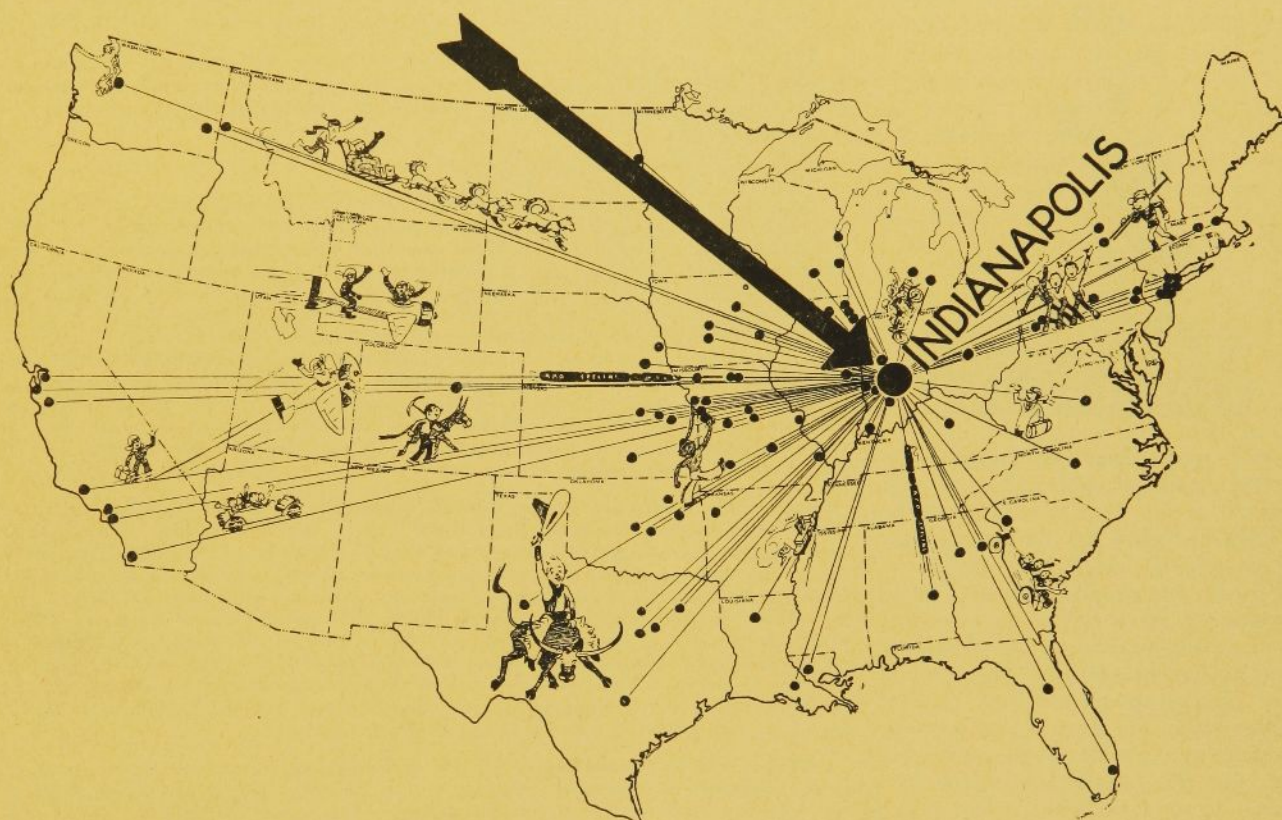


# TORCH AND TREFOIL

OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA



*All Trails Lead to Indianapolis*

FOR THE EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA  
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All over America, citizens in every walk of life pause at this season of the year to return thanks to the Almighty for the many blessings which have been enjoyed. We of Alpha Phi Omega have reason to be thankful for the opportunities availed us for unselfish service, for the splendid cooperation we have received from many sources, for the measure of success which our efforts have achieved and for the satisfaction which has come to us in serving others.

