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Establishing the Fraternity 175 years ago based on the Cardinal Principles, the Founding Fathers strove to lead by example throughout their lives



Old North Hall

Christmas - 1848

Willson's Room. M. H.
December 26th 1848.

Pursuant to previous notice Messrs
Robert Morrison, John M. Willson,
Robert T. Drake, Ardrian W. Rogers,
Andrew W. Rogers, and J. W. Lindly
having met together to take the ne-
cessary steps to organize an asso-
ciation for mutual improvement
in friendship, literature and music
Ardrian W. Rogers was unanimously
called to the chair. The object of
the meeting being stated it was
resolved that we constitute ourselves
into a secret society the better
thereby to promote the above
named objects, whereupon Messrs
Willson, and Morrison were
appointed a Committee to report

Dec. 30th 1848.

able to adjournment the
previously mentioned persons assem-
bled, Mr. Rogers in the chair.
consideration respecting the
Bond, and constitution was
read, and after some discussion
motion of Mr. Morrison was
passed. The Society then pro-
ceeded to the election of officers
which resulted in the choice of
John M. Willson, President.
T. Drake. Secretary.
Robert Morrison, Warden.
Ardrian W. Rogers were appointed
a committee to prepare by-laws
to report at our regular meeting
on the 11th of January 1849.

Robert Morrison, Sec.



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CURRENT AND PAST SCROLL EDITORS
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Fraternity leaders have used the principles of *The Bond* to navigate tough issues and keep the Fraternity on the right path.

President's Letter

This year has been a year of reflection for me. Not only will I be finishing my time on the General Council, but this year also coincides with the 175th anniversary of the founding of our beloved Fraternity. I, like many of you, have enjoyed the look back at significant moments in our history and learned a few things along the way.

This is where the reflection comes in. I will have served on the General Council for eleven years in June. Thinking about those eleven years in the context of our founding 175 years ago has given me pause to reflect on the Immortal Six, their intent, and the parallels that continue to connect all of us.

The Founders set out to create a Fraternity of high ideals during a turbulent time. The Snowball Rebellion had recently taken place, and the Miami campus was not a hospitable environment for fraternities. Yet, our Founders moved ahead despite everything that was working against them. Fast forward 175 years. What can we learn from the courage and tenacity of these six men? There are two key lessons that I take from our founding that have impacted how I choose to lead:

1. We will always have each other. Our Founders created Phi Delta Theta on Miami's campus, and they only had each other to lean on at the time. Their connection and brotherhood were so deeply felt they decided to band together and support each other. We have all benefited from their bond of brotherhood and have been moved by the actions of our brothers during our time in the Fraternity. Reflecting on this, I have leaned on brothers from across the country countless times over the last eleven years. The men I have had the privilege of serving on the Council with have been my people, just as those you have leaned on have been yours. Phi Delta Theta should always remind us that we have each other when times get tough.
2. I also think our Founders chose to do something that was not popular in its time. They chose to create a fraternity, not because everyone else was, but because nobody else was. This has resonated through time and affected our Fraternity in ways both big and small. Phi Delta Theta has always been bold and forward-thinking, and I think the line can be drawn directly from the room in Old North Hall to the present day.



So much has been accomplished since 1848, and there is so much more to be done. We will continue to lead boldly and turn our faces into the headwinds, because it is in our DNA. My continued hope is that all of us will be a part of that evolution, because we will always have each other. Proud to be a Phi!

Yours in the Bond,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Moe Stephens II'.

Moe Stephens II, *Southern Indiana '99*
General Council President 2021-23

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As you read through this special issue celebrating 175 years of Phi Delta Theta, I hope you will learn some interesting facets from the Fraternity's saga that you might not know.

When our team sat down last year in the David Demaree Banta Library to identify the 175 impactful moments in Phi Delta Theta history, we dusted off our copies of Walter Palmer's *History of Phi Delta Theta*, Walter Havighurst's *From Six at First*, and Ritter Collett's *In The Bond*. We gathered past issues of *The Scroll*, reviewed the *Phikeia Manual*, and searched the vault to find clues and stories to the many combined events that shaped the trajectory of this institution. As we flipped through pages, photos, and letters, and each time someone would find an interesting nugget, the excitement became more palpable in the room that sustained our energy through hours of research. Exploring and writing these snapshots in time has increased our team's knowledge moving forward to tell Phi Delta's story. Read the moments at <https://phide.lt/175moments>

In the research process, we found other stories to weave into the rich tapestry of the timeline, which are the stories you will find in this edition. For example, I truly enjoyed learning more about US President Benjamin Harrison through the lens of his brothers. He was elected during a tough time in the country but navigated many difficulties by staying true to the values he learned at Ohio Alpha. You can read more about how the Cardinal Principles guided him as a student, man, and president on page 35, and I anticipate that you, too, will appreciate why so many of his fellow Phis were proud to call him brother.

For the cover and feature stories about the Founders, we hired an artist who is



a cousin to Malcolm Marsh, *Auburn '78*. Mark Sandlin has offered a discounted price of \$285 for a reproduction of the painting, Founders Writing *The Bond*, as seen on page 56. There are fifty (50) 20" x 27" limited edition, numbered sequentially, and signed prints available. To order, please email Mark at sandlinmarkg@gmail.com.

While it's been an absolute joy to pause and dig into the Fraternity's history, I look forward to bringing the organization's progress and its members' stories to life in future issues; please send them and any photos to editor@phideltatheta.org.

Happy 175th Phi Delta Theta!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Morrow".

Jennifer Morrow
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PROUD TO BE A PHI

Staying connected through all forms
of communication. Let's talk!



175 MOMENTS IN PHI DELTA THETA HISTORY

On December 26, 2023, Phi Delta Theta celebrates 175 years of Friendship, Sound Learning, and Rectitude. Our Cardinal Principles have been the heart of the experience for all who share the letters of Phi Delta Theta. They bring us closer as brothers, teach us lessons, and pave the way for the future of the Fraternity. Along the way, the Fraternity and its people have realized many historical moments that have shaped its future.

Throughout this issue you can learn more about Phi Delt's historical moments. Want to get the full story? Visit our museum site at <https://phide.lt/175moments> or scan the QR code.



THIS PAGE: Members of Ohio Alpha in 1948. **NEXT PAGE:** Capt. Frallic, 1973; USS Lexington aircraft carrier flight qualifications in a T-28; and today.

1848

SNOWBALL REBELLION

This momentous event overall led to the brotherhood mindset on Miami's campus, which aligns with the founding of Phi Delta Theta in December of this year.

1848

FOUNDING OF THE FRATERNITY

On December 26, the 'Immortal Six' put their signatures to *The Bond* in Wilson's room.

1848

CREATION OF OHIO ALPHA

According to Morrison, in a letter to W.B. Palmer, he was "anxious to have the organization date in 1848."



The Founders' Room

Living in Elliott Hall facilitated a strong finish at Miami and led to a successful aviation career

BY BRUCE FRALLIC

I was honored that my chapter brothers selected me to reside in the Founders' Room in Elliott Hall. As I recall, fifty-seven years later, it was my fifth and final year at Miami before graduation. Phi Delta Theta had been very good to me, and I tried to return that consideration by serving the Fraternity in two offices (treasurer and president) during my years as an undergraduate. When I was a Phikeia, the names Robert Morrison and John Wilson were indelibly imprinted in my memory. Yet, in my early years at Miami, I never envisioned one day I'd be residing within the hallowed

walls where the founders lived over a hundred years before.

I was paying my way through school, and frankly, having the room at Elliott Hall was a financial necessity. Despite my summer work at the Armco steel mill in Middletown, Ohio, and working during school for the MU Food Service delivering food to the university dorms, money was lean during 1966-67.

I had a lot on my plate that last year and needed a quiet environment to ensure I would complete all my subjects and graduate. Due to the Vietnam War and the uncertainty of the looming draft, I decided to take the

pressure off and enlist in the United States Marine Corps to become a pilot. While in school, I took and passed the naval aviation flight physical, which led to my appointment to the Officers Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia, pending graduation from Miami. Living in the Founder's Room allowed me to focus on my studies and work toward graduation during this very challenging financial time.

As a young man, I found living in the same room where Phi Delta Theta was founded inspiring. But, to me, it was much more than just a room. At twenty-two years old, I think I learned the value of some

humility for the gift given to me that semester, which I appreciated daily.

The best part of all of this is what happened after leaving Miami. I graduated, completed OCS, earned my Navy Wings, served my country flying combat missions in Vietnam, completed my five-year contract with the Marines, and continued my aviation career in airport management for forty years until retirement in 2013. In retrospect, I believe this would not have happened without the influence and assistance of Phi Delta Theta. Thank you! 🙏

1849

FIRST INITIATE, MORTON GEORGE WILLIAMS

On January 1, 1849, the six founders welcomed the first man chosen for membership into the Fraternity.

1849

ORIGINAL BADGE DESIGNED

Under Robert Morrison's direction, the first badge was completed by a local jeweler on June 12, 1849, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

1849

SECOND CHAPTER, INDIANA ALPHA

The chapter in Bloomington, Indiana, was organized and chartered in October of 1849, a mere ten months into the life of Phi Delta Theta.

1851

FIRST EXPELLED MEMBERS

The first man expelled from Phi Delta Theta was P. McC. Morgan, '53. The next two were J. H. Childs, '52, J. G. McNutt, '53, for repeated intoxication.

1851

FIRST GENERAL CONVENTION

Three years after the founding of the Fraternity, John McMillan Wilson proposed a meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio.

