APHIO HAILS NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

DR. LESTER R. STEIG
On Our Cover—

Dr. Lester R. Steig, Alpha Phi Omega's seventh National President, has been an outstandingly successful administrator for more than 30 years in the field of education. He is presently with the San Francisco Unified School District. His professional record in education is matched by his years of association in Scouting and in Alpha Phi Omega. His Scouter distinctions include the Silver Beaver Award, the rank of Eagle Scout, and Executive Board membership in the San Francisco Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. His direction of the leadership training program for Scouter volunteers is recognized throughout Region Twelve.

In 1935 he served as organizer and advisor of Epsilon Theta Chapter, the University of North Dakota. He has continued his advisory relationship through Zeta Chapter, Leland Stanford University, since 1947. Years of participation in sectional meetings, chapter organization and leadership seminars resulted in his selection in 1960 as National Vice President. During World War Two he served five years as an army officer. Alpha Phi Omega is assured of continued vigorous and constructive leadership in his experienced hands.

CONGRATULATIONS

Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity extends sincere congratulations and best wishes to the Boy Scouts of America on its 53rd anniversary.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I appreciate the honor bestowed upon me. I trust that I can continue to merit the support of the fraternity and carry forward the fine program of my predecessors.

There are more than 2,400 public and private universities and colleges in the United States today. The first chapter of A-Phi-O was founded at Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1925. Since then we have grown to nearly 350 chapters, which speaks well for our 37 years of existence. There is even greater potential for future expansion.

There are two fundamental purposes of Alpha Phi Omega: to serve a university or college and to develop individual Leadership. In order to work out a stimulating program, your members should be constantly on the alert to feel the pulse of a university's needs for Service. You will do willingly not only the temporary, routine tasks, but also have the vision to support long-range educational programs and projects.

Members who formulate and discharge these plans are developing qualities of Leadership—thus achieving our second goal.

This is our revolving philosophy. Good chapters with fine programs attract high caliber members. Outstanding members provide the Leadership to foster fine programs.

Therefore, A-Phi-O is, and can be, one of the vehicles for the training of some of our nation's finest leaders at a time in history when they are most needed.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONVENTION

Alpha Phi Omega’s 17th National Convention elected by acclamation Dr. Lester R. Steig as National President; E. Ross Forman, First Vice President; Pastor Frans A. Victorson, Second Vice President; Dr. Tom T. Galt, Third Vice President; and Manfred O. Aws, Jr., National Treasurer.

New members elected to the National Board are Dean James F. Hanigan, Texas A & M; Prof. M. Buford Blair, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia; and Prof. Thane Packer, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

The convention re-elected to the Board for six-year terms, Prof. Harry C. Barnett, George F. Cahill, Robert J. Hilliard, Dr. Lawrence L. Hirsch, Dean Glen T. Nygreen, and Rev. Robert J. Payne.

The Hon. H. Roe Bartle and Joseph Scanlon were re-elected as Endowment Fund Trustees. Dr. Glenn R. Barr and Zenon C. R. Hansen, retiring board members, will be asked to serve on the Advisory Committee.

Dr. Delmer H. Wilson, M. R. Disborough, Past National President; William S. Roth, retiring National President; and Sidney B. North, former National Executive Secretary, received National Distinguished Service Awards.

Enthusiasm and interest remained at a high pitch throughout the convention, from the opening session keynote by Hon. H. Roe Bartle to the scholarly and challenging closing address on “How You Can Help Your Country,” delivered by Samuel F. Babcock, director of the University Division of the Peace Corps, Washington, D. C.

President William S. Roth and Program Chairman Gerald M. Plessner starred repeatedly. Mrs. A. L. Darby, as Parliamentarian, ably assisted during the election and legislative sessions. Convention Coordinator Spizzirri thanked her for her work and thanked the host chapters for theirs.

For the first time the voting representatives of chapters sat together in legislative fashion, an arrangement that facilitated operations and set a new high in Alpha Phi Omega conventions.

The 1964 convention will be held in Denver, the convention decided. President Steig reappointed Joseph Scanlon as National Executive Secretary and Editor and Robert L. Slater, Jr., of Chicago as National Legal Counselor, and the board unanimously concurred. He also named Mr. Plessner to serve as Program Chairman for the 1964 Convention and J. D. Armstrong to be Physical Arrangements Chairman.

