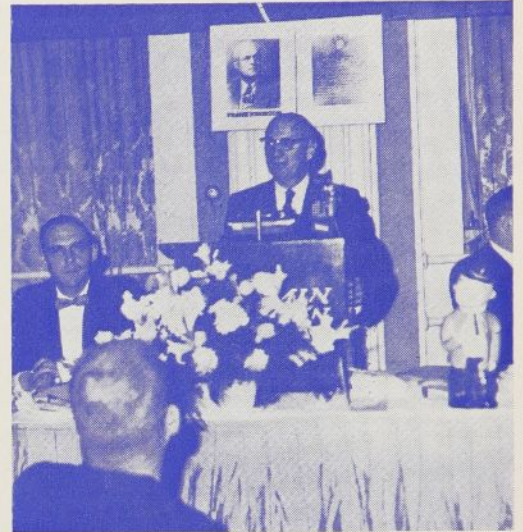




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Views of the 1960 National Convention. On the top left row, National President William S. Roth calls the convention to order; on the right top, Dr. Delmer H. Wilson of the National Executive Board addresses the closing banquet. On his right in the photo is Robert J. Hilliard, Convention Program Chairman. The bottom row, left to right, shows the Special Color Guard of young ladies from Frankford High School. Next are the Care Crusade winners of Eta Rho chapter of Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, shown left to right, Dick Fleck, Tom Chmielewski of Eta Rho, and Malcolm MacGruer of Vicks; Howard Powell of Care, and Joseph McIntyre of Vicks. The lower right picture shows four National Leaders who were presented the Fraternity's highest award, the National Distinguished Service Key. Left to right are Professor Harry C. Barnett, Joseph J. Scanlon, Dr. Harold F. Pote and Professor Harry S. Miller.

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# Convention Breaks All Records

A record-breaking 843 delegates assembled at 1:30 p.m., on December 28, 1960, in the Crystal Room of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for the Sixteenth National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega.

The delegates, representing 156 chapters of the Fraternity, took part in what was probably the most productive meeting in Alpha Phi Omega history. Under the able leadership of National President William S. Roth, who was unanimously elected to a second term, the convention progressed rapidly through an outstanding program.

## Convention Keynotes

George F. Cahill, National Executive Board member, described Alpha Phi Omega as a "vital, thriving, important organization, which must move forward." Only those present could act to solve its problems, he reminded the delegates. "How strong we shall grow only you can determine." He warned against confusing publicity with quality program, ignoring the Faculty Advisor, and forgetting that "Service is our most important field. There's no price tag on Service. Alpha Phi Omega can't be bought or sold."

The speaker paid tribute to the National President and to the work of National Executive Secretary Joseph J. Scanlon, an active Alpha Phi Omega man for more than thirty years. He referred also to the fine work of Past National Secretary Sidney B. North, now a member of the staff of Rotary International, a pioneer in building Alpha Phi Omega.

## Outstanding Speakers

United States Senator-Elect J. Caleb Boggs of Delaware, an honorary Brother of Zeta Sigma chapter at the University of Delaware, gave words of greeting and spoke warmly of his belief in the program of Alpha Phi Omega.

An address in commemoration of the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of Alpha Phi Omega was given by Past National President M. R. Disborough. Founder Frank R. Horton told how he came to start Alpha Phi Omega and how, in the early days, he was joined in his efforts by others, including Brother Herbert G. Horton, who also was present at the convention.

The report by National President Roth, of Fraternity progress since the last convention, proved to be a highlight of the program.

The address at the convention luncheon, given by Dr. Glen T. Nygreen, Dean of Students at Kent State University, Ohio, on "A College Dean Looks at Alpha Phi Omega," and the closing address, "The Next Sixty-five Years," presented by Dr. Delmer H. Wilson, of the National Executive Board, were challenging and inspiring.

## National Officers Report

The written report of National Treasurer A. G. Spizzirri of Kansas City was presented by Past National President M. R. Disborough. The financial statement for the fiscal year December 1, 1959-November 30, 1960, and the Treasurer's recommendation, previously submitted and adopted by the National Executive Board in session prior to the convention opening, were received and accepted. "We are

in the black. All bills are currently paid to date. Our net bank balance as we begin the present fiscal year on December 1, 1960, totals \$1,334.20, whereas the net total December 1, 1959, was \$154.70." Mr. Spizzirri was unable to be present because of a special called meeting of Cumerford, Inc. representatives.