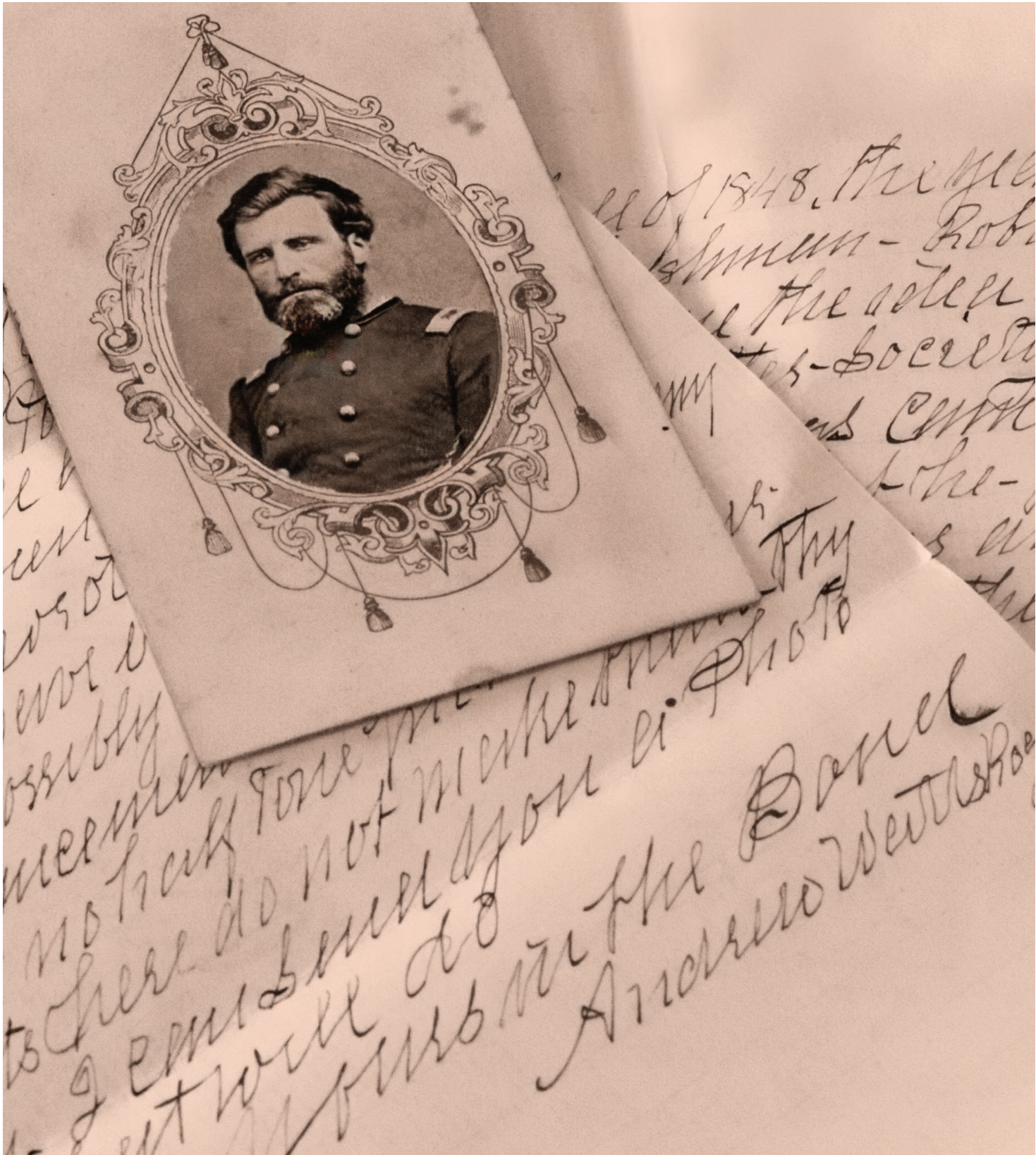
1852

MEMBERS WORE BADGES PUBLICLY

Five Phi Delta Theta members wore the badge publicly in Oxford to the university president's party.

FRIENDSHIP

Truthfulness, mutual connection, fidelity.
United with fellow truth seekers.





YOURS IN THE BOND

All for One and One for All

Pursuing the ideals of friendship and brotherhood for 175 years

College life at the time of the Fraternity's founding resembles little to that of students' experiences today. The institution of Old Miami was in its infancy when the Immortal Six founded Ohio Alpha in 1848, with the first classes beginning in 1824. With only two dormitories and increasing conflict amongst students and faculty, friendships were critical to maintaining good study habits and relaxing with social interactions. Many nights passed in their dimly candlelit rooms when they debated, philosophized, read poetry, and bonded over shared difficulties.

Thorough knowledge of the classic writings of Greek and Roman writers was considered a high mark of intellect. So, it comes as little surprise that the Founders would use the ancient idea of friendship as one of the founding principles of Phi Delta Theta.

Through the renewed popularity of the Roman philosopher Cicero in the eighteenth century, people became aware of Aristotle's definitions of friendship and, most notably, his third type of friendship, one "founded on shared values." This is often the rarest type and, therefore, highly valued.

The third type is the ideal of friendship that the Founders had in mind when writing *The Bond*. As Walter Palmer explains, "It is the duty of members to render mutual assistance to one another in all honorable undertakings. The interactions between members result in much social enjoyment during college life and many enduring friendships in after years. . . . The spirit of the Fraternity is well embodied in the mutual pledge, 'All for one and one for all.'" Friendship to the Founders meant that the members would challenge each member to build their brothers up by giving affection that, in turn, strengthens their friends and builds

“The founders were bound by ties of friendship, but, seeking to form a more perfect union and to attain the highest degree of mental culture and the highest standard of morality, they organized this Fraternity.”
—John Wolfe Lindley



confidence as they grow and move through life after college. John Lindley touched on these attributes in his forward to Palmer's *History of Phi Delta Theta*.

Phi Delta Theta originated in a desire to supply a felt want. The founders were bound by ties of friendship, but, seeking to form a more perfect union and to attain the highest degree of mental culture and the highest standard of morality, they organized this Fraternity. They drew to themselves other students at 'Old Miami,' young men of good character, ability, and ambition. As opportunities offered, they established chapters in other colleges and universities.

The founders were young men of strong personalities. Their devotion to Phi Delta Theta did not lessen after they had entered upon their chosen professions. To me, this Fraternity has been a source of inspiration and help during young manhood and middle life; and now, in old age, it is one of my chief joys. It is an association for maintaining warm friendships among those who have subscribed to its Bond, and for rendering mutual encouragement and assistance in a world where there is keen competition and oftentimes much cause for discouragement.

Today we have many means of staying in contact with friends by grabbing coffee, talking on the phone, sending an email or text, or interacting on social media. However, after graduation, those first members of the Fraternity had one primary method: writing letters. These men continued those late-night conversations of philosophy and friendship by scratching out their thoughts and feelings by dipping their pens in ink and writing on paper. They also expanded the Fraternity through correspondence and congratulated fellow brothers on achieving personal greatness—men like Benjamin Harrison, who received telegrams and letters far and wide on his presidential nomination. You can read more about Harrison through the reminisces of his classmates and friends starting on page 35.

"You wrote at last; 'twas good too when it came, but how long was the time in which you did not write!"
—Robert Morrison



John McMillan Wilson and Morton George Williams maintained frequent correspondence after Williams left Miami for Centre College in Danville, Kentucky. In a letter dated Louisville, Kentucky, May 1, 1849, Williams wrote to Wilson of having reached his decision to leave Miami and attend Centre College, and he declared:

I feel already the loss of the Society of ΦΔΘ. I have imagined the pleasure of your meetings since I left and have wished to be with you. But being absent from you, I shall still cooperate with you and shall endeavor to shape my course in life according to the noble principles of our model Bond. I shall ever remember with the warmest friendship the six names signed to it and shall take pleasure in adding to my list of friends any whom you may select from the students expected there next fall. I know they will be worthy, or they cannot be members.

He signed his letter,

Please answer immediately as I am very anxious to hear from you.

When Morton died in September 1851, Wilson referred to his friend as "the first chosen, the first taken, and the best beloved."

Without strong friendships, the Fraternity would not have survived the first conflicts. The following letters and memories tell the story of how this first principle is a significant cornerstone to the strength of this organization from the beginning in Wilson's Room to the present day.

"Still, my faith in your friendship was not shaken ... I think our friendships are placed on a basis which through life, though we be widely separated from each other, shall last and burn, though with but gentle flame ... Of course, I do not expect that myself and friends will feel so ardently attached while we are unable often to interchange the kind offices of friendship, but yet there is no reason to see why friendship should become extinct...."

—Robert Morrison to John McMillan Wilson, May 25, 1850

"I embrace the present opportunity to apologize for not calling on you during my short stay at Oxford. In so short a time, it was impossible to call on those whom I intended to visit. I saw a few of the friends in town and met once with the Fraternity. I would like to have seen you and had a long talk about this and other common interests. Will that time ever come? You say next Christmas, but I fear not. I like the plan and would like also to contribute my mite in the deliberation. But I am tied down to this place so that it would be next to impossible to leave at that time. We have no vacation of any account at Christmas, and I could hardly get to the river then, although it is only thirty miles. But don't wait for me; go ahead and make all needful arrangements, and I will do what I can towards putting them in operation." —J. W. Lindley, New Hagerstown, Ohio, to John McMillan Wilson, College Corner, Ohio, November 8, 1851

On our way hither, we met most of the Oxford, Hamilton, and Cincinnati boys and had a very pleasant little meeting at the Gibson House; present-Harrison, Lane, Ross, Swing, Gregory, Wilson, and myself. We talked over matters pertaining to our organization and the anticipated reunion but, of course, did nothing formal. And by the by, I have taken some pains to learn the feeling in regard to the public collation you hinted at in your letter and all with whom I have met desire nothing more than a private feast, at which

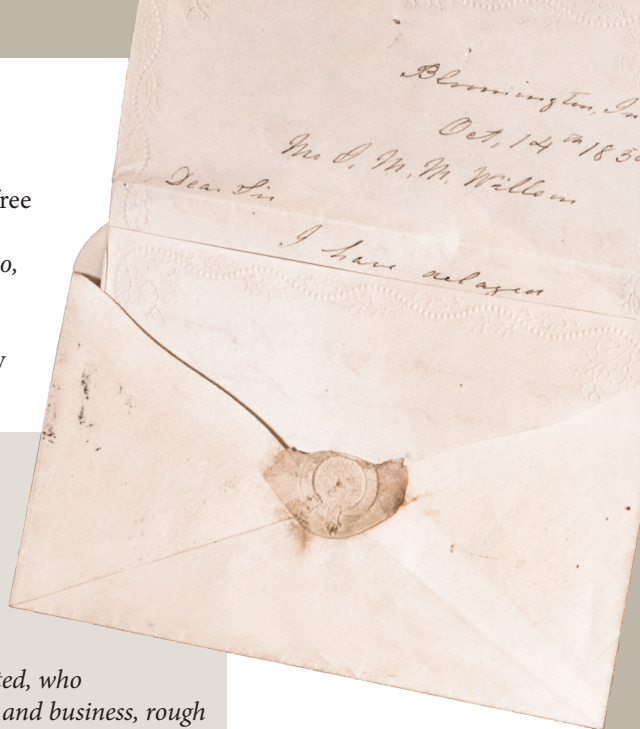
we can be sociable and merry, free and easy.

