

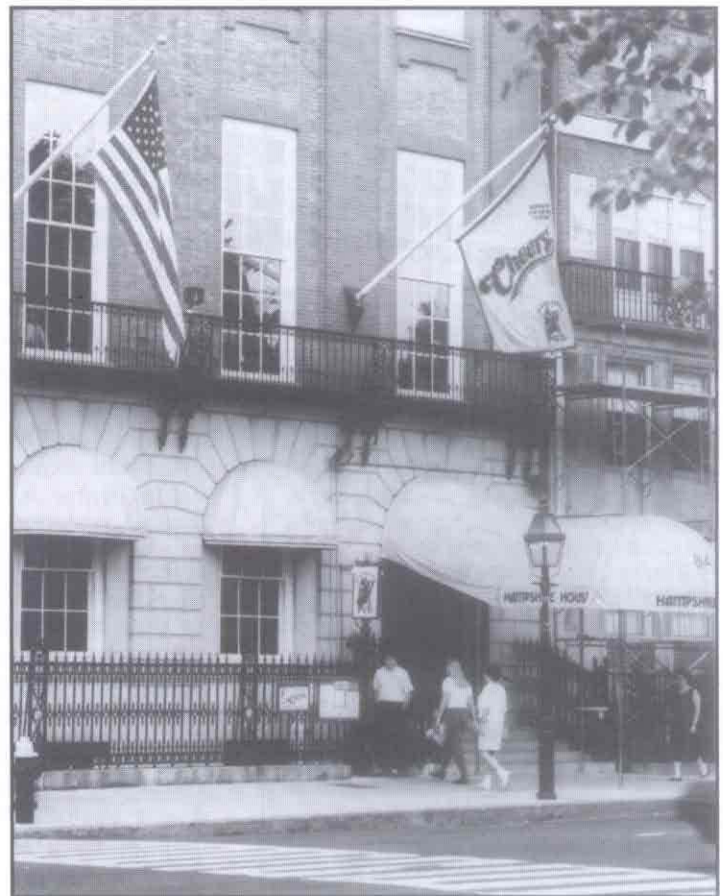
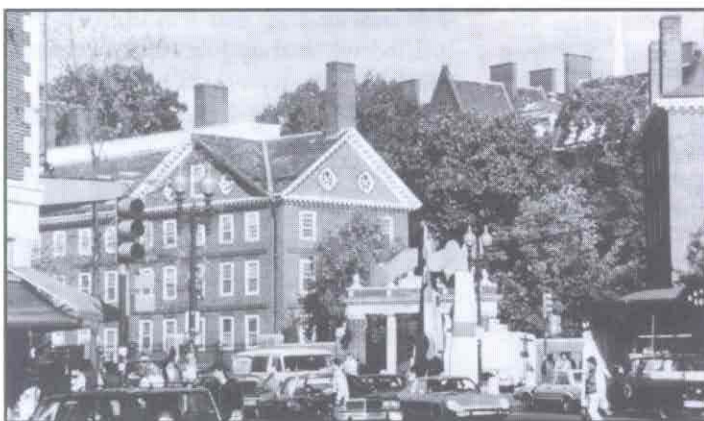
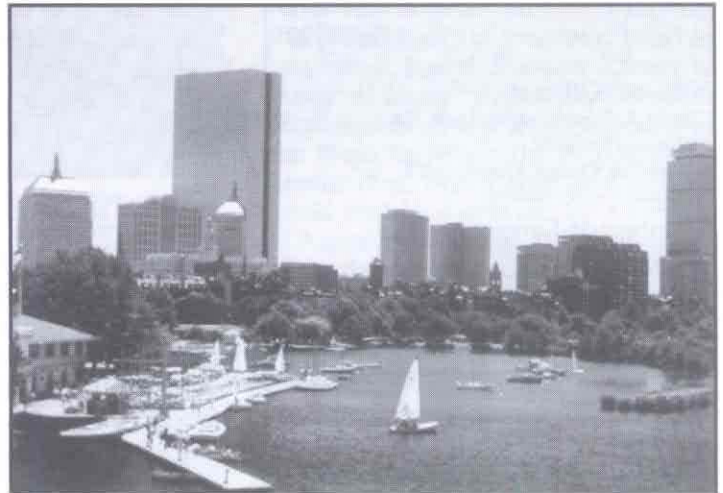
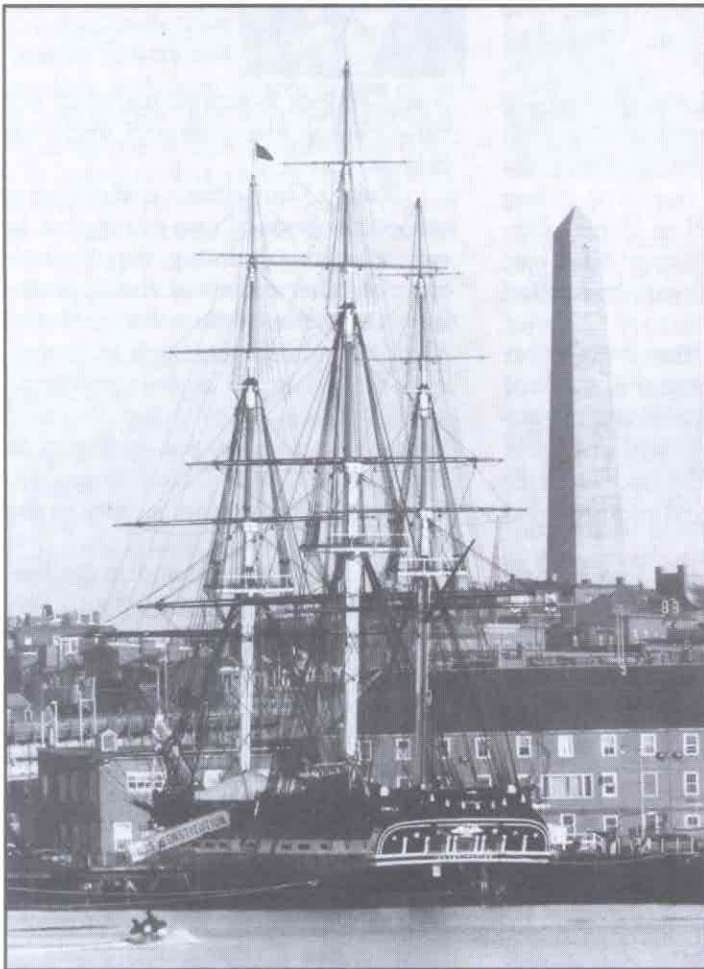


