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Present number of chapters, including petitions approved	176
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Forceful is this first 1949 message from Dean Nowotny whom we affectionately call "Shorty".

Alpha Phi Omega, more vigorous and vital than ever, enters another great year in its period of development. The Tenth National Convention is now history, and many vivid impressions are left by the momentous three days of the Chicago meeting. I wish all the members of our fraternity might have listened to the contagious enthusiasm of George Cahill and Joseph Scanlon, to the delightful and friendly jabbering of George Charno, to the instructive and forceful expositions by Ray Wyland, Hal Pote, "Doc" Hayes, and President Buzzard, and to the dynamic and spirit-lifting address by H. Roe Bartle, to the ritual as performed by Eta Chapter, and to the inspiration of meeting the young man from Czechoslovakia, Richard Hrdlička. The discussion groups, the five-minute talks by student leaders, and the various actions taken in the business meetings will strengthen our fraternity for years to come. New committees are already giving time and study for the extension of our fraternity and for the strengthening of our service and leadership.

The stakes are high, but the values that we cherish are worth the last measure of our devotion. With humility, I challenge you, I urge you to rededicate yourself to the building of a stronger fraternity. I am grateful for the opportunity that you have given me to serve as one of your leaders, and I am confident that with your help there will be sustained and continuous progress in our beloved organization.

Arno Nowotny

National President

AID TO THE BLIND BY GAMMA IOTA CHAPTER, BROOKLYN COLLEGE



This picture shows presentation of a Soundscriber and Transcriber for the use of blind students of Brooklyn College. Funds for this project were collected by Gamma Iota Chapter. These machines are used to record books for the blind and enable them to gain this knowledge by hearing instead of sight. Pledges and members do the work of recording the books. In the picture left to right are: Professor Bonsfield, Librarian, a member of Delta Gamma Rho, whose organization donated money for records; Brother Stan Kirschner, Dr. Harry D. Gideonse, President of Brooklyn College; Milt Jakobowitz, President of Gamma Iota Chapter and Brothers Lenny Nash and Lenny Tannen.

A Story of the Tenth National Convention

By Daniel DenUyl

National First Vice President

"To put service to others ahead of selfish aims" was the challenging theme of the Tenth National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega. Meeting in Chicago December 28 to 30, 1948, this convention topped all previous records in attendance, participation, serious study of activities and methods, plus rousing fellowship and enthusiasm.

From all parts of the United States came 602 chapter representatives, thoroughly consecrated to the purposes of Alpha Phi Omega, representing 121 chapters. Members whose chapters are separated by thousands of miles invested a large portion of their Christmas vacation in the interest of Leadership, Friendship and Service, and grasped the opportunity to get acquainted and to personally discuss the many phases of the APO program.

National President Arno Nowotny kept the convention rolling in high gear with his intelligent wielding of the gavel, his timely humor, and his thorough knowledge of the program and administration of the fraternity.

Fourteen discussion groups met and studied the several phases of Alpha Phi Omega activities and operations.

Spirited legislative sessions were held by fifteen committees, each of which brought its recommendations to the entire assembly for discussion and action by the delegates.

Legislation

The principal legislation enacted by the convention delegates is summarized for your use:

An article is added to the National Con-

stitution as follows: "As a National Service Fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega does not operate nor maintain fraternity houses as lodging quarters for members nor for any other persons. Chapters may maintain rooms for meetings at the discretion of the members".

An article is added to the National Constitution as follows: "There shall be no hazing or informal initiation in connection with the functions of Alpha Phi Omega. Any mistreatment of pledges at any time shall be considered a violation of the purposes of this organization".

A change was made in the Life Membership fee. The fee for Alumni Life Membership was set at \$10.00. The Torch and Trefoil subscription is extra at the prevailing annual subscription rate, or a lifetime subscription is available to life members at \$15.00. (Note: This is entirely optional and is separate and apart from the pledge and initiation fees, and these include the Torch and Trefoil throughout the time each member is active on the campus.)

Each convention shall decide where the next convention is to be held (instead of voting by mail as has been done in the past). It was voted that the 1950 National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega shall be held in Des Moines, Iowa.

A National Trust Fund of Alpha Phi Omega was authorized for the purpose of aiding in the education of foreign Scouts in colleges and universities in the United States. A committee was appointed to bring a definite plan to the next national convention.

As an interim national project, the delegates voted to invite all chapters to help finance the rebuilding of the Scout Hut at All Hallows Church, Trinity Square, London, England. (The building was destroyed during the Blitz of World War II.) It was suggested that each chapter contribute \$25.00 to this project. More details about this project will reach you in future publications.