—Robert G. Elliott, Indiana 1850, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, to Robert Morrison, New Albany Theological Seminary, February 21, 1853

"The tone of your letter, your method of expression, brought me back to days of yore, and in reverie, I lived our past over again. As to the Phi Society, I know nothing of its existence here now. All those with whom I was acquainted, who were members, have gone away, and business, rough jars, trials, and vexations, 1 to 10,000 respectively, have closely engaged my attention, so much so that I have had but little time to seek after some of those things which would prove both a recreation and an advantage to me. I will, however, find out the first of next session the true condition of our old ship and, after advising with its members, confer with you as to what had better be done." —Allen A. Barnett, Miami 1851, Oxford, Ohio, to Robert Morrison, Cedar Creek, Kentucky, July 6, 1858

Byron K. Elliott, Miami, 1855, Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, sent this invitation response for 1884 Convention:

It would give me the keenest pleasure to meet again my young brothers, for whom I cherish warm feelings of friendship and whose kindness is remembered with most profound gratitude. Bear to them from me the grateful thanks of one who esteems it a high honor to be so kindly remembered by the noble young men who gather at our shrines with pure hearts and lofty aspirations and who do great honor to our noble Brotherhood. I am proud of their friendship, and, in all life's memories, there are none more



1856

PASSING OF ARDIVAN WALKER RODGERS

Just eight years after he helped pioneer the Phi Delta Theta brotherhood, Ardivan caught typhoid fever. He was the first Founder to join the Chapter Grand.

1861

THE CIVIL WAR

Two hundred and eighty one members of Phi Delta Theta are known to have served in the American Civil War.

1865

INDIANA ALUMNI HELD A STATE REUNION

Held in Indianapolis, Indiana, this was the first State Convention with delegates from various chapters ever held by any college fraternity.

1866

FIRST SONG DEVELOPED

"Our Army for the Right Boys!" was written in 1866 by Captain W. P. Black, Wabash '64, for the Illinois Alpha Inaugural Festival.

1866

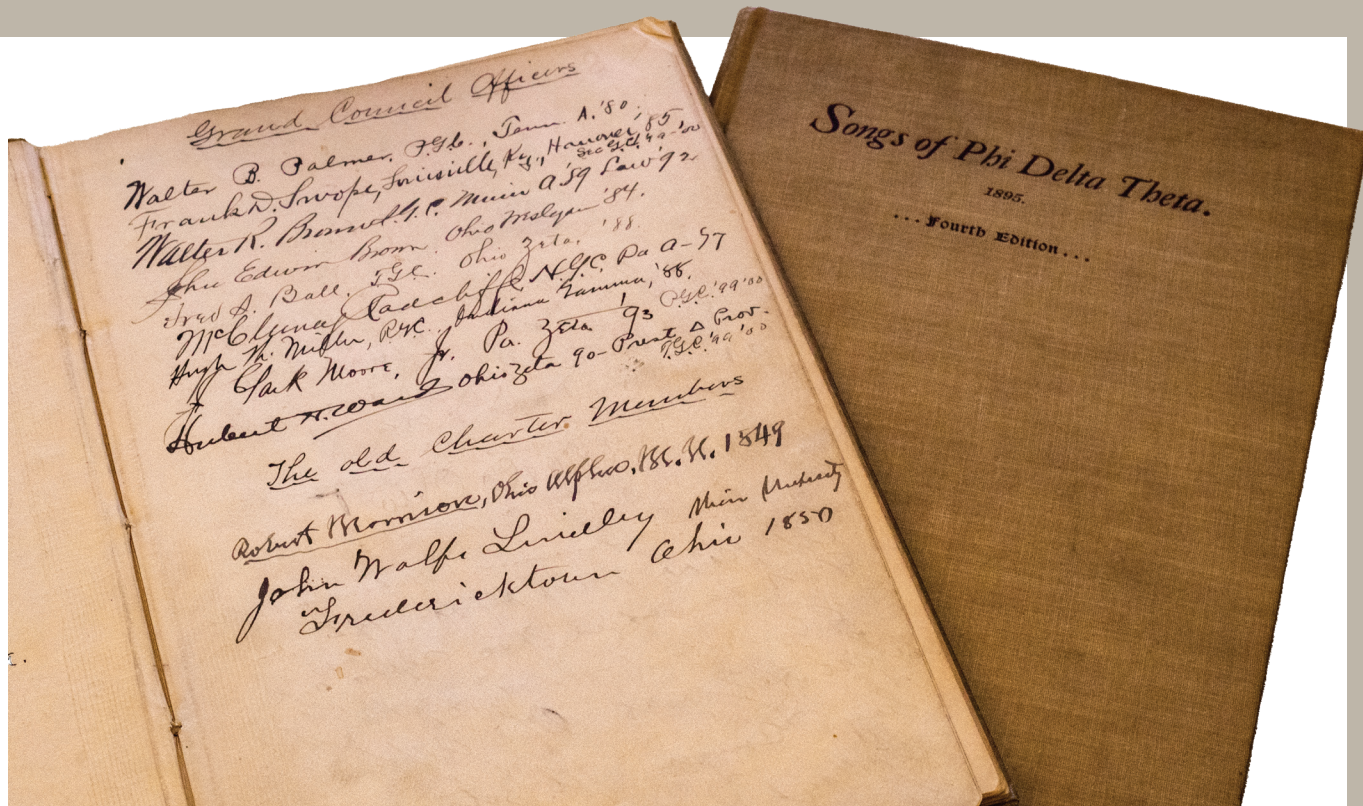
COAT OF ARMS DEVELOPED

The design of the first coat-of-arms was the product of a group of young men from Indiana University, Wabash College, and Miami University.

1869

FIRST PHI DELT COLLEGE PRESIDENT

After closing during the Civil War, Franklin College reopened with William T. Stott as the president—the first Phi college president in history.



delightful than those of the hours spent at the gatherings of the true sons of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$.

"I have never been in a similar body or association of any sort where there was a more complete and real friendship or harmony, so far as I can recall. There never were two men more heartily loyal to any cause than J. K. Boude and myself to the Alpha. The chances are that the conclusion was reached in the Alpha that it would be better for the Order to start a second chapter and that Boude, Hutcheson, and myself were detailed to do so. You can rest assured that we were not the kind of Phis to start or promote a disagreement. Neither of us had such relations with Childs or McNutt as would have caused us to side with them; both of us were members of the church at the time and would have been outspoken and resolute on such a matter as was then involved."
—John A. Anderson, Miami 1853, House of Representatives, Washington, DC, to W. B. Palmer, Nashville, Tennessee, June 1, 1887

Clarence L. Goodwin's, Indiana 1882, Convention of 1900 speech:

To us in this Fraternity, it is a sort of first love. It has been to us an incentive to high principle and resolve. It has been to us the occasion of some of our purest and most lasting friendships. To us who have been out of college many years, it is with something of the devotion of the Mohammedan, when he turns his face toward the East, that we again bend our steps toward our old chapter halls

and to these biennial Conventions. Through the long years that have elapsed, there has been a shifting process with us, which has refined away the baser matter from our college experience, and has left that which is permanent, that which is pure gold. Where now the resentments, the animosities; where now the passions, the acrimonious debates of that time? All gone. But the friendships, ah, how they endure! They seem to us, indeed, the longer we live, to be the main thing in life.

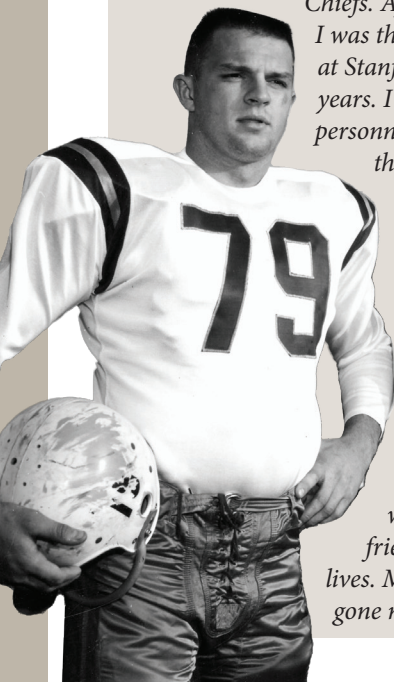
More recently, members shared their memories of the Fraternity in the upcoming 175th anniversary memory book publication by PCI. Here are just a few of the over one thousand stories submitted celebrating Phi Delta Theta.

"I was new to the university and was looking for friendship. I was lucky to come across Phi Delta Theta. It was even more special to me since the founder's name was Robert Morrison, just like mine. I knew I had to join. There were good and bad influences as a result of my experiences. I could always count on my brothers for advice and guidance, but sometimes some distractions kept me from studying. Despite this, I have no regrets. I made wonderful friends, and their guidance made up for anything else. We didn't have a house then, but I moved in with a chapter brother who had an apartment near the university. I value most the friendships made and the contacts I keep. One of my brothers even attended my wedding, and we stayed friends until he entered the Chapter Grand

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—Clarence Goodwin

two years ago. My favorite memory was our chapter meetings. We did good things for the community, and I was proud to be part of it. It was a little give and take, and I think most of us realized that. Joining Phi Delta Theta was one of the best decisions I've ever made.
—Bart Morrison, *University of Miami '50*

I transferred from a junior college to attend Stanford on a football scholarship. Several friends from the same junior college decided to check out fraternities, and I felt most comfortable with the Phi Deltas. It was a great group of guys, and we were happy about being a part of it. I grew a lot from my interactions with my brothers; it was a great experience. I was very fortunate. After college, I played professional football with the Cleveland Browns for eleven years. I went into coaching in the NFL and was the head coach for the Kansas City Chiefs. After the NFL, I was the head coach at Stanford for three years. I'm now in the personnel division with the Minnesota Vikings, working with the offensive and defensive linemen. What stood out were my interactions with my Phi Delt brothers; we maintained friendships all our lives. Many of them are gone now, but we've



had many reunions. The people who were there were special to me. —Paul Wiggin, Stanford '56

“I had always looked up to my cousin, a Phi Delta Theta Fraternity member. He encouraged me to join, and I was happy to oblige. I never held a leadership role, but I made lifelong friendships and became part of a community bigger than myself. After college, I was obligated to join the US Army, and I was chosen for a special company that trained shooters for world competitions. In 1964 I won a bronze medal in the Olympics, the first medal the US had won in skeet shooting in forty years. It was a fantastic experience to be in Tokyo for a month and part of the Olympic Village. I'm now married with two sons and a daughter, and I was even inducted into the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame last year. I am proud to be a part of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, and I am happy to share my story to celebrate their 175th anniversary.”
—William Morris, *Oklahoma '61*

My two good friends from school, Mike Ratliff from church and Bill Dean, inspired me to join Phi Delt. I remember Texas Tech was a much smaller university in the sixties than it is today, and many people considered us country bumpkins. But we were proud to be part of a growing university and enjoyed the fun meetings, work projects, and parties. Initiation and its surrounding activities were always standout events, and I even watched my son go through the same experience years later. I was glad to have the opportunity to share that experience with him. I was surprised by the depth of the friendships

*I created with my brothers. I still keep in touch with some of them, and we plan to get together in October. I also learned a lot about teamwork and leadership while working with my brothers. I was even a Phikeia educator, which was a great experience. When I reflect on my time with Phi Delt, I appreciate the service the Fraternity provides and its growth internationally. It's a great reminder that education and community involvement are essential for everyone.
—Larry Gill, *Texas Tech '63**

“I was drawn to Phi Delt Theta from the start. My dad had been a chapter member at the University of Oregon thirty years earlier, so I was already leaning in that direction when I arrived at Sewanee. Little did I know that I was about to embark on the most valuable experience of my four years there. The brotherhood was meaningful then and even more so now. I was selected as the chapter's president, and I've often wondered what Phi Delt saw in me that led to that honor. I think it was a combination of my hard work, my dedication to the Fraternity, and the positive friendships I had developed. The initiation ceremony was pivotal for me, especially with my dad coming five hundred miles to participate. I was also in attendance at the initiations of my son, my grandson, my brother, and my nephew. Being able to share this experience with my family was truly special. I learned much about teamwork and leadership during my time with Phi Delt. I learned about responsibility to others and the strength of numbers. These lessons have served me well in my law career and helped me deal with the

1871

FRATERNITY COLORS ADOPTED

On April 16, 1871, the Ohio Alpha Chapter chose azure and argent as the Fraternity's colors. Azure and argent are the heraldic terms for blue and white.