The report of National Third Vice President Manfred O. Aws, Jr., of Columbus, Ohio, concerned alumni affairs and called attention to the increasing interest in this field and to services alumni are rendering communities, Scouting and Alpha Phi Omega. The convention was reminded of the important legislation facing it to create a National Alumni Association.

National Second Vice President Dr. Henry S. Miller of New York emphasized the importance of Faculty Advisors and Scouting Advisors, as revealed in a national survey



**WILLIAM S. ROTH**  
Re-elected National President

made by a committee under his direction. The Service ideal must be strengthened, too, he reported.

The report of National First Vice President Dr. Robert G. Gordon of Washington, D. C., was presented by Dr. Lester R. Steig of Palo Alto, National Extension Chairman. Dr. Gordon sent his greetings and regrets that a conflicting Red Cross engagement prevented his attendance.

President Roth requested Dr. Steig to include the Extension Committee's report at this time. During the past two years fourteen new chapters have been chartered and more than thirty campuses are now considering establishing chapters. He reported the petition for the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons at Los Angeles had been received and approved by the National Extension Committee and National Executive Board. The Convention applauded and signified its approval.

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**"Training for Service"**

Unusually well attended were the twenty-four sessions in the "Training for Service" part of the convention program. Ranging in subject matter from "The Executive Committee" to "Making Rituals Impressive," the sessions were led by an outstanding group of Fraternity leaders from every part of the country.

**Legislative Session Runs to Early Hours**

The legislative session remained convened until 5:30 a.m., on December 30, in order that every proposed constitutional amendment might be acted upon. The amendments are discussed at length in another article in this issue of TORCH AND TREFOIL.

Probably the most important amendments had to do with the establishment of the new National Alumni Association.

**Torch and Trefoil Special Issues**

An unusual feature of this convention was the compilation and distribution of four convention issues of TORCH AND TREFOIL. The issues contained announcements of importance, short biographies of various convention personalities, and other timely information.

**Planners Deserve Credit**

A well-deserved vote of thanks is due the members of the convention committees. The Program Committee, led by Brother Robert J. Hilliard, of our National Executive Board, deserves special credit.

The Physical Arrangements Committee, headed by Brother E. Ross Forman, also of our National Executive Board, and the various host chapters, led by Coordinator Thomas D. Hannon, helped the convention operate smoothly and effectively.

**Kansas City in '62**

"Everything's up-to-date in Kansas City" and it will remain so for the 17th National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega, which will be held there between Christmas and the end of 1962. If the spirit of the future hosts is any indication of things to come, it already looks like a great convention.

In every respect the 16th National Convention was an outstanding success and should contribute immeasurably to the future growth of the Fraternity. Every Brother involved in the planning and execution of the program merits a vote of thanks.

## Newly Elected . . . . .

**NATIONAL OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

The Convention elected officers on Thursday, December 29, as follows:

**National Officers**

William S. Roth, National President . . . . . Raleigh, North Carolina  
 E. Ross Forman, National First Vice President . . . . . Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
 Dr. Lester R. Steig, National Second Vice President . . . . . Palo Alto, California  
 Rev. Frans A. Victorson, National Third Vice President . . . . . St. Joseph, Michigan  
 Manfred O. Aws, Jr., National Treasurer . . . . . Columbus, Ohio

**Elected to six-year terms on National Executive Board:**

J. D. Armstrong . . . . . Greeley, Colorado  
 R. L. Brittain . . . . . Auburn, Alabama  
 Dr. Thomas T. Galt . . . . . Spartanburg, South Carolina  
 Dr. Henry S. Miller . . . . . Huntington Station, New York  
 Gerald M. Plessner . . . . . St. Louis, Missouri  
 A. G. Spizzirri . . . . . Kansas City, Missouri  
 Ronald R. Turgeon . . . . . Bridgeport, Connecticut

**Elected to two-year terms on National Executive Board:**

Zenon C. R. Hansen . . . . . Oak Park, Illinois  
 Dean Glen T. Nygreen . . . . . Kent, Ohio

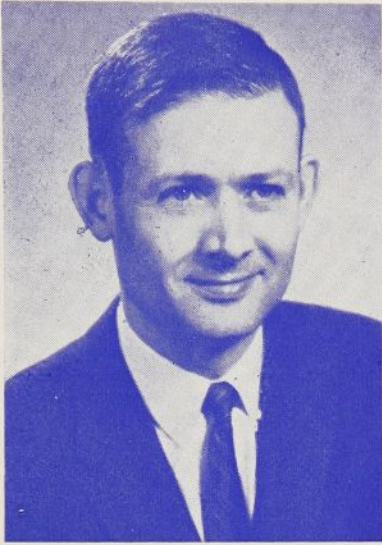
Serving as ex-officio member of National Executive Board as President of the National Alumni Association:

H. Jack Mayr . . . . . Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The national officers serve until the Convention of December, 1962.