Legislative sessions took place at the University of Kansas City, the home of Alpha Eta Chapter. Convention workshops were held at Rockhurst College, where the men of Gamma Xi assemble. Both universities did their utmost to welcome the delegates and visitors.

The fraternity’s host chapters, in the Kansas City area, were on the job night and day. Special praise was merited by Dean Wheaton Bloch, the University of Kansas City; Mr. Edward Barth, University Center Director, and the Very Rev. Maurice E. Van Ackeren, President of Rockhurst College, for the use of facilities and personnel.

The number of convention “Firsts” includes the most chapters ever represented at any Alpha Phi Omega National Convention, the first special breakfast assembly program for chapter presidents, the assignment of each and every delegate to a legislative or national fraternity committee, the pronounced emphasis on orderly legislative sessions to upgrade the official chapter voting representatives and their importance.

The Thursday night opening keynote address by Hon. H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City and Past National President of Alpha Phi Omega, was a ringing declaration of faith in the principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service. The fine results of the leadership of President Roth and Joseph Scanlon, the National Secretary, were cited and their accomplishments extolled. Preceding the keynote address Dr. Morris D. Solomon, Rabbi of Kehilath Israel Synagogue, pronounced the Invocation. Convention Coordinator Spizzirri had Secretary Scanlon call the roll of chapters and Program Chairman Plessner presented outlined Convention Program and rules. The opening ceremony by Alpha Phi, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, and the singing of The Highleys were enthusiastically received.

Friday’s events included a breakfast for Chapter Presidents addressed by President Roth and Secretary Scanlon, legislative and national fraternity committee sessions and an intensely interesting series of “Know-How” workshops ably conducted by carefully selected and experienced fraternity leaders from all over the United States. Vice President E. Ross Forman presided at the noon Friendship Luncheon honoring Founder Frank Reed Horton, who was presented an appropriate plaque by Dr. Delmer H. Wilson of the National Executive Board. Miss Carol Fisher, the soloist, received generous applause. Dean Wheaton Bloch of the University of Kansas City also was given recognition.

Friday evening the National Officers gave their reports and Past National President M. R. Disborough and Dr. Tom T. Galt, Chairman of the Awards and Undergraduate Activities Committee, announced citations to be awarded outstanding chapters.

National Treasurer Aws distributed an operations report summary. Secretary Scanlon couched his report in terms of “More men serving more campuses in more states, and strengthening America.”

Mrs. Muriel M. Tucker, office secretary, and Mrs. Violette J. Armstrong, registrar, were presented recognitions by Judson G. Jusell, Regional Scout Executive, acting for the fraternity. The BMA “Bacnonaires” barbershop quartet were encored repeatedly. William E. Cook, National Alumni President, told of the progress of the Association; National President Roth surveyed the work of the past several years and paid tribute to the many sharing in it.

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NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Dr. Delmer H. Wilson, National Executive Board member, receives the fraternity’s highest award from Hon. H. Roe Bartle, Past National President.

M. R. Disborough, Past National President, is honored by Prof. Harry C. Barnett.

William S. Roth, outgoing National President, receives the award from Founder Frank Reed Horton.

Sidney B. North, former National Executive Secretary, is honored by Past National President Arno Nowotny.
CONVENTION DIGNITARIES RECEIVE HONORS

WILLIAM S. Roth, outgoing National President, receives an appreciation plaque from the National Fraternity, presented by Dr. Bartle. This was one of several recognitions presented to Brother Roth.

FOUNDER Frank Reed Horton holds the fraternity’s recognition plaque received from Dr. Delmer H. Wilson.

GERALD M. Plessner, Convention Program Chairman, receives a jeweled fraternity pin from Convention Coordinator A. G. Spizzirri. President Roth beams approval.

A. G. SPIZZIRRI, Convention Coordinator, enjoys his moment of glory as Robert J. Hilliard of the National Executive Board presents him a fraternity recognition.
H. ROE Bartle and President Bill Roth happily accept the "Red Hat Award" from Steve Gilliland of Gamma Psi Chapter, University of Minnesota, at the close of the opening banquet.

FOUNDER Frank Reed Horton tilts the Alpha Rhozone "joy juice" jug cautiously as he notes the expression on Vice President E. Ross Forman's face, after his swallow.