1871

SWORD AND CHAIN ADDED TO BADGE

On May 11, 1871, the Constitution declared that the badge should consist of a shield, bearing the eye and scroll, with a sword attached by a chain.

1872

BADGE OF MOURNING ADOPTED

The badge of mourning consists of a black ribbon bound to the back of the Fraternity badge.

1873

PROPOSAL ACCEPTED FOR GRAND BANKER TO PAY EXPENSES OF CONVENTION ATTENDEES

At the 1873 Convention, it was reported that \$547 had been subscribed to a permanent fund for the Fraternity.

1873

PASSING OF ROBERT THOMPSON DRAKE

Until his death in 1873, he resided in New Castle, Indiana. He died suddenly of an affection of the heart. Drake was buried in Lebanon, Ohio.

1874

FIRST CHAPTER HOUSE

The California Alpha Chapter rented a university-owned cottage for the chapter's usage. It was the first west of the Mississippi amongst all fraternities and sororities.



ups and downs of life. I'm in my fifth decade as a lawyer and still love what I do. I'm grateful for all Phi Delt has done for my family and me. We have a common bond that is hard to find, and it has been a great source of pride for us. I would highly recommend Phi Delt to any student today."

—Doug Milne, *Sewanee* '65

Growing up, my dad was a significant influence on me. He was an engineer and went to the Case Institute of Technology (Case Western Reserve) in Cleveland, Ohio.

When I was five, I remember he had a leather case with a slide rule. On one side, it had my mother's name, Joan; on the other, it had Phi Delta Theta carved in the leather. I asked him about it, and he tried to explain what a Fraternity was to a five-year-old. When I went to school, there was no chapter there. I was disappointed, but I joined a local group, and we petitioned Phi Delta Theta and became a chapter in April of 1967. I was Bond Number 1 and the founding chapter president. This experience laid the groundwork for my business successes. I dealt with older people, including campus officers and the Los Angeles alumni club. We had to get a unanimous vote from the other chapters in our province, including UCLA, USC, Arizona, and Arizona State. When I moved to Houston, Texas, I was introduced to the local alumni club, which was very big then. The very next month, Neil Armstrong landed on the moon. He happened to be a Phi Delt from Purdue University. For Founder's Day in the spring of 1970, I went to the dinner, and there were over 450 people there because the speaker was Neil Armstrong. I would recommend Phi Delt to a student today because it gives them a place to belong. With all the social media and bullying, it's a healthy experience to be part of a team and share something in common with other young men, building team goals and aspirations.

—Chris Job, *California State, Northridge* '67

"My relatives who attended SMU were Phis, so when I could join, I jumped at it. I served as chapter Phikeia educator and president. The friendships and social skills I developed through the Fraternity remain extremely important. Our group is close-knit, and we support each other in everything. I'm grateful for the supportive friendships I have with Phi Delt. I watch my grandkids going through recruitment at different places, and it's changed, but one thing doesn't change—it creates lifelong friendships. I've noticed that it carries over to business, too, as I've done a

lot of stuff with my brothers in our industries and outside investments. I'm still active as an alumnus and talk with the chapter advisers regularly. We have lunch every quarter and visit, and we're starting a quarterly newsletter. I'm having lunch with some alumni next week to discuss it. I'm so glad I joined Phi Delt—it's been a great experience, and I'm thankful for the friendships and support it has given me." —Kirk Woodall, *SMU* '70

I went to Washburn University on a basketball scholarship in the fall of 1967 and visited the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity house. I was inspired to join because I had several basketball teammates who were members of Phi Delta Theta. My experience gave me the discipline I needed for academics, which was very important. The fellowship with my brothers has lasted throughout the years. I'm seventy-two years old and still go to Founders Day. I recently went to the Founders Day ceremony this summer, and over one hundred brothers showed up. We really were close, and it always feels like 1967 to 1969 all over again when we see each other. When members or their wives pass away, we always pull together. Although it was simplistic, we were taught common courtesy, and I took that with me for the rest of my life. That was significant. I don't think I truly realized what joining would lead to, but it only took me about a month to become ingrained in the principles of Phi Delt. We pulled together for a common goal, which benefited everyone involved. It gave us discipline and the experience was amazing.

—David Titus, *Washburn* '71

"I remember it like it was yesterday. I had just arrived at Ole Miss and wanted to get involved on campus. There were connections to Phi Delta Theta from my hometown friends. They were proud of their Fraternity, but more importantly, they were interested in who I could become. They were able to lift me when I was down and temper my enthusiasm when I was going the wrong way. I chose Phi Delta Theta above the other fraternities on campus, and I'm glad I did. I've been a member of Phi Delta Theta for many years now and have had many great experiences. From the initiation and new member education to holding leadership positions, I've been able to get involved in many ways. But one of my proudest experiences was the opportunity to remain involved with the local alumni. On a national and international level, I was honored to speak to students at the leadership experiences for over twenty years. I've been blessed to have many brothers come back to me and share

“My most special moment with my Fraternity experience was when I flew my parents down to Houston, and we had an alumni club Founder's Day.”

—Chris Job

how much of a difference I made in their lives. It's humbling to know that I had an impact on them. I'm also proud to have a brother and many cousins who are also members of Phi Delta Theta. I was the first to join, and I'm glad I did. When I think about Phi Delta Theta, I would recommend it. That's why I'm proud to be a part of Phi Delta Theta."

—Sparky Reardon, Mississippi '72

My college days were some of the best of my life. I chose Phi Delt because my dad was a Phi Delt at Indiana and then Butler. I made lifelong friends there and still get together with two of them today. We did many fun things, like building a panther for homecoming out of a wood frame and a paper mâché exterior painted in black. We also serenaded the girls on campus for them to vote for our candidate for homecoming. I was the song master of the house and was in choir and chamber singers, an acapella group. We were also very competitive in intramurals. We were the only Fraternity with a GPA above the college average. I ran for chapter president but was defeated in a close election. I asked for a recount, but it was denied. The guy who got elected did a fine job. We had a lot of successful members of our class, including three doctors, a lawyer, a lot of businessmen, some teachers, and one who went to an international business school. Phi Delt has had a lasting impact on my life. I keep in touch with my old buddies, and when I run into someone from the house, it's like no time has passed. We had a lot of social activities and



shenanigans, all in good fun. It was an experience I wouldn't trade for the world.

—Bruce L. Kamplain, Hanover '73

"I had heard about Phi Delt before I started college, but it wasn't until I saw the house that I knew I had to join. It was a beautiful replica of the original university building from 1740 in downtown Philadelphia. I was in awe of the house's historical significance and beauty inside and out. I later discovered it was built in the 1920s, almost a hundred years old. I was involved in the Fraternity for all four years of college. I started as assistant treasurer and became treasurer, recruitment chairman, and delegate to the Biennial Convention. I am now the treasurer of the Phi Delta Theta Foundation, which provides funding for educational undertakings and supports the undergraduate brothers. I'm also on the investment committee, so I'm actively involved in the financial affairs of the Foundation. I don't have many stories of individual brothers I've kept in touch with, but I have gained so much from the Fraternity. I learned about budgeting, cash flows, and spreadsheets, which led to my lifelong career. I also learned about teamwork and leadership and living and working with so many different brothers with their own opinions and backgrounds. I would highly recommend Phi Delt to a student as it is an excellent Fraternity with a forward-looking approach to developing young people and helping them become the greatest version of themselves. It is far more advanced than when I was a collegian, and I'm proud to be involved."

—Howard Gellis, Penn '75

One of the things that we pride ourselves on at Nova Scotia Alpha is the historically pivotal vote when the Fraternity was considering its position on membership; our guys got up and said, "No, we disagree with an all-white clause." We thought the Fraternity should be open to all people, so we voted in favor of that. We still pride ourselves on that stand. We are a very tolerant and accepting Fraternity. Phi Delta Theta at Dalhousie University promotes a work-life balance and provides moral support to its members. As a freshman, I was recruited by a fellow student and was impressed by the organization. I had two goals: to get my bachelor of education AND arts and to become a national competitor in wrestling and judo. I achieved both goals and traveled to Europe and Asia to compete on the Canadian team. I was welcomed by other chapters of the Fraternity when I visited and was able to develop my skills in meetings and parliamentary rules. The Nova Scotia Alpha Chapter is proud of its tolerance and acceptance of people of different ethnic backgrounds. Phi Delta Theta is an organization that teaches us that we are all important and should support and take care of each other. Its motto is 'One Man is No Man,' meaning we should all work together.

—Mike Soares, Dalhousie '75

"Growing up in Mobile, Alabama, I knew the massive rivalry between Auburn and Alabama. I chose to go to Auburn and am so glad I did. I was exposed to a level of diversity I had never seen before. It was a unique and memorable experience. The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity at Auburn was the oldest organization on campus. We had notable alumni in all fields, and the

1874

FIRST LEGACY INITIATED

On May 16, 1874, George Banta, Franklin 1876, son of David Demaree Banta, Indiana 1855, became the first son of a Phi to be initiated.