# NATIONAL OFFICERS ELECTED FOR TWO YEARS



*E. Ross Forman of Philadelphia*, elected National Eastern (First) Vice President, joined Alpha Phi Omega in 1948 as a charter member of Zeta Theta Chapter, Drexel Institute of Technology. He has served as National Executive Board member and National Third Vice President. He is senior engineer for the Catalytic Construction Company of Philadelphia. He has been active in Scouting and the Junior Chamber of Commerce and is a World War II veteran. Mr. and Mrs. Forman have two children, a son and a daughter.



*Reverend Frans A. Victorson of St. Joseph, Michigan*, National Midwestern (Third) Vice President, is one of the best known Lutheran churchmen in the United States. He has served Alpha Phi Omega as a Presidential Representative and member of the National Executive Board. He is active in Community Chest work, and in Scouting is President of the Southwestern Michigan Council, is an Eagle Scout, holds the Council Silver Beaver Award, the Regional Silver Antelope Award and is a member of the National Lutheran Committee on Scouting.



*Manfred O. Aws, Jr. of Columbus, Ohio*, the new National Treasurer, has been active in Alpha Phi Omega since 1947 when he entered Gamma Psi Chapter, University of Minnesota. He has served on the National Executive Board and as National Third Vice President in charge of alumni. He is a Public Relations Director for the National Foundation, State of Ohio. He is a Navy veteran of the second World War and in Scouting has served as a Neighborhood Commissioner.



*Dr. Lester R. Steig of Palo Alto*, the new National Western (Second) Vice President, is nationally known in the field of School Administration, serving presently with the San Francisco Unified School District. He is a 40-year veteran in Scouting, an Eagle Scout, a Silver Beaver holder, and an Executive Board member, San Francisco Area Council, BSA. He has been active in Alpha Phi Omega since 1937, serving in many capacities since 1946. He was an Army officer in World War II.



# CONVENTION



**TRAINING FOR SERVICE**—One of the twenty-four training sessions was the "Chapter President's Conference" Shown above. Advisor to that session was George F. Cahill of the National Executive Board, who is facing camera on left.



**FOUNDERS PRESENT**—Two of the founding Brothers of APO were present at this convention. Here we see Herbert G. Horton, on left, and Frank R. Horton, on right, talking to delegate Robert Fossum, Gammi Pi, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.



**LUNCHEON SPEAKER AND FOUNDER**—Dr. Glen T. Nygreen, Dean of Students of Kent State University, Ohio, who is Eminent Supreme Warden of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, standing with Founder Frank R. Horton who was living at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon House at Lafayette College when he founded APO.



**NATIONAL PRESIDENT**—William S. Roth addressing the delegates during the legislative session that ran into the early hours of the next morning. Seated in foreground is E. Ross Forman, new Fraternity Vice President.



**CHAPTER DISPLAYS**—Brothers studying one of the scores of fine displays that were a feature of this convention.



# SCRAPBOOK



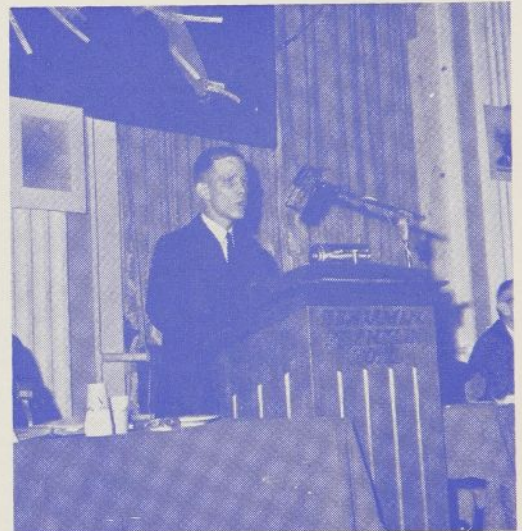
**NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS**—This photo shows the installation of our new national officers. Installing official was Elmaar H. Bakken of the National Executive Board, standing at left. The new officers are, L. to R.: Joseph Scanlon, Executive Secretary; William S. Roth, National President; Manfred O. Aws, Jr., National Treasurer; and National Vice Presidents Rev. Frans A. Victorson, Dr. Lester R. Steig and E. Ross Forman.



