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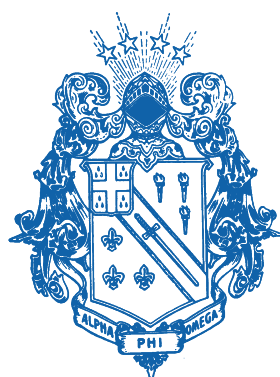
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Opportunities and Obligations! Denver!

As we prepared this issue of the Torch & Trefoil we considered many messages about why members should attend our Biennial Convention. As we thought this through, we felt the message from our last Convention was still very appropriate today, so we have updated and reprinted the article. Hopefully you believe as strongly as we do that there are great opportunities at our National Conventions, as well as an obligation that every member should take seriously.

As members of Alpha Phi Omega, we have many opportunities and obligations. It can be argued that none is greater than participating in a National Convention. By attending the 38th National Convention in Denver this December, you will have the opportunity to impact the future of our Fraternity.

As a Voting Delegate, you will have the opportunity to shape the laws, policies and ceremonies of the Fraternity. Each Brother can positively affect his or her chapter by attending the workshops and seminars, learning new ideas and incorporating them into the chapter. If you are an alumnus, you will have the opportunity to mentor, guide and lead the active members as they set goals to meet the many challenges of our future. We all will have the opportunity to enjoy Denver – the food, music, culture, history, skiing and so much more.

We have an obligation to those members who came before us and to those members who will come after us – an obligation to maintain the brotherly dialogue that will result in our Fraternity expanding and thriving throughout the 21st Century. We have an obligation to make a positive impression on each and every individual, both near and far, who will admire us as we convene.

We have an obligation to celebrate 79 years of Leadership, Friendship and Service... something special that you don't want to miss!



Members of the 2004 Convention Planning Committee (pictured above) have devoted numerous hours of their personal time to make this event the best ever!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY BOBBY M. HAINLINE, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

A Rainbow of Cultures

As we approach our 38th National Convention, I find myself reminiscing about past conventions and some of the memorable events that I have personally enjoyed. Although I categorize the end of each convention as a sad time – a time when I realize that in a few hours I will be leaving new and old friends, some never to see again. I also find the close of our final banquet as a promise of greater things to come, enjoying the time I've spent in our Toast Song circle.

If you will allow me to steal a line from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I have to say that, "I, too, have a dream." It is the close of our final banquet, we have had a great convention and we are ready to forge new horizons. We have been together four days plotting the direction for our Fraternity for those Brothers who will come after us. We have participated in workshops, training sessions, parties, banquets and a multitude of other events that further our Cardinal Principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service, and now we stand together in a giant circle, shoulder to shoulder, knee to knee, hand in hand.

As I stand in this circle, I see every race, creed, religion – every culture that may be known to man. I think that if each one of us were in our own country of ancestral origin, if we were divided by some aspect of our cultures, that many of us could be in conflict with each other and maybe even at war. Those differences that make us unique could manifest themselves in contempt, maybe even a hatred for each other.

Fortunately, this is not the case. We are standing in a great circle, arm in arm with Brothers we may know well or with whom we have just met with a common goal... SERVICE! My dream is not yet over. We are still standing in this circle and we have invited (we've actually forced them to attend) all the world leaders of people and nations to join us. They each are in attendance and seated in the middle of our circle. We have locked the doors and we have begun our song to show them what true Brotherhood is really like. Yes, I have a dream. Alpha Phi Omega has brought me and maybe even you closer to that reality – to that "Standard of Manhood" that will withstand the test of time.