1874

FIRST SONG BOOK

The Ohio Delta Chapter at Wooster printed the first songbook for Phi Delta Theta, *Songs of the Phi Delta Theta*.

1874

PASSING OF JOHN MCMILLAN WILSON

Wilson died on July 18, 1874, in Benton, Illinois. He served as a pastor after graduation and also was a recruiting officer in both Ohio and Indiana during the Civil War.

1875

FIRST EDITION OF THE SCROLL

At the 1874 Convention in Crawfordsville, Indiana, the delegates voted in favor of a monthly magazine, and the work of the first issue fell to the editorial board.

1875

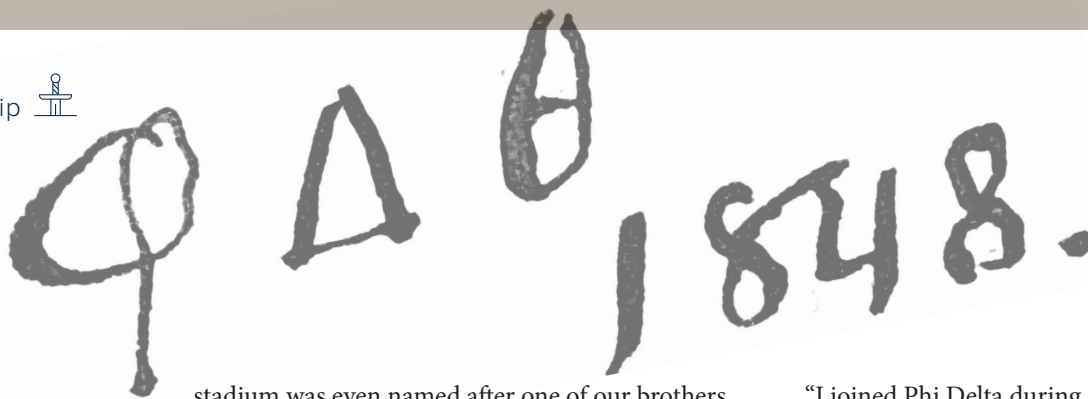
GENERAL CONVENTION BECOMES BIENNIAL

William T. Mason suggested appointing a committee to report upon the feasibility of holding Conventions biennially instead of annually.

1876

FIRST ALUMNI CLUB DEVELOPED

The first alumni chapter established was organized at the town of Franklin, Indiana, by George Banta, of Indiana Delta and Alpha.



stadium was even named after one of our brothers. We were the social fraternity, but when I was diagnosed with brain cancer, five Phikeia brothers visited me once a month for a year and a half. We called ourselves the inner circle, and I don't know how I would have made it without them. The Fraternity taught us how to develop relationships that would last a lifetime. We were introduced to investing our time and emotions into caring for one another, which has paid off in spades. My new member class is still massively intact fifty years later, and I am so grateful for the love and support they have given me. I want to encourage all Phi Delta Theta members to invest in developing relationships that will last a lifetime. It's not just a club to go out and drink beer; it's a Fraternity for life. Choose your words carefully, and you will reap the rewards." —Jeff Lawhead, Auburn '78

I was always drawn to the idea of joining a fraternity in college. When I arrived at Ohio Alpha at Miami University, the Fraternity had been suspended and shut down. I was part of the second Phikeia class of the re-establishing effort, and I couldn't pass up the opportunity to meet some impressive alumni and brothers. I was proud to be elected president of the chapter, and that year we won the Gold Star recognition from the General Headquarters, something that hadn't happened in over twenty years. My experience in Phi Delt was invaluable. I had the opportunity to meet some of the most eclectic people I would have never associated with. The social life was great, but the brotherhood was even better. To help each other succeed, we had study halls and tutorial programs, and for fun, even poker nights. I'm still close with the brothers I graduated with. There was a golf trip every year, and during COVID-19, we even had a happy hour every Friday via ZOOM. Being part of the Fraternity enhanced my overall college experience, and I wouldn't have done it any other way. If I could give any advice to someone wanting to join Phi Delt, it would be to seek all the opportunities membership offers for personal growth. You get out of it what you put into it, so be an active brother, and the rewards will be infinite.

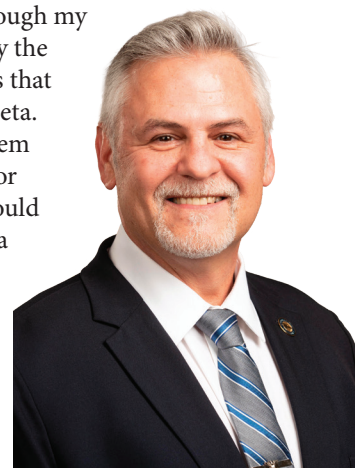
—Rob Neu, Miami '83

“The Nova Scotia Alpha Chapter is proud of its tolerance and acceptance of people of different ethnic backgrounds.”

—Mike Soares

“I joined Phi Delta during my college career and was the first in my family to do so. Several good friends were members of Phi Delta Theta, and they asked me to come by one day to check it out. After discovering that it fit within my values, morals, and ethics, I became a Phikeia. While with Phi Delta Theta, I could network with alumni brothers. At our meetings, I even met a gentleman I later learned was a brother. If I could tell my undergraduate self something, it would be to connect with brothers still in the Statesboro area. I wish I had known about them back in the day and established a rapport with them that would carry me through my career. I was surprised by the depths of the friendships that I created in Phi Delta Theta. I'm still in touch with them and the faculty adviser for our current chapter. I would recommend Phi Delt to a student today because of the brotherhood's morals, ethics, and values of our original founders.”

—David Lee, Georgia Southern '85



My father was a Phi Delt, and so were two of my uncles. I spent all week at the Phi Delt house, met all the guys, and knew it was a perfect choice. They were an absolutely great group of guys. I lived in the house during my sophomore and junior years. My roommate became my lifelong best friend. I found out later that his father was also a Phi Delt, and our fathers had roomed together. We had no idea before because we had just met in passing. My time with Phi Delta Theta was the most fun time of my life, and it was a wonderful experience. My closest friends are still Phis, some of whom were in my wedding. Phi Delta Theta helped me mature because we had roles and responsibilities. We were focused on philanthropy, and we were able to accept and get along with many different types of people. We took pride in the fact that we were a very diverse Fraternity. Phi Delta Theta was open and

accepting; those values have stuck with me throughout my life. One of our famous members died from ALS a few years ago, and all of the brothers in Portland got together to help a family in Portland whose father also had ALS. They lived on a large, overgrown, and everyone got together and cleared the brush. The whole concept of philanthropy and helping others continues to this day— even among us old guys. I am thankful for the friendship and camaraderie. We had rituals and practices, but it really came down to having good core friendships with all these guys. We all have one thing in common to this day: we are incredibly proud of being a part of Phi Delta Theta, and we tell everybody about it. —Tim Vranizan, Oregon '88

“The brothers in the chapter at the time made me want to join Phi Delt. My friends and I checked out many, and we felt comfortable with the brothers of Phi Delt, what they represented, and their known standard of excellence at the University of Tampa. We all wanted to be a part of that. The values of Phi Delt aligned with my values, which is a big part of what made me successful. I served as the new member chairman. I made lifelong friendships, and although everyone has gone on to do various things in different parts of the country or world, we will always be united by that bond. It's amazing when we get everyone back together on campus. Even though we have all been apart for years, we naturally pick up where we left off. Some of my Phi Delt brothers are still my best friends, and we communicate often. Lifelong friendships and brotherhood, along with the opportunity to network with others around the world, were the

most important things. My brother, John, and my cousin, Dean, were in the chapter, and we had the privilege of initiating my son, Anthony. The Fraternity was off campus for about twenty years, and my son was responsible for bringing it back. I am currently the chapter and faculty adviser for the Florida Theta Chapter.”
—Dean Koutroumanis, Tampa '89

When I got to the University of Texas at San Antonio, I wanted something to be a part of. There were several fraternities, but none fit what I was looking for. So, some guys and I decided to start a new local Fraternity. We started researching other fraternities, and Phi Delta Theta came up. We sent inquiries to them and told them we hoped to affiliate with Phi Delta Theta. It was a long year-and-a-half-process to meet all the requirements, but eventually, we did it and became a Texas Xi. We did a lot of charity work, like food drives and helping out at homeless shelters. But what made it special was the diversity of our Fraternity. One of my proudest accomplishments was being elected president of the chapter twice. My fellow brothers had enough confidence in me to get us to the next rung on the ladder and transition to a national Fraternity. I was able to sell the idea and guide the Fraternity. It was a great learning experience in leadership, managing people, and teaching people at a young age. Bringing the Fraternity to the University of Texas at San Antonio was an extraordinary effort. We learned a lot through the process, and it was a fantastic experience. —Federico “Kiko” Casso, UTSA '90

“I did not know anyone when I transferred to Missouri State University two years after I started college. One day, I was walking down Elm Street when I noticed someone working on the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity house. He asked if I was interested in joining a fraternity, and I was immediately impressed by him. He was a lawyer in town. As I went through recruitment, I learned that the undergraduates and their loyal alumni were involved in chapter activities. These were bankers, lawyers, architects, and doctors who had done something with their lives. I connected with them, and it started a fulfilling journey. The governor appointed me to the board of governors, and I attribute that to Phi Delta Theta because of the social networking and strong stand for academics. I had the chance to live in the house and was part of an alumni team that built a brand-new home and fundraised over \$1.6 million for future brothers. The most significant value I received from being part of the Fraternity was Morrison's philosophy—to do what ought to be done but would not have been done unless I did it. I've incorporated that into my professional, civic, and fraternity life. My favorite memory was the week of initiation. Our chapter valued the ritual and tradition and shaped our conduct as good men and citizens. It continues to be an incredible experience.

—Joe Passanise, Missouri State '91



1878

50TH CHAPTER INSTALLED AT TRINITY COLLEGE

During the spring of 1877, George Banta organized a chapter at Trinity College in Tehucana, Texas, probably the most prosperous institution in the state at this time.

1879

BANTA ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN DELTA GAMMA

George Banta wanted to facilitate Delta Gamma in establishing a chapter at Franklin College and to do so, the women elected him to membership.

1880

OWL ADOPTED

An owl represents knowledge and wisdom, which coincided with Phi Delta Theta's value of Sound Learning.

1880

CONSTITUTION ADOPTED, REPLACES ORIGINAL ARTICLES OF UNION

At the 1880 convention, Walter B. Palmer and George Banta proposals for a new constitution to replace the informal Articles of Union.

1880

GENERAL COUNCIL ESTABLISHED

The executive committee was changed to the General Council, composed of a president, a secretary, a treasurer, and a historian.