**SOUVENIR CACHETS SOLD**—An unusual feature of this convention was the sale of souvenir cacheted envelopes honoring the Thirty-Fifth Anniversary of the founding of APO. Here we see Bill Marsh, Zeta Sigma, Delaware, on the left, selling a cachet to a delegate while S. D. Kitts, Philadelphia Alumni, looks on.



**DELEGATES REGISTER**—The registration table, operated by Alpha chapter, Lafayette College, was kept busy long after the start of the program registering the record-breaking number of delegates.



**HOST WELCOMES DELEGATES**—Brother Thomas D. Hannon, Host Committee Coordinator, delivering words of welcome at the opening session of the convention.



**KANSAS CITY IN '62**—Chapters from the Kansas City area sponsored a booth that promoted their city as the convention site in 1962. And successful promotion it was, for the delegates decided to hold the next convention of APO at Kansas City, Missouri.



# Changes Adopted in National Constitution and By-Laws, Alpha Phi Omega Convention, December 30, 1960

Your attention is directed especially to the new constitutional Article XXI on National Alumni Association and to the National By-Laws Article III on Fees and Assessments.

The Sixteenth National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega made a number of important changes in the National Constitution and By-Laws. For chapter convenience the changes adopted are set out in the order of listing in the revised constitution.

## Article II—Purpose

The purpose of this Fraternity shall be to assemble college men in the fellowship of the Scout Oath and Law, to develop leadership, to promote friendship, to provide service to humanity, and to further the freedom that is our national, educational and intellectual heritage.

## Article III, Section 2—Membership

Active membership shall be granted to college men regularly enrolled in the college or university in which the chapter is located and who are or have been previously affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America or any Boy Scout Movement recognized by the International Association, and no restrictions as to Scout rank attained shall be imposed as a membership qualification.

## Article III, Section 9—Membership

This section deleted and now incorporated in the restatement of Article III, Section 2 above.

## Article IV, Section 3—National Executive Board

The National Executive Board shall consist of National officers, the elected members, the appointed members, the life members, and the ex-officio members.

## Article IV, Section 5—Appointed Members of National Executive Board

The National President shall appoint to the National Executive Board, with the National Executive Board's approval and to serve at its pleasure, the National Executive Secretary and the National Life Counselor.

## Article IV, Section 6, Clause 2—Life Members of National Executive Board

Any member of the National Executive Board who has served twenty years on the board shall become a life member on the board. These lifetime members shall not affect the total membership of the board as set forth in Article IV, Section 4.

## Article IV, Section 7—Ex-officio Members of National Executive Board

Ex-officio members of the National Executive Board. The National Director of Relationships of the Boy Scouts of America and the President of the National Alumni Association shall be ex-officio members of the National Executive Board.

## Article V, Section 1, Clause 1—Duties of the National President

It shall be the duty of the National President to preside at all National Conventions; to call all special meetings; to enforce a due observance of the National Constitution and By-Laws of the fraternity; to serve as Chairman of the National Executive Board; to appoint Presidential Representatives, National Field Representatives and such other appointive officers as are provided by the National Constitution and By-Laws; to appoint all committees not otherwise provided for and to serve as a member of such committees, and to perform such other duties as his office may require.

## Article V, Section 1, Clause 4—Duties of the National Third Vice President

It shall be the duty of the National Third Vice President to preside in the absence of the National President, National First Vice President and National Second Vice President, and to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the National President.

## Article V, Section 1, Clause 5—Duties of the National Executive Secretary

The National Executive Secretary shall carry out such duties as

are prescribed by the National Executive Board and shall serve as Editor of the *Torch and Trefoil* and all publications of AΦΩ. He shall be paid for his service at a rate fixed by the National Executive Board.

## Article V, Section 1, Clause 6—Duties of the National Field Representative

This clause deleted from Section 1 and revised in language to become Article V, Section 2, Clause 2.

## Article V, Section 1, Clause 10—Duties of the Editor of the "Torch and Trefoil"

Deleted from the National Constitution.

The result of this action rennumbers the Clauses in Article V without change of language as follows: Clause 7 becomes Clause 6, Clause 8 becomes Clause 7, Clause 9 becomes Clause 8.