Official status for alumni chapters was adopted and suitable additions will be added to the national constitution in this regard.

Dr. Ray O. Wyland sounded the objectives of the convention in his address at the first morning session, giving a forceful message to the assembly. The keynote address was given by George F. Cahill (Alpha

Gamma, Purdue), and was filled with ideas for thought and action. And at the fellowship luncheon, Dr. Robert G. Buzzard, President of Eastern Illinois State College, brought an interesting challenge to all delegates.

Speaking on "Service Opportunities for the Future", Harold F. Pote gave us a thoughtful blueprint of our opportunities not only on the campus but also as citizens in the years ahead.

High spot of the convention was the colorful banquet in the grand ballroom of the LaSalle Hotel. As toastmaster, George H. Charno set a lively pace. Dr. H. Roe Bartle, past national president, inspired the delegates with his banquet address, giving all of us a fuller realization of our tremendous responsibilities as members of Alpha Phi Omega.

Two beautiful awards were presented to Dean Nowotny, our beloved national president. One was a fully-pearled APO pin, and the other a plastic key with appropriate inscription in tribute to his leadership and service. A plaque was presented to Dr. M. C. Hayes designating him as "Premier Life Member" of the fraternity.

The election of officers and board members has been reported in a new directory to all chapters.

The official report of the convention, as recorded by our faithful convention secretary, Robert J. Payne, will soon be published for the use of all chapters. Suffice it to say here that this Tenth National Convention has been a real stimulus to the future growth of Alpha Phi Omega.

EDITORIAL

The largest and perhaps greatest Alpha Phi Omega national convention is being entered in the history books of our beloved fraternity. The Tenth National Convention was indeed an interesting and inspiring occasion. Those gentlemen who were responsible for its planning and execution certainly are deserving of our heartfelt gratitude.

It is significantly important however that the success of this fine convention was due, not only to these men, nor to the 602 repre-

sentatives present. Its success was assured long before its convening by the spirit of unselfishness which permeates our brotherhood.

This issue of the **Torch and Trefoil** is dedicated to painting for each of you a picture of the success of our recent convention in Chicago, made possible through your conscientious devotion to the program of APO.

Just as each of you were an integral part of the success of the National Convention, so each of you are an integral part of this, your national publication. The degree to which The **Torch and Trefoil** succeeds in its purpose,

to serve as a medium for exchange and a media for the development of your ideas and programs, will be in direct proportion to the degree to which you participate in its development.

New ideas and new items are being added to your publication. Give your brothers and the editor the benefit of your project suggestions, ideas, problems and solutions.

We are proud members of the most worthwhile fraternity in America. Let each of us be proud contributors to developing the best fraternal publication in America.

THE CONVENTION IN PICTURES

By George Henry

Delta Lambda Chapter, Coe College



Dean Arno Nowotny (Alpha Rho), National President, presided in his inimitable way. He was unanimously reelected to lead Alpha Phi Omega in 1949 and 1950.



Dr. H. Roe Bartle (Iota) gave a stirring address at the Convention Banquet, challenging the delegates to greater service and leadership.



Dr. Ray O. Wyland (Alpha) forcefully outlined the objectives of the convention—legislation, fellowship and study of service projects and methods.



Harold F. Pote (Eta Beta) stimulated the assembly in his address on "Service Opportunities for the Future" and provided a pattern for action.



Five panel discussions were an important part of the convention, emphasizing five phases of our activities. Here is shown Dr. R. H. Bolyard (Beta Phi) leading the panel on state chairmanship responsibilities.



The fellowship luncheon and the convention banquet in the grand ball room of the LaSalle Hotel were colorful gatherings. As this picture was taken the delegates were voting upon four petitions for new chapters.



Fifteen legislative committees worked long and hard at their tasks and brought excellent reports to the general assembly for decision of the delegates. This was democracy in action in deciding the policies of APO. Here is shown one of the committees.



Newly elected national officers and board members are shown here accepting the oath of office administered by Dr. Ray O. Wyland (right). Receiving the oath (left to right) are Brothers McDaniels, Spizzirri, Hayes, Wood, Finnell, Barnett, DenUyl and Nowotny.

"A Palette of Leadership"

By Del Jay Kinney

Member of National Executive Board
Program Chairman of 1948 National Convention.

... and, the Great Master of all good Scouts said to the artist, "Alpha Phi Omega is worthy of place in the Eternal Record, paint me a picture of that organization. Call it 'The 1948 National Convention'." And, the artist, trembling but with resolution, picked up his palette...

