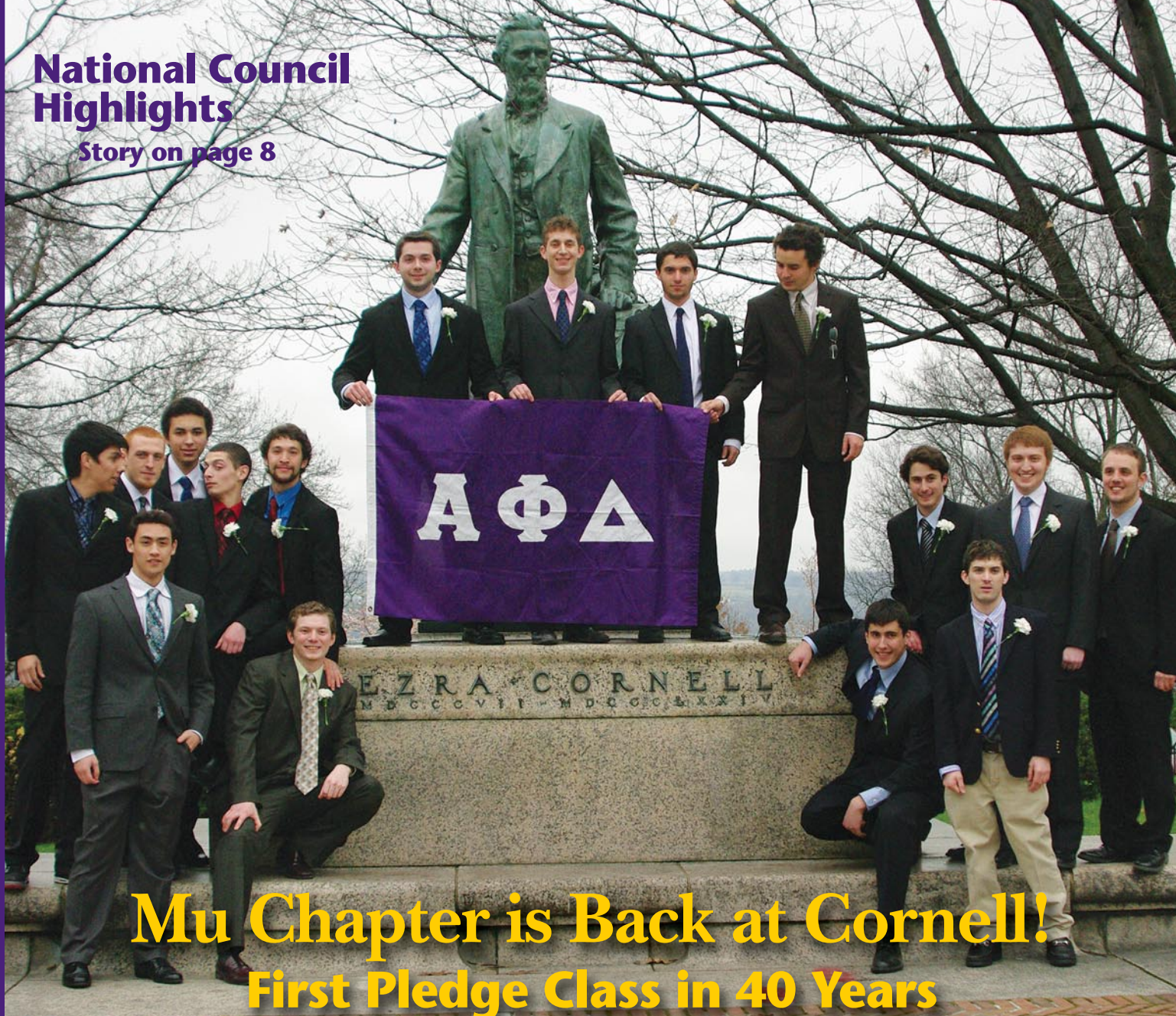
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OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE

Italians in Argentina

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



It is estimated that 25 million Argentines, 60% of the population, have some degree of Italian heritage. It is said that Argentines are just Italians who happen to speak Spanish.

There were several waves of immigration of Italians to Argentina that occurred, similar to that of Italians coming to the United States. Italian farmers who needed extra money first began traveling to Argentina in the mid-1800s to work in the winter as there was no work in Italy during the cold months. These immigrants were largely from the northern regions of

Piemonte, Lombardy and Veneto. They would use what they earned to pay their passage. Some of them decided to stay.

The largest period of mass migration occurred as in the U.S., between 1880 and 1914, when two million Italians emigrated. These Italians came largely from the southern Italian regions of Campania, Calabria, and Sicily, to escape the famine, overpopulation and economic despair that existed: the *miseria*. In 1914, the city of Buenos Aires had 300,000 Italian-born inhabitants representing 20% of the population.

The final wave of immigration occurred after World War II, from 1946 to 1957, as Italy was largely in rubble and occupied by foreign armies. By the late 1950s, the Italian *diaspora* ended with the economic recovery that had begun on the continent.

Italians have left a lasting influence on the Argentine language, culture and cuisine that remains today. The local version of Spanish Castellano is spoken with a recognizably Italian style. The accent and rhythm come from several Italian dialects. The casual goodbye, "chau," is pronounced the same as the Italian word "ciao," but has no relation to traditional Spanish. In Buenos Aires, Spanish is spoken with an Italian accent and include a lot of words of Italian origin:

parlar—to speak, from the Italian *parlare*; *man-
yar*—to eat, from the Italian *mangiare*;

mina—female, from the Italian *femina*; *lavarar*—to work, from the Italian *lavorare*;
and of course, *Ma va!*, from the Italian *ma vafanculo!* No translation needed.

Argentina is a Catholic country with strong family values.

Argentine cuisine has been strongly influenced by Italian cuisine. Italian staple dishes like pizza and pasta are common. The pizza in its Argentine form is typically stuffed like calzone, while pastas are simple, such as with butter and oil or tomato-based sauces.

"La Boca" is the Italian neighborhood or barrio of Buenos Aires, first settled by Italians from Genoa. Its name is believed to come from the Genoese neighborhood of Boccadasse. In 1882, after a lengthy general strike, La Boca seceded from Argentina, and the rebels raised the Genoese flag. Being a poor neighborhood, the buildings were typically built using corrugated aluminum and are painted in bright colors. The main pedestrian street, known as "La Caminito," is known for its tango clubs "milongas," and Italian taverns.