## Article V, Section 2—Duties of the Presidential Representative

This was revised and made into two clauses as follows:

## Article V, Section 2, Clause 1—Duties of Presidential Representatives

It shall be the duty of each Presidential Representative to serve as the personal representative of the National President in his district in carrying out the aims and purposes of the fraternity program, to receive and forward to the National Office a semi-annual chapter report by December 1 and April 1 each year, and to make such other reports as may be prescribed by the National President.

## Article V, Section 2, Clause 2—Duties of National Field Representatives

It shall be the duty of the National Field Representatives to travel in the interests of the fraternity as directed by the National President.

## Article VI, Section 5—National Alumni Committee

Deleted from the National Constitution

## Article VII, Section 5—Duties of the National Alumni Committee

Deleted from the National Constitution

## Article VII, Section 6—Duty of the National Service Committee

It shall be the duty of the National Service Committee to review new ideas for service projects and make recommendations to chapters, to foster high standards of service in all chapters and to handle nominations for the national certificate of appreciation for distinguished service.

## Article VII, Section 7—Duty of the National Committee on Supplies and Insignia

It shall be the duty of the National Committee on Supplies and Insignia to pass on all supplies and upon items bearing the insignia of the fraternity, and to be alert to changing times and keep our insignia and supplies up to date. It shall further be the duty of this committee to keep in contact with our official jeweler.

## Article VIII, Section 2—Chapter Officers

Election and Term of Office. Chapter officers shall be elected twice yearly. Each administration serves half a school year, or 4½ school months. The elections of new officers and the appointment of new committees shall take place on or near April 1 and November 15 of each year. Any officer may succeed himself once, if so elected by the chapter. Nominations of new officers shall be made by a nominating committee at a meeting prior to the election, and the election shall be by secret ballot.

## Article IX, Section 1—Membership of the National Convention

The supreme authority of the fraternity shall be vested in the



National Convention composed of the members of the National Executive Board and two delegates from each Collegiate Chapter, one of whom should be an undergraduate and the other an advisor.

*Article IX, Section 4, Paragraph A—National Convention*

The last sentence should be corrected to read as follows: Western-All Pacific Seaboard states and the states of Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Alaska and Hawaii.

*Article XII, Section 1, Part 3—Powers and Duties of the National Convention*

Authorize the issuance and revocation of charters by the National Executive Board only after an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the chapters and the National Executive Board members present.

*Article XIV, Section 4—Inactive Chapters*

This section has been ordered renumbered and becomes Section 5 of Article XIV

*Article XIV, Section 4—Revocation of Charters*

This is a new section ordered inserted and reads as follows: Charters shall be revoked by the National Executive Board only after an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the active chapters and National Executive Board members.

*Article XX, Section 2—Amendments*

Every proposed alteration, amendment, or addition to the National Constitution and By-Laws must be submitted to the National Executive Secretary in writing at least 60 days before it is to be acted upon at a National Convention scheduled in the winter season or 90 days if the convention is to be held in the summer. Upon receipt of such proposed amendments, the National Executive Secretary shall submit same to the National Executive Board for consideration. Such proposals shall be placed upon the agenda only after approval of the National Executive Board. Proposals not placed on the agenda by the National Executive Committee may be brought to the floor only by the proposing chapter or individual present at the convention or by a petition signed by at least five chapters present. The National Executive Board shall report its recommendation

on each proposal. All proposals, with or without recommendation, must be submitted by the National Executive Secretary to the chapters 50 days prior to a winter convention or 80 days prior to a summer convention.

*Article XXI—Alumni Chapters*

This entire Article deleted and a new Article written to read as follows:

*Article XXI—National Alumni Association*

Name: There shall be a National Alumni Association of Alpha Phi Omega.

Purpose: The purpose of the National Alumni Association of Alpha Phi Omega shall be to further the ideals of Alpha Phi Omega by stimulating and extending the program of the fraternity.

Membership: This association shall be composed of the alumni of the undergraduate chapters of AΦΩ.

Officers: The president of the National Alumni Association of AΦΩ shall by virtue of his office serve as an ex-officio member of the National Executive Board of AΦΩ.

The National Headquarters of AΦΩ shall serve the National Alumni Association of AΦΩ and shall extend the full facilities of the office to aid and assist the association in the prosecution of its program.

The National Executive Secretary of AΦΩ will serve as a coordinating officer between the National Alumni Association and AΦΩ. He shall by virtue of his office serve as the Executive Secretary of the National Alumni Association.