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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Since our founding in 1925, over 240,000 men and women of Alpha Phi Omega have brought the spirit of service to America's colleges and universities. This year 13,000 students in 304 chapters are pursuing a program of leadership, friendship and service — to the campus, to the community and its youth, and to our nation.

Alpha Phi Omega is the largest, most unique, most inclusive Fraternity in the world. Our heritage and traditions remind us of our basic values and purpose, as well as our accomplishments, and counsel that our middle name must always be spelled S-E-R-V-I-C-E.

But, if our traditions engender misconceptions by others not in our circle or, even worse, alienate the audience we reach out to with the hand of friendship, they do not reinforce our basic objectives and require great justification.

An example is the Toast Song and its use of the word "men."

When the lyrics were written only men could belong to the Fraternity. That is no longer true today, and retention of such an anachronism hinders Alpha Phi Omega's ability to fulfill its basic purpose.

It hinders us when students — male or female — otherwise committed to our cardinal principles choose not to belong because our terminology does not make them comfortable in our embrace.

It hinders us when college administrators wonder about our true purpose when, for example, in a fellowship circle at a chartering ceremony they hear half the members present excluded in a song that is supposed to embody our ideals and symbolize our unity.

It hinders us when prospective volunteers divert their energies elsewhere because they question whether we fully recognize the dignity and diversity of all our members.

The message of our beautiful and moving song must include all present and future Alpha Phi Omega



Gerald A.
Schroeder
National President

members. Its assumptions must not reflect some identities and undercut others.

None of our rituals exclude anyone on the basis of race or religion. In our initiation ceremony, we offer citizens of other countries the opportunity to recite their own national pledge of allegiance. Such inclusiveness embodies the highest traditions and ideals of our Fraternity, and helps make us a unique Fraternity in the world. Gender differences deserve no less of our sensitivity in the Toast Song.

We must never abandon the heritage that gives continuity to this noble endeavor that is our Service Fraternity. But we must never recite our heritage in mantra-like fashion to oppose changing anything that impedes our ability to fully realize the grand ideals our founders so wisely chose for Alpha Phi Omega.

Our obligation is to apply our traditions to today's world in a way that reinforces our basic values and furthers our fundamental reason for existence. That is the kind of true leadership that our founders exemplified when they turned the conventional fraternity world on its head in 1925 by sending the ideals of scouting to college.

The question of the word "men" in our Toast Song must be addressed. We must talk — not just take stands. We must listen to each other. We, actives and alumni alike, must reach a consensus on the best way to serve the long-term interests of Alpha Phi Omega and its noble ideals.

In the words of H. Roe Bartle, we must reach out.

J. Joseph Scanlon Memorial Pledge Class — Fall 1992

Never have we met the man to whom we would sooner point with pride and say, "This man is our brother; he has distinguished himself in the service of our Fraternity, and he has endeared himself in the hearts of all who know him." We pause to honor an outstanding Alpha Phi Omega brother and a true servant of mankind, Joseph Scanlon. (Torch and Trefoil, February, 1950)

Joe Scanlon was truly a remarkable man as those words written about him 42 years ago have stood the test of time and when "Papa Joe" passed away this June, similar words spoken in eulogy mirrored the comments of 1950. But the priest memorializing Joe was remembering only the most recent years. Joe's active spirit and ability to get things done never abated. His career in Alpha Phi Omega spanned over seven decades. His dedication was by itself incredible. Yet for Joe it was never just a job



this man without feeling a sense of pride for being a part of Alpha Phi Omega. Always positive, he has never let the spirit of this Fraternity lie still." At the Twenty-second National Convention, December 1970, Joe was honored again as that convention was dedicated to him! In 1975 the fall pledge class was named in his honor for recognition of his leadership and devotion to youth throughout his career. At Joe's funeral a number of Brothers gathered at the church to reflect on Joe's past life and accomplishments. We had the opportunity to hear and speak with his children. Royal, the oldest son, and one of five children, remembered his father in a most revered manner; in his own special thoughts and words...