1880

FIRST GENERAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

George Banta was elected by unanimous consent as the first President of the General Council of Phi Delta Theta at the 1880 Convention in Indianapolis.



In high school, I visited the Phi Delt chapter at the University of Maryland. They were known on campus as the 'Gentleman's Fraternity.' I didn't know anything about Greek organizations, but when I went to Widener and visited Greek Row, the first house on the corner was Phi Delta Theta. I thought, "Wow, what a coincidence," because I knew a little bit about the organization at UMD. I wasn't sure if I would join a fraternity, but after meeting some Phis, I thought the group could be a good fit for me. There were a lot of soccer players in the house. I had grown up playing soccer, so when I met some of the brothers, I liked that they were good guys and that we had some things in common. Plus, the Phi Deltas were very involved in campus leadership positions, so I thought that if I was going to join a fraternity, that was the one I wanted to consider seriously. Freshman recruitment took place during the second semester at Widener, so that gave me the opportunity to look around at all of the fraternities, and I quickly determined that I was right about Phi Delt being the one for me and was thrilled that my roommate David G. and I both received bids to join. After graduation, I ended up working for the General Headquarters as a traveling chapter consultant for two years and continued to serve as a Fraternity volunteer after. My dad, John M. Almac, who was not in a fraternity as an undergraduate, expressed interest in joining. During my second year on staff, the Fraternity installed a new chapter at the University of Delaware, and my dad was initiated there. It was really special to pin the badge on him and share the experience with him. I visit the Widener

campus regularly, often at homecoming, and always stop by the house. In addition to the many fond memories, I still keep in touch with several Phis from our chapter. I'm so grateful for the bonds of friendship that we formed all those years ago that have lasted a lifetime.

—J. David Almac, Widener '92

"I joined Phi Delt in college, which was one of the best decisions I ever made. It was a chance to meet people from all walks of life and form friendships that would last a lifetime. Even after graduating, I kept in touch with my brothers, providing me with a sense of purpose and direction. What I appreciate most about being a brother of Phi Delt is the sense of camaraderie and support. We have each other's backs and are always there to call each other out on our inconsistencies and foibles. I think it has made me a better person. Since leaving school, being a brother of Phi Delt has had a huge impact on my life and career. I have a network of eighty to one hundred brothers doing amazing things in their respective fields. I have doctors, lawyers, sales professionals, CEOs, and restaurant owners in my network. I would highly recommend Phi Delt to any student today. Joining a fraternity is an investment that will pay dividends throughout your life. You will form lasting friendships and gain invaluable experience that will help you in your future endeavors."

—Chris Uglanica, Alberta '92

I started at the University of Nebraska Lincoln and was drawn to the history of the Phi Delta Theta and the prominent alumni that had been a part of it, like Lou Gehrig, Neil Armstrong, and Burt Reynolds. My time in Phi Delta Theta was the best four years of my life. I took on a leadership role as recruitment chair and recruited thirty-six men to the chapter. I was also the awards chair, and I got to experience the annual events and traditions like Founders Day. My involvement in Phi Delta Theta allowed me to develop leadership skills and meet people from all walks of life. I was able to

form lasting friendships and build a strong brotherhood. After graduation, I became a lawyer and served the chapter as an adviser and province president. To me, Phi Delta Theta is family. It's the brotherhood we built with my fellow members and the lifelong friendships I will always cherish.

—Gene Eckel, Nebraska '94

*"I had always wanted to attend college out of state, so I was thrilled to be accepted to Oklahoma State with a scholarship. I visited the campus and knew it was the right place for me. I went through recruitment and decided that Phi Delt was the right Fraternity for me. I got to know my Phikeia brothers over the summer and never regretted my decision. I immediately got involved in the Fraternity, starting as the social chair and becoming the recruitment chair. We had the largest Phikeia class in the Fraternity's history, which was exciting. I was chapter president for two terms and then focused on finishing school my senior year. I attended Leadership College and met the General Council and executive vice president. After graduation, I moved to Texas and connected with my brothers. Phi Delt has taught me many life lessons, and I'm still close with my Phikeia brothers. Even when I'm far away in Florida, I still keep in touch with them. Phi Delt Theta Fraternity means brotherhood and integrity to me. It's a bond we share with brothers we have yet to meet. I was picking up mail for a friend and neighbor and saw that he received the Fraternity's magazine, *The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta. So, when he got back from vacation, I challenged this seventy-five-year-old former mayor of St. Petersburg, Florida, and he correctly responded. We were able to team up on a case, and I had confidence in him because I knew we shared a common bond. It was personally and financially rewarding, and I credit the Fraternity for helping me understand who he was. Phi Delt is a fantastic organization."*

—Christopher Lawrence Evers, Oklahoma State '96

My dad wanted me to attend college in Georgia, but I felt uncomfortable there. I wanted somewhere more diverse. So, I chose FIU, and during recruitment, I investigated the African American fraternities, but I look more Latino, so it didn't feel as welcoming. That's when I stumbled across Phi Delta Theta. Everyone was so lovely and welcoming. I didn't feel I had to be anything but who I was. I was older than most other students, so it was a different experience. My big brother was six years younger than me. We're still excellent friends. I didn't graduate from FIU, but I still feel attached to the school and the community because of Phi Delta Theta. My son is starting high school at an all-boys school. I told him about the brotherhood of Phi Delta Theta and how it can benefit him in the future. I told him to tap into the network and use it to his advantage. I also told him to have fun but to make sure that with each step he takes, he should have reasonable goals. —Javier Patterson, Florida International '00

To be honest, as a first-generation college student, Latinx, and the oldest of twelve cousins, I affiliated with a fraternity in college to have the experience often portrayed on TV. After joining the Fraternity, I learned the values of service and leadership and eventually joined student government. I was elected as a senator and eventually the student body senate president. After graduating, I

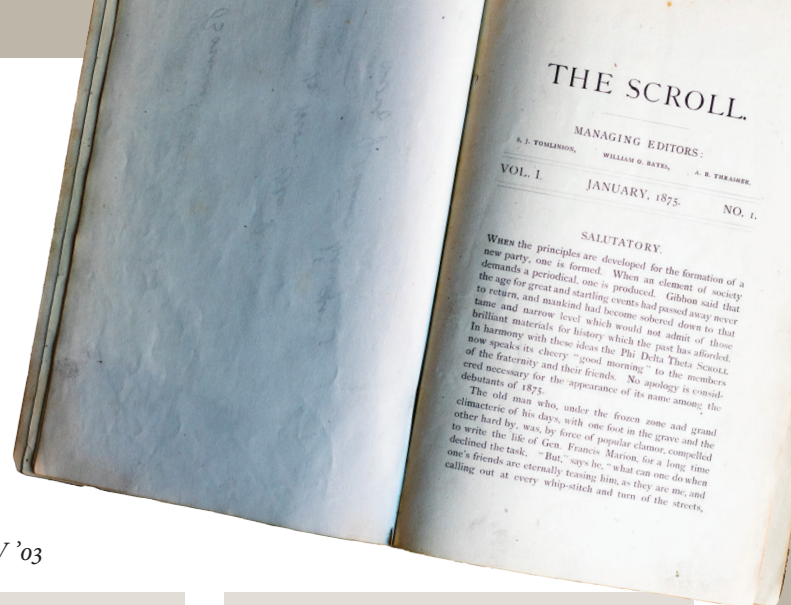


served on the chapter advisory board at three universities. I encourage these chapters to attend General Conventions to learn more about the General Fraternity. This is an incredible opportunity to create and nurture their own fraternal family. —Mike Amesquita, UNLV '03

"I was always intrigued by Greek life, so when my dad told me about his Phi Delt experience at Randolph–Macon, I was eager to learn more. During the recruitment process, I felt an instant connection with the members, and it felt like I had known them forever. I didn't know anyone when I arrived at Clemson, so having an instant family was appealing. I had mentors and older brothers I didn't have as an only child. I lived with my brothers throughout college and still keep in touch with them fifteen years later. The relationships I developed through Phi Delt have significantly impacted my life. I got a job at the General Headquarters as a traveling consultant. I was connected with alumni at the University of Maryland, which helped me get into their MBA program, and I served as the chapter's house director while I earned my MBA at Maryland. Living and working with my brothers taught me the importance of accountability and teamwork. I was surrounded by people who cared about me and wanted what was best for me. I also had the opportunity to invest in others and build lifelong relationships. The greatest takeaway from Phi Delt is the

extended family it provides. I have connections, good memories, and people I see every year. When we gather every other year at our General Conventions, it seems like no time has passed. It's incredible to be part of such a large family." —Alex Stefanic, Clemson '11

Unfamiliar with fraternities, several of my dormmates invited me to meet some of the active brothers at California Alpha. I was intrigued, so I decided to join Phi Delta Theta. Our house was incredibly diverse, with members from all over the world and different majors. We always did something together, whether going to eat, playing sports, or hanging out. It opened up my college experience in ways I never expected. The Fraternity also gave me plenty of leadership opportunities. I was the philanthropy chair and vice president. My favorite event was a 5K for ALS held two years in a row. It was a great success, and we raised money for Lou Gehrig's disease. My best friends are still from Phi Delta Theta, and I'm part of the house corporation. I cherish my time there and wish I could have stayed longer. I would recommend Phi Delta to



1880

PROVINCE PRESIDENT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED

The Fraternity had grown to be so large a new administrative group was created to distribute the work among a greater number of general officers.

1883

CHAPTER REPORTS IN THE SCROLL

The very first time the magazine contained reports from every chapter of Phi Delta Theta (forty-three active chapters and nine alumni chapters).

1884

FIRST FRATERNITY-OWNED CHAPTER HOUSE (SEWANEE)

In 1883 Tennessee Beta was chartered at Sewanee; within a year the chapter had erected the first Phi chapter house.

1886

FIRST MANUAL OF PHI DELTA THETA PRINTED

Written by W. B. Palmer, it was fifty-four pages. The edition costs 50 cents for a cloth edition or 30 cents for paper. The initial printing of four hundred copies quickly sold out.

1886

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT INITIATED AT WISCONSIN

World-renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright was initiated into the Wisconsin Alpha Chapter on November 13, 1886.