**Changes in National By-Laws**

*Article III—Fees and Assessments*

Add a paragraph to Section 2 to read:

Annually, by March 1, each chapter shall submit to the National Office a roster of active members with a per capita fee of one dollar to be assessed against this roster. The maximum annual fee per chapter is to be limited to fifteen dollars. Definition of active members shall be left to the discretion of the individual chapters.

*Article XI—Alumni Chapter Operation*

Ordered deleted from the By-Laws.

The Convention voted appreciation to Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chairman William F. "Pete" Baker, Beta Sigma, Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas; Committee Vice Chairman Peter C. Brush, Delta Nu, Yale University; and all members. George F. Cahill, National Executive Board, served as Advisor.

## NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FORMED

H. Jack Mayr of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was elected President of Alpha Phi Omega's new National Alumni Association, authorized by the Convention of 1960. Brother Mayr has been active in the Milwaukee Alumni group and is an alumnus of Upsilon Chapter, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. His profession is Management Services.

Other Association officers and board members elected were:

William Cook, Executive Vice President, Twin Cities Alumni

Douglas M. Harris, Vice President-Service, Philadelphia Alumni

John Holt, Vice President-Membership, Columbus, Ohio

Charles Marsh, Jr., Vice President-Financial Affairs

Paul Lienhardt, Treasurer, New York Alumni

Richard A. Barth, Philadelphia Alumni

Benjamin F. Fay, Philadelphia Alumni

Kenneth Steindler, Los Angeles Alumni

Al Krotski, Los Angeles Alumni

David Mark, Twin Cities Alumni

C. James Riester, Milwaukee Alumni

George Trautman, Buffalo Alumni

Robert Schultz, Buffalo Alumni

National Executive Secretary Joseph J. Scanlon serves as coordinator between Alpha Phi Omega and the National Alumni Association.

## WHAT A CONVENTION!

Herbert G. Horton, Rochester, New York, Alpha Phi Omega's first Scout-ing Advisor:

"Well, we have retreated from the Valley Forge area, and what a convention it turned out to be! The largest

number of AΦΩ men ever to attend a convention showed up in Ben Franklin's city, and the way those Philadelphia Area chapters put things over was something to remember. Orchids to all you men who did such a good job, and to everyone who had anything to do with the over-all arrangements.

"From the long lineup of registrations on the mezzanine that, at times reached all the way down the big curving staircase to the big ballroom that held the splendid banquet, AΦΩ was on the move. The mezzanine exhibits showed the wide spread of AΦΩ nationally, and the various convention-boasting novelties striving for the '62 meeting were also very worthwhile; from Georgia to Minnesota, and from Chicago to Boston. (One hopeful group was trying to figure out where the '84 convention could go!)"



# Challenging Thoughts and Excerpts From

## POLITICS

*Honorable J. Caleb Boggs, Governor of Delaware, 1960, and United States Senator, 1961:*

"At no other time in the history of this great nation has there been so vital a need for our fellow citizens—especially the young men and women who are completing their college education—to dedicate themselves to the principles of leadership, friendship and service. For in those three words lie the future of this nation and perhaps the future of the world.

"There was a widespread feeling many years ago—and it still exists to some extent today—that politics is a nasty business in which no honorable person should become involved. Rather than look upon politics for what it actually is—the science of government—many saw it as an unethical and unsavory manipulation of government at various levels. The result of this widespread feeling was that many of the fine men and women who would have otherwise been willing to fight and work for good, clean government were discouraged from taking part, leaving the way clear for those who were more concerned with their own personal gain.

"In recent years, we have witnessed a dramatic change in the American system of politics, especially at the state and local levels. We find more professional people taking an active part in politics, either as candidates or as workers in the party of their choice. Business is encouraging its employees, sometimes through well-planned courses in practical politics, to take more of an interest in government. And the women, who gained the right to vote a relatively short time ago, are now a potent and invaluable force in politics. They make up the backbone of the volunteer workers without which no political party can survive.

"It is important to the future of this nation that we maintain and strengthen our system of government and the levels of ethics and dedicated service which we have attained because our political system is on trial before the peoples of the world. The power struggle between the forces of communism and the Free World will eventually be decided by the relative weaknesses and strengths of these two systems."



HONORABLE J. CALEB BOGGS

### Challenge Ahead

*M. R. Disborough, Past National President of AΦΩ:*

"Thirty-five years of Alpha Phi Omega has brought us to a turning point in the history of our fraternity. In the next five years there will be a million more men available for our membership than in the past. Figuring conservatively more than half of these have been in Scouting. We have one of the greatest challenges yet ahead of us."