Author Donald Ahrens in his text *Meteorology Today* describes a rainbow as "one of the most spectacular light shows observed on earth." The "bow" alludes to the fact that this beautiful work of nature is a group of nearly circular arcs of color, all having a common center. The truth behind the analogy is simple. Although to the human eye on this earth you see a rainbow as an arc extending from one pot-of-gold to another, the bird's eye view is much different. I was privileged a few months ago to be asked to take aerial photographs of our Great Lakes. I learned that a rainbow, when viewed from about 10,000 feet, takes on the shape of a circle – a complete circle having a common center. As I allowed myself to enjoy this spectacle of nature, it reminded me of our Brothers in that giant circle – those different layers representing our various cultures, all with a common center. There was a gentle blending between the layers, no distinct lines, no layer brighter than another – just a gentle merge singing a song of Brotherhood.

"Here's to Alpha Phi Omega"...A Rainbow of Cultures... Beautiful!



Bobby



RHO BETA CHAPTER
Armstrong Atlantic State University
Savannah, GA

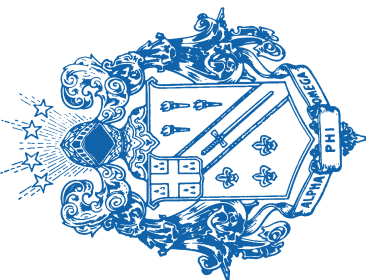
Rho Beta Chapter at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Georgia, held its re-chartering ceremony on August 28, 2004. A total of 14 new members represent this chapter.



OMEGA LAMBDA CHAPTER
Fisk University
Nashville, TN

On September 6, 2004, Omega Lambda Chapter at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, held its chartering ceremony with a total of 19 new members.

CHAPTERS



ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER Purdue University West Lafayette, IN

Brothers of the Alpha Gamma Chapter participated in the Purdue University Student Union Board's "Purdue Around the World"

Homecoming Parade this past fall. In collaboration of the parade's theme, Brothers of Alpha Gamma built a North Pole float, which won 1st place ahead of 15 other entries in the parade. More than 20 APO Brothers participated by dressing up as penguins and accompanying the float. Thanks to Mike and Dina Durbin of Decatur, IL who donated the trailer; Bryce Lanham, Tim Johnson, and Celestino Ruffini for construction of the float; and the many Alpha Gamma Brothers who helped decorate the snowy themed float. Visit <http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~apo/> for more information about the Alpha Gamma Chapter.



SIGMA RHO CHAPTER Elon University Elon, North Carolina

During a fall service project, Brothers of the Sigma Rho Chapter at Elon University bonded in brotherhood with the Elon Fire Station employees, offering their assistance and washing four of their main fire trucks. Visit <http://www.elon.edu/org/alphaphiomega/> to learn more about the Sigma Rho Chapter.

ALPHA BETA CHAPTER
Pennsylvania State University -
University Park
University Park, PA

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The Alpha Beta Chapter at Penn State University char-
ters Boy Scout Troop 339 of University Park, which is
made up of six mentally challenged adult males. Their
Scout Master, Jason Robosky, is an Eagle Scout and
Alpha Beta Brother who will graduate in May with hon-
ors in biomedical engineering. Jason has been a dedicat-
ed leader of this group for three years, helping each
member learn about the same subjects as other Boy
Scouts, including nature, cooking and personal health, while earning the same badges. Every Thursday, APO Brothers have
the opportunity to attend Scout meetings to help get acquainted with each of the six members. For the Pledges, it's part of
their pledging requirements to attend a Scout meeting and help with badge requirements, craft making, and game-like activi-
ties. Visit <http://alphabeta-apo.org/home.php> to learn more about the Alpha Beta Chapter.



OMICRON DELTA CHAPTER
McMurry University
Abilene, TX

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The Omicron Delta Chapter at
McMurry University in Abilene, Texas,
enlisted students and faculty from all
across campus in a new project entitled
“Don’t Mess with McMurry”. Led by
Kelley Stowers and Abby Crume, the
Chapter received help from several cam-
pus groups and university faculty to help
plant flowers around the campus center
and Radford Hall. Volunteers also added mulch around trees in the center of the campus grounds and weeded and hoed the
once-famous iris flowerbeds behind Radford Hall, among other campus clean-up projects. With more than 90% participa-
tion from the APO Brothers, this successful service project helped beautify the campus where this group of dedicated volun-
teers live, work and learn together. For more information about the Omicron Delta Chapter, visit
<http://www.mcm.edu/alphaphiomega/>.