1886

"IN COELO QUIES EST" USED FOR THE FIRST TIME

John McMillan Wilson's biological brother Archibald finished his biography about JMW by signing with *In Coelo Quies Est*.

any student today. It's a great way to find your place on campus and connect to the university after graduation. You get out what you put in, so make the most of it!
—Erik Chen, *Berkeley '15*

"I joined Phi Delta Theta in my sophomore year of college. Since I was raised in Mexico, I had no idea what fraternity life was like, but my dorm mates were all part of Phi Delta Theta, so I decided to try it. I was surprised at how deep my friendships with my brothers went. We didn't have a Fraternity house since the campus didn't allow it, but we had a designated area on the floor for our chapter. We had a lot of fun during my time with Phi Delt, especially in intramural sports. We were the campus champions for men's and co-ed soccer and did alright in basketball and flag football. Winning the championship was a great experience, and we had a huge party to celebrate. I still keep in touch with a few of my brothers, and I recently got a job at JP Morgan Chase as a private client banker. I'm glad to have had such a great experience with Phi Delta Theta, and I would recommend it to anyone looking for a great experience."
—Daniel Delgado, *Northern Arizona '15*

I had no intention of joining Greek life, but one day I was walking through the student union, where Phi Delta Theta had a table. I was introduced to the vice president, Troy. Surprisingly, I had known Troy since I was in the first grade and hadn't seen him in years. He gave me information about the Fraternity and told me about their Cardinal Principles. What really hit home for me was their chosen philanthropy (ALS) because my dad passed away from Lou Gehrig's disease. I decided to join Phi Delta Theta and immediately became very close friends with several of the brothers. It was a wonderful experience. They knew how to have fun but were also a mature group of guys. They were a great support system to have. We had a philanthropy event called Iron Turkey. Started by Brother Jared three years before I joined, it was a 5K run held every Thanksgiving. We had local sponsors, and all proceeds

benefited the ALS Association of New Mexico. I discovered that the ALS Association of New Mexico was the same organization that helped my dad when I was younger—one of many connections along the way. I began recruiting people for the 5K and was eventually in charge of it. When we first started, about three hundred people showed up. By the time I was running the event, the event drew one thousand people. That was definitely a huge learning experience. I really found my niche in the philanthropy chair role because of how close it hit home.
—Mario Guerra, *UTEP '17*

"I was an only child, so when I went to college, I knew I wanted to be a part of an organization. There wasn't a Phi Delta Theta chapter on campus, and a good friend of mine encouraged me to start one. My brothers and I comprised the most diverse fraternity on campus. We had members from seven different countries representing us. Joining Phi Delta Theta pushed me outside my comfort zone and developed many leadership skills. I was the secretary of my chapter and the president of the Greek Programming Board on campus. Those positions did a lot for my professional career in higher education. When I went to graduate school, my supervisor asked me to be her graduate assistant because I was active on campus as an undergraduate student. I am still involved with my chapter, and I have always told the younger brothers that their experience can help them in their professional lives. My experience helped me in my life overall, and I'm very grateful for that. I've remained in contact with my Phi Delt brothers and attended weddings for five of them last year. I introduced one of my closest fraternity brothers to his current wife, and I was honored at his wedding. Receiving that recognition meant a lot to me. My Phi brothers became my best friends, and I'm thankful I can count on them, especially as a gay, Black man. I was lucky to be able to join a fraternity that cared a lot about me as an individual."
—Michael Mordi, *MA, West Georgia '18*

I joined Phi Delta Theta Fraternity at FIU in 2015. It was an adjustment from a high school to a university that felt like a second high school. My best friend from Florida Gulf Coast University had brought a Phi Delt chapter to campus and told me about it. I decided to talk to the recruiters, and the rest was history. We had a diverse group of sixty guys, and I fit in. We all had similar morals and values, even though we were different. I got involved with philanthropy and fundraising and eventually became the philanthropy chair. We organized events on campus and connected with the local ALS group. We hosted 5Ks and involved the school and other fraternities and sororities too. I was also the treasurer for two years. Everything I've learned from the Fraternity has helped me reach this point. Being a member of Phi Delta Theta has instilled in me the drive to become the greatest version of myself and the assurance that I have a supportive brotherhood by my side. It's a place where you make friends for life and have a community that will always have your back.
—George Vina, *Florida International '19*



"I was hesitant about fraternities, but when I arrived at Central Michigan University for the welcome weekend, I decided to take a chance. I visited Alpha Sigma Phi, but it wasn't the right fit. Afterward, I was talking to a friend at McDonald's about joining a fraternity when a guy behind me overheard and told me about Phi Delta Theta. He said I could be part of the founding class and that the national Fraternity espoused alcohol-free housing, and I wouldn't have to worry

about hazing. I was relieved and decided to join; my time has been extraordinary. I was on the executive board almost every year, starting as a secretary and eventually becoming a warden. I was also involved in intramural sports and was able to support my brothers. It was amazing to be a part of the founding of the chapter and to be Bond #31. It is so rewarding to watch the chapter grow and flourish. Phi Delt taught me much about brotherhood and how to be an invested team player, and I am glad I joined.” —Cole VanCura, Central Michigan ’20

I wanted a place to belong. I saw a friend I’d lost touch with on Phi Delt’s local chapter Instagram account, indicating he was helping found a Phi Delt chapter. I reached out, and he invited me to consider doing the same. I met with the expansion consultants and fell in love with the Fraternity’s Cardinal Principles. I started to meet some of the brothers and founders; now, they are my closest friends. The installation ceremony was the most memorable for me. We had to fight tooth and nail to strengthen our membership roster and organization where it needed to be, and COVID-19 didn’t help. But all the work from our executive board, general members, chapter adviser, province president, and chapter advisory board chair made the difference. Now, I go back as an alumnus every semester to support the new brothers. Phi Delt helped me to step out of my comfort zone. As president, I could encourage and motivate all of us to achieve our goals. I learned how to talk with and work with various people, and that experience has been

invaluable. I would recommend Phi Delt to any student today because of the three pillars of Friendship, Sound Learning, and Rectitude. Every brother I’ve ever spoken to embodies these principles, and if you align with them, you’ll find the friendships and brotherhood you’re looking for. It’s a place to pursue those ideals and see something extraordinary. —Pat Clackner, Montclair State ’21

“I joined Phi Delta Theta because I wanted to be part of something bigger than myself and to challenge and strengthen my leadership qualities. I was drawn to its excellent alumni network, significant presence across the US and Canada, and commitment to providing the best experience possible. The moment that hit home for me was the initiation ritual. It was the first time Arizona Beta had been rechartered in a long time, and it was a beautiful experience to witness. I was the president during the rechartering process, and it was incredibly gratifying to see all the hard work pay off. Phi Delta has helped me grow in many ways, but stepping out of my comfort zone is the biggest. The Fraternity constantly challenges me to be the best version of myself and to take on challenges so the chapter flourishes. I’ve also had conversations with my brothers that I wouldn’t have had with anyone else. They always have my back and give me honest feedback. One of our most significant traditions is a camping trip. It allows the new brothers to get to know the older brothers and disconnect from school and social media. It’s a safe space for everyone to open up and build relationships. I believe traditions are essential for maintaining relationships and

reminding you who you are and where you’re from. Phi Delta strongly emphasizes that, and I have seen the payoff.” —Seth Goers, Arizona State ’22

“When I first arrived at college, I had a negative perception of fraternities. I thought they were just a bunch of rowdy partiers and not the kind of community I was looking for. But then, in my freshman year, I saw some of my friends join Phi Delt, and they invited me to a few events and introduced me to some of their friends. I realized this was the only place for me. It was a group of people who shared my beliefs and values. I joined Phi Delt in the first semester of my sophomore year, which defined my college experience. I made lifelong friends who carried the same principles into our friendships outside the Fraternity. I also learned much about teamwork and leadership skills while living and working with my brothers. We all approached complex topics objectively without being offended by the many viewpoints. This has been very helpful in my current work, where I have to make huge decisions with very few people, and there are often disagreements. Most of all, I’m grateful for how supportive my brothers were of me. They allowed me to be myself, be weird, and discover who I am. I appreciate that they were always there for me and helped push me to become who I am now.” —Andrew Howland Clark, USC ’22

1888

HARRISON ELECTED PRESIDENT

Benjamin Harrison was the nineteenth member to sign *The Bond*. His election made Phi Delt the first fraternity to see a brother elected president of the United States.

1889

OPEN MOTTO ADOPTED

At the Convention in Bloomington, Illinois, Εἰς ἀνὴρ οὐδεις ἀνὴρ was made the open motto of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, which translates to “One Man Is No Man.”

1891

FRATERNITY FLAG ADOPTED

W. B. Palmer submitted a new flag design, which included three horizontal bars, the middle of white and the two outer of blue, each of the latter bearing three white five-pointed stars, making six stars.

1891

PALLAS ADOPTED AS TUTELARY GODDESS

It is believed that the white-robed, helmeted goddess of wisdom serves all Phis with protection and skills of wisdom.

1891

WHITE CARNATION ADOPTED AS FRATERNITY FLOWER

The white carnation symbolizes love and luck, which aligns with the fraternal love Phi Delta Theta brothers share.

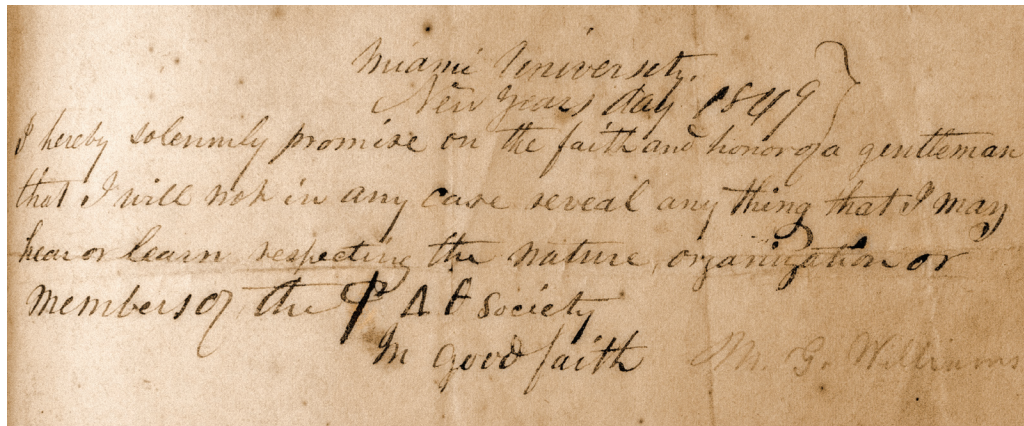
1893

ADLAI STEVENSON ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES

Adlai Ewing Stevenson, *Centre 1860*, served as the twenty-third vice president of the United States.

EXPANSION

The first two months of 2023 started strong with installing two new chapters, reinstalling three of our oldest, and inducting an emerging chapter. As part of the *Phi Delt 2030* strategic plan, the Fraternity has a goal of reaching 230 active chapters. The Fraternity is also nearing the milestone of installing its three hundredth chapter and should accomplish this feat this fall. Read on to learn more about notable expansion moments in Phi Delta Theta history.