### Chapter Advisors

*Gordon Pederson, Delta Pi, Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas:*

"Success or failure of a chapter of AΦΩ on any college or university campus depends to a great extent upon the energies and upon the talents the advisors dedicate to the Fraternity. We, as undergraduates, are on the college campus no more than four years. In the life of any organization four years is an extremely short period of time. Because of the advisors insight, cultivated by years of experience, their enlarged outlook on life, and their knowledge of previous problems, failures, and successes the chapter has encountered on the campus, the advisors are a vital asset to the fraternity.

"The advisor has many roles to perform. His counsel is sought in the clarification of the principles and scope of AΦΩ. He should be able to recognize the strength and accept the weakness of the different members in the organization. A successful advisor participates in the Fraternity by advising, suggesting, informing, en-

couraging, and assisting rather than by leading, directing, and steering. The advisor must not take responsibility from the president of the chapter, but must encourage and stimulate creative productivity of the chapter officers and members. One would expect him to be vocal at executive committee meetings, but in chapter meetings, generally he should confine his statements to subjects on which his guidance is sought."

### Chapter Presidency

*David Couch, President, Alpha Rho, The University of Texas:*

"Chapter presidency of Alpha Phi Omega offers an unparalleled opportunity in three areas as defined and expressed in the three cardinal principles of this Fraternity. On my campus at The University of Texas, the President of AΦΩ is known as Mr. AΦΩ to faculty and students alike. Thus, a great opportunity arises to either improve the Fraternity, keep it as it is, or decrease its value.

"There is no better leadership training ground than the Executive Council of an AΦΩ chapter. The President of a chapter of Alpha Phi Omega develops a relationship with the chapter officers very similar to the relationship that exists in a large corporation between the President of the company and the officers below him. Thus, you see what I mean by a training ground—there could be no better than the Executive Committee or Executive Council of an AΦΩ chapter.

"Have you ever asked yourself the question: Is there really a God and if so what evidence is there of His existence? Brothers, the best evidence I can give you of God at work is the relationships that exist among a group of friends. I have never seen friendship and fellowship, and thus, the love of God, at work stronger than in the bonds that are formed within Alpha Phi Omega. Brothers, this is what I call religion in life—getting to know and love your fellow man and giving unselfishly of your time and energy for a worthy cause such as might come about from working on many of the projects of this Fraternity. Fellowship, in my chapter, does not come about from parties, coffees, dances and the like. It is, rather than all of these things, the relationship that comes about from working on projects with a



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## SCOUTING ADVISORS

group of AΦΩ men. The President of AΦΩ, probably has the greatest opportunity to help his fellow man and to witness the relationships that come out of Alpha Phi Omega."

*Honorable Paul B. Hartenstein*, representing the Honorable Richardson Dilworth, Mayor of Philadelphia:

"We are grateful that you have chosen Philadelphia as the site of this convention. But I must remind you that gratitude has been defined as a lively sense of favors yet to come. We ask you to favor us with another visit here, either individually or collectively, at an early date. We have much to offer. You have much to gain."

"On behalf of Mayor Dilworth and all the City Fathers, a gracious and cordial welcome. May your deliberations be fruitful and constructive."

### Advisors

*Hawley Dieringer*, Scout Executive and Scouting Advisor, Warren, Ohio:

"Alpha Phi Omega provides for me an opportunity to extend my philosophy of life. I consider it an honor and privilege to work with young men and particularly young men who are service minded today and the community leaders tomorrow."

"America needs good leaders motivated by service. It needs community leaders today and tomorrow. I have high regards for the top scholastic student of the Colleges and Universities, but I am fully aware that the people who make my community and my country tick are not the solely intellectuals."

"Several years ago I had the good fortune of being interviewed by the J. J. Newberry five-and-ten cent Company as a possible manager of one of their stores. I well remember the first statement of that interview. 'If you do not see in this company and position an opportunity to better merchandise materials and serve the public than in any other walk of life, I would suggest you give it no further consideration.' This taught me that all business must be based on the principles of Scouting and Alpha Phi Omega."

## SERVICE



DR. DELMER H. WILSON

*Dr. Delmer H. Wilson*, National Executive Board, Director Division of Personnel, National Council, Boy Scouts of America:

"This year Alpha Phi Omega celebrates its 35th birthday—35 years of leadership, friendship and service. And all from the beginning of one chapter in 1925 at Lafayette College. And today we have chapters on over 300 campuses across the country. A great record of progress and growth."