First, the artist looked at his "easel"—the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago—a fine easel, surely an expensive one, and capable of holding the picture, a masterpiece yet unpainted.

Next, the artist scrutinized his "paper"—the Christmas vacation—the finest quality parchment, ready for the most permanent and brightest "water colors"—members of Alpha Phi Omega...

Now, the artist looked to his "brushes"—Sidney B. North, national secretary, and C. M. Fennell, general chairman—for without good, dependable brushes the most carefully planned composition would become smeared and blurred into mediocrity. The artist was confident his brushwork would satisfy because these brushes had been used on many excellent "pictures"—conventions—before...

And, the artist put a colleague, the "frame maker"—Robert J. Payne, convention secretary—to work that a simple, yet decorative frame and clear, protective glass would be ready and deserving of this painting ordered by the Record Keeper. The artist was well-satisfied with the frame-maker's efforts because he had been trained well, on an earlier "painting"—the 1946 convention...

Then, the artist culled his library, the colleges and universities APO's 170 chapters—for suggestions on "technique, tone, atmosphere, and style"—the convention program—until at last his "sketches"—replies to the questionnaire—were assembled...

Finally, the artist selected his "pigments"—leadership from every section, from the farthest and nearest chapters, campuses all across America—and he was ready to paint...

The artist began with a "wash"—Dean

Arno Nowotny, national president and presiding officer of the convention and spread it over all his "paper"—two and a half days. And, the artist was pleased with the wash of true-blue and knew it would be fitting for the Eternal Gallery...

At the "top" of the design—the opening session—the artist applied an appealing orange—Dr. Ray O. Wyland, who spoke on the convention's objectives—to give the promise of many things that could be done on the paper, and, to echo it, was introduced a brilliant, commanding "sunrise"—George F. Cahill, keynote speaker—as inspiring guide to what would follow. And, the sun's rays were penetrating, caught, reflected, and magnified a hundred-fold by the rich and majestic scene that quickly followed...

The artist leaned on his brushes, swiftly spreading out a "sea" of breathtaking expanse—speeches, panel discussions, and forum—alive with multitudinous, sparkling "ripples"—John Walters, song leader, Tom Pickett, Jun Chairman, David Mitchell, pianist, among a galaxy of gifted contributions—and, here and there, a refreshing, rolling "breaker" tintured with vivid and variegated hues defying analysis under the spectroscope—Armand G. Spizzirri, board member presiding at the Fellowship Luncheon, Frank D. Wood, wielding the gavel for the Discussion Groups reports...

In the sea was placed a comforting "light-house"—alumni activities and life membership—with a searching, polychromatic "light"—Dr. Doren F. Wehrley, of the Milwaukee Area Alumni Chapter...

And, now, the artist put in the clean, even "sands" of the far "shore"—legislative committees—with the sun's rays captured for an extra moment in places—Wesley Smith, chairman, and his National Constitution and By-Laws Committee, Joe Scanlon, advisor, and his Time and Place Committee, George Younger, and Willis McNelly, recorders, and the Alumni Committee... Dr. R. H. Bolyard, and his panel on state chairmanship and the

many other committees, panels, and discussion groups.

In the distance, the artist added a royal "purple"—Dr. M. C. Hayes and the Ritual Group of Eta Chapter—and outlined a magnificent "mountain"—Dr. H. Roe Bartle, distinguished Past National President and board member, principal speaker at the convention banquet—inviting the onlooker to scale new heights and enjoy the adventure and reward found in lofty places...

The artist rested a moment, handkerchiefing away the moisture at his temples, and wondered how to say yet more and still not crowd his composition. Then he knew and picking up his tested, proven brushes, again, and dipping afresh into his yet rich palette, the artist concentrated upon a "dove"—Dick Hrdlička—Scout and student from Czechoslovakia—flown from afar, suggesting the horizon yet to be depicted in a future painting...

And circling high over the sea, wings outspread, was painted an "eagle"—George H. Charno, national legal counselor, toastmaster of the convention banquet—welcoming the gull, reassuring to the scene...

Then, hardly daring to look at his still wet work, the artist rushed to present it at the Eternal Gallery. And, while he caught his breath, the Great Master, without a word, hung the picture in its waiting place. Finally, the artist gathered courage and suggested, "Please, Sir, the painting is not really done, you know—the colors have hardly dried; perhaps it is too early to judge it."

... the keeper of the Record looked first at the painting and then at the artist, and said, "The artist can only paint the picture. Then, it is up to others. They must come and see it or its message goes wanting.. When the 600, who have seen it, tell their brethren of it and when the latter, in turn, tell others, you may then be content it is finished and only then you may clean your brushes and put away your colors."