THETA ALPHA CHAPTER
Stevens Institute of Technology
Hoboken, New Jersey

Brothers of the Theta Alpha Chapter at Stevens Institute of Technology joined together with other campus organizations to participate in a community program designed to engage middle school students called “The First Day of School”. The program introduced sixth-graders from the Brandt and Demarest Middle Schools to a day in the life of a student at Stevens, giving them the firsthand experience of education at a science and technology university. Visit <http://attila.stevens-tech.edu/apo/> for more information about the Theta Alpha Chapter.

RHO PI CHAPTER
University of California -
San Diego
San Diego, CA

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Brothers of the Rho Pi Chapter at the University of California – San Diego contributed more than 100 hours of service this past fall. Various activities included the “Giving Groves” project, during which Brothers planted trees in a local park; assistance efforts in the San Diego AIDS Walk; helping with weekend puppet shows at Balboa Park; volunteering at the San Diego Rescue Mission every Friday to help feed women and children; and two year-round projects – Special Delivery Tuesdays and Wednesday’s Mama’s Kitchen. Visit <http://stuorg.ucsd.edu/~aphio/> for more information about the Rho Pi Chapter.



XI DELTA CHAPTER
Texas A&M University
College Station, TX

The Xi Delta Chapter at Texas A&M University recently sponsored the Red Cross Blood Drive, which took in 1,075 pints of blood in five days, achieving approximately 98 percent of its goal. Through its successful efforts, the Xi Delta Chapter successfully engaged students in a life-saving community service effort. Brothers of APO sponsor four additional blood donation projects throughout the year, spacing these out according to the statistic that an average human can donate every 56 days, roughly five times a year, or approximately every two months. Visit <http://apo.tamu.edu/> to learn more about the Xi Delta Chapter.

CHAPTER *Anniversaries*

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| 2/9/1929 | Theta | University of Virginia |
| 4/29/1929 | Kappa | Carnegie Mellon University |
| 12/15/1929 | Mu | Indiana University |

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| 5/22/1934 | Alpha Eta | University of Missouri-Kansas City |
| 5/29/1934 | Alpha Iota | Ohio State University |
| 6/3/1934 | Alpha Kappa | University of Southern California |
| 11/7/1934 | Alpha Lambda | North Dakota State University |

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| 1/30/1939 | Beta Pi | University of Tulsa |
| 3/12/1939 | Beta Omicron | University of Missouri/Rolla |
| 4/2/1939 | Beta Rho | University of Arkansas |
| 4/30/1939 | Beta Sigma | Texas Tech University |
| 5/12/1939 | Beta Psi | Southeast Missouri State University |
| 12/6/1939 | Gamma Gamma | University of California at Berkeley |
| 12/6/1939 | Gamma Beta | San Jose State University |
| 12/9/1939 | Gamma Alpha | University of Washington |
| 12/16/1939 | Gamma Zeta | Georgia Institute of Technology |

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| 8/23/1944 | Delta Delta | Saint Louis University |
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| 2/13/1949 | Eta Epsilon | Millikin University |
| 2/19/1949 | Eta Zeta | Montana State University |
| 2/27/1949 | Eta Eta | Arizona State University |
| 5/1/1949 | Eta Pi | University of Detroit Mercy |
| 5/1/1949 | Eta Lambda | University of Wisconsin/Eau Claire |
| 5/13/1949 | Eta Sigma | Illinois College |
| 5/15/1949 | Eta Phi | American University |
| 5/15/1949 | Eta Kappa | University of Wisconsin/Stout |
| 5/15/1949 | Eta Upsilon | Marshall University |
| 5/15/1949 | Eta Psi | California State University, Chico |
| 5/15/1949 | Eta Chi | Hardin-Simmons University |
| 5/15/1949 | Eta Xi | Central Washington University |
| 5/20/1949 | Theta Alpha | Stevens Institute of Technology |
| 5/22/1949 | Theta Delta | Waynesburg College |
| 5/28/1949 | Theta Epsilon | Illinois State University |
| 6/5/1949 | Theta Zeta | University of New Hampshire |
| 8/23/1949 | Theta Eta | University of Health Sciences |
| 11/8/1949 | Theta Iota | University of Arizona |
| 11/13/1949 | Theta Theta | Centre College |
| 12/11/1949 | Theta Kappa | SUNY at Binghamton |