Famous Argentinians of Italian descent include the first Argentine President: Bernardino Rivadaviaescent and President Juan Peron; Formula One driver Juan Manuel Fangio; tennis star Gabriela Sabatini, and NBA basketball all-star for the San Antonio Spurs, Manu Ginobili.

Palermo is another barrio originally settled by Sicilians, which today is an upscale neighborhood with many embassies, parks, and modern high rises. Argentina has a robust system of public and private higher education institutions. Anyone up to starting an APD chapter at the Universidad di Palermo in Buenos Aires?



Emil visits pizzeria in La Boca, Argentina

"I'm a believer in momentum."

—Lance Armstrong (1971–), American cyclist, 7-time Tour de France champion



Nick Franki
Gamma Lambda 1987

In sports, while preparation, dedication, and daily repetition of the basic skills are what's necessary to excel, one cannot forget the magic of momentum. The same holds true in the business world. Companies that put effort in doing the little things right, day in and day out, will eventually succeed. But it's critical if they want to go from "good to great," they have to understand the value of momentum. To build upon past successes and grow exponentially, a company must leverage its key product or service successes and create a culture where it is expected to win . . . each and every time it does battle. From the administrative assistant chatting at the water cooler, to the CEO speaking to the board of directors, each and every employee has to adopt an attitude of expecting to win.

Alpha Phi Delta is experiencing just such a time in its history and we need to capitalize on it. While we are a social organization, we **MUST** treat our beloved fraternity like a business. Our "outlets" are our chapters — our one and only "product" is our lifelong brotherhood. Let's assess our strengths:

We are the largest all-volunteer national fraternity.

We are the first and only Italian-American heritage fraternity.

We excel at premier urban Catholic colleges and universities.

While I am writing this article, we are 66% complete with our spring semester. Preliminary numbers indicate that we will have a banner year inducting new brothers. This has been a trend over the past few administrations, and we need to capitalize on that momentum. When taking over as National President, I assessed our progress selling our "product" over the past 60 years. Our average since 1953 is 223 newly inducted brothers "NIBs" each year. If our 7/1/11-6/30/12 business year projection holds true, we should be celebrating an NIB count of 369 new brothers! This would rank it fourth all-time. To understand the significance of this, we only have to go back to the 2003–2007 period, when we couldn't crack the 200 barrier. To hit 369, represents a 235% increase over the 134 we inducted in 2005. A 235% increase! Additionally, to show that this isn't a one year fluke, if we averaged our last three years, we are on a trend of inducting 310-plus. As an aside, we would have to go back 20 years . . . to 1992 and Joe Rossi, PNP, to have a NIB class that's larger.

To what do we owe this dramatic revival?

I believe it's getting back to our basics and what we do best. We rush urban Catholic men of character who have a respect for our Italian her-

itage. While certainly not all of our brothers are of Italian extraction, they must have an appreciation of the Italian's sense of . . . "la famiglia." If they understand and appreciate that . . . then they can truly love our fraternity.

We also are back in the business of opening new "outlets." VP Expansion John Whyte and his crack Expansion Committee are burning the midnight oil. The efforts of Joe Rahtelli, PNP, Gov. Jim Miller, and Mason Shattuck and, of course, John, have been nothing short of amazing. Over the past year, the Expansion District has brought in 38% of all NIBs. It is by far our largest district. They have successfully re-activated four chapters this past year, and another 4 are in the queue for chartering in the next year. Additionally, they have a half dozen Alumni Club/Association projects in the works. "If you're not growing, you're dying." Thanks to them and the efforts of a lot of brothers, we are definitely growing.

Retention, retention, retention, and hitting the 10-man bonus. A simple change in our rushing practices of only giving bids to those men we'd actually want to become brothers has done wonders for our retention of our pledge class statistics. In part because of our Member Education initiatives, we've averaged 83% in retention across the board the last two years. An increase of 10%. Again, Expansion is leading the way in this category, with a whopping 95% retention percentage. Additionally, 40% of our chapters are hitting the "10-Man" a year yardstick. We measure a chapter as being productive and healthy by surpassing this goal.

I encourage and advise all brothers to continue to focus on these three areas for the next year and catapult us into the 500 NIB range. A feat that is yet to be realized. The only way we can do this is by concentrating on our three core competencies and to continue to open more outlets. If Alpha Phi Delta was a car, I'd want it to have a V-50 engine to our current V-36. With that many pistons firing, we'd smooth out our ride, consistently produce 500 NIBs a year, while still being faithful to our sense of la famiglia and being an all-volunteer fraternity.

Help us realize this dream by thinking about who you know. A brother, a cousin, a nephew, a grandson, a great-grandson. Someone who is a man of caliber who will be faithful to our values of brotherhood, love, and justice. I encourage you to contact John Whyte at vpexpansion@apd.org and tell him about your lead and help us on our road to celebrating our Centennial.

In closing, I wish you and your family a happy, healthy, and productive summer. I hope to see you at the Summer Convention so we can continue our discussions about our past, present, and future greatness.

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Nick Franki GL '87

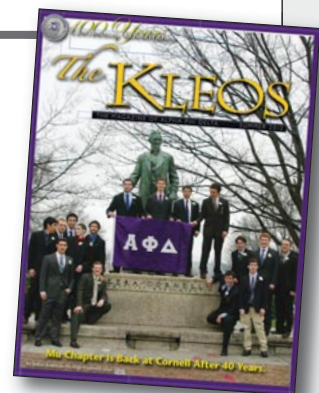
ON THE COVER: (Photo by Joe Rahtelli)

On March 31, 2012, 16 Cornell University undergraduates took the oath of brotherhood to establish the Mu colony of Alpha Phi Delta. The Mu chapter, chartered in 1922, has not been active since 1972.

The project started in the Fall of 2009, when Arthur Pizza started as an undergraduate at Cornell. He was determined to restart Alpha Phi Delta at Cornell, since he was going to become APD or not pledge any fraternity. Arthur wasn't just a legacy (related to a fraternity brother), his dad is Artie Pizza, Beta Xi 1980, and his three uncles are APD; all three being sons, along with Arthur's mom Jerianne, are the children of Al Palazzo PNP, Theta Beta 1946.

Over his first two years at Cornell, Arthur did not have much success with gaining campus recognition nor finding undergraduates interested in being part of the reactivation, but things changed in the Spring of 2011. Arthur and Matthew Barnett, Arthur's high school friend who supported him since they started at Cornell together,

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UNDERGRADUATE SCRAPBOOK

Photo by Sal Flagello



Beta Pi (St. John's) welcomes five new brothers to the fraternity on April 1, 2012.