Part of the fun at the banquet was the strolling trio—three charming ladies who rendered favorite tunes for many of the delegates. Indian headdresses in the foreground were worn by Illinois brothers. A free drawing for a pin and other gifts also added to the excitement of the banquet.



Fourteen discussion groups met to give consideration to the several phases of officers responsibilities and administration of the fraternity. Here is shown one of the groups. In the background are some of the chapter displays.



CLEANING FROM CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE



Alpha Psi Chapter

Lehigh University

Fall projects of Alpha Psi Chapter were aid in Freshman Orientation Week, sale of used books and sponsorship of our first Scout Visitation Day. The overwhelming enthusiasm for the visitation day was very gratifying. We anticipated a possible attendance of about 300, and as the registrations began to roll in, we expanded our facilities to accommodate 700. The final count showed that 950 Scouts wanted to come, but in spite of our best efforts, we had to refuse the excess. The Scouts arrived early on Saturday morning and were escorted in groups through the many laboratories where special demonstrations had been arranged. After lunch they were addressed by Dean Congdon who spoke on what college has to offer them and what they should offer the college. During the afternoon they saw Lehigh fight its way to a 14-13 upset over Gettysburg. By working in close cooperation with the administration and the department of athletics, we made a smooth running success of our first Scout Visitation Day.

—Paul Maleson, Publicity Chairman.

Gamma Delta Chapter

C. C. N. Y.

Gamma Delta's members have done many service projects in recent months. These have included assisting in the Department of Student Life, a fund raising campaign for a local hospital, ushering at the student-faculty show, and others. A fine story of our work appeared in the December 7 issue of the "Ticker," the C. C. N. Y. newspaper.

—Arnold W. Grushky.

Alpha Beta Chapter

Pennsylvania State College

Our big event in the month of December was the formal initiation ceremonies officially reactivating Alpha Beta Chapter. Since that time we have been moving forward rapidly. We have conducted a survey in the community to find out how many boys of Scouting age are not affiliated. The results of the survey show there is enough interest to form another Cub Pack in the community. On the campus we have been working on two projects. One is to place name tags on each tree on the campus. Here at Penn State we have nearly every species of tree which can be grown in this climate so the tags will not only be important for special courses but for general information. The other activity is to operate a Lost and Found service for the students.

—Robert J. Hepburn, Historian.

Beta Theta Chapter

University of Wisconsin

Our chapter did a big job on the Campus Community Chest drive last Fall. On November 13 at a football game, we solicited among the student sections of the stadium covering an estimated ten to twelve thousand people, receiving \$563 which was turned over to the fund. On November 20, the campus Community Chest put on an all-campus carnival in the stock pavilion. Our chapter assisted in this by providing a first aid team and an emergency unit, and we had a roving squad of fifteen men patrolling the floor, manning the exits, searching for fire hazards and handling other jobs.

—Henri A. Fribourg,
Campus Projects Chairman.

Epsilon Beta Chapter

Central Michigan College

The outstanding service project which our chapter carried out in January was an all college March of Dimes benefit dance which raised over \$60.00 for the Infantile Paralysis Fund.

—James C. Hickman, Historian.

Zeta Rho Chapter

Wittenberg College

Our chapter is supervising the window displays which the Clark County Scout Troops will place in local store windows during Anniversary Week. A committee under Jim Ripple has arranged with the local council to depict a wide range of Scouting activities. Prominent local citizens have been elected to judge the displays and award appropriate prizes. The chapter is also completing plans to conduct swimming classes for Scouts. Other projects will be underway in the near future.

—Wolfgang Haller, Publicity Chairman.

Epsilon Tau Chapter

University of Alabama

Our activities are really going strong. We pledged 15 men in our Fall ceremony and have undertaken at the request of the university, the sale of tickets to a performance of "Henry V". This project should net us funds for our future projects and will aid us in our safety campaign and campus beautification project.

—John Kemak, Treasurer.

Epsilon Nu Chapter

Oswego State Teachers College

For the past semester, our chapter has been working on such projects as a transportation system for the school, special instructions and demonstrations for Scout Troops, a coke concession for school dances, ushering at school and town functions. Our largest pledge class thus far was initiated on January 8, 1949.

—Ted Magram,
Corresponding Secretary.

SCOUTS VISIT LEHIGH UNIVERSITY



These Senior Scouts are examining an airplane in the Packard Laboratory of Mechanical Engineering at Lehigh University during the Scout Visitation Day, last October 16, sponsored by Alpha Psi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega.

WANTED

This, with your aid, will be a column devoted to advertizing the wants and needs of our brothers and chapters throughout the nation, and to the printing of solutions.