We are thankful for the American way of life, that gives us the privilege to study, see and hear what we choose, to worship as we please, to express our opinions openly, to vote for what and whom we please, and gives us a constitutional right to trial by jury and protects us against search and seizure. We are thankful for unprecedented opportunities for higher education and for the sense of responsibility which we have to render service to our fellowmen.

May divine blessing shine upon our future efforts to extend Leadership, Friendship and Service as a powerful force in every college and university in our nation.

## A Letter to You From the National President

My Dear Brothers:

It is mighty keen to have this opportunity of greeting you monthly now through the columns of the Torch and Trefoil. I think we may well be proud of our fraternity publication. It does a real job for us that could be accomplished in no other manner.

Do you get a thrill, as I do, in watching this fraternity grow and progress? Just think how far we have builded in the short years which encompass our history! Think of our expanse today, and the phenomenal aggressiveness which has characterized our every year! Think of the young men who have given leadership and time and energy to our program! Think of the outstanding characters who have continued to serve in our ranks even after graduation, and the interest evidenced by key men throughout the nation! If you need further stimulus, look at the very interesting and challenging contrasting pictures on page 7 of this issue showing our first national conclave and the convention picture of two years ago! Despite all our difficulties, our problems, and the trials which always beset the initial efforts of an organization of real purpose, we are advancing, we are growing in vigor and power, we are **getting results!** It means untiring work, it means hard driving, it means unceasing building, but **we are achieving our goal!** We are making Friendship, Leadership, and Service tangible qualities that can be put to work successfully.

My message to you this month is threefold.

**First, our forthcoming convention December 28-29.** Not only will this be an outstanding experience in the fraternity life of everyone participating, but still more important is the fact that you, personally and individually, may make a very real contribution to it. Our APO convention is one of the most democratic and informal you have ever attended. Our National Executive Board knows that it has no purpose for being unless it can guide our fraternity to a continuously successful application of our fraternity principles—and it desires and needs direct counsel and conference with the fraternity field in order to make its leadership vigorous, progressive, and effective. **We hold a national convention because such a convention is part of our being as a fraternity!** The fellowship will be unforgettable, the legislation will mold our progress for the immediate years to come, and the inspiration will live forever in our ranks. Each of you, individually, is an important part of National Alpha Phi Omega. I urge you to plan so that you will likewise be a part of our convention, a history-maker for our future.

**Secondly, the celebration of our fifteenth anniversary.** What an excellent record is being written in our "fifteen by the fifteenth" effort, and how thrilling it is to know that every member of Alpha Phi Omega may have an actual part in celebrating this milestone! You who are giving APO a birthday present of manpower and service power are creating a birthday gift of magnificent proportions. What a keen history we are going to be able to write as we close the year of 1940! It is significant that every one among us can have a part in this celebration, can make a definite and tangible contribution to the manpower and service power of our fraternity. Don't leave this challenge and opportunity for the other fellow, but take part of it on your own shoulders, my brother, and have the satisfaction of knowing that **you** did your part and a little bit more toward this nation-wide climax of our first fifteen years of history.

**Third, a call to all Americans.** We are passing through a national crisis, which all of us recognize. We would be disloyal to our Scouting backgrounds if we failed to respond to America's need of red-blooded citizenship and aggressive patriotism. World War I was fought to save the world for democracy . . . upon America has evolved the challenge of saving democracy for the world. I like the American way . . . and it will survive if we Americans can in our hearts paraphrase the English song and say to all the world:

"There'll always be an America  
And America shall be free  
If America means as much to you  
As America means to me."

Let's not become indifferent to the blatant strife about us—let's be a part of it. Let's fight for America in our cities and on our campuses—and we'll not have to fight on blood-stained soil.

It's going to be great to see you in Indianapolis. I'll be looking for you.

Faithfully yours,

National President.

## The 1940 National Convention Will Present a True Representation of Alpha Phi Omega

More than Four Hundred Delegates are Expected to Attend from Chapters the Country Over

From the north, south, east and west will come chapter delegates to the eighth biennial National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega in Indianapolis, Indiana, December 28 and 29. By many means of transportation, men of Alpha Phi Omega will make their way to the capital of the Hoosier state to invest two full days of their Christmas vacation in the fraternity which gives us the joy and satisfaction of unselfish service to others.