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| 5/16/1954 | Lambda Lambda | Shippensburg Univ. of Pennsylvania |
| 5/16/1954 | Lambda Kappa | Loras College |
| 5/30/1954 | Lambda Mu | California State Univ., Los Angeles |

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| 5/16/1959 | Mu Tau | West Virginia Univ. Inst. of Tech. |
| 5/17/1959 | Mu Upsilon | Washington & Jefferson College |
| 12/6/1959 | Mu Chi | Indiana University of Pennsylvania |

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| 4/29/1964 | Xi Upsilon | Mount Union College |
| 5/11/1964 | Omicron Alpha | Kutztown University |
| 5/23/1964 | Omicron Delta | McMurry University |
| 6/14/1964 | Omicron Zeta | California State Univ. - Hayward |
| 12/18/1964 | Omicron Iota | Worcester Polytechnic Institute |

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| 3/1/1969 | Upsilon Beta | Saint Francis College |
| 4/12/1969 | Upsilon Mu | University of Puerto Rico/Mayaguez |
| 4/26/1969 | Upsilon Nu | Univ. of N. Carolina at Wilmington |
| 5/9/1969 | Phi Epsilon | Maine Maritime Academy |
| 5/24/1969 | Phi Gamma | Texas Lutheran University |
| 6/14/1969 | Phi Zeta | Fort Valley State College |
| 11/1/1969 | Phi Theta | Arkansas Tech University |
| 12/13/1969 | Phi Kappa | Univ. of N. Carolina at Greensboro |

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| 3/4/1984 | Alpha Beta Gamma | Knox College |
| 3/31/1984 | Alpha Beta Zeta | Radford University |
| 3/31/1984 | Alpha Beta Delta | Widener University |

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| 4/30/1989 | Alpha Gamma Alpha | Dickinson College |
| 5/13/1989 | Alpha Gamma Gamma | CUNY/Hunter College |

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| 3/19/1994 | Alpha Delta Eta | SUNY at Albany |
| 5/21/1994 | Alpha Delta Theta | University of California at Riverside |
| 11/19/1994 | Alpha Delta Iota | Virginia Commonwealth University |
| 12/3/1994 | Alpha Delta Kappa | California State University, Fresno |

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| 12/4/1999 | Alpha Epsilon Eta | Concord College |
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Alpha Phi Omega Brothers

Many who join Alpha Phi Omega undertake a lifetime of service to others. Some choose to continue in service to their communities by volunteering with scouting and other youth organizations. We are proud to acknowledge several Brothers who were recognized recently for their service to youth.



CARL MARCHETTI, M.D., was honored for his many years of outstanding service to the Boy Scouts of America and Order of the Arrow. He was presented with the Legacy of Servant Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) in August. The award is particularly significant since it is only the second ever presented. Carl is an alumnus of the Delta Rho Chapter at Rutgers University and a recipient of the Alpha Phi Omega National Distinguished Alumni Key and numerous recognitions by the Boy Scouts of America.

SAM STOCKER, a Brother of the Lambda Phi Chapter at Eastern Michigan University, was recognized with the Order of the Arrow National Distinguished Service Award at NOAC for his service to the Boy Scouts and Order of the Arrow, including service as the National Venturing President.



RICHARD JUDY, an alumnus of the Mu Chapter at Indiana University, was recognized by BSA Central with the Silver Antelope Award. At the BSA National Council meeting, held this past May in Chicago, Larry Sherman (photo unavailable), an alumnus of the Alpha Chapter at Lafayette College, was presented with a Silver Antelope Award by the BSA's Northeast Region. This award is the highest recognition presented by one of its four Regions of the Boy Scouts of America to its volunteers.



Recognized for Service to Youth



ED RICHTER, an alumnus of the Alpha Iota Chapter at Ohio State University, currently serving as the National Membership and Extension Program Director and Chapter Scouting Advisor for the Zeta Delta Chapter at Miami University, was awarded the Silver Beaver Award by the Dan Beard Council in southwestern Ohio.

RODGER SALZMAN was recognized with a Silver Beaver Award by the WD Boyce Council. Rodger is a Chapter Scouting Advisor for the Theta Epsilon Chapter at Illinois State University. In addition, Rodger serves on Section staff in Illinois and is a member of the Scouting & Youth Services Committee, coordinating the Alpha Phi Omega exhibit for the 2005 BSA National Jamboree.



ABIGAYLE (HUTTON) TOBIA, an alumni member of the Omicron Chapter at the University of Iowa, was recognized by the Camp Fire USA Green Country Council in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with the Charlotte Joy Farnsworth Award for outstanding service to the council.

The Scouting and Youth Services Committee appreciates hearing about the accomplishments of APO Brothers by working with our partners in serving young people.

We thank Dave O'Leary, Scouting & Youth Services Chair, for his time and contributions regarding this story.



2005 Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree

July 25 – August 3, 2005, Fort A.P. Hill, near Fredericksburg, Virginia



Students and alumni who are interested in this exciting opportunity are encouraged to contact Dave O'Leary at daveol@earthlink.net or (732) 572-2059 for an application form, which can also be downloaded from the APO National web page at www.apo.org. Applications are due by January 15, 2005.

Thanks for your service to Scouting through Alpha Phi Omega.

National Conventions —

50 Years Ago

13TH NATIONAL
CONVENTION
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
DECEMBER 28-30, 1954
ATTENDANCE: 500

- ✧ The American flag displayed in the Crystal Ballroom was made from yard goods by the Beta Phi Chapter at Southwestern Louisiana Institute during World War II.
- ✧ In his keynote speech during the opening session, Dr. H. Roe Bartle delivered a strong appeal to “take stock” of our past activities and accomplishments, to consider ways in which we could have done better, and make intelligent and vigorous plans for the future. Dr. William Harrison Fetridge, Executive Vice President of Popular Mechanics Magazine, Region VII Chairman and National Executive Board Member of the Boy Scouts of America presented the final banquet address, titled “The Next Twenty-five Years.”



40 Years Ago

18TH NATIONAL CONVENTION
DENVER, COLORADO
DECEMBER 27-29, 1964
ATTENDANCE: 713

- ✧ Dr. H. Roe Bartle was the keynote speaker for the opening session. The luncheon address on “The Song of America” was given by George M. Mardikian, and the closing address was given by Edward Radenzel, Foreign Editor of the San Francisco Chronicle.
- ✧ The President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson, telegraphed his congratulations to the Alpha Phi Omega National Convention. His message expressed a challenge as well as a greeting: “My sincere congratulations to the members of Alpha Phi Omega. We look forward to your continued contributions to principles of good citizenship, world understanding and universal brotherhood. Your efforts in behalf of a better and fuller life for all Americans are deeply appreciated.”

A Look Back...

30 Years Ago

23RD NATIONAL CONVENTION
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
DECEMBER 27-29, 1974
ATTENDANCE: 900

- ✧ A special guest of honor attended this year's National Convention – Ellsworth Dobson, one of five surviving founders of Alpha Phi Omega.
- ✧ An inspiring tribute to Dr. H. Roe Bartle, Past National President, was presented by Joseph Scanlon, retired National Executive Director.

20 Years Ago

28TH NATIONAL CONVENTION
WASHINGTON, D.C.
DECEMBER 28-30, 1984
ATTENDANCE: 1,425

- ✧ George Cahill, Life Member of the Board, inspired the group with a special message during the opening banquet. Fred Pollack, Member-at-Large, was recognized for his work organizing a comprehensive program in leadership development.
- ✧ Many Brothers in attendance signed a giant birthday card with their personal greetings and gratitude to Harold Pote for his great generosity to the Fraternity and in celebration of his 90th birthday.



10 Years Ago

33RD NATIONAL CONVENTION
DALLAS/FT. WORTH, TEXAS
DECEMBER 28-30, 1994
ATTENDANCE: 1,900

- ✧ A historic moment occurred during the Awards Banquet when the International Council of Alpha Phi Omega was brought to fruition. This was truly an extension of Frank Reed Horton's dream!
- ✧ Through matching gifts and a national fund-raising event called "Burn the Mortgage," more than \$28,000 was raised to enable the National President, Jerry Schroeder, and National Convention Chair, Dresden Skees, to burn the mortgage on the National Headquarters in Independence, Missouri.

The Alpha Phi Omega National Convention

Schedule

DECEMBER 27TH

The Alpha Phi Omega 38th National Convention officially begins, with registration open all day. There will be a mandatory meeting for voting delegates at 3:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies is a must at 7:00 p.m., where we officially begin the Convention! Reference committees will meet to plan their work following Opening Ceremonies.

DECEMBER 28TH

Workshops are available throughout the day, reference committees will meet and review legislation, and the APO LEADS workshops are not to be missed. The Fellowship Banquet, featuring "Summer Fun" as the theme, will begin at 6:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet Brothers from across the country.

DECEMBER 29TH

More workshops will be available throughout the day and the legislative session will begin. There will also be a Candidates Forum where you can offer your questions to those Brothers running for National Board positions, as well as see the groups bidding to host the 2006 National Convention.

DECEMBER 30TH

The legislative session concludes and more great workshops will be available. The Awards Banquet, featuring "Winter Wonderland" as the theme, is the must attend event! During this final banquet, the newly elected National Board members will be installed and Chapter awards will be presented. Come and celebrate the end of this National Convention with your fellow Brothers!

Leadership

The National Convention will be one of the best opportunities you will ever have to learn and use the leadership skills that are central to our Fraternity. During the Convention, attendees will be able to:

- ◆ Demonstrate leadership as Voting Delegates and Reference Committee members. These roles are vital in determining the future course of the Fraternity and represent one of the highest levels of service to Alpha Phi Omega.
- ◆ Develop leadership by attending the various workshops offered during the Convention, including APO LEADS, the Fraternity's new modular leadership development seminar series, and Chapter Officer Training, which offers a nuts and bolts perspective on the various major Chapter offices.
- ◆ Discover new leadership styles and methods by sharing stories and perspectives with Brothers from around the nation.
- ◆ Determine the future leadership of Alpha Phi Omega by electing members of the National Board of Directors.

Friendship

Anyone who has ever been to an APO National Convention can tell you that it's one of the most fun experiences that you will ever have. Much more than just a double-long conference, the Convention is Fellowship on a massive scale. Come to Denver and you will see:

- ◆ Not just one, but TWO banquets! It is impossible to fit everything into one night.
- ◆ Several organized Fellowship events, including dances and a casino night.
- ◆ A late night game room for the insomniacs and the inevitable informal tournaments of Monopoly or Hearts.
- ◆ Friends from other conferences, Chapters, Sections, and Regions.
- ◆ Brothers from around the nation who are friends just waiting to be met by you!
- ◆ More fun than you have ever seen at a conference before.

offers events *THAT WILL "PEAK"* *YOUR INTEREST*



Service

The service program of Alpha Phi Omega is a very important part of the National Convention. You can serve the members of the Fraternity by serving as a Voting Delegate. This is a great way to provide service to your Chapter, as well as to APO. If you are not a Voting Delegate, there are other ways to provide service to the Fraternity. You can volunteer for the "Ski Patrol" and Sergeant at Arms/Floor Services and you can serve your campus by bringing back the skills gained in workshops, APO LEADS courses, and experiences from meeting new Brothers from across the country.

◆ Ski Patrol (Safety and Security):

Volunteers are needed for night patrol in the hotel December 27-30. Safety and security personnel patrol the halls and respond to complaints and calls for assistance to help keep situations under control. If you'd like to use a walkie-talkie, this opportunity is for you. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email message to: skipatrol@denver2004.org.

◆ Sergeant at Arms/Floor Services:

Volunteers are needed during both the Reference Committee deliberations and the Legislative Sessions to run notes, subpoena witnesses, count votes, and keep order. There will be multiple shifts running December 28-30, so this could be your chance to volunteer and see the legislative process up close. Sign-ups will take place during registration or you can send an email to: saafs@denver2004.org

Service to the community and the nation, not just to the Fraternity, is also an important part of the service program for APO. Service projects offered throughout the Convention include:

◆ December 28th: Project Angel Heart Bag Decorating, Food Sorting at Food Bank of the Rockies & Bonfils Blood Drive.

◆ December 29th: Project Angel Heart Bag Decorating, Serving Food at Denver Rescue Mission & Making Safer Sex Kits for Colorado AIDS Project (at the hotel).

◆ December 30th: Project Angel Heart Bag Decorating & Cleaning up the Civic Center Park.

Online Giving is Now Available at www.apo.org

Visit our National web site for a fast, easy and convenient way to make your donation to Alpha Phi Omega. Continue the legacy that you began as a student.

Life Memberships also can be purchased online.

You can still Register!
Visit

www.convention.apo.org



2004 National Convention Registration Information

when

Monday thru Thursday, December 27, 28, 29, 30, 2004

how to register

Visit our web site at www.convention.apo.org and register online. To request a National Convention Registration packet, please call (816) 373-8667 x20 or e-mail convention.admin@apo.org

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Adam's Mark Hotel • 1550 Court Place • Denver, CO 80202

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotel.
Please call (303) 893-3333 and tell them you are with the Alpha Phi Omega Conference.

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All Pledges, Actives, Advisors, Life Members, Honorary Members, Alumni, family members and friends of Alpha Phi Omega are invited and encouraged to attend this fantastic four-day extravaganza of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

cost

- ◆ HOTEL ROOMS - \$69 per night (*plus tax*) - single, double, triple, quad occupancy.
- ◆ REGISTRATION FEES:
 - Active/Advisor Registration: \$85
 - Alumni Life Member: \$105
 - Alumni Non-Life Member/Guest: \$105
- ◆ FELLOWSHIP BANQUET (12/28): \$29
- ◆ AWARDS BANQUET (12/30): \$34
(*NOTE: Banquet tickets must be purchased in advance because the Fraternity must guarantee payment for a specific number of meals well in advance of the event.*)

what to do

There will be legislative and leadership development activities that will shape the future of the Fraternity, as well as fellowship experiences ranging from casual conversations to dances, alumni events, a talent show and two great banquets. The city of Denver also offers many exciting activities.

getting to Denver

Check with your Section or Region to see about group transportation opportunities. You can also check the Convention web site at www.convention.apo.org for additional transportation options.

NET2

by Ed Richter, Membership & Extension Program Director

Building strong and healthy Alpha Phi Omega Chapters should be an established goal for every Chapter. A strong and healthy Chapter ensures that a high quality program of Leadership, Friendship and Service remains constant for the years ahead so those students who follow will have the opportunity to become Brothers of Alpha Phi Omega.

In the past we have recognized some Chapters experiencing cycles of highs and lows in recruiting new members, which has had an effect on the Chapters as well as on our National Fraternity.

While we encourage our Brothers to replace themselves every semester in which they are active, Chapters should also be setting goals. One goal should be to increase the number of Pledges by a "Net of 2" over what was reported in the previous Pledge class and have a "Net of 2" new Active Members over what was reported in the previous class.

If every Chapter would have a "Net 2" increase of Pledges and Actives, Alpha Phi Omega could grow an additional 700 Brothers each semester. This small growth from every Chapter would go a long way for our National Fraternity to meet and exceed its membership goals. It's also a good way to slowly and steadily increase the growth in your Chapter and ensure a strong and healthy future.

This small effort can help our Fraternity and your Chapter in an important way. To help remind Chapters

about our "Net 2" program, each Chapter will be receiving a mini basketball and hoop with the "Net 2" logo.

As we head down the homestretch of our fall pledging periods, we should work together to see that all of

our Pledges complete their requirements for membership and that they are initiated into our Brotherhood. In addition to the successful completion of these requirements,

please remember that your Pledges are not official Active Members until your Chapter has submitted the proper fees and forms to the National Office within 10 days of the ceremony.

Now is the time to start planning for your next Pledge class, identifying possible students to rush or contacting those students who expressed interest in the fall but could not commit because of other obligations. Maybe you met

some students this fall in your classes who you think might be interested in joining Alpha Phi Omega but just haven't been asked. Now is the time, as recruiting for our Chapters should be a year-round activity.

Another way to recruit new members is to invite them to participate in Service projects or any other event or activity

your Chapter might be sponsoring or participating in. You'll never know unless you ask, and you can't score unless you shoot the ball into the basket for "Net 2".



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WHO, what, WHEN & Where?

ALPHA PHI OMEGA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**2004
DECEMBER 27-30**



NATIONAL CONVENTION

**2005
JANUARY 28-30**

Phi Epsilon Klondike Derby
Host: *Phi Epsilon*
Maine Maritime Academy
Castine, ME

JANUARY 29

Section 77 Conference
Host: *Iota Mu*
University of SC at Columbia
Columbia, SC

FEBRUARY 3-6

*National Board of
Directors Meeting*
Marriott Airport Hotel
Kansas City, MO

FEBRUARY 12

*Section 51 Spring
Mini-Conference*
Host: *Gamma Sigma*
University of Chicago
Chicago, IL

FEBRUARY 18-20

Sections 23/27 Conference
Host: *Eta Kappa*
Univ. of Wisconsin/Stout
Menomonee, WI

Section 40 Conference
Host: *Omega Gamma*
Angelo State University
San Angelo, TX

Section 80 Conference
Host: *Lambda Nu*
Duke University
Durham, NC

FEBRUARY 25-27

Section 21 Conference
Hosts: *Pi Beta & Lambda Kappa*
University of Dubuque
Dubuque, IA

Section 67 Conference
Host: *Alpha Gamma Phi*
Northern Kentucky University
Highland Heights, KY

Section 68 Conference
Host: *Iota Alpha*
Univ. of Tenn. at Knoxville
Knoxville, TN

Section 81 Conference
Host: *Alpha Alpha Omicron*
Longwood University
Farmville, VA

MARCH 6

Section 4 Conference
Host: *Zeta*
Stanford University
Stanford, CA

MARCH 11-13

Section 69 Conference
Host: *Nu Xi*
Birmingham-Southern College
Birmingham, AL

MARCH 18-20

Section 70 Conference
Hosts: *Tau Epsilon, Tennessee
Technological Univ. and
Psi Phi, Tennessee State Univ.*
Cookeville, TN

Section 79 Conference
Host: *Mu Xi*
High Point University
High Point, NC

APRIL 1-3

Section 54 Conference
Host: *Gamma Pi*
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI

Section 56/59 Conference
Host: *Theta Upsilon*
Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland, OH

Section 74 Conference
Host: *Alpha Gamma Rho*
Florida Institute of Technology
Melbourne, FL

Section 84 Conference
Host: *Mu Alpha*
Georgetown University
Washington, DC

Section 88/89 Conference
Host: *Iota Omega*
SUNY-College at Brockport
Brockport, NY

Section 94/96 Conclave
Host: *Delta Sigma*
Univ. of Connecticut
Storrs, CT

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