*"Fire in its thirst soon consumes itself.
The breath remains, the ashes blow away,
and you wonder, 'Where have we gone?'"*

When people hear that my father recently passed away, they become saddened and say, "Oh, I'm so sorry" . . . I loved my father dearly. I love him still. I am not sorry; I'm happy for him. Things are as they should be. I thank him for the gift of life and the lessons he imparted. I thank him too for sharing his passing with me. Life has come full circle now.

"Mr. APO" is now the youth who in a leap of faith has jumped from precipice at the edge of life not knowing what lies beneath the placid surface of the waters below. In the twinkling of his eyes, he is to us frozen in the eternal moment now, suspended mid-air, free from the known from whence he's come and the unknown towards which his volition has propelled him. To us this is the end. For him this is the adventure begun! Filled with exhilaration, fear and wonder-

ment, he rushes head long into the breath-taking waters. He's made it! Struggling to a new surface seen, he breaks the surface and gasps for air and life. This is the quintessential moment now. This is birth!"

Today we honor Joe Scanlon again, posthumously, as one of the great leaders and brothers of our Fraternity. At the July 1992 Board meeting the National Board of Directors reflected "... with profound sadness the passing of its member, brother and friend, Joseph Scanlon. Known to many of us as "Papa Joe," Brother Scanlon served as a living example of the ways in which the principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service could best be displayed by a brother of Alpha Phi Omega. As a professional scout, he was one of our first and strongest enthusiasts. As our National Secretary, he was a firm and supportive guide. As an advisor to the Board after his supposed retirement, he continued as our involved and interested mentor, holding high the bright idealism and unique philosophy of the Fraternity. He provided guidance both individually and collectively. He was an example both actively and philosophically of the highest principles of Alpha Phi Omega. He was the keeper of the flame. For these reasons, we take pride in naming the Fall 1992 Pledge Class the J. Joseph Scanlon Memorial Pledge Class."

MEMORIALS

For those brothers wanting to send a remembrance in honor of Joe Scanlon, you may send donations to the Joseph Scanlon Scholarship Fund, Rockhurst College, 1100 Rockhurst Road, Kansas City, MO 64110-2545 or to the Alpha Phi Omega Endowment Fund, 14901 East 42nd Street, Independence, MO 64055-7347.

but really a commitment to life. He really touched people with his leadership ability and strong desire to have them understand that doing unto others required a certain selflessness. He had an integral part in the early growth of APO and was instrumental in much of how the Fraternity has developed today.

One could spend much time studying the attributes and greatness of his personal character. Few have played so vital a role in as many lives as has our Fall Pledge Class Namesake. He had been active as a brother since 1929; since 1946 he has served on the National Board of Directors. In 1960 he was awarded the National Distinguished Service Award and that same year he was selected National Secretary (National Executive Director) and served in that position through 1972.

A brother wrote of Joe in 1970, "Few men have left the presence of

Service to the elderly

Joe Scanlon believed in services to the elderly. After retiring from APO, Joe continued in service work. For 12 years he was the Director of Shepherd's Center for Senior Citizens in Kansas City. He was appointed by two Governors to be a member and later Chairman of the Missouri Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. He served on the senate of the Missouri Silver-Haired legislature and was the senate floor leader. It is no wonder then that Joe's wife, Barbara, suggested to the 1992 fall pledge class that they consider "Service to the Elderly" in fall service projects:

- Nursing home visits
- Pets for Seniors (visiting with pets)
- Elderly home winterizing, home repairs
- Meals-on-Wheels
- Holiday parties for seniors

Theta Zeta

Every year, the **Theta Zeta** Chapter at the University of New Hampshire participates in an activity that promotes leadership, friendship and service. Theta Zeta plans an overnight trip to a local camp for an evening of games and fun, followed by a full day of service. This year one of our advisors, Dr. Steven Bornstein, suggested Camp Pride. Camp Pride is a summer camp for mentally and physically disabled children run by the Lions Club.

Our night began with food, games and dancing in the newly constructed staff house complete with electricity and plumbing. Groups of brothers went out to explore the camp, its buildings, and the lake. Dr. Bornstein surprised us by bringing a portable Karaoke machine, and brothers took turns on the microphone.

The next morning we woke up early, packed our bags, and met with members of the Lions club for our assignments. As a group, we swept and cleaned the main building and moved wood into the storage area. We then divided into groups. Included in the jobs were staining the doors of the new staff house, cleaning and insulating the infirmary, hooking up the dock and raft in the lake, and painting. The Lions club treated us to a barbecue for lunch. The Theta Zeta chapter is already planning the next trip to a local Boy Scout or Girl Scout camp.

Theta Zeta keeps very busy during the semester with many projects. These include being very active with the New Hampshire SPCA, UNH blood drives, the Portsmouth Children's Museum, and participating in local beach clean-ups. The chapter also enjoys activities with neighboring chapters in Maine and Massachusetts. If anyone is interested in learning more about our chapter or visiting, contact us by writing to: Alpha Phi Omega, University of New Hampshire, Memorial Union Building, Rm. 126, Durham, NH 03824.