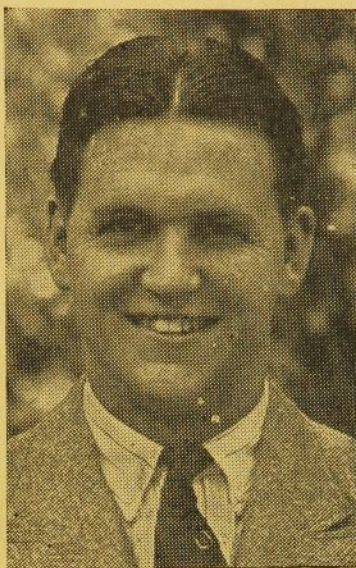
Advance interest in the coming convention gives assurance that well over 400 delegates will be in attendance. Many members have expressed in letters and in person their intention of participating in this important national conclave. "I'll see you in Indianapolis" has become a popular slogan in correspondence and fraternity contacts.

Large delegations are already being planned in many chapters. "Doc" Hayes and his gang from Eta Chapter (Northern Illinois) will be fifty strong at the convention.

Prof. I. R. Hoener, Senior Faculty Advisor of Alpha Alpha Chapter, writes, "Alpha Alpha will have at least fifteen brothers at the convention. So watch out for Illinois at Indianapolis."

Alpha Rho Chapter (Texas) is making plans to send two cars of delegates.

The three chapters and two petitioning groups in Greater New York (N. Y. U., School of Business of C. C. N. Y., City College, Brooklyn College and Queens College, are planning to charter a bus to be known as the Alpha Phi Omega Special. All of these chapters will be well represented at Indianapolis.



**Marion R. Disborough**

*General Convention Chairman, Past President of Alpha Tau Chapter*

He has vigorously accepted his responsibility as Chairman of the General Convention Committee for the National Convention to be held in Indianapolis, December 28 and 29. He has already held two meetings of representatives of the six host chapters in preparation for handling the largest meeting in Alpha Phi Omega's history.

The National Convention offers three distinct advantages to every chapter which sends delegates. It provides, first, an opportunity to participate in the legislation which will govern the growth and development of Alpha Phi Omega during the next two years. Second, it offers splendid opportunity for exchange of ideas about service activities and chapter administration and for reviewing reports of the accomplishments of the past two years. Third, it offers every chapter delegate the privilege of good fellowship and personal acquaintanceship with men of Alpha Phi Omega from all parts of the nation.

### Host Preparations Continue

The work of the host chapters, all six of the chapters in the state of Indiana, is in full swing. The committees for preparation, consisting of fifteen members from each host chapter, are proceeding with their responsibilities. They are putting forth their best efforts to make this convention of the greatest possible value to every delegate.

Brother Phillip G. Klotz of Alpha Tau Chapter (Butler) is chairman of the housing and transportation committee; Brother Robert Sabin of Mu Chapter (Indiana) is chairman of the registration committee; Brother Alex Porteus of Alpha Upsilon Chapter (De Pauw) is chairman of the distinguished guests and banquet committee; Brother Jack Hahn of Gamma Mu Chapter (Evansville) is chairman of the arrangements committee; Brother Weir Kirk of Beta Lambda Chapter (Indiana)

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Harmony, ideals and a warmth of good fellowship will prevail at the National Convention in Indianapolis, December 28 and 29. "See you there!"

State) is chairman of the publicity committee, and Brother Richard Schnell of Alpha Gamma Chapter (Purdue) is chairman of the exhibits committee. They have a keen conception of the importance of each committee in preparing for and conducting the convention.

The chairmen and several other members of the convention committees met in Indianapolis, Saturday evening, November 2, to plan and coordinate the work of all committees. All brothers attending eagerly entered into the discussions, definite plans were outlined of the duties of each committee both before and during the convention. Brother Marion Disborough, General Chairman, presided, and Brother Sidney B. North, National Secretary, participated in the meeting to help plan the work of each committee.

### Antlers Hotel is Headquarters

The Antlers Hotel, a popular hotel in downtown Indianapolis, has been selected as the meeting place for the convention. We have been extremely fortunate in previous conventions in having excellent facilities at the Jefferson Hotel and the DeSoto Hotel in St. Louis, at the Interfraternity Club of the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago, at the President Hotel in Kansas City and at the luxurious Camp Manitoc at Akron, Ohio . . . and now we are assured of equally fine accommodations for this year's convention at the Antlers Hotel in Indianapolis. The full convention facilities of the Antlers will be available to Alpha Phi Omega throughout December 28 and 29.

### A Little Scotch Blood In Your Veins?

Then you will be pleased with the rates secured by the host chapters at our convention hotel. Here's the good news:

The Antlers has quoted the rate of only \$5.00 per delegate for meals and lodging during the entire convention period. This includes luncheon, banquet and lodging on December 28, and breakfast and luncheon on December 29.

This will cover the complete hotel expense of each delegate from the opening of the convention at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, December 28, until the closing Sunday afternoon, December 29.

### Allotment from the National Treasury

The National Treasury will pay the hotel expenses during the convention period for the two official delegates from each chapter. As announced in the October issue of Torch and Trefoil, two official delegates from each chapter will have the power to vote, in accordance with provisions set forth in the National Constitution. One of these delegates should be an undergradu-



Could this be a member of Alpha Rho Chapter on his way to the National Convention?

ate and the other an advisor. All other chapter members are invited to attend the convention as non-voting representatives and will be registered at the \$5.00 rate. There is no convention fee other than the actual cost of lodging and meals at the hotel. All overhead expenses of the meeting are to be paid by the National Treasury.

**EARLY ARRIVALS**, delegates who find it advisable to arrive in Indianapolis the day before the convention opens, or delegates who stay over the night after the convention closes, will be allowed the convention lodging rate of \$1.60 per person for rooms at the Antlers Hotel. There will be three persons to a room with adequate accommodations.

**RESIDENTS OF INDIANAPOLIS** or other delegates who have relatives or friends with whom they may stay (thus eliminating their lodging expense) will be permitted to subtract the \$1.60 lodging charge from their convention fee, paying only \$3.40 for the breakfast, two luncheons and banquet.

**PARKING SPACE** for delegates' cars will be furnished free by the hotel. Inside storage is obtainable in the hotel garage at 50c a night.

### Select Your Official Delegates Early

Elect in your chapter as soon as possible the undergraduate and the advisor who will serve as your two official, voting delegates at the National Convention! Also, it is suggested you elect two alternates to attend and vote in case of absence of your official delegates. Further, it is recommended that every chapter begin crystallizing plans immediately to send as many non-voting delegates to the convention as can possibly attend. The more members your chapter has at this convention, the greater will be the value of this meeting to the future growth of Alpha Phi Omega on your campus.

"See you in Indianapolis!"

### THE EDITOR SAYS . . .

In your chapter election this month, study carefully the qualifications of the nominees. Each officer's responsibility is vital to the growth of your service program . . . so it is extremely important to select the brother best fitted for each office.



# Enthusiasm Runs High in Our Anniversary Expansion Program

**Sixty-five Chapters Are Now Participating In Nation-Wide Movement For Increased Service and Greater Man-Power**

Alpha Phi Omega marches on! These fall weeks are filled with many activities, service projects, fellowship and social events, pledging and initiation of new members, and preparation for attendance at the national convention. Yes, in every phase of our fraternity program, growth is in constant evidence.

Throughout the entire fraternity, chapter leaders have recognized that there is strength in numbers and have visualized their increased potentialities with a greater number of men actively participating in the chapter service projects.