ALPHA Alpha, University of Illinois, displays its Dog-Shultz mascot. Who said you never get tired at a National Convention?

SO WHAT'S so funny? The Brothers viewing the Gamma Psi display never told us. This was one of many excellent chapter exhibits.
By Roy D. Conradi, Gamma Psi

THE Ritual Committee, ably directed by the Rev. Robert J. Payne of the National Executive Board, illustrates the serious side of convention activities.

THE Pledge Training Committee discusses a moot point. This was another of the hard-working national legislative committees.

EVEN a business session and an election does have its lighter moments, as these two host delegates, wearing their hats, illustrate.

CARNEGIE Tech's Kappa Chapter, represented by its Bagpiper in full regalia, serenades Samuel F. Babbitt of the Peace Corps, while Past National President "Shorty" Nowotny views it all through the "Eyes of Texas."
BROWN UNIVERSITY . . .

A Phi O charters its newest chapter—Xi Eta

Left to right, front row: Norm Chapman, Irwin Chaiken, Robert Nelson, Dave Telegon, Doug Smith, Bill Josephs, Historian; and Ron Jakes.

Middle row: Dick Scott, Terry Valz, Jack Manning, Dave Hatcher, Dave Schmottlach, Gerald Naylor, Jeff Ballon, Sergeant-at-Arms; and Steve Bliven.

Back row: Chet Bloden, President; Abby Lieberman, Scouting Advisor; Roger Austin, Scouting Advisor; Al Poirier, Scouting Advisor; Dave Mason, Secretary; Don Cameron, Treasurer; Rod McGarry, Chairman of Advisory Committee; and Harold Naco, Faculty Advisor.

National President William S. Roth presented the charter for Xi Eta Chapter, Brown University, December 15, 1962, following the exemplification of the official ritual by Zeta Upsilon, Boston University.

Alpha Phi Omega is proud of this latest of its chapters, which began its initial organization in 1960. Service projects for youth have been featured since its foundation. These include providing assistant Scout leaders for a troop of handicapped boys, the conduct of Junior Leader Training courses and promotional work for Scout camping and the annual district Scout show.

Future projects envision an attractive booth for Brown’s Activities Night for freshmen, a book exchange and other campus services.

The installation of Xi Eta was the twelfth for new chapters conducted in 1962. Others chartered were Nu Tau, San Fernando Valley State College, Northridge, California; Nu Upsilon, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey; Nu Phi, Nebraska State Teachers College, Chadron; Nu Chi, Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina; Nu Psi, Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, New Jersey; Nu Omega, University of Alaska, College, Alaska; Xi Alpha, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania; Xi Beta, Nebraska State Teachers College, Kearney; Xi Gamma, Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado; Xi Delta, The A & M College of Texas, College Station; Xi Epsilon, University of Wyoming, Laramie.

The continuing expansion of the fraternity is due to the cooperative endeavor and effort of local chapter officers and members, alumni leaders, sectional chairmen, presidential representatives, and officers and members of the National Executive Board.

HOW TO ORGANIZE A CHAPTER . . .

Alpha Phi Omega, established in 1925, with chapters now on more than 300 college and university campuses, welcomes the opportunity to be of service to men on any accredited university or college campus.

Chapters generally originate out of the formation of a small preparatory campus service group of selected leaders.

The principal requirements for chartering are that the petitioning group includes twenty-five (25) or more duly enrolled undergraduates, who are or have been previously affiliated with Scouting or Exploring. Each pays an initiation fee of $14.00 and each fills out a membership application form provided by the national fraternity. There must be a minimum of five (5) faculty and administrative advisors and two (2) Scouting advisors. There is no fee for advisors.

The preparatory group must have carried out a service program before petitioning.

A letter of approval from the college or university administration and the local Scout council is required.

The charter fee is $25.00. This is not an annual fee.

The petition submitted is subject to the approval of the National Extension Committee and thereafter is sent to all active chapters and the National Board for their action and assent.

Herein is a guide of steps to be taken:

1. Write a letter telling of your interest and requesting materials to:

   National Secretary, Alpha Phi Omega

   1100 Wabower Building, Kansas City 6, Missouri

2. Select carefully a small group of men to meet with you to study the material, discuss ways to be of service on your campus, decide time and place of next meeting.

3. Hold a second meeting with additional prospective members. Select one or more projects. List additional men who might become members.

4. Seek the approval and cooperation of the appropriate Dean’s Office.

5. Determine weekly meeting time and place. Add additional members. Don’t overlook the following sources of potential new members:

   Social fraternity men, men’s dorms, men suggested by counselors or deans, men in your own classes, men suggested by Scouters.

6. Advise the National Secretary of your progress and needs. Ask him to furnish names to you of nearby chapters or members to assist you.

7. Elect temporary officers—at least a President, Secretary and Treasurer.

8. Secure at least 5 Advisors from the faculty and staff. Secure at least 2 Scouting Advisors.

9. Carry out service projects. Involve all members.

10. Use the Pledge Manual available from the National Office to qualify each man in knowledge and ideals. Pass a pledge test.

11. Request the National Secretary for a charter application and complete all requirements.
A convention delegate views a display in the famous Truman Library. The former President is an honorary member of Alpha Mu, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri.

Fellowship was evidenced constantly especially at meal time. In the foreground are Robert Haug, left, President of Gamma Psi, the University of Minnesota, and Peter Bjornberg, Past President.

Presidential Representative Josef Kessler, a career Scouter, leads the discussion on Training Pledges for Service. He's an alumnus of Gamma Xi, Rockhurst College.
BECOME A LIFE MEMBER

By DEAN ARNO NOWOTNY,
Past National President; Chairman, National Committee on Life Membership

More and more members of Alpha Phi Omega are acquiring Life Memberships. The $25 investment each man makes is placed in Alpha Phi Omega's Endowment Fund. This university year we seek 1001 new Life Memberships. I am happy on behalf of Dr. Lester R. Steig, our new National President, and the Fraternity, to list herewith additional Life Memberships completed since the last published report in the October 1962 Torch and Trefoil. More than 100 other memberships are pending and will be published as soon as the complete fee is paid. Roger Gorrell, Alpha Rho '62, will serve as my Vice Chairman in Life Membership promotion. I urge every chapter to secure at least three new Life Memberships this university year. Let's go, A-Phi-O. Your Life Membership fee can be paid in installments of $5.00 and up. Congratulations to the following new life members:

William Henry Gustafson
Kenneth P. Robison
Donovan Allan Leistico
Steven Edward Hoffman
James Vincent Dunkley
Donald A. Hulse
Thomas Charles Bruns
George Stanford Horan
Larry Joe Kennedy
Royce Charles Lamberth
Jack Childers Oates, Jr.
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Donald P. Wojtal
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Lawrence A. Heavrin
Larry E. Fritz
Maurice Ray Hawthorne
David E. Thielen
Robert J. Back
Vincent W. Staniszewski
John H. Pound

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University of California, L. A.
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The University of Texas
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University of Colorado
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Emory University
University of North Carolina
University of Bridgeport
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Northwest Missouri State College
Illinois State Normal University
University of Nebraska
University of Nebraska
University of Nebraska
Youngstown University
San Jose State College
The University of Texas

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONVENTION
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The Saturday sessions featured the selection of Denver as the 1964 Convention site, the election of National Officers and Board Members, and action on proposed amendments to the National Constitution and Bylaws.

The Resolutions and Appreciations Committee reports were received and adopted. Much praise was given Larry Frazier, Nu Zeta, Chairman of the Time and Place Committee; Dr. Larry Odekirk, Theta Eta, Chairman of the Nominations Committee; Sage King, Gamma Theta, Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and William Griffith, Gamma Xi, Chairman of the Resolutions and Appreciations Committee, for their fine reports and those of their associates.

The closing banquet was a jubilant affair, highlighted by presentations and recognitions to National President Roth, to the four men on whom the National Distinguished Service Awards were conferred, and to the installation of Dr. Lester R. Steig as National President. Conducted by Elmaar H. Bakken of the National Board.

Prof. Kent D. Shaffer presided over the Distinguished Awards ceremonies assisted by Dr. Bartle, Founder Horton, Prof. Barnett, Dean Nowotny and Secretary Scanlon.

The closing scholarly and informative address was delivered by Samuel F. Babbitt, of Washington, D. C., Director of the University Division of the Peace Corps. The work of the Peace Corps, its objectives and its results, and Alpha Phi Omega's share in it, will remain a challenge to all men in the fraternity to help build a stronger America, at home and abroad, through Leadership in Service.
Samuel F. Babbitt of Washington, D.C., delivers the closing address. His subject was "What You Can Do to Help Your Country." The work of the Peace Corps was explained and Alpha Phi Omega's share in it praised.

Mr. Babbitt is the former Dean of Students at Vanderbilt University. The Peace Corps exhibit at the convention drew much attention. Assistance to Peace Corps campus coordinators is Alpha Phi Omega's national project. More than 50 Alpha Phi Omega brothers now serve overseas in the Peace Corps.

Emmer H. Bakken, center, installs Dr. L. R. Steig, right, as Alpha Phi Omega's new National President, as he succeeds William S. Roth, who grips the hand in the bond of fellowship and fraternal unity.
CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES IN 1963

Congratulations and fraternal best wishes for growth in Leadership, expansion in Friendship, and increased Service to chapters whose anniversaries are listed below. Certificates of Recognition have been or will be presented to each chapter. Congratulations from other chapters are in order. Let's keep our Friendship in repair. When your neighboring chapter has an anniversary it's good to visit them and add to the festivities.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARIES
Zeta, Stanford University, May 9
Eta, Northern Illinois University, November 27

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES
Beta Eta, University of Missouri, April 10
Beta Theta, University of Wisconsin, Madison, May 15
Beta Iota, New York University, June 2
Beta Kappa, Central Missouri State College, December 5
Beta Lambda, Indiana State College, December 18
Beta Nu, Northeastern State College, December 31
Beta Xi, Westminster College, December 4

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARIES
None in 1963 because twenty years ago World War II was at its height. Every operating chapter was engaged in war service work. No new chapters could be formed during this time. The exceptional service performed during the war years by Alpha Phi Omega established beyond question the value and place of the fraternity on campuses throughout the nation.

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARIES
Epsilon Omicron, Long Island University, January 11
Epsilon Pi, Southern Illinois University, Alton Residence Center, February 22
Epsilon Sigma, University of Buffalo, February 15
Epsilon Tau, University of Alabama, March 7
Epsilon Upsilon, Wisconsin State College, Oshkosh, March 7
Epsilon Phi, Youngstown University, February 13
Epsilon Chi, Los Angeles City College, April 7
Epsilon Psi, Kent State University, March 12
Epsilon Omega, The University of Mississippi, May 2
Zeta Alpha, Bradley University, May 16
Zeta Beta, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, May 30
Zeta Gamma, Valparaiso University, May 16
Zeta Delta, Miami University, May 16
Zeta Zeta, Graceland College, May 16
Zeta Eta, University of Chattanooga, May 15
Zeta Theta, Drexel Institute of Technology, May 16
Zeta Iota, Temple University, May 18
Zeta Kappa, Bowling Green State University, May 23
Zeta Lambda, University of Toledo, May 22
Zeta Nu, Southern Illinois University, May 23
Zeta Xi, Southern Oregon College, May 22
Zeta Omicron, California State Polytechnic College, May 24
Zeta Sigma, University of Delaware, May 24
Zeta Upsilon, Boston University, May 28
Zeta Phi, Howard University, May 29
Zeta Psi, University of Oregon, June 6
Zeta Omega, Baylor University, December 15
Eta Gamma, Union College, December 12
Eta Delta, Keene Teachers College, December 12

TENTH ANNIVERSARIES
Kappa Tau, The Citadel, February 7
Kappa Upsilon, East Carolina College, January 27
Kappa Chi, Creighton University, January 17
Kappa Psi, The Agricultural & Technical College of North Carolina, February 13
Kappa Omega, The Cooper Union, February 26
Lambda Alpha, East Tennessee State College, May 8
Lambda Beta, Houghton College, May 16
Lambda Gamma, Manhattan College, May 16
Lambda Delta, New York College of Engineering, May 22
Lambda Epsilon, St. Cloud State College, May 24

FIFTH ANNIVERSARIES
Mu Lambda, University of Rochester, February 15
Mu Mu, Oglethorpe University, February 23
Mu Nu, Western Illinois University, May 11
Mu Xi, High Point College, April 27
Mu Omicron, Clarkson College of Technology, October 12
Mu Pi, Colorado School of Mines, October 12