ETA ETA



Service to Scouting is serious business to Eta Eta chapter at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. The Brothers frequently visit Camp Geronimo in Payson, Arizona, for initiation ceremonies, fellowship and service projects. Most recently they had the job of tearing old roof shingles from the swimming center. Additionally in Phoenix, the Brothers were involved in a Bi-State Camporee. Scouts from all over Arizona and New Mexico were in attendance. The chapter helped with crowd control and in helping headquarters management to distribute flyers. For further information contact Eta Eta Chapter, Alpha Phi Omega, Arizona State University, Box 177, c/o Student Life, Memorial Union, 3rd Floor, Tempe, AZ 85287-0512.

Brothers receive Silver Buffalo

At the recent 1992 Annual National Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America, Brothers **Kenneth P. Davis, Ph.D.**, and **Capt. James Lovell** were each presented the prestigious Silver Buffalo Award in recognition of outstanding service to the youth of the nation.

Brother Davis has devoted more than 36 years of continued service to the scouting movement. He is the author of the historical scouting books — "A History of Wood Badge in the U.S." and "A History of the Order of the Arrow." He has served in countless leadership positions at all levels of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a Life Member of Alpha Phi Omega and currently a member of the National Scouting Relations Committee. He was active in Mu Mu chapter, Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia, from 1961-64.



Brother Davis is director of the Office of Management and Systems Support of the Defense National

Stockpile Center, Defense Logistics Agency, U.S. Department of Defense.

Brother Lovell became a member of Alpha Phi Omega in 1947 as an undergraduate member of Beta Theta chapter, University of Wisconsin, Madison, and was presented an honorary membership to Alpha Pi chapter, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, in 1970.

James A. Lovell, Jr., captain, United States Navy (retired), is president of Lovell Communications, a business devoted to disseminating information about the U.S. space program and his experiences with the Gemini and Apollo missions. He shows organizations how the teamwork and motivation essential to a successful space flight may apply to any undertaking.

Selected as an astronaut by NASA in 1962, Brother Lovell was launched into space in December 1965 on the history-making *Gemini 7* mission, which

included the first rendezvous of two manned maneuverable spacecraft. He also commanded the final Gemini flight, *Gemini 12* in 1966. The first man to journey twice to the moon, he served



as command module pilot and navigator for *Apollo 8*, humanity's "maiden voyage" to the moon in December 1968; and was spacecraft commander of *Apollo 13* in 1970. Brother Lovell was awarded the National Distinguished Service Award in 1968. On his journey to the moon in 1968, Brother Lovell carried an APO pin, which is proudly displayed at each APO National Biennial Convention.



ALPHA ALPHA

Alpha Alpha chapter at the University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois, raised over \$1,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association during the week of April 6-12 this past spring. More than 100 members "canned" for MDA in front of the student union throughout the week, and then on the last day, the money was exchanged for pennies. At the end of this annual philanthropy, "Miles of Pennies," members divided the sidewalk in front of the student auditorium into various segmented decorations. At the day's end, the pennies were exchanged for their cash value and donated to the National Muscular Dystrophy Association. For further information contact the Alpha Alpha chapter of Alpha Phi Omega at University of Illinois, 284 Illini Union, 1401 W. Green Street, Urbana, IL 61801.

GAMMA CHI

Members of the Gamma Chi chapter at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, raised money for Reading is Fundamental on National Service Day last November. During Samford University's Homecoming, Jeff "Zippy" Quick "entered" a 4'x3'x2' display case at 9 a.m. in the student center, vowing not to exit until \$350 worth of donations trickled in. For 26 hours, Zippy sat and pleaded for donations (with occasional bathroom breaks), while brothers barked up support and donations. After a cramped night's sleep and two days of skipped classes, Zippy emerged victoriously with over \$350, and knees a-crackin'. When asked if he would do it again, Zip responded with a cheerful servant's answer of "No." The actuality of this reply has yet to be tested. For further information contact Gamma Chi chapter at Samford University, SU Box 4010, Birmingham, AL 36849-3501.



ETA MU

On April 26, 1992, the Eta Mu chapter at Utica College of Syracuse University held its third "Chairs for Charity" on campus. This year's big Musical Chairs event benefited the YWCA Rape Crisis Services of Utica, New York. Eta Mu solicited several area businesses to sponsor chairs and provide prizes for the event. In addition to soliciting area businesses, Eta Mu received support from local radio station 94K-Rock, WKLL, who helped advertise the event on the air and provided a D.J. for the night of "Chairs for Charity." Over 100 Utica College students attended "Chairs for Charity" and Eta Mu raised more than \$300 for the YWCA Rape Crisis Services. For further information please contact Eta Mu chapter at Utica College of Syracuse University, Student Activities Office, Burrstone Road-Strebel Center, Utica, NY 13502.



MU THETA

This past year the brothers of **Mu Theta** were very active in their service accomplishments that included a Blood Drive and participation in an MDA Bowl-a-thon. During Spring registration, they helped with "Cool-Aid" by setting up bands and volleyball and picnic activities for the entire campus. They also "baby-sat" for three weekends of the year — housing children in their rooms, TV lounges, etc. Additionally they helped with an Adopt-a-Highway program, the Christian Children's Fund child, visited local nursing homes regularly, assisted the Ronald McDonald house, the MS walk, recycling, girl/boy scout projects, campus treasure hunts, canned good drives, foodshelf, booksale, and with the Student Escort Service. For further information contact Mu Theta chapter at Luther College, SPO Box 1, 700 College Drive, Decorah, IA 52101.



ALPHA ALPHA XI

During this past Spring semester, **Alpha Alpha Xi** chapter at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California, successfully programmed and implemented many outstanding service projects: providing diversions from daily life to the children at Mary Graham's Children's Shelter with games and cookie making; offering face-painting services and brochures to the children and their parents at the Stockton Child Abuse Prevention Center booth during the Children's Fair at Sherwood Mall, and working as tour guides and exhibit assistants at the Children's Museum of Stockton. Everyone had fun in the process of providing service at all projects. There has been active participation and involvement among pledges, alumni, and actives alike. We have had a successful semester and expect to continue being successful! For further information contact the Alpha Alpha Xi chapter at University of the Pacific, Anderson Y Center, 265 Knoles Way, Stockton CA 95211.

Alumni Distinguished Service Key to Thornton Stone

Fred C. Heismeyer, National Alumni Chairman, and Bobby Hainline, Region VI Director, present the National Alumni Distinguished Service Key to **Thornton F. Stone**, accompanied by his wife, Connie, for his outstanding contribution to Mu Chapter, the Fraternity and 47 years of dedicated service to the community. Brother Stone was a founding member of Mu Chapter in 1929. Over these many years Brother Stone has remained active as an advisor to Mu Chapter, in his church and in Kiwanis International. Brother Stone has been in scouting since 1916 and has achieved his Eagle Badge, Wood Badge and Silver Beaver Award.



Career awareness: Where do we go from here?



by Dave Emery
*National Service
Chairman*

One of the main reasons for each of us to attend college is to prepare for a productive and rewarding career. Therefore it seems appropriate that the 1992 National Convention chose "Career Awareness" as the theme for Service Day 1992.

"Career Awareness" provides many directions from which you can choose a project. I can easily see that a project within this theme could fit under at least three out of the four areas of service (to members, campus or community). I am anxious to see the variety of ways that our chapters will interpret this year's theme.

Service to the members

Some chapters will decide that assisting their own members to select a career is the best interpretation of the theme. They may invite alumni or other professionals in various fields to visit their chapter for a job-a-thon. The guests could share with the members a "real world" perspective on their careers.

Service to the Campus

Other chapters will choose to provide Service to the Campus within the theme. They may help to sponsor a career fair or work with their campus career centers on some other project on campus. Undoubtedly, the career center, or your campus equivalent, should be a great resource for any chapter members when planning this type of project.

Service to the Community

Still other chapters may decide that Service to the Community is the way they would like to express this year's theme. In this case, they might decide to plan a career fair at a local High School or for a local Scout troop.

Saturday, November 7, will be the 13th celebration of National Service Day. As you start to plan your project, make it one of your goals to get other groups on campus or in your community involved in a career awareness project. Remember, National Service Day was not started as merely a day when all of our chapters

perform a similar project on the same day. National Service Day was started as a day when we can share the spirit of service that we enjoy with those around us.

If your chapter already has your National Service Day '92 project planned, please contact Pat Burke at the National Office as soon as possible with the details. The National Public Relations Committee, in conjunction with the National Service Committee, would like to use your chapter's advance planning in our national publicity effort for this year's National Service Day.

Convention conventions



by Betsy Ullrich
*National Leadership
Development
Chairman*

The 1992 National Convention is fast coming upon us. As always, there are bound to be hot topics for debate on the floor of the convention as well as in the various seminars . . . not to mention late night discussions in hallways, rooms, and Regional suites. In order to maintain the spirit of friendship and brotherhood, I offer this set of "conventions" for the Convention:

1. Listen — It is most important to understand WHY someone holds a particular opinion, so that we can address specific concerns in the attempt to reach an agreement that is fair and acceptable to all involved.

2. Respect the rights of others — Everyone has a right to hold an opinion and to express that opinion. When we speak, we must respect the listeners' rights, so avoid making sarcastic or derogatory remarks. As a listener, we must respect the speaker's rights, so listen without interruption: no heckling, no shouting, and no side conversations that will prevent others from hearing the speaker as well.

3. Play by the rules — Review Robert's Rules of Order before the convention. These are the rules which govern the activities on the floor, and we should be familiar with the basic rules before going to convention. Also, take a few minutes to become familiar with the

For ideas on how to select an appropriate project for National Service Day, please refer to the National Service Day 1992 Project handbook which will arrive shortly in your chapter mailbox.

Once you have completed your project make sure to fill out the Project Sharing form you will find in the Service Day Project handbook and send it back to the National office by December 1. Including a photo of your chapter members carrying out the project would also be greatly appreciated.

Standing Rules of the Convention, and the Alcohol Policy of the Convention.

4. Use the P-6 Rule — Prior Preparation Prevents Pitifully Poor Performance. Legislation will be assigned to the various committees for consideration, and the committees will recommend action to the convention floor. Chapters should discuss the issues and offices before the voting delegates head to Boston, so that as chapter representatives, they can make the best possible decisions about the issues with the information presented at the convention. If we plan to speak to the committees at the convention or attend seminars, we should review the schedule and the hotel diagram in order to be on time.

5. Beware of "Group-Think" — Actually, beware of groups that DON'T think. As a part of a group, we sometimes carry out thoughtless acts that, as individuals, we would consider inappropriate. These activities include shouting matches to not-so-practical jokes. "Keep your head."

6. Offer your hand in friendship — We are all brothers working to improve the fraternity. We come from different parts of the country and a variety of cultures to form a spectrum of personalities. We may have different ideas about what is best for the fraternity, so the issues before us and the decision-making process can be painful at times. Remember that we must work together to make the best decisions we can to guide the fraternity through the next two years. When the convention is over, we will work together as brothers to implement the program determined by the convention. So, shake hands with your brothers; there will be some wonderful, dedicated, energetic people attending the convention.

How old is your chapter's membership program?



by Fred L. Pollack
National Member-
ship & Extension
Chairman

"It is better to stir up a question without deciding it than to decide it without stirring it up." Joseph Joubert

When was the last time your chapter evaluated its members program?

Changing the number of service hours required from 10 to 12 doesn't count! I'm talking about a thorough examination, starting with the question, "What kind of membership program would we have if we had to build one from scratch?"

At one of your upcoming chapter meetings set aside some time to raise this issue. Ask everyone to make suggestions or ask questions about your chapter's program. Have one person assigned to write everything suggested on a flip chart or blackboard. Agree that all ideas, no matter how revolutionary they may seem, will be listed and then discussed.

Many issues will no doubt be raised. How should we attract new members? Is it enough to distribute posters around campus and ask a few of our friends to come? Or should we be trying to recruit people all the time? How do we "reach out" to segments of the campus which are not represented in our chapter? Have we tried to do this in the past? If not, why not?

What about the way in which we educate our prospective Brothers about the Fraternity? Does our program develop outstanding Brothers — or just outstanding pledges? In other words, at the end of the pledge program, do our new Brothers truly feel they are part of the chapter? Are they ready to become fully involved or does it take additional weeks or months for that to happen?

Are we losing Brothers before graduation? Is it because we didn't accurately explain what Alpha Phi Omega is when we first recruited them and they aren't interested in what we really are? Or are we failing to find ways to involve our Brothers in the chapter's activities, forcing them to go elsewhere for what they

hoped to find in the Fraternity? Maybe the chapter's activities just don't interest them or aren't meeting anyone's needs today as they did 15 or 20 years ago when these projects began.

These are only a few of the many questions to be asked (and hopefully answered) as you analyze membership programming. This should not be viewed as something the chapter "has to go through" but as an opportunity to strengthen the chapter for many years to come. Unless your chapter has enough

Brothers to carry out its program, nothing will happen under the banner of Alpha Phi Omega. The decisions you make today about your membership effort will determine whether there is a membership a few years from now.

Frank Reed Horton's dream of developing leaders able and willing to change the community and nation in which they live depends on our ability to maintain strong chapters across America. This process is a key element in achieving that goal.

National Distinguished Service Award

In 1956, Alpha Phi Omega established the National Distinguished Service Award to recognize those who have made a unique and significant contribution to the welfare of the Fraternity. Selection is made by a special committee appointed by the National President from among recipients of this honor.

The special committee appointed by President Schroeder is seeking nominations of Brothers whose service over the years has had a major impact on the programs and activities of the National Fraternity. (Service to the Frater-

nity should be viewed in terms of the widest possible spectrum of activities.) Everyone — chapters, active Brothers and alumni — is urged to make a nomination of anyone believed to be deserving of this recognition.

Please send your nomination, including a statement of the reasons you believe your nominee should be considered, to the selection committee chairman, Fred L. Pollack, c/o the National Headquarters. All nominations must be received before October 15, 1992.

ABOUT THE COVER . . .

1992 Biennial National Convention Boston, Massachusetts

Convention Highlights:

Tuesday, December 27 —

- 8:00 a.m. Registration opens
- 6:00 p.m. Opening session and Roll Call
- 9:00 p.m. Reference Committees meet and organize

Wednesday, December 28 —

- 7:30 a.m. Registration continues
- 10:00 a.m. Reference Committees meet and various workshops begin
- 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Banquet and dance

Thursday, December 29 —

- 9:30 a.m. Legislative Session/Variou Workshops
- 12:00 p.m. Sectional Chairmen/Chapter Advisors Luncheon
- 6:00 p.m. Alumni reception
- 7:00 p.m. Undergraduate Fun & Fellowship

Friday, December 30 —

- Legislative Session continues
- 3:30 p.m. Regional Meetings
- 5:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Awards Banquet and dance

Convention Registration for chapters will be mailed to each individual chapter in late September. Alumni wishing to register for the convention should fill out the convention registration request form on the back page of this issue and return it to the National Office as soon as possible.

"... In the fellowship of the principles of the Boy Scouts of America ..."



by Lorin A. Jurvis
National Scouting
Relations Chairman

Alpha Phi Omega was founded on the principles of the Scout Oath and Law. During the past 67 years, 240,000 men and women of our National Service Fraternity have brought the spirit of the Good Turn to America's universities and colleges.

Alpha Phi Omega is not part of Scouting. The Boy Scouts of America does not govern, control or finance the Fraternity in any way. But we enjoy a mutually supportive relationship. Our chapters conduct numerous service projects for the BSA and Girl Scouts. Chapters are encouraged to involve pledges in a Scouting project as part of their training for active membership. APO works closely with the National Eagle Scout Association and Order of the Arrow. Fraternity exhibits are

regularly displayed at Jamborees, Order of the Arrow conferences and national meetings. APO is listed in BSA handbooks and featured in its magazines.

Our By-Laws formalize the relationship. Each chapter shall have a Scouting Advisor. The BSA President and Chief Scout Executive or their representatives are *ex-officio* members of APO's Board of Directors. We have a National Scouting Relations Committee to promote cooperation, represent APO at appropriate events and develop support material for chapter programs.

There are many advantages to APO's relationship with BSA. Many chapters were founded with assistance from professional Scouters. Many Brothers first learned about and joined the Fraternity because of Scouting. Chapters gain useful contacts and community support because of our Scouting connection. And there are careers in Scouting.

But the principal advantage is the opportunity for service. Service is this Fraternity's primary mission. An important part of that mission is service to youth.

Some brothers have expressed concern about this relationship be-

cause BSA has reaffirmed its consistent standards which does not conform to our open-membership policy. Some have objected to chapter service projects which benefit BSA. That view, I submit, is *not* consistent with Alpha Phi Omega's ideals of leadership, friendship and service.

The Fraternity's tradition does not require acceptance of our philosophy by cooperating organizations. President Schroeder wrote to a director of student activities: "The provision of service by Alpha Phi Omega is never conditioned upon agreement by the recipient with the individual or collective beliefs of Fraternity members. It is based, instead, solely on the worth and magnitude of the need." The Board of Directors endorsed that statement of policy at its meeting on July 12, 1992.

We insist on Alpha Phi Omega's Constitutional right to set our own membership policy. So we must respect the right of other private organizations to determine their own standards of leadership and membership.

At our National Convention in Boston, these topics no doubt will be discussed. There also will be a seminar designed to assist chapters in developing an effective program of service to the youth of their communities in Scouting.

Again quoting Brother Schroeder, "The service our chapters render to BSA directly benefits the youngsters who participate in that program and is important to their character development. We would not want to see their experience diminished."

The principles and values embodied in Scouting remain valid and relevant today. Scouting benefits from APO service — and so do we.

National Advisory Committee meets

Article VII, Section 2 of the National Bylaws establishes a National Advisory Committee to advise the National President in matters concerning the welfare of the Fraternity. The inaugural meeting of this body was held in Washington, D.C., on June 15, 1992.

Four higher-education executives serve as the charter members of this committee: M. Richard Rose, former President of Rochester Institute of Technology; William Atchley, President of the University of the Pacific; Stephen Jennings, President of Simpson College; and Manning N. Lomax, Vice President for Administration and Secretary of the Board of Trustees for Clemson University.

The meeting included discussions of broad issues and trends relevant to students, student life, campus volunteerism and leadership development. In addition, participants focused on the role of a fraternity as a student service organization.

"The Fraternity is extremely grateful to these individuals who, despite very busy schedules, have volunteered to help Alpha Phi Omega," said National President Jerry Schroeder following the meeting. "Their advice and perspective is critical to our mission of providing service, developing leadership, and helping to prepare today's students to be participating citizens."

Summer Board meeting actions . . .

■ Elected Jack McKenzie to fill the vacant sixth Member-at-Large position. The President assigned Mr. McKenzie duties as Chairman of the National Public Relations Committee.

■ Elected Joel Lake to the position of Region IV Director left vacant by Mr. McKenzie's election.

■ Proposed an amendment to Article VI, Section 6, of the National Bylaws to be submitted to the 1992 National Convention: "A quorum shall require that a majority of the elected members of the Board be present and the elected members present constitute a majority of the voting Board members in attendance."

■ Granted permission to Nu Theta chapter, Glassboro State College, (Rowen College as of September 1, 1992), Glassboro, New Jersey, to join the campus IFC as required by the school administration.

■ Suspended the charter of Kappa Delta Chapter, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Florida.*¹

■ Suspended Omega Psi chapter at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi, with the recommendation of charter revocation to the 1992 National Convention in Boston, Massachusetts.*¹

■ Approved the 1992-93 operating budget of the Fraternity.

■ Approved the 1992 National Convention budget.

■ Approved Section 10-4-Bank Account Signatures, of the Board Policy Manual and all related sections be changed as follows: "For the protection of employees and the Fraternity, the use of two authorized signatories will normally be required. Checks payable to Fraternity employees who are authorized signatories must be countersigned by an individual authorized by the Board of Directors. The Executive Director is authorized to sign checks for amounts up to \$500.00. The President, in consultation with the Finance Chairman, may make this rule more restrictive if conditions warrant."

■ Reappointed Patrick W. Burke as National Executive Director.

■ Declared the following chapters inactive due to nonpayment of Annual Active Membership Dues:

Alpha Alpha Beta, Long Island University, Greenvale, New York

Tau Eta, SUNY College at Cobleskill, Cobleskill, New York

Upsilon Eta, University of Texas, El Paso, Texas

Psi Psi, University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Upsilon Upsilon, College of St. Thomas, Saint Paul, Minnesota

■ Postponed action on the following chapters until the Winter 1993 Board meeting:

Alpha, Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania

Chi Mu, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, Michigan

Eta Omicron, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

■ Approved the "Alternative Education Program" "for presentation as a resolution to the appropriate 1992 National Conference Reference Committee."

■ Approved a "Small Chapter Support Program."

■ Recommended the following bylaw amendment proposal to the 1992 National Convention that Article IX, Section 9 be amended to read: "A chapter in good standing is one which yearly meets its financial, administrative, and Annual Charter Reaffirmation obligations to the National Fraternity; *which yearly participates in its respective Sectional Conference, Regional Conference, a Chapter Presidents Workshop, or the National Convention by being represented by at least one of its Active or Pledge Members*; and which has not been declared inactive or suspended, or had its charter revoked, or which has not otherwise been deemed in violation of the policies or National Bylaws of Alpha Phi Omega; or of the rules, regulations, or policies of its school."

■ Approved (Board Policy Manual) Appendix F: Procedure for Declaring Chapters Inactive, IV. C, be amended to read: "The Regional Director may recommend that action on a chapter status be postponed until the Winter Board meeting. Such recommendation must be made in writing and must include a specific program for bringing the chapter into compliance with the Fraternity's requirements."

■ Adopted the following Board policy:

"a) When an application for charter is submitted between September 1 and December 31 at least eight (8) members of the group shall not be in their final year of attendance.

b) When an application for charter is submitted between January 1 and August 31 at least 12 members of the group shall not be in their final year of attendance."

■ Endorsed the statement of policy and practice as reflected in National President

Schroeder's letter of April 29, 1992, to the Director of Student Activities at San Jose State University, San Jose, California.

■ Reaffirmed the NESA-APO relationship as follows:

Reaffirmation of

The NESA-APO Relationship

WHEREAS, both APO and NESA believe that a cooperative effort between the two organizations enhances the mission of each organization, the organizations agree as follows:

1. NESA, through its publications, literature, and events, will encourage its college age members to join APO.
2. APO, through its publications, literature, and events, will encourage its Eagle Scout members who are not members of NESA to become members and will promote volunteer service to Scouting.
3. Both organizations recognize the opportunity for their joint members to give continued service to their communities through the APO-Scouting partnership.

■ Amended (Board Policy Manual) page 22-2 concerning the M.R. Disborough Scouting Service Award by deleting the sentence: "The Outstanding Achievement awards will be presented annually, in the fall for the preceding academic year, to qualifying chapters."

AND . . .

■ Passed that: "An appropriate committee at the National Convention" be substituted for "The National Scouting Relations Committee" in the last two points under "Criteria:" on page 22-2 and Appendix L-6.

■ Confirmed the appointments of John Wetherington, Allen Wong and Lorin Jurvis to serve as a committee to nominate two new Endowment Trustees.

■ Confirmed Lorin Jurvis as Chairman of the National Scouting Relations Committee.

■ Determined that all media inquiries pertaining to matters of Fraternity-wide policies or events be directed to the National Executive Director or other person designated by the National President.

■ Selected the Fall 1992 Pledge Name-sake to be in honor of J. Joseph Scanlon (see Page 3).

■ Recommended to the 30th National Convention the current 16 standing rules as rules for the 1992 National Convention.

¹ * Both of these chapters were suspended because of alleged hazing incidents.

Convention Registration

WHEN

December 27, 28, 29 & 30, 1992.

WHERE

Boston Park Plaza Hotel, 64 Arlington Street,
Boston, Massachusetts 02116-3912, 617-426-
2000.

WHO

All pledges, actives, advisors, life members,
alumni, families and friends are invited.

WHAT TO DO

Boston is a city of activity — civic, cultural,
historical — Boston is the place to be!

HOW TO REGISTER — CHAPTERS

Registration forms, Convention Services and
Participation forms are mailed to chapters in
late September. They should be completed and
returned to the National Office with appropri-
ate fees. *Hotel reservation* cards should be returned di-
rectly to the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. *Anyone not cur-
rently affiliated with an active undergraduate chapter* may
use the registration information request form on this
page to request available forms and materials.

COST

Everyone must pay the Convention Services and Par-
ticipation fee of:

\$ 35.00

NOTE: \$ 30.00 (for pledges and undergraduate ac-
tives if received in the National Office before
December 1, 1992)

Banquet rates are:

\$ 16.00 for the Fellowship Banquet

\$ 19.00 for the Awards Banquet

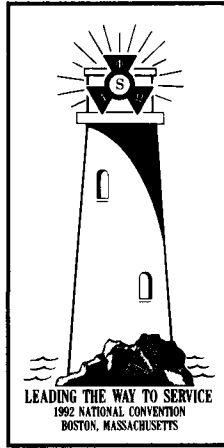
NOTE: Banquet tickets must be purchased in
advance so the Hotel can be advised of the ex-
pected attendance well in advance of the func-
tion.

Hotel room rate is:

\$ 43.88 (including tax) per night for
single, double, triple or quad occupancy.

GETTING TO BOSTON

Check with your Sectional and Regional Direc-
tors about possible car pools, other chapters' travel
plans, etc. If you choose to fly, your local travel agent
can get the best supersaver rates available.



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Please send me the registration materials for the 1992 National Convention in Boston, Massachusetts:

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