Sixty-five chapters have committed themselves to carry forward a vigorous program of service growth and membership growth leading up to the commemoration of our fifteenth national birthday, December 16. The large majority of these participating chapters were reported in the October issue of the Torch and Trefoil, and four commitments have reached the national office since that issue went to press. We are pleased to announce the commitments from:

**Gamma Chapter**—Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

*President*—Howard Freeman

*Senior Faculty Advisor*—Prof. W. C. Andrae

**Beta Xi Chapter**—Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri

*President*—Jean Booth

**Beta Chi Chapter**—Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Okla.

*President*—Dean Wooden

*Senior Faculty Advisor*—Dr. Walter Brown

**Gamma Alpha Chapter**—University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.

*President*—George Mason

*Senior Faculty Advisor*—Dr. John E. Corbally

All sixty-five of the participating chapters are working diligently toward the two major objectives of the expansion program. They are intensifying their service activities to produce a stronger and more far-reaching program than they have ever before experienced, and each chapter is to bring into Alpha Phi Omega membership fifteen or more new active members by December 16 to increase the chapter man-power and thus proportionately increase the chapter service-power. Other chapters have subscribed to the fundamentals of this expansion program without making definite commitments. Every active chapter in the fraternity is forging ahead with a consecration and determination unequalled in the history of Alpha Phi Omega.

## Beta Psi Chapter Leads in Pledging

As this issue of the Torch and Trefoil goes to press, Beta Psi Chapter at the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College, Cape Girardeau, holds the record for the largest number of new pledges registered this fall. Twenty-six men are now serving pledgeship in Beta Psi Chapter and are to be initiated at the chapter's commemoration of our national birthday.

Gamma Zeta Chapter at Georgia Tech leads in the number of new men initiated into active membership this fall. Eight new members have been inducted toward Gamma Zeta's goal in membership expansion (and the chapter has just ordered 25 pledge buttons for the use of additional men who are now entering pledgeship).

Orchids to the leaders in pledging and initiations, Beta Psi and Gamma Zeta Chapters!

## Eleven Chapters are "Out in Front"

The complete tabulation of this fall's pledges shows eleven chapters now having more than ten pledges each recorded in the National Office. These chapters are "out in front" in membership expansion:

Beta Psi (Cape Girardeau Teachers).....	26 pledges
Alpha Eta (Kansas City University).....	23 pledges
Gamma Beta (San Jose State).....	18 pledges
Tau (University of Florida).....	14 pledges
Mu (Indiana University).....	13 pledges
Beta Gamma (Central Y).....	12 pledges
Beta Upsilon (Maryville Teachers).....	12 pledges
Alpha Alpha (University of Illinois).....	11 pledges
Beta Kappa (Warrensburg Teachers).....	11 pledges
Beta Mu (Springfield Teachers).....	11 pledges
Beta Omicron (Missouri School of Mines).....	11 pledges

Congratulations to these eleven chapters which are well on their way toward reaching their membership goals in the anniversary expansion program.



A full report of all pledges will be sent to your chapter president and senior faculty advisor on November 15. Undoubtedly it will be delivered to them before this issue of the Torch and Trefoil reaches you. Ask them to let you see the tabulation of registered pledges and initiates! Take a look at just how your chapter stands in the national picture—see just how far you need to go to reach and surpass your membership goal before our national birthday, December 16.

## The Time is Short

We are now entering the final quarter of our twelve-week anniversary program. When this issue reaches you, only three weeks will remain to push this program over the goal line to success. December 16 is our national birthday, the date we are commemorating by this movement to strengthen and vitalize our service power and our man-power. December 16 is the day every chapter should wind up this expansion program with a big victory meeting, a celebration of a good job well done.

The time is short to reach the desired objectives, but many a game is won in the "final quarter." And often

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## MAN OF THE MONTH



Marlin Remley

He is President of Beta Psi Chapter at the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College, Cape Girardeau. Under his leadership, his chapter has brought into pledgeship this fall a larger number of new men than has any other chapter. He is business manager of the Capaha Arrow, student newspaper, and is active in the Webster Literary Society, the Y. M. C. A., the Black Mask Dramatic Club and the Baptist Student Union. In the past he has been a member of the Cheney Hall senate and vice-president of the Camera Club.

By winning a competitive examination, Brother Remley was awarded a freshman scholarship in 1937. During that year he was honored as being one of the thirteen high ranking freshmen, and today, as a senior, he ranks well in the upper portion of his class. He is a candidate for an A. B. degree with majors in mathematics, physics and chemistry.

He was a member of Troop 83, Boy Scouts of America, at Hornersville, Missouri.

The Torch and Trefoil proudly extends congratulations to President Remley upon the splendid quality of leadership he is extending on his campus.

(The "Man of the Month" will appear regularly in the Torch and Trefoil, to honor outstanding leaders in Alpha Phi Omega.)

### GAMMA DELTA AND GAMMA EPSILON CELEBRATE FIRST ANNIVERSARY

The two City College chapters of Alpha Phi Omega, Gamma Delta and Gamma Epsilon, celebrated their first anniversary with a dinner Sunday night, September 29. The principal speakers who were included among the many guests were Dr. Nelson P. Mead, acting president of City College, Dr. Herman Feldman, dean of the school of business and civic administration, and National President H. Roe Bartle.

The dinner program included the installation of officers of the two chapters for the present semester. Reports were given of the service activities carried out by the two chapters during their first year, giving evidence of many outstanding accomplishments.

President Mead in his address to the brothers stated that Alpha Phi Omega is a group of inestimable value to the college in stimulating and developing student activity on

the campus. He plans to ask the chapters to help him in making the college student a well-rounded citizen. This is to be the result of a stimulation of extra-curricular activities by Alpha Phi Omega. He stressed the fact that Alpha Phi Omega has a wonderful future at City College in that we give instead of receive.

Dean Feldman, who is new at C. C. N. Y. this fall, was impressed highly by the record of the two chapters and he offered the full cooperation of his office in all service which Alpha Phi Omega may undertake. He promised, "We'll make history together at the college."

President Bartle stressed the importance of increased service to be brought about by increased manpower. He explained that it is the duty of men who are trained in the principles of Alpha Phi Omega to exert themselves to make our democracy live.



Unselfish SERVICE is a foundation stone of American democracy. We as members of Alpha Phi Omega should solemnly pledge ourselves to keep our nation strong in valour, and confident in freedom, so that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.

Turn to the back page of this issue. Read the pledge in full, then sign the pledge, clip the page and hang it on the wall of your room. Let everyone know that you are doing your part for America.

## URGES WORK WITH "LESS-CHANCE" BOYS



Stanley A. Harris

Assistant to the Director, Division of Operations, Boy Scouts of America

In a letter to President Bartle, Brother Harris has explained a vital field for Alpha Phi Omega service, setting forth opportunities pertaining to the less-chance boys in the college towns and cities where our chapters are located. He writes, "These less-chance boys will be the very, very poor, but more important they represent the boys who have an inadequate opportunity to play, whose homes are broken, or whose homes have an insufficient knowledge of America and its ideals. These things, rather than money, make 'less-chance'."

"There are more than 1,500,000 Negro boys between the ages of nine and eighteen in the United States. Fully 80% of these are in need of some definite guidance from some white group before they get Scouting. Many of them will be fertile ground for Communism or some other destructive ism unless they are led in the right direction."

"There are probably at least 2,000,000 boys of foreign birth or the sons of foreign parents who are within the Scout age. A full 50% of these need guidance. I believe that unless we do provide an attractive program for them immediately, many thousands of them will become affiliated with the very agencies of destruction that we are trying to stamp out of our American democracy."

"I wish every collegiate chapter of Alpha Phi Omega could think in terms of the need for service among less-chance boys in the college community, and then contact the local Scout Executive about a plan of action. Maybe in some communities the opportunities lie among a group of Italian boys or in others a group of Poles or Czechoslovakians or Latin Americans from Mexico. Maybe the opportunity is with Negro boys. It would be well if every chapter would analyze its mem-



The first National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega, with 23 delegates representing 7 chapters.

## *An Interesting Comparison of National Conventions*



The seventh National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega, with 274 delegates representing 54 chapters.