CREATION OF OHIO ALPHA (1848)

According to Morrison, in a letter to W.B. Palmer, he was “anxious to have the organization date in 1848, and then we could, as we did with our first initiate, have our first banquet on New Year’s Day, 1849.” So it was at that fourth meeting of the founders in that historic week that resulted in the initiation of the first new Phi, Morton George Williams, on January 1, 1849. While Fraternity records list the parent Ohio Alpha Chapter as being founded in the initial meeting of December 26, for practical purposes, the Alpha chapter had its beginning as such with that fourth meeting.

A banquet at an Oxford restaurant celebrated the initiation of Williams. The members were divided into two divisions at that meeting to prepare essays and read them at alternate meetings.

The April 25 meeting saw the adoption of the bylaws. It is important to note the bylaws were not part of *The Bond* because they dealt with the preparation of the essays which were read in class as part of the academic studies of the founders.

The founders felt it was necessary to keep Fraternity activities and goals to themselves as the two earlier Miami fraternities. Alpha Delta Phi and Beta Theta Pi were under suspension due to the Snow Rebellion. Hence, the Fraternity remained sub rosa (secret) for the first three years of its existence, meaning Brothers Morrison and Wilson spent less than a year as part of Phi Delt campus activities since both graduated in 1849.

Early meetings were not regularly held and were on call and held in the members’ rooms, in the recitation halls, or, in good weather, outdoors. When conducted outside, a sentinel was always posted to keep outsiders from getting close enough to hear what was going on.

In the fall of 1850, a transfer student from Farmers College in Cincinnati, Benjamin Harrison, described as a “slight, fair-haired youth of 17,” came to Miami and was initiated. The future President of the United States was to serve his Fraternity well all his life, beginning with his time as chapter president in the stormy 1851 year.

By 1855, Ohio Alpha had initiated

seventy members and was established as the Fraternity’s Alpha chapter.

50TH CHAPTER INSTALLED AT TRINITY COLLEGE (1878)

During the spring of 1877, Brother George Banta organized a chapter at Trinity College in Tehucana, Texas, probably the most prosperous institution in the Lone Star State at this time. He got Brother McCogy, of Indiana Alpha in Dallas, Texas, to write to a professor at Trinity who was an old friend from Bloomington, Indiana. The professor replied, recommending S. E. Kennon, who was then written to. Kennon, along with five others, agreed to start the chapter, which was chartered as Texas Beta by the last convention.

In the late 1880s and early 1890s, the general Fraternity changed course and began to maintain chapter designations regardless of if the chapter was open. Due to this, Texas Alpha Prime was established. Texas Alpha Prime was the original Texas Alpha established at Austin College in 1852.



Tennessee Gamma into the fold.

Initiation of the undergraduate members took place on Friday, September 13. Heading the initiation team was the President of the General Council, Sam Phillips McKenzie, *Georgia '45*, who was aided by General Council Treasurer Jack E. Shepman, *Cincinnati '47*; Executive Secretary Robert J. Miller, *New Mexico '50*; Field Secretary Bruce Campbell, *Bowling Green '63*; and Charles H. Miller Jr., *Duke '28*, of the University of Tennessee faculty and the Knoxville Alumni Club.

Brother McKenzie presented the charter to the chapter president, Shelburne Ferguson, at Knoxville's Second Presbyterian Church. Thirty men were initiated during Friday's ceremony, including Sam Furrow, Bond No. 1 at Tennessee Gamma, Steve Butler, No. 2, and Robert Colvin, No. 3, the original three who banded together in May 1962, to form the colony. With the aid of the chapter adviser, Capt. Eldon H. Wright, *West Virginia '54*, this small group of men formed the nucleus of what was to grow

I. Ames Law.
Oct 21, 1907

Prof. Fred R. Cowles,
300 East 34 St
Kansas City Mo
Dear Sir. Mr
Charles F. Lamkin
informs me that
you are the proper
person to write to
in regard to petition-
ing Phi Delta Theta

100TH CHAPTER INSTALLED AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY (1913)

The Aztec Club at Iowa State College, which long petitioned Phi Delta Theta for a charter, was reorganized under the name Cadduria Club, and chartered by the Chicago convention. Iowa Gamma was installed on the weekend of April 10-12, 1913, by the following officials: Charles Fackler Lamkin past president of the General Council, presiding, Fred Jackson Coxe, General Council secretary, and Frederick R. Cowles, president of Zeta Province.

At the time of the Fraternity's one hundredth chapter installation, Phi Delta Theta was second among the thirty-six fraternities in the number of chapters, second in the number of houses owned, eleventh in the percent of houses owned, second in the total valuation of houses, and seventeenth in the average valuation.

150TH CHAPTER INSTALLED AT UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE (1963)

Phi Delta Theta's 150th chapter installation took place on September 14, 1963, as the Fraternity welcomed

1894

FIRST PALLADIUM CREATED

The Palladium proved to be a valuable medium for disseminating within the Fraternity information that it would be unwise to publish without *sub rosa* restrictions.

1894

PHIKEIA BUTTON ADOPTED

In May 1894, a button for Phikeias to wear was officially adopted; the first pledging insignia used by any fraternity. The button was a blue and white pin with "Phikeia" written in the middle.

1894

PHI DELTA THETA WHISTLE ADOPTED

On May 10, 1894, Elmer L. Whitney from Ohio Wesleyan introduced the whistle at Convention. Phi Delta Theta was the first fraternity to adopt a whistle.

1896

FIFTH POSITION ADDED TO GENERAL COUNCIL

At the suggestion of retired *Scroll* Editor J. E. Brown, at this Convention he was made a member of the General Council, adding a fifth member, the reporter.

1897

ORIGIN OF MORRISON'S QUOTE

This quote was first shared with Phi Delta Theta by Morrison in an autobiographical sketch in the April 1897 edition of *The Scroll*.

1898

SEMI-CENTENNIAL CONVENTION HOSTED IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

Columbus was chosen for the convention site, with an anniversary celebration scheduled later at Old Miami.



into the thirty-man chapter one year later.

The celebration banquet for the installation of Tennessee Gamma was held Saturday night, September 14, at the C'est Bon Country Club. Brother Sam McKenzie delivered an inspiring speech on the merits of the college fraternity, pointing to Phi Delta Theta as an ideal. He was introduced by the president of the University of Tennessee, Dr. Andrew Holt, who commended the group not only on their fine work but also on their affiliation with an outstanding organization. Brother Charles Miller, a professor at the University of Tennessee law school, acted as master of ceremonies.

200TH CHAPTER INSTALLED AT MARSHALL UNIVERSITY (1987)

The West Virginia Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta at Marshall University became the Fraternity's two hundredth chapter, installed on Saturday, April 25, 1987.

General Council President C. Tal Bray, *South Florida* '65, and Director of Chapter Services Robert A. Biggs, *Georgia Southern* '76, directed the ceremonies. On Friday, April 24, twenty-five members were initiated into Phi Delta Theta.

The installation of West Virginia Beta marked the realization of a dream which began in the late winter of 1985. Marshall University had been considering several fraternities they could invite to start a chapter at Marshall, and Phi Delta Theta was the one they chose. From there, Phi Delta Theta General Headquarters sent

two chapter consultants to Marshall to get a core group started.

Brothers in the core group started recruiting other men at Marshall and finally installed twenty-two men as colony members.

The group petitioned the General Council for colony status. Colony status was granted to West Virginia Beta Colony on April 8, 1986.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, West Virginia Beta was formally installed as a chapter of Phi Delta Theta at United Otterbein Methodist Church. Approximately seventy-five people attended the installation, including fraternity and sorority presidents, alumni and their wives, parents, and university officials.

Brother Martin Taylor, president of West Virginia Beta (1986–87), received the charter from Bray on behalf of the brothers of West Virginia Beta.

250TH CHAPTER INSTALLED AT NW MISSOURI STATE (2005)

The Missouri Theta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta at Northwest Missouri State University became the Fraternity's two-hundred-fiftieth chapter, installed on Saturday, April 30, 2005. On Friday, April 29, thirty-three members were initiated into Phi Delta Theta.

The men of Missouri Theta had a number of accomplishments during their installation year including having the highest GPA amongst all Greek letter organizations on campus and winning Fraternity of the Year.

INSTALLATIONS

OHIO BETA*

Ohio Wesleyan

January 21, 2023

OREGON ALPHA*

Oregon

February 11, 2023

MICHIGAN ETA

Western Michigan

February 18, 2023

OKLAHOMA EPSILON

Rogers State

February 25, 2023

TENNESSEE ALPHA*

Vanderbilt

April 1, 2023

INDUCTION

EAST CONNECTICUT STATE

Connecticut Delta

February 24, 2023

*Re-installation

FALL 2023 EXPANSION PROJECTS

University of Iowa (Iowa Beta)

Texas State University (Texas Mu)

Boise State University (Idaho Beta)

Pennsylvania State University

(Pennsylvania Theta)

THE ROLL OF THE CHAPTERS

1. Ohio Alpha: Miami (1848)
2. Indiana Alpha: Indiana (1849)
3. Kentucky Alpha-Delta: Centre (1850)
4. Indiana Beta: Wabash (1850)
5. Ohio Gamma Prime: Wittenberg (1852)
6. Texas Alpha Prime: Austin (1853)
7. Kentucky Beta: KMI (1854)
8. Kentucky Gamma: Georgetown (1857)
9. Wisconsin Alpha: Wisconsin (1857)
10. Wisconsin Beta: Lawrence (1859)
11. Illinois Alpha: Northwestern (1859)
12. Indiana Gamma: Butler (1859)
13. Ohio Beta: Ohio Wesleyan (1860)
14. Indiana Delta: Franklin (1860)
15. Indiana Epsilon: Hanover (1861)
16. Michigan Alpha: Michigan (1864)
17. Illinois Beta: Chicago (1865)
18. Indiana Zeta: DePauw (1868)
19. Ohio Gamma: Ohio (1868)
20. Indiana Eta: Indiana State (1869)
21. Virginia Alpha: Roanoke (1869)
22. Missouri Alpha: Missouri (1870)
23. Illinois Gamma: Monmouth (1871)
24. Illinois Delta-Zeta: Knox (1871)
25. Georgia Alpha Prime: Oglethorpe (1871)
26. Georgia Alpha: Georgia (1871)
27. Georgia Beta: Emory (1871)
28. Iowa Alpha: Iowa Wesleyan (1871)
29. Georgia Gamma: Mercer (1872)
30. Ohio Delta: Wooster (1872)
31. New York Alpha: Cornell (1872)
32. Pennsylvania Alpha: