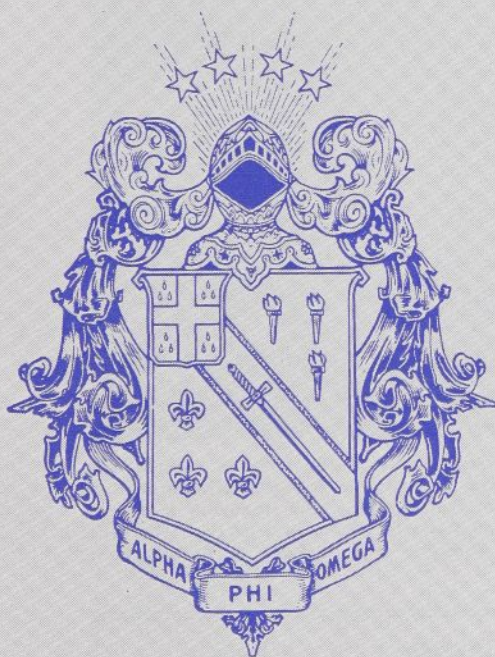


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APRIL 1960

GENERAL LOUIS H. RENFROW
FORMER ALPHA PHI OMEGA NATIONAL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
SPEAKS ON OUR OBLIGATIONS

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMING TO PHILADELPHIA ON DECEMBER 28-29-30, 1960

By Thomas E. Walsh

Vice Chairman
National Publications Committee

The most popular and looked forward to bi-annual event in Alpha Phi Omega is the National Convention. It offers the adventure of travel to Brothers who have never before been in other sections of the country.

The most important aspect of the National Convention is that of sharing and exchanging of ideas. The opportunity to compare and exchange ideas with other chapters will broaden your view of our fraternity and lead to more effective leadership.

As a delegate to the National Convention, you will be in on the planning of the National Fraternity's activities as well as help make national policy. Every Brother attending as an official delegate has an opportunity to discuss and vote on motions brought before the floor.

The fellowship and inspiration that each Brother receives and the new friends that you make will make the trip worthwhile.

The Sectional Leaders Training Conferences that are held every year have proven most valuable to the participating chapters. This is a work meeting composed of various committee workshops. In these workshops, every chapter office and committee is taken apart and discussed, ideas from other chapters are considered and a general pool of new information and operation of chapters are found.

Many chapters are made stronger from attending these meetings, because the leaders are given an opportunity to train and be trained in these work shops.

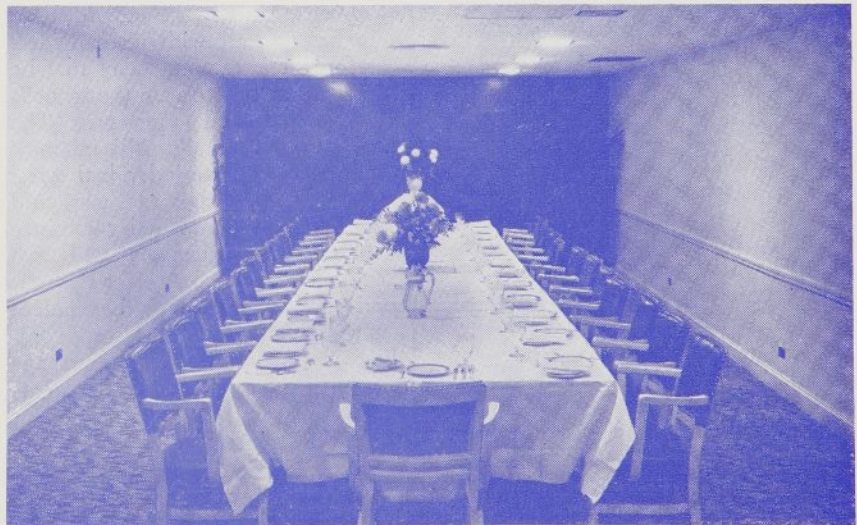
Fellowship abounds here as well as in the National Convention, but you are with a smaller group of chapters near your college or university.