Over 400 delegates are expected to attend the eighth biennial National Convention, in Indianapolis, Indiana, December 28 and 29, 1940. Will you be among them? Will you represent your chapter at this important national conclave? You will want to be there to help plan the future destinies of Alpha Phi Omega and to meet the men of our fraternity from all parts of the nation!

bership and select a group of members who will be willing to take the responsibility of aiding one group of less-chance boys, and as soon as they get started find another group, until the largest possible work has been accomplished.

"I am anxious about this for three reasons: First, because with these boys lies one of the real dangers to America; second, because I genuinely believe these boys should have a real chance and many of them have never had a chance; and third, because I believe the strength of Alpha Phi Omega depends upon the service rendered and I believe this opportunity will be appealing to the members as well as useful and vital to the recipients.

"I strongly recommend that each chapter of Alpha Phi Omega give serious consideration to including service to less-chance boys in making up the chapter calendar for the months ahead."

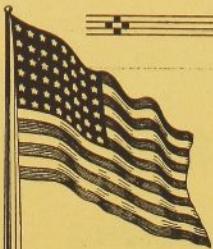
National President H. Roe Bartle says, "Brother Harris has made a timely suggestion. I hope every chapter will study the situation in its own community and work through the local Scout Council to render the greatest possible service in this vital field."

### ANNIVERSARY EXPANSION

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victory is achieved through the strong determination of the captain and his teammates. With determination on the part of every chapter officer, advisor and member, every participating chapter can reach its objectives in the anniversary expansion program.

Let's put our every effort into this program during these final weeks of the fifteenth year of our fraternity progress, and come forth with a rousing victory on December 16!



# Alpha Phi Omega

## National Service Fraternity

As a member of Alpha Phi Omega, believing in the principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service, I recognize my responsibility to help maintain a strong and vigorous democracy in America and I will give unselfishly of my energies and talents in service to my country and to my fellowmen.

Today in America, military preparedness is an urgent necessity but preparedness alone is not enough. "THE PARAMOUNT NEED IN NATIONAL DEFENSE IS THE STRENGTHENING AND INVIGORATING OF DEMOCRACY." A strict adherence to the principles enunciated in the Scout Oath and Law is a means of bringing this about.

We who believe in these principles have a keen appreciation of the meaning of the Liberties guaranteed to us by the Bill of Rights, insuring freedom of worship, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, right of assembly, right of petition, right of private property, security from arbitrary power, equal justice, and trial by jury. Every one must be made to realize that "Liberty is not only a heritage but a fresh conquest for each generation." The preservation of liberty requires the assumption of responsibilities by every citizen of our land as well as the acceptance of privileges.

Foreign "isms," alike with other dictatorships, represent a return to slavery from which man has risen to the freedom of democracy. American democracy represents all that our forefathers fought, bled and died for, that we might enjoy the highest standard of living found in any society on the face of the earth.

With trust in the God of our fathers, each of us girds himself for whatever struggle we may face. We stand firm in the knowledge that shoulder to shoulder with us stand all true Americans. They share our faith—faith in the

fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Mindful of the hard work, sacrifice and clear thinking of our forefathers, who, with the help of God, gave us our liberties, we will carry on with all our might in meeting the problems we face in the present world crisis and in our own national life.

TO THIS END,

WE AS AMERICANS, SOLEMNLY PLEDGE OURSELVES:

To join wholeheartedly and with personal sacrifice in strengthening the work of our organization and of other civic and social activities in our community, our state, and our nation.

To be vigilant and courageous in maintaining human sympathy and respect for the rights of others.

To beware of the enemies of democracy, whatever their passwords or places of birth, and wherever they may be found.

To stand united with all lovers of freedom, whatever their tongue or origin.

TO KEEP OUR NATION STRONG IN VALOUR, AND CONFIDENT IN FREEDOM, SO THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH.

### PERSONAL PARTICIPATION

As evidence of my approval of the above statement, I personally subscribe to the pledge and agree to do all in my power to have others do likewise.

Signed.....

Chapter.....

School.....