For Sale; Answers to your APO questions and problems by a board of experts numbering 10,000 active members in 176 chapters throughout the nation. If you have a problem, they have the answer. Problems and answers can be printed in this column.

Wanted; The names of all chapter publications. It is proposed that those chapters that have publications can advise other chapters that desire to have their own. If your chapter has a publication of any kind, forward copies of issues and name and address of editor to National Office.
Ed.

WANTED: ALUMNI NAMES

Do you have alumni located in Chicago or Milwaukee? The first two official alumni chapters of APO are actively functioning in Chicago and Milwaukee, and they are interested in the opportunity to contact former members of all chapters who are located in those areas.

If you have the address of one or more alumni of your chapter located in Chicago or Milwaukee, will you kindly transmit that information to the following:

Mr. Willis E. McNelly
7225 South Perry Street
Chicago 21, Illinois

Mr. Ben E. Lane
3633 West National
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

It is anticipated that additional alumni chapters will be established soon, under new provisions adopted by the Tenth National Convention.

CORRESPONDENCE INVITED

Brother Ted Magrum of Epsilon Nu Chapter, Oswego State Teachers College, is interested in corresponding with members in various parts of the nation and wishes to develop further national fellowship by this means. If you would like to correspond with brothers of other chapters, write to Ted Magrum, 175 West Seneca Street, Oswego, New York.

Mu Chapter Indiana University

One of our latest projects was handling the ballot boxes at the student election. We worked in cooperation with the student senate on this. We also assisted in the Community Chest Drive.

—Thomas O. King, President.

GAMMA TAU CHAPTER AT LOUISIANA TECH



This new group of brothers has reactivated Gamma Tau Chapter following the dormancy of the war years and is now conducting an excellent program. The ritual was conducted by members of Beta Phi Chapter of Southwestern Louisiana Institute. Officiating with the ritual team was Dr. R. H. Bolyard (standing in back row at extreme right) who serves as state chairman of Alpha Phi Omega for Louisiana.

SHOWBOAT MINSTREL AT UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON



Four acts of fast moving jokes and music were included in a "Showboat Minstrel" produced and presented by Delta Omega Chapter of APO in the University's annual Frontier Fiesta. Twenty performances of the show were given. In nearly two months of preparation, the members of the chapter wrote the acts, arranged the music, organized a band and quartet, designed and built the scenery, styled and made the costumes and constructed the theater in which the show was given. The cast was composed completely of members of the chapter and was under the direction of Brothers Jess Kern, John Stephenson and Don Taylor. The above picture shows the quartet which includes left to right Brothers Bob Brennen, R. Shearn Smith, Curtis Everett and Leon Linsey. Any chapter desiring copies of the minstrel show script may obtain them by writing to R. S. Smith, 607 East 12th Street, Houston 8, Texas.

BULLETIN BOARD

SECTIONAL CONFERENCES

1949 is the year for the traditional biennial Sectional Conferences in Alpha Phi Omega. Twelve conferences will be held this year.

The purpose of these meetings will be to bring together chapter representatives to discuss chapter projects and methods and to gain from the experiences of others. Verbal chapter reports will be presented by all chapters, and discussion groups will study the several phases of our program.

Members of the National Executive Board will officiate at the conferences. Watch for further announcements concerning a conference for your section.

SPRING DEDICATION

It is recommended that again each chapter dedicate its Spring 1949 Pledge Class in honor of a local leader whom the members deem merits this recognition. On your campus or in your community there is undoubtedly someone whose service and leadership and devotion stands out above all others over a period of years . . . some advisor, college official, Scouter, active member or other leader who has given particularly outstanding work in the chapter. This is your opportunity to say "Thanks" in a special sort of way. Consider this in planning your Spring initiation.

PICTURES

Your National Publications Committee wishes to include more pictures in future issues of the TORCH AND TREFOIL. All chapters are invited to send as many pictures as possible showing members and pledges in action on service projects and the best of these will be selected for publication.

It is suggested that the Publicity Committee of each chapter give particular attention to the opportunities to secure pictures in connection with each service project, and send all possible prints to the National Office.

Get the camera bug this spring!

PROJECTS

The annual financial campaign of the Red Cross will soon be conducted. This has long been an activity in which Alpha Phi Omega chapters participate.

The sale of Easter Seals will be conducted again this year for funds for the National Society for Crippled Children.

Also, at Eastertime, an egg hunt for children of an orphans home or other group is always a worthy service.

CARE Packages are needed for unfortunate families in Europe.

Campus clean-up is another useful project for Spring.