Photo by Jim Miller



ABOVE: Beta Omicron (YSU) welcomed three new brothers on December 1, 2011: Dino DePasquale, Stephen Di Paulo and Dominic Mascarella. Other undergrads and alumni who attended the initiation are shown above.

RIGHT: Psi Chapter at Duquesne inducts nine new brothers on March 18 (pictured showing their letters).



Photo by John Russo



Photo by Todd Cusato

On Tuesday, March 6, 2012, Dr. Frank Macchiarola was inducted as a graduate brother of the **Beta Sigma Chapter** in a ceremony held at St. Francis College. Dr. Macchiarola is the current Chancellor of St. Francis College and former college President from 1996-2008. Dr. Macchiarola was instrumental as student government president in 1962, helping secure the votes which allowed Alpha Phi Delta to be a recognized fraternity at the college. During his later years as college President, he would take an active interest in the chapter by offering advice, guidance, and routinely having lunch with the brothers in the school. There are plans to celebrate his induction on September 22, 2012, when the chapter holds its 50th Anniversary celebration.

Photo by Joe Rahtelli



The Hudson Valley/Connecticut/Expansion Brotherhood for Life was held on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at Manhattan College. Brothers and pledges from chapters Beta Beta (Manhattan College), Gamma Iota (Pace-Pleasantville), Gamma Xi (Southern Connecticut State Univ.), and colonies Mu (Cornell Univ.), Theta Beta (New York Univ.), and St. Joseph's College, were in attendance. Presenters at the event were National Historian Joe Rahtelli PNP, Beta Beta 1982; Hudson Valley District Governor Joe Carcione, Beta Beta 1980; Foundation Director/Trustee Tony Barbieri, Beta Beta 1959; and Foundation Trustee Santo Barbarino PNP, Beta Sigma 1965.

UNDERGRADUATE SCRAPBOOK



Photo by Sal Flagiello

On March 16, 2012, 35 pledges came together at **St. Francis College** for the spring semester Brotherhood for Life Seminar. The alumni who led the seminar included Bill Beuther, Todd Cusato, Frank Di Maria, Sal Flagiello, Alex Franki, Nick Franki, Pete Gaudioso, Vasilios Klitsas, Chris Mancusi, Ben Ruggiero, Ron Sme, Rick Trieste, John Whyte, and Mike Young. There were also 60 NYC undergrads at the event, helping the total attendance top 100 brothers.



Photo by Sal Flagiello

Gamma Sigma at St. John's inducts its first class in two years! They welcomed six new brothers into Alpha Phi Delta on March 25.



Photo by Sal Flagiello

ABOVE: **Gamma Rho** won the New York City Spring 2012 Pledge bowl on March 24, making them back-to-back winners.



Photo by Emil Coscarelli

LEFT: **Theta Beta Chapter** at NYU inducted five new brothers on April 1. New brothers Anthony Galli, Rahul Kheskwan, Victor Tumambing, Tony Chau, and Rosario Giarratana are shown in their letters, surrounded by numerous Theta Beta alums in attendance to welcome them back to our active chapter roster.



Photo by Jim Miller

RIGHT: The Midwest District held its spring meeting on April 14 at Steubenville, hosted by the **Beta Theta Chapter**.

UNDERGRADUATE SCRAPBOOK

Photo by John Russo



Delta Rho at SUNY Oneonta is welcomed back to the fraternity and gets seated at the council meeting.

Photo by Joe Rahtelli



On April 15, 2012, **Beta Beta's** 54th Pledge Group (since 1976) was inducted. Our newly inducted brothers are Stanley Dye Jr., Michel Georges Jr., John Moran Jr., Jair Retamozo, Xavier Sagar, Robert Sanders, and Erik Wehrhagen. The ceremony was conducted by Hudson Valley District Governor Joe Carcione, Beta Beta 1980, and was assisted by National Historian Joe Rahtelli, Beta Beta 1982. Several alumni were in attendance, including National Treasurer Rick Trieste, Beta Beta 1982, and Gus Tiranno, Beta Beta 1960. A dinner with the Lower Hudson Valley Alumni Club followed the ritual.

Photo by Joe Rahtelli



Our **St. Joseph's colony** inducted its second pledge group on March 25. The pledge group included 15 undergraduates: Anthony Averso III, Samuel Bifulco, Jeremy Chiaramonte, Joseph Danisi, Thomas DiDonato, Sean Dunn, Michael Funk, Jared Grabina, Carter Hildebrand, Michael Kalamaras, Raymond Lockmer Jr., Joseph Lupia, Anthony Pintabona, Michael Sanders, and Sean Sanders. In addition, 17 alumni from the local fraternity that became Alpha Phi Delta transitioned as well. Our newly inducted alumni are Christopher Burke, Joseph Cappiello, Jonathan Chiaramonte, Anthony DeMeo Jr., Robert Eisenberg, Thomas Gang II, Gregory Giacalone, James Giangaspro, Michael Giuffrida, David Martin, John Nelson, Nicholas Pappas, Peter Regan, Mikko Tesalona, Christopher Verga, Gregory Walter, and William Zieman. The induction ceremony was conducted by Past National Secretary Ron Sme, Beta Sigma 1964, Past National President Santo Barbarino, Beta Sigma 1964, and Past National President Joseph Rahtelli, Beta Beta 1982. Alumni brothers Brian Cutaia and Michael Paxson, both St. Joseph's 2011, assisted in the transition of the alumni group. The group now has 82 brothers who have been inducted over the past two semesters. The group is scheduled to receive its charter in February 2013.

The Brothers of Gamma Pi Fall Under the Spell in Support of Local Park

On Thursday, March 29, the brothers of the **Gamma Pi Chapter** of Alpha Phi Delta and the sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi hosted **Preserve the Magic**, a comedy-hypnosis fundraiser at Ramapo College of New Jersey.

The event raised over \$700 to

assist in the continuing restoration of the Ramapo Valley County Reservation in Mahwah, N.J. in the wake of Hurricane Irene the previous summer and other severe storms this year.

The event, which was also Philanthropy Chairman Marc Syslo's Senior Capstone project, not only united the local Ramapo community, but it also brought together the chapter's alumni brothers in support of the event, such as the evening's host, Professional Hypnotist and Brother Peter Juris.



Photo by Joe Rahtelli

On March 30, Gamma Xi chapter inducted its 18 pledge group (fifth since reactivation). Our newly inducted brothers are Stephen Bosies and Donald Melodia. Connecticut District Governor Carlo Lucatino, Gamma Xi 1991, conducted the ceremony at Southern Connecticut State University.

On November 5, 2011, Brother Kevin Khayutovsky and Jeffrey Chiu of **Gamma Rho Chapter** (Baruch College) ran the New York Road Runners: Dash to the Finish Line. This run went through Manhattan and ended in Central Park. The purpose of this run was to raise money for the conservation of Central Park, building new playgrounds, keeping the park clean, keeping the park safe, and basically preserving the fascinating park to be all that it is. They were the only fraternity represented the purple and white from start to finish.

Photo by Jeffrey Chiu

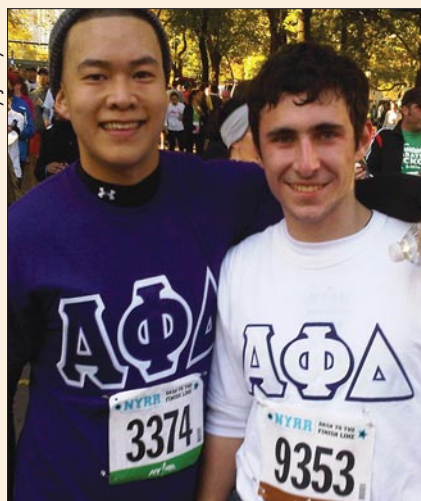


Photo by John Russo



Psi Chapter (Duquesne) held their 42nd annual Valentine Ball February 4 at a sold-out event. The event was a charity fundraiser in addition to a social evening. The brothers donated \$7000 (pictured above with representatives of the ALS Association on the left, chapter president Kyle Sheerin, chapter advisor Brigitte Szivos, and ball chairman Eric Formato).

Photo by John Russo



The **Pittsburgh Alumni Club** honored the Midwest District's Outstanding Undergraduate candidates for 2011-12 at a March dinner. Pictured above: Ross Alessandro, PAC President; Bill Trombatt, Psi; Travis Weaver, Psi, winner of the 2012 Outstanding Undergraduate Award; Josh Neidergall, Beta Rho; and Keith Bernard, PAC Vice President.

Brothers From St. Joseph's Colony Host Dion Arroyo Scholarship Dinner

SUBMITTED BY MATTHEW COLSON

Written by Valerie Esposito, Public Relations Associate at St. Joseph's College

The **St. Joseph's College Colony** of Alpha Phi Delta National Fraternity and Delta Psi Omega Alumni Association recently hosted their seventh annual Dion Arroyo Scholarship Dinner at the Centereach Knights of Columbus, raising nearly \$6,000 for the Dion Arroyo Memorial Scholarship.

The Dion Arroyo Memorial Scholarship was endowed in 2006 to honor the memory of Dion Arroyo, a student of St. Joseph's College and brother of what was then the Delta Psi Omega Fraternity, who was tragically killed in a car accident on September 11, 2003. The scholarship is awarded annually to a male student who, like Dion, is a Mathematics or Computer Science major on the Long Island Campus of St. Joseph's College.

"Dion was kindhearted and funny, but most importantly, he was a good friend that I aspire to be like," said Luke Gregory, a second year recipient of the Dion Arroyo Memorial Scholarship. "I am honored to receive a scholarship in Dion's name. I feel the donors who made this scholarship possible expect me to do what Dion would have done, which is exceed expectations."

Last year, Delta Psi Omega became the first SJC fraternity inducted on a national level after joining Alpha Phi Delta, a national fraternity founded in 1914 at Syracuse University. During the event, members of the fraternity presented the Arroyo family with a plaque displaying new Greek letters and announced that Dion will be recognized as both a founding and honorary brother of their new colony.

A portion of the proceeds from this year's event also benefited The Rose Brucia Educational Foundation, a national organization that is committed to reducing the number of child abductions in America by educating and empowering young minds with the knowledge necessary to avoid abduction.

"The level of honor and respect that continues to be shown in Dion's memory, always amazes us," said Mrs. Marilyn Arroyo. "It is an honor for us to be associated with such a fine group of young men. We know that Dion would have supported The Rose Brucia Educational Foundation and we cherish the opportunity to stand in his place to help raise money and awareness for such a worthy and important cause."



Featured from left to right: Luke Gregory (Scholarship recipient), Brie Arroyo (Dion's sister), Mrs. Marilyn Arroyo, Mr. Lawrence Arroyo (parents), Ben Tieniber (2006 APD brother), President of St. Joseph's College Alumni Association and Event Chair, and John Napoli, President of St. Joseph's College Colony of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity.

National Council Meets at LaSalle

STORY BY AL FAFARA, PNP, BETA XI / PHOTOS BY JOHN RUSSO

The National Council Meeting of Alpha Phi Delta was held on February 18 at LaSalle University in Philadelphia. Epsilon Beta was the host chapter. This was preceded by an Executive Committee Meeting the prior evening. This was the first time since 1989 that we had 100 % attendance from our undergraduate chapters and no outstanding debt from any of them. As a matter of fact, there were only two alumni clubs (Colorado and Steubenville) that were not present out of the active entities.

There were about 140 undergraduates in attendance in total. We re-chartered three reactivation projects: Gamma Xi at Southern Connecticut State, Delta Rho at SUNY Oneonta, and Delta Beta at Rutgers in New Brunswick. We also have four existing expansion projects that are going well: Mu (Cornell), Theta Beta (NYU), and Delta Psi (Robert Morris). We also affiliated with a local fraternity at St. Joseph's College in Long Island, which will be a new chapter when they are ready for chartering next year. There is also an interest group for an Alumni Association for Delta Xi (Seton Hall).



Delta Beta at Rutgers in New Brunswick poses after being reactivated as an active chapter on the fraternity roster at the national council meeting.



Gamma Xi at Southern Connecticut State is reactivated at the council meeting.

A \$138,500 budget for 2012-13 was approved, with the current fees remaining stable. There were three amendments, two circulated, one uncirculated which were brought before the council and none passed. One was the creation of a "Pioneer Award" which would be given to the undergraduate most responsible for the chartering of a new chapter or reactivation. Due to confusion in the wording of this amendment, it was tabled to next year to have it rewritten. An amendment that would allow only chapter and alumni club officers to serve as delegates was defeated. The uncirculated amendment was to ratify all appointed officers individually, rather than in a group, made it to the floor but did not get the required 75% majority necessary to pass. Nick Franki and Chris Mancusi were re-elected as National President and Vice-President, respectively. Both were unopposed. All of the current appointed officers were re-appointed. Franki indicated that next year's National Council Meeting would be at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. on February 16, 2013.



A grand gathering of brothers pose for a group shot during lunch break at the council meeting at LaSalle University.

TriState Leadership Conference a Rousing Success

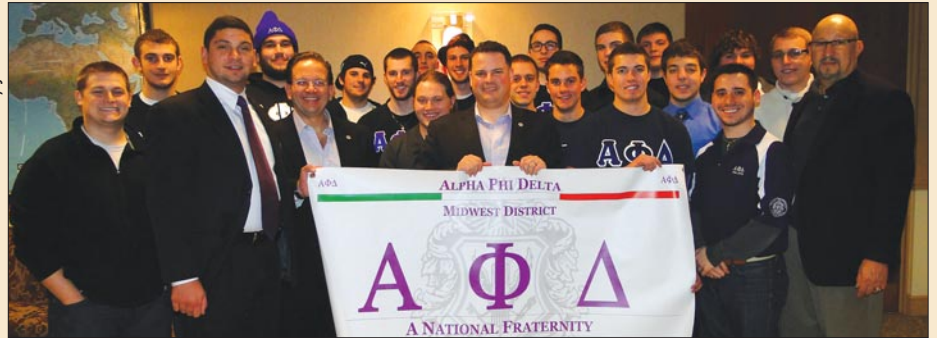
This January, more than 130 brothers from four districts met at Beta Beta (Manhattan College) for a leadership conference dubbed the “Tri-State Leadership Conference.” The Connecticut, Hudson Valley, North Jersey, and New York City districts shared a morning and afternoon of training. Kudos go to the district governors who worked tirelessly in the planning of an event of this magnitude—Carlo Lucatino (Conn.), Dr. Joe Carcione (Hudson Valley), Paul Zammit (N.J.) and Sal Flagiello (N.Y.C.). This particular leadership conference was funded by the NYAC’s Leadership Grant.

Bro. Joe Carcione, the host governor, served as the emcee throughout the conference. The three objectives for the conference were: a) increased levels of district/national support; b) an 80% retention rate in each district; c) education of the “Centennial Army.” It is our goal to educate and try to mold this current crop of undergraduates more than ever before so we can have a strong force in place for our Centennial in 2014. Many different presentations were broken up into 30-minute increments with time for Q & A.

The morning started out with a rush presentation by Carlo Lucatino, Conn. District Governor. Chris Mancusi, National Vice-President, then did a presentation titled, “Hazing—How to have pledges earn their letters without jeopardizing the entire fraternity.” Mancusi spoke about the fraternity’s zero tolerance on hazing and how to incorporate a pledge period that trains pledges to come to love the fraternity forever.

An Italian lunch broke up the morning and afternoon sessions. Following the lunch, breakout sessions were held for each

Photo by John Russo



Brothers pose at the Midwest District Conference.

Midwest District Conference

Jim Miller and Psi Chapter hosted the “A. Joseph Creston” Leadership Conference for the Midwest District, with 23 brothers attending. National President Nick Franki flew in from New York City, along with National VP of Expansion John Whyte. The event was the first “named” leadership conference with a sponsor brother. Psi, Beta Omicron, Beta Theta, and Beta Rho drove in for the event. In addition to the 23 brothers on hand, three students from our prospective colony at Robert Morris were on hand (one is the grandson of Carl Izzo, Psi 1951). And to get 100% attendance from the entire district, brothers from Beta Mu at DePaul University participated via Skype. Also in attendance were alumni Nick Bell and John Russo of Pittsburgh, and Mason Shattuck from Youngstown.

The agenda started off with introductions from District Governor Jim Miller. For an undergraduate audience on a Saturday, the conference started on “cell phone” time of 11:00 A.M. as had been announced. Everyone was on time. Nick Franki then spoke on managing risk, budgeting, by-laws, and acting as a chapter officer. Next up was John Whyte, who spoke on pledging and rushing. Alumnus Dr. Rex Gatto, Psi 1967, ended the session with a presentation on leadership. Lunch was provided courtesy of A. Joseph Creston’s sponsorship.

Following the leadership conference, Jim Miller conducted a Midwest District meeting. The afternoon ended with a baptism of six pledges for Psi Chapter.

chapter officer position. Following the breakouts, John Whyte, VP for Expansion, went over the current expansion procedures and provided updates on his current projects. Bro. Whyte has a some great projects in the works. Randy Sawyer, our legal counsel, has been a great resource for our national board, and he did a presentation on “Limiting Your Liability.” He spoke about many hot button issues, such as Facebook and social events, and he also

answered many questions. His discussion focused on improving the fraternity’s presence on each campus. Sal Flagiello and Paul Zammit, the district governors from NYC and North Jersey, led an open discussion of campus activities. It was a group discussion where chapters spoke about what they did well. To close, Joe Carcione and Nick Franki, National President, gave moving presentations on “Leadership.” —by Chris Mancusi, National Vice-President

Photo by Chris Mancusi



The 2012 Tri-State Leadership Conference was sponsored, in part, by the NYAC Leadership Fund at the APD Foundation.

100 Years CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES



Photo by Tony Carfang

Alumni from nine chapters attended the Second Annual Naples (Fla.) Centennial Luncheon at the Bayside Seafood Grill on March 9. Dave D'Eramo, Psi '61, organized the event. The new SW Florida Alumni Colony president is Al Yannon, Xi '50. The group will be up for full chartering in August. Pictured left to right are Dr. Patrick Russo, BMu '50; Don Luciano, BDelta '57; Frank Cirone, BMu '54; Fred Bovoso, BDelta '57; Roger Boyd, BRho '73; Tony Carfang, PNP, Psi '69; Vince Muffoletto, PNP, Epsilon '47; Florio Abbate, Psi '62; Fran Prezioso, Psi '56; Sam Dolfi, BTheta '53; Joe D'Annunzio, Tau '48; Dick Mellick, Psi '55; Ron D'Alessandro, BOmicron '60; John Cucinotta, BDelta '58; Sam Galasso, BDelta '60; and Dave D'Eramo, Psi '61. Attending but not in the photo was Al Yannon, Xi '50.



Photo by Tony Carfang

Another centennial dinner was held at Cariera's Lake Nona in Orlando on March 12. Zack Craver, Beta Chi 1993, organized it along with Jeff Breen and Brian Ireland. The photo from left to right features Tony Carfang, Psi '69; Glen Sheldon, Beta Chi '79; Dillon and Judy Sheldon; Vince Amico, Theta '37; Jeff Breen, Gamma Sigma '89; Zack Craver, Beta Chi '93; Brian Ireland, Gamma Sigma '89; Bob Rini, Eta '51; and Rudi Vleck, Beta Xi '91.



Photo by Joe Rahtelli

On March 14, in Jupiter, Fla., at the Portobello Cucina Italiana restaurant, a Centennial gathering brought together a reunion of a century. Dr. Dominick Mele, Iota 1933 and Michael Cappiello, Iota 1935, classmates some 75 years ago, were reunited for the first time since college. The two men lived near each other in Florida but were unaware of each other's presence. Alpha Phi Delta was born on Nov. 5, 1914. Dominick was born 28 days later. Mike Cappiello and Dominick Mele had lost touch after their years at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., but at this historic event, they had the opportunity to catch up. A gathering of 25 brothers and spouses enjoyed the reunion. "We know that many men who enjoyed their fraternal experience in college eventually lost touch as their careers took them to a myriad of cities around the world. We also know that many of these men eventually came to spend their retirement years in warmer climates," said Joseph Bell, spokesman for the Alpha Phi Delta Centennial Committee. "What is amazing is the way older men who have not seen each other in decades connect with each other."



The Centennial gathering/kickoff of the **Albany Alumni Club** took place at Maggie's on Western Avenue in Albany, N.Y. on March 30. Pictured in the front row are Matt Hall, Delta Iota 1992; Peter Alessandro, Eta 1958; Bill Minich, Beta Chi 1987; and Dan Merrill, Beta Chi 1982. Back row: Joe Rahtelli, Beta Beta 1982; Jordan Chenott, Delta Theta 2010; Kevin Murray, Gamma Rho 2007; Nick Tommasini, Beta Beta 2010; Caleb Merrill, Beta Beta 2009; and Jeff Sidoti, Beta Beta 2008. Not pictured: Matt Hunt, Beta Chi 1989; and Gerard Parisi, Gamma Iota 1989. The group is being lead by Jeff Sidoti and John Barbaro, Beta Sigma 1993. The group is planning another gathering on May 11 and a group trip to Saratoga in the summer. For more information, contact Jeff Sidoti at sidoti07@aol.com.

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100 Years CENTENNIAL COUNTDOWN

BY JOSEPH BELL, PSI 1977

For the men of our Fraternity, the cold, early months of the year are not a time to slow down. So it goes with the activities leading up to our Centennial. Planning for the celebration of 2014 continued on pace. Most exciting were the many reunion luncheons and dinners that reconnected Brothers in Jupiter, Florida; Albany, New York; Washington, DC; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Scottsdale, Arizona. Others are in the planning stage for Long Beach, California; Hilton Head, South Carolina; and Long Island, New York.

As noted in this column in the last *Kleos*, Centennial Chairman Tony Carfang, Psi '69, had the pleasure of meeting up with long-out-of-touch Mike Cappiello, Iota '35, at an event in Boston. Amazing, huh? Well, it gets better. Cappiello was about to be involved in one truly remarkable reunion. At the March 14 Centennial Luncheon in Jupiter, Florida, he shared our particular handshake and lots of warm memories with Dr. Dominick Mele, Iota '33. Yes, these men had not seen each other in more than 70 years! (You'll find their picture elsewhere in this *Kleos*.) While Mele lives in New York and Cappiello's home is in Massachusetts, both men discovered that they winter on Florida's east coast, less than 20 miles apart!

While the National Council Meeting on February 18 did not produce any "high drama," it did approve an official Centennial Hymn. "One Hundred Years of Alpha Phi Delta" is the first official composition for the Fraternity in more than a half-century. Vito DiSalvo, Psi '70, composed and recorded it. If you'd like to hear it, follow this link: <http://www.facebook.com/wAQErXwis/dl.dropbox.com/u/355354/District/100.mp3>.

As promised, NEW FRATERNITY MERCHANDISE, with a Centennial flavor, is now available! The new official Alpha Phi Delta commerce website is up and running at www.apd.org/shop. Please peruse the offering of golf shirts, t-shirts, ski caps, baseball caps, ping-pong balls, and license plate frames. Pay online and show your fraternal pride. More selections are on the way!

Finally, let's all remember to stay connected. Do I really have to tell you that? Many of us already avail ourselves to the professional networking capabilities of LinkedIn. Now, there's a special LinkedIn group just for Alpha Phi Delta. Go to <http://www.linkedin.com/e/vgh/36790>. Do you have a suggestion for the Centennial Committee about a reunion location or some other initiative? Maybe you have some valuable information to share or would like to volunteer. Make contact by email at: centennial@apdfoundation.org.



These five brothers met in London on February 8 for a Centennial Lunch. Pictured are: Dan Persad, Beta Eta '90; Andrew Cozzolino, Beta Beta '87; Tony Carfang, Psi '69, Eugene Amusin, Gamma Omicron '01; and Frank Baldi, Beta Omega '88.

Looking Back in History

This is the fourth 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 1970s

1970...Delta chapter, our fourth chapter, celebrated its 50th anniversary. An "Identity Committee" was formed for soul searching to see if the fraternity should be merged with another national after a 10-year period of only expanding to one chapter and declining numbers in the 17 existing chapters. The 50th National Convention drew 300 people to Tamiment. However, it was the saddest convention in our history, as undergraduate Richard Rau of Beta Sigma was electrocuted in a pool. Stan Raffa was elected National President.

1971...Initiations for the year dropped to a post-World War II low of 112. A number of longstanding chapters were in trouble. Sigma was lost at Boston Univ.

1972...National President Stan Raffa had an impressive journey through the fraternity, covering 3000 miles by car. Theta Beta at NYU was reactivated. For the first time in 10 years, an expansion project was underway in what would become Beta Tau at Fairmont College. A then record 473 attended the national convention at the Granit. Julius Zangrille, Beta Lambda, was elected National President. Mu chapter at Cornell went dormant after 50 years.

1973...A revised Ritual was in place. The long awaited History of Alpha Phi Delta was printed, the 10 year project of Stan Raffa. With 450 in attendance at the convention, PNP and Convention Chairman Joe DeGuglielmo challenged the group to raise money for the National Scholarship Foundation and seeded it with \$7,500 from the convention corporation.

1974...The National Convention drew a record 500 to the sold out Picasso Resort. The National Scholarship Trustees met for the first time. Albert Palazzo became National President and started his two-year journey around the country visiting chapters.

1975...One of our founders, Ferdinand DiBartolo, passed away in August. The Stevensville Hotel and Country Club was the site of the summer convention, the first of six times it would host the convention, the most of any facility.

1976...National Vice President Dr. Anthony Nardone died of a heart attack. He was posthumously granted the title of National President, the only brother ever so named. A. Joseph Creston was elected to the National Presidency to fill the void. Beta Pi at St. John's was inactivated. The first national scholarship was awarded. The rise of the price of gold prevented central office from supplying a fraternity badge upon the rite of initiation.

1977...Beta Beta, Manhattan, was reactivated. Expansion finally started to bloom again with a new chapter at George Washington Univ., Beta Upsilon.

1978...Expansion continued adding chapters at Glassboro (Beta Phi), SUNY Utica (Beta Chi). Santo Barbarino left the office of *Kleos* Editor and was elected as National President. Beta Tau became inactive after only five years in existence.

1979...More expansion fever brought in chapters at Catholic Univ. (Beta Psi), Pace (Beta Omega) and the University of Illinois (Gamma Beta) taking 50 years since 1929 to get through the Beta alphabet, the longest period by far (Alphas filled in 15 years, Gammas in 12, Deltas in 13 years).

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ALUMNI CLUB NEWS

RIGHT: South Florida Alumni Club Christmas Party was held on Dec 20 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., at the home of Jack Consiglio, Psi 1974. There were about 30 total in attendance, including Alumni Club members and their families, as well as Lynn University undergrads and their guests.

BELOW: Long Island Alumni Club gathers in February.



Photo by Jack Consiglio



Photo by Chris Mancusi



Photo by John Russo

The **Youngstown Alumni Club** held its 18th annual bocce tournament on March 10 at Mr. Anthony's Restaurant. Over 60 brothers attended and enjoyed a great night of fraternalism, outstanding food, and the annual indoor bocce tournament. The winners are awarded a trophy and the losers receive the dreaded "horse's ass award."

BELOW: The Brooklyn Alumni Club enjoy a banner night at their January meeting, with 17 brothers attending representing six chapters. Front row (L to R): Steve Palermo, Pete Gaudiuso, Joe Narciso, Gene Gemelli, Joe Caldarella, and Mike Iacovelli. Second Row: Ralph Parmegiani, Al Branchi, Charlie Garbarino, Charlie Fiore, Lou Carbone, Emil Coscarelli, Jeff Breen, and Mike Maniello. Back Row: Chris Gerdaud and Gennaro D'Agostino. Missing: Pete Giannopoulos.



Photo by Emil Coscarelli



Photo by Jeff Breen

The **North Jersey Alumni Club** returned to the home of Jeff and Donna Clarke in Fanwood, N.J. last December 10 for another successful Christmas Party. In attendance were (from left to right): top: Mike Young, Beta Eta '84; Brian Merserlian, Beta Xi '78; Jim Fitzgerald, Beta Xi '72; Len Cilli, Beta Xi '73; Al Fafara PNP, Beta Xi '69; Frank 'Rick' Riccardo, Beta Xi '67; Artie Pizza, Beta Xi '80; Dave Schreck, Beta Xi '82; Mike Pizzuta, Beta Xi '89, and Glenn Small PNP, Beta Xi '76. Kneeling: Al Branchi (Beta Beta '60), Jeff Breen (Gamma Sigma '89), Ray Morro (Beta Xi '85), and Jeff Clarke (Beta Xi '80). Not pictured: Garry 'Deacon' Kosteck, Beta Xi '71, who was sleeping, and Peter Juris (Gamma Pi '90) who graciously volunteered his time to entertain the children with his hysterically unique brand of entertainment. Check out <http://www.peter-juris.com/>.

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The **Youngstown Alumni Club** enjoy their annual Christmas gathering at the Belleria Restaurant on December 5, 2011.

Photo by Joe Rahneill



Brothers from **Beta Beta (Manhattan)** and their spouses pose for a photo at the annual New York Christmas Dance held December 2011.

Photo by Mary Russo



The **Pittsburgh Alumni Club** held its annual Italian Christmas Dinner December 19, 2011, with a record turnout of 50 brothers, spouses, and guests. Featured are the brothers who were in attendance.

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First Fourth Generation Brother



Chi Chapter at Penn State held its spring 2012 initiation on April 13 with an historic induction. Nick DeFrancesco was inducted and the ceremony was witnessed by his grandfather Carl Izzo, Psi 1951 (both pictured inset with the main picture showing the spring pledge class and Chi brothers). Carl's father (and Nick's great-grandfather) was Albert Izzo, a Pi founder at WVU, and Carl's son, Carl Jr., was inducted at Chi in 1976 as the first three-generation family tree. While the tree is not directly lineal (Nick is the nephew of Carl Jr.), it is truly a four-generational APD family that is soon to grow as Nick's brother Bob is part of the colony at Robert Morris, which should get inducted in the fall.



On Friday December 2, 2011, Robert Landi (Gamma Sigma 2002) and April Agnello were married in Staten Island. Robert met April when they were undergraduates at St. John's University - Staten Island, while she was a member of Delta Epsilon Beta sorority. Members of the Gamma Sigma AA who were in attendance include: Jay Alvarez (Eta 2005), Frank Chiofalo (Epsilon 2003), Mike Dolce (Theta 2006), Dean Fazio (Alpha 2002), Pawel Jasioneck (Alpha 2002), Rob Landi (Alpha 2002), Chris Mancusi (Alpha 2002), Frank Modena (Delta 2003), John Rooney (Eta 2005), Anthony Saraceno (Alpha 2002), Gary Sutphen (Theta 2006), Daniel Watts (Alpha 2002), and Rob Waslewski (Theta 2006). Pledge brother Pawel Jasioneck served as Rob's best man.



Delta Chi Chapter was well-represented at Ryan McCaw's (Delta Chi '02) wedding on August 13, 2011, with nine brothers in attendance, including seven founding fathers, seven pledge class representatives, and three district governors. From left to right: Phil Zarlengo ('01), Robert Macaria ('01), Jason Meininger ('02), Justin Martinez ('02), Arne Bostrom ('06), Ryan McCaw ('02), Nate Barnes ('01), Sarah McCaw, John Bostrom ('01), and Chipper Couch ('05).

LEFT: Reunion of the Century. Dr. Dominick Mele, Iota 1933 (left) and Michael Cappiello, Iota 1935, classmates some 75 years ago, were reunited for the first time since college March 14 in Jupiter, Fla. Further details on page 10.



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received permission to meet with the Cornell IFC officers. They were granted permission to make a presentation to the IFC. National Historian Joseph Rahtelli, PNP, Beta Beta 1982, who had continuously supported Arthur over the first two years of preparation, visited Cornell to accompany Arthur to meet the IFC officers, and then a couple of weeks later, make a presentation to the IFC. On April 6, 2011, the Cornell IFC approved APD's application for recolonization at Cornell. The small interest group, which now totaled five and included Ellery Smith, who became another leader of the group, continued to recruit potential members to the reactivation group while they waited for university approval. The approval wasn't granted until November 2011, and a decision was made to allow the group to continue to recruit for the rest of the semester and start pledging in the spring. Because of the commitment that the group made to the project, on February 11, 2012, the pledge group had grown to 16 young men who were committed to the project and baptized as pledges.

Over the next several weeks, the pledge group met weekly with Joe Rahtelli, and traveled to Manhattan College for a Brotherhood for Life event. The pledge group traveled to Oneonta to visit the Delta Rho chapter and Utica to visit the Beta Iota chapter. Both chapters were involved with the pledge group, attending baptism, induction, and acting as godfathers to the pledges throughout the pledge period. They contacted alumni brothers from Mu and others involved with the project. Alan Flaherty, Mu 1958, visited with the guys twice before the pledge period started and Jon Meigs, Mu 1956, and Peter Brellochs, Mu 1957, met with them as well.

In addition to the chapters involved, there were several brothers who made the trip to Ithaca to support the group. Al Fafara, PNP, Beta Xi 1969, and Alex Fafara, Delta Beta 2010, both have known Arthur since birth, Len Cilli, Beta Xi 1973, and Garry Kosteck, Beta Xi 1971, as well as Arthur's dad, all made the trip several times, including induction.

The induction ceremony was conducted by Past National Secretary Ronald Sme, Beta Sigma 1964, who had traveled over six hours from Long Island. Newly inducted are Brian Aguayo, Jonathan Altiero, Nicholas Angelus, Matthew Barnett, Nicholas Beccarino, Matthew Cario, Lucas DeFiores, Jonathan Drosinos, Darren Hale, Matthew Hoyer, Alexander Mihalca, Andrew Newhouse, Arthur Pizza III, Benjamin Robbins, Tyler Schrier, and Ellery Smith. Immediately following the ceremony, the group was joined by Arthur's mom, his four siblings, and grandmother, who traveled from northern New Jersey to share the day with him. The most touching moment of the entire project was when Arthur's grandmother, Dottie Palazzo, pinned him with the fraternity pin that belonged to her husband Al. All the time, work and perseverance, by everyone involved, took on a special meaning. Al was smiling from above!

The Pizza family—third generation legacy brother Arthur Pizza with his father Art (Beta Xi), mother Jerianne, and grandmother Dottie Palazzo (wife of PNP Al Palazzo), along with Arthur's siblings.



John C. Gallucci, Jr., Xi 1949 (Ohio State), passed away on Jan. 8, 2012 in Fort Meyers, Fla. He graduated from Ohio State with degrees in Civil and Electrical Engineering. He proudly served as a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Reserves. After graduation, he was a design engineer for Burgess & Niple, Ltd., Construction Engineer with Ang Construction, and president for many years of Concrete Construction Company, which was started by his father. He retired in 1996 as a Senior Vice President of Kokosing Construction Company. John was an avid computer enthusiast and programmer, a Life Master Bridge Player, and he enjoyed tennis and golf.

Bro. Matthew A. Piracci (Delta/Polytechnic) passed away on December 29, 2011. Mr. Piracci, age 94, was a retired civil engineer, who resided in Brooklyn, NY. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Nancy, as well as a son, daughter, and two grandchildren.

Claudio "Denny" DelIntinis, Psi 1951 (Duquesne), passed away in February 2012 in Pittsburgh. Denny was a self-made businessman and owner of Red Carpet Travel.

Charles E. Buonincontro, Beta Mu 1963 (DePaul), passed away on May 18, 2011.

Dean C. Genga, Psi 1975 (Duquesne), passed away on March 6, 2010 at the age of 53 in Philadelphia.

Daniel J. Carella, 88, Beta Xi (NJIT), died on February 2, 2012, at his home in Millburn, New Jersey. A lifelong resident of Millburn, Brother Carella was inducted into Delta Sigma Zeta in 1946 and graduated from the Newark College of Engineering with a degree in electrical engineering. Delta Sigma Zeta, a local fraternity, became Beta Xi Chapter in 1952. He had served in the U. S. Navy Reserve during World War II. Brother Carella was a project manager in research and development for Picatinny Arsenal in Dover, New Jersey for 20 years before retiring in 1972.

Joseph Ziccardi, Esq., U.S. Col. (ret), Beta Delta 1953 (Temple), passed away March 15. He was a resident of Ardmore, Pa. and long time member of the Delaware Valley Alumni Club. He was a 1955 graduate of Temple and earned his law degree there in 1958. He served in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1962. Brother Ziccardi was a Pennsylvania assistant attorney general from 1962 to 1969 and maintained a private law practice in Philadelphia. He was a former Army Reserve officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corp. and served as a civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army for Pennsylvania. He retired from the reserves as a colonel in 1989.

Michael J. Basarab, Beta Lambda 1967 (St. Francis), passed away on March 11 in Princeton, N.J. After receiving his undergraduate degree from St. Francis of Loretto, he received his master's in public administration from N.Y.U. and served in the U.S. Army Reserve during the Vietnam War. Mr. Basarab retired after more than 40 years of state service as a tax analyst for the Division of Taxation as the administrative secretary to the New Jersey Area Redevelopment Authority and recently from the State of New Jersey Office of Legislative Services, where he was a senior fiscal analyst and committee aide for the General Assembly Budget Committee and General Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Nick Petrella, Beta Omicron 1967 (Youngstown), passed away in his sleep on April 11 in Youngstown, Oh. He was 64 and an active member of the Youngstown Alumni Club, hosting the annual polenta dinner at his restaurant.

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