The Sectional Conference for all Brothers and pledges is also held in off-year from the National Convention. This is a miniature of the National Convention where various workshops are held, matters pertaining to the National Constitution are discussed and plans are made to recommend changes on other policies to be brought up before the next National Convention.

Chapters that have attended these



Historic Philadelphia will be awaiting ALPHA PHI OMEGA on December 28-30, 1960. Shown above is a twilight view of Central Philadelphia.



Shown above is one of the twenty meeting rooms which will be used by our National Convention in the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Convention Headquarters.

meetings have gone back to their college and have grown in service. They have become stronger and have aided in helping other chapters in a revival or beginning new ones altogether.

Why don't you bring before your next chapter meeting a proposal to start a "Convention and Conference Fund" account this week? You won't be sorry you did. The benefits that

you receive from attending these meetings will be well worth any effort you put forth.

Many chapters would like to attend these various meetings, but run into the inevitable problem. No money! There is a way that your chapter can save the necessary funds for sending or helping to send your chapter repre-

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HELP ORGANIZE A NEW CHAPTER

By Donald R. Zuchelli

Iota Rho Chapter

Presidential Representative

Many of us know a campus on which we would like to see a chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. But how to achieve this desired goal! There is no "sure-fire" method but definitely there is a pattern that can be followed for a strong and well directed chapter. Every chapter's success can be traced directly to three main organizational factors. These are a healthy and active student membership, coordinated assistance from faculty advisors, and, of course, an understanding and helpful school administration.

Remembering the factors necessary for a good chapter, let's consider the preliminary steps in its organization. First, determine your school's eligibility, as only accredited institutions are acceptable under the fraternity's constitution. Second, determine your relation to the school as a guide to the proper approach to be used. A chapter may be begun by students, interested scouters, or a neighboring chapter. Realizing your connection with the college is most important as two definitely separate approaches are recommended. By necessity those who are not an integral part of the campus life, must often start organizational efforts solely through the school administration — while a group of undergraduates can seek immediate approval and assistance of the school officials and then direct all their efforts towards gathering a working group of students into a local service club.

First let's discuss completely the student's approach. To reiterate, immediately state your desires to the school administration as they are interested in strong and successful organizations, not in just another slow and unproductive group. Don't overlook explaining the advantages of service, leadership, and fellowship that Alpha Phi Omega offers. Remember, you have a program unmatched by any similar group and the school will be quick to realize these advantages. Once the school has approved, then launch your efforts to expand to the desired 25 members or more. Here are a few hints on gaining those additional members. You can try a mass rush or perhaps select various friends if your campus is large

enough to give the necessary diversification. Efforts should be made to include in the group men from all social fraternities and a similar number of independents, and men from all departments of the college. The campus wide rush program is best perfected by taking a careful census of the male students on campus. Census Cards are available from the National Office in any quantity necessary. The results of the census will furnish the names of all interested and qualified students. Simultaneously with the rush program, you should elect temporary officers, particularly a President and Secretary. Once the service group is gathered you can approach various faculty members to serve as your advisors. Don't overlook the busy professors as often they are the best and most active in a chapter.

Now let's discuss the basic steps necessary for a scouter or another chapter to start a local chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. Usually the individual or group has to start with just an idea. Therefore, it is recommended that he channel his efforts to gain the school's full approval and assistance. The school officials usually will be most happy in helping the individual select the needed faculty advisors. You should attempt to get the desired committee of five faculty members and two Scouting advisors before efforts are directed towards recruiting the student members. Once this advisory committee is functioning, it can arrange for a small group of qualified students to meet for an informal chat about the fraternity. From this meeting you should be able to recruit a fine group to assist in expanding to the desired quota.