"As good as the record is . . . you will agree that it is in the past . . . nothing that we can do now will change it. While we can't change it . . . there is something that we can do . . . we can use the past 35 years as a springboard for the next 65 years."

"Our greatest asset is our desire to be of service. I want to talk to you a little bit about service. I shall not dwell on platitudes, but wish to paint service as I see it in its true complexion today."

"Service is the irreducible essential to survival . . . to survival of the individual, the partnership, the corporation, organization . . . and particularly so to an organization such as ours . . . Alpha Phi Omega."

"As we look into history, service has its foundation in religion. The Jude-Christian philosophies teach service. Service flourishes only in a free society such as we have in the United States. The only type of service you find in a dictatorship is what I would call slavery to the state."

"Our political philosophy makes each man free to provide for himself . . . work where he will . . . change jobs when he will . . . the right to own property and save for his own future and be able to help others."

"When one is successful, in our philosophy, this not only enables him . . . but it obligates him to care for others."

"We are truly our brothers' keepers. If we choose not to live by a mandate such as Russia, then we must live by service to survive."

"I pray that we will return with a missionary spirit and that we will have greater faith in our future. That we will all be faithful to our calling . . . as members of Alpha Phi Omega."

"When we go back we should broaden our appreciation of our educational system, our institutions. We should be proud of our educators not only in words, but in actions. Foster honor and respect for education."

"When we go back, let's enhance the personal integrity of our brand of leadership—the non-self-seeking type of service."

"I am sure our leaders do not think 'What this will do for me,' . . . or 'What it would do for our organization' . . . but 'What we can do for others.'"

"We must cultivate the maximum talents in those who can serve best. Let's seek out our personnel and give more responsibilities which will help them grow in leadership and yet give them jobs to do where they can really make a contribution."

"We must provoke the 'uncommon' man attitude, nurture it and cultivate it. Herbert Hoover once said: 'We have talked too much about the common man and what we should do for the common man in America . . . the men who have made America great are the uncommon men.' Would you consider George Washington a common man? Edison—Lincoln—Henry Ford common men? It is the uncommon man who is not afraid to strike out and be different who sometimes does great things."

"Don't wait until you are an old man to be great. Be a great young man while you are in college!"





# CHAPTER NEWS



- \* \* \* ALPHA RHO, The University of Texas, will be host chapter for the Texas and Oklahoma chapters conference in March at Austin. Details now in preparation.
- \* \* \* ETA OMICRON, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, is hosting the Pacific Coast Sectional Conference April 1-2 at Salt Lake City. Chapters in California, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico will soon receive details. Let's Go for APO to Salt Lake, April 1-2, 1961. National President William S. Roth and Western National Vice President Dr. Lester R. Steig will participate.
- \* \* \* IOTA MU Chapter, University of South Carolina, is proud to announce USC President Robert L. Sumwalt and Dean of Students George W. Tomlin, Jr. are new chapter honorary members.
- \* \* \* PI Chapter, Kansas State University, observes its 30th anniversary on March 7. The program will include a reception for new members and banquet. Guests of honor will include Don C. Baldwin, charter member and first Chapter Secretary and Joseph J. Scanlon, National Executive Secretary.
- \* \* \* MU RHO Chapter, Upper Iowa University, will host a Leadership Training Seminar for Iowa chapters February 18-19. Iowa's Sectional Chairman is the University's noted President, Dr. Eugene E. Garbee.
- \* \* \* In Southern California bells are ringing for NU ETA Chapter, College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, installed January 21 in Los Angeles. National Executive Board member Irwin H. Gerst represented the National President. Southern California chapters and alumni members shared in the festivities.
- \* \* \* GAMMA PSI, University of Minnesota, welcomed ten new initiates at its annual Parents' Night Banquet in late January. Does your chapter hold a Parents' Night event? It's a splendid opportunity for parents and advisors to get together and find out how APO serves the campus and develops men of leadership.
- \* \* \* SCHIFF SCOUT RESERVATION, Mendham, New Jersey, has staff openings for APO men who can qualify as Provisional Scoutmasters for the July and August National Junior Leaders Training Camp. Address inquiries to Mr. Ernest F. Schmidt, Director of Camping, Schiff Scout Reservation, Mendham, New Jersey.
- \* \* \* MU GAMMA, Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland, spurred scholarship in January with campus signs to "save the flunkers". This chapter and KAPPA MU, The Johns Hopkins University, joined efforts to help put IOTA GAMMA, Towson State Teachers College, back on its feet. Congratulations.