But wait, before you flood the campus with your rush efforts you should stop long enough to clear the air. No doubt many other groups on campus have heard of the efforts for a new fraternity and are certainly wondering what effect it will have on their organization. It is far better to settle this question before any false rumors start as to the purpose of Alpha Phi Omega. Therefore, if possible, have an open meeting inviting repre-

sentatives from all groups to explain Alpha Phi Omega and how it will affect the campus. Once it is realized that APO is a national *service* fraternity and won't be in direct competition for members, you will be amazed at the participation and aid you will receive.

Now that the organizational stage has passed, and you are ready for an actual functioning service club, you can start plans for a limited service program. Request from the National Office a sufficient supply of the Question and Answer Pamphlets, and Manuals of Administration. Make sure all members in the group become familiar with the general policies of Alpha Phi Omega. Once you have completely welded the group into a smooth and well directed operating club, you are ready to request the proper petitioning papers from the National Office.

The following are the requirements for securing an Alpha Phi Omega Charter:

Twenty-five or more undergraduate students, who have been previously affiliated with Scouting, established as an active local service club.

Five or more faculty advisors and two or more Scouting advisors, including the Scout Executive and one volunteer Scouter.

A suitable program of activities during the preparatory period and an outline of the objectives of the new organization for its first year.

Charter fee of \$25.00.

Individual initiation fees of \$14.00 for each student member. (There is no charge for advisory membership.)

Letter of approval from the college.

Letter of approval from the local Scout Council.

The forms for the petitioning include an Application for Charter and individual membership application in duplicate. Every man in the preparatory group should sign two copies of the Application for Charter, one for the National Office and the other for local historical records. Likewise, each man should fill out two copies of the individual application, the blue copy for chapter use and the white copy for

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THE OBLIGATION OF YOUNG AMERICANS

By Brig. General Louis H. Renfrow (Ret.)

Former Deputy Director of the Selective Service System
Former National 1st Vice President Alpha Phi Omega

Our nation is the bulwark of democracy for the world, and as we sing the Star Spangled Banner, we know that the "ramparts we watch" are not only ours, but those beyond our shores.

It is a glorious opportunity for every young American to stand four square in the path of the onrushing destroyers of human liberty and human dignity, and in the path of the atheist who denies Divine Guidance and Love.

Certainly, members of our noble fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, dedicated as it is to service to our fellow man, can fully appreciate and understand what their individual obligation is to our great nation.

In 1917 many young men left colleges and universities to volunteer, or be inducted into military service. There were 4½ million men and women who served in that war.

Then in 1941, when Pearl Harbor triggered the beginning of our involvement in another war, again, over five million young men and women volunteered, and some ten million young men were inducted into military service. Many of these were members of our fraternity who served with distinction and honor.

In 1950, we again see an attack on South Korea that required young men and women to volunteer, and young men to be inducted into military service. These, too, included many who were APO's.

If another conflict should occur, and you can be sure our President and all of his Cabinet are doing everything they can honorably do to prevent such a war, yet, if it comes it will again be necessary to call for volunteers, and inductions into military service.

Many young men say, "that the continued existence of Selective Service prevents them from planning their life's work."

A free society is not possible, and never has been possible, without *men* willing to fight to gain it, and having gained it, be ready and willing to sacrifice to protect it and keep it.

This is as true today as it was when our great forefathers gained their independence as a nation.

My young friends, your present situation is not new, nor different, for

never have we been able in my lifetime, and during three wars in which I served, to precisely predict what the future holds for any of us in exact terms, but that hasn't prevented all of us from planning, which plans may have had to be altered, but the *mere* planning has made such deviations, and changes, easier and more adjustable.

Is there an American who hasn't thrilled when he read of that marvelous scientific accomplishment of our atomic-powered submarines, the NAUTILUS and the SCATE, when they submerged and travelled under the ice cap of the North Pole, and when our own Scouting and Alpha Phi Omega member—Dr. Paul Siple—went to the South Pole on several expeditions.

These achievements are the result of dreams, planning, sacrifice, training and hard work, and all of them done in the presence of these changing and uncertain times.

Has it ever occurred to you, as you read of these great scientific and sociological advances, or studied the literary and scientific findings of the past, that these advances in our day were made possible by the sacrifices of those who blazed the trail of our democracy; who served their country in peace and war, or do you just take them for granted?

On the horizon of our daily lives there has been a constant threat to these wonderful and modern developments by those despots who are determined to turn the clock back to the absolute control of men's minds, activities and beliefs.

It is this ever-present threat to our way of life that has caused our nation to invent and perfect those instruments of defense—the atom and the hydrogen devices.

If greedy, selfish and destructive men, loose in the world today, could be stopped in their aggressive activities, these new discoveries can, and will, be diverted and converted from destructive to constructive activities, that will open great and wonderful areas of unlimited possibilities and happiness.

While it is still necessary to defend our way of life, and at the same time offer our assistance to any nation, or people, who want to live peacefully in the family of nations, it will require the loyalty and devotion of your generation and those to follow, who will be dedicated to the pioneer spirit of unselfish service to his fellow man—the keystone of APO.

Young men will be asked to be modern pioneers at a time when danger and uncertainty seem to be lurking in every corner of the world.

"BE PREPARED" to defend and protect this glorious land of yours and mine.

Turn a friendly, unafraid countenance to the rest of the world and to the future.

Be aware that the future, and our nation's relations with other nations and peoples, on this earth, rests with you and those to follow.

TIME is the ever-present factor with which you must reckon, and while there is still time, make every minute count in your day-to-day activities.

May God go with you in the glorious experience in your life, yet to be lived.

Time

He who neglects the present moment throws away all he has. Time is the most valuable thing a man can spend. It costs nothing because it is priceless.

Cheerfulness

Cheerfulness has a dual value in life. First, it helps you, then it helps others—and it keeps on spreading out into the great throng of humanity, stirring the hearts of men. All the while it makes the heavy load lighter and the dark road brighter for all.

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the National Office. Students use the active membership form, and there is a separate form for use by the faculty and Scouting advisors.

When the petition is received in the National Office, the information concerning it is transmitted to all chapters and National Executive Board members for approval.

The Leadership Seminar

By Gerald M. Plessner,

Epsilon Epsilon '57,
National Coordinator of The Leadership Seminars.

For a number of years the Executive Board of ALPHA PHI OMEGA has wanted to help chapter officers better understand their leadership opportunities.

Out of this desire has developed the Leadership Seminar. It's a new idea in ALPHA PHI OMEGA. A multi-chapter training experience conducted by a Seminar Staff of Advisors, distinguished collegiate Brothers, Alumni and other outstanding personalities.

For some time, our Fraternity has had a successful Sectional Conference program. The training derived in that program has been invaluable to the individual Brother and to ALPHA PHI OMEGA as a whole. Sectional Conferences remain and will remain an important part of the ALPHA PHI OMEGA picture.

Then, too, the National Convention is the Fraternity's greatest training experience. Hundreds of men have profited immeasurably from the workshop phase of the several National Conventions.

All of the above are important in terms of the Leadership Seminar because they have time after time pointed to the need for such a program.

For the first time, in the Leadership Seminar, ALPHA PHI OMEGA has a nationally coordinated training program containing a suggested outline for the entire event and its various parts. This program will be made available to every chapter of the Fraternity.

Forty Chairmen Appointed

In order to implement this first national training program, Fraternity President William S. Roth will soon appoint forty Leadership Seminar Chairmen. Each chairman will plan and conduct one Seminar for from four to ten chapters in a given area.

Each chairman will be assisted by a Seminar Staff consisting of a Physical Arrangements Committee, seven Instructors and two Session Chairmen.

Seminar Program

Following is an outline of the Seminar Program:

10:30 A.M. Registration

11:00 A.M. Seminar Staff Meeting

12:30 P.M. Opening Session

Presentation: PRINCIPLES OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA

2:00 P.M. Seminar Sessions

CHAPTER ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION
MEMBERSHIP AND RUSHING
SERVICE PROJECTS
CHAPTER PROGRAM
THE ADVISOR

3:45 P.M. Break—Refreshments

4:00 P.M. Seminar Sessions (Same as above)

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CHAPTER PROGRAM
THE ADVISOR

5:45 P.M. Break—Prepare for Banquet

6:00 P.M. Leadership Banquet
Presentation: BEING A LEADER!

Each of the seven training presentations have a prepared outline. Time is allotted to the giving of a specific amount of material. Many new training aids will be distributed to the Brothers enrolled as students. Then plenty of time will be given to questions and their answers.

Sample Session

To give you an idea of what is included in one of the Sessions, let's talk about CHAPTER ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION. Main headings in that outline include Chapter Membership, Chapter Program, Chapter Officers, Chapter Committees, Chapter Advisors and Your Chapter and the National Fraternity.

The other four Sessions are just as complete in their discussion of the areas they cover. Your chapter will not want to miss out on their Seminar!

"Being a Leader!" Highlight

The highlight of every seminar will be the "BEING A LEADER!" presentation

during the Leadership Banquet. This part of the program will be given by an important ALPHA PHI OMEGA personality and will have as its subject the personal abilities needed by any leader, whether in ALPHA PHI OMEGA or elsewhere.

Who Attends

Every chapter will be encouraged to send at least a carload of their leaders to the Seminar. Each man in attendance receives five hours of concentrated training in how to run a top-notch chapter and how to be a better leader.

Seminars will be planned so as to insure a successful experience in every case. Some programs may be held in early Fall, others in early Winter and some few in the Spring Semester.

You'll want to be on the lookout for your Seminar so start making plans to send your chapter's leaders now!

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representatives to these meetings. You can begin a separate bank account under the name of "The National Convention and Conference Fund." You may vote to deposit a percentage of your income from your various money-making activities. You may vote to put aside every month a set amount to be deposited into the account. If you wish, you can conduct a special project in which the money received from it may be used to pay part or all of the expenses of the trip. Of course, all personal expenses will be paid by the individual member. Don't forget your advisor; he is eligible to be sent by your chapter, too, at chapter expense.

The interest that you make over a two-year period will also add to your fund, and if you discover that you don't use all the money in your account the interest that you will earn from what you keep in the savings account will go a long way in preparing your chapter for future conventions and conferences.

Remember, Leadership, Friendship and Service is our business and the best place to get the know-how is to be in on the ground floor at your fraternity special meetings. See you there.

MISSING LIFE MEMBERS

By Dr. Ray O. Wyland

Lifetime Member
National Executive Board and
National Life Membership Chairman

Sleuthing is continuously going on in order to find the whereabouts of 57 life members of our Fraternity.

Since the publishing and distribution of our first National Alumni Directory (consisting of life members and Alumni Chapter Members) in 1959, we have found many life members who were previously lost.

Listed below are the names and states of the 57 still missing members. If you know the whereabouts of any of these Brothers, please inform our National Office, 419 Columbia Bank Building, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

Wilbur W. Bryant—California
Clyde R. Harnoise—California
James G. Robertson—California
John Jay—Connecticut
Louis J. Torres—Washington, D.C.
Allen C. Akins—Washington, D.C.
Van Tyle Burnette—Florida
Jesse T. Peurifoy—Florida
Harry E. Rinehart—Florida

Hugh W. Jeffries—Georgia
Aubrey Berman—Illinois
Joseph Wagner—Illinois
Kenneth R. Wilson—Illinois
John B. Sawyer—Kansas
Gerald E. Kiltz—Louisiana
Bernard Hamburger—Massachusetts
Robert Lee Chartrand—Missouri
William B. Jamieson—Missouri
Michael D. Belegris—Pennsylvania
Russell E. Denker—Pennsylvania
David H. Dievler—Pennsylvania
Benet D. Kitts—Pennsylvania
Grant C. Kresge—Pennsylvania
James C. Reed—Pennsylvania
Elbert C. Wisner—Pennsylvania
Eugene L. Johnston—Missouri
Stanley H. Kreger—Missouri
William T. McWilliams—Missouri
James W. Shimmel—Missouri
F. Alec Phillips—Nebraska
Elbert D. Gadsden—New Jersey
Richard E. Werner—New Jersey
Jack Bushling—New York
Harry M. Cohn—New York
Leo M. Egand—New York
Arthur F. Fishkin—New York
Arthur J. Guzzetta—New York



The members of Lambda Omicron Chapter have been appointed the official escorts of President Stahr of West Virginia University and his guests.

Norman A. Nadel—New York
William Porcelan—New York
David D. Rothman—New York
Ronald A. Helwig—Ohio
Eugene P. Osborne—Ohio
George B. Graves—Oregon
O. Vearn Grim—South Dakota
James R. Bunker—Texas
Lucien L. LaRue, II—Virginia
George Booth—Wisconsin
Lee F. Weigert—Wisconsin
Boyd C. Nelson—Wisconsin
Jack D. Witt—Wisconsin

YALE DAILY NEWS, TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1960

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Thanks to the students of Yale University from the entire community

On behalf of the residents of the Greater New Haven area, the Register and Courier extend heart-felt thanks to the students at Yale for the 2,091 pints of blood Yale donated to the Red Cross blood bank during the year now drawing to a close. This total sets a record for blood donations by Yale students in a single year, and represents 46 per cent of all the blood collected by the Red Cross in the city in 1959.

The student volunteers of Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity, and all the donors have not only set an example which we hope will be emulated by area residents in the new year, but have given a gift to the community that has no equal . . . a ready supply of life-giving blood to anyone who requires it in time of emergency.

New Haven Journal-Courier New Haven Register.

New England's Pace-Setting Newspapers

SPREAD THE WORD

How many fellows do you know who will be going to college next Fall? How many old friends will you spend time with this Summer? How many of that old gang know about ALPHA PHI OMEGA, its program and its principles?

Help acquaint them with ALPHA PHI OMEGA! As you meet old buddies, tell them of the Fraternity and see if you can't get them interested in seeking out the chapter on their campus. Send in their names on the form below and we'll send their names on to the chapter at that college.

And if there isn't a chapter on their campus—well, you have really struck gold! Get them interested in starting a chapter! Send their names to the National Office and we'll help you stimulate their interest!

You may be saying to yourself, "Doesn't sound like service fraternity talk to me!" On the contrary, it's just good salesmanship!

We are proud of ALPHA PHI OMEGA! Tell your friends about the wonderful experience and training gained by planning and giving service to others.

If you are one of our many Brothers who will spend the Summer in a Scout camp, you may do an especially good job for ALPHA PHI OMEGA.

Wear your ALPHA PHI OMEGA patch. (Available from the National Office for thirty-five cents.) When Scouts and Explorers ask about it, tell them that it is the only Service Fraternity made up of Scout-trained men. That, by joining ALPHA PHI OMEGA in college, they can continue

to live the principles of the Scout Oath and Law.

Tell them, too, of the opportunity to meet men of common purpose and ideals and of the opportunity to gain valuable life-important training. You'll be doing them a great service!

Our Fraternity is one of the most unusual organizations on the American college campus and in order to further the achievement of our purposes and principles, we must spread the word!

As you meet friends who would be interested in ALPHA PHI OMEGA, jot down their names, home addresses and college or university! Send that information to the National Office and we will send them some material to stimulate their interest.

During this, our thirty-fifth year, let's spread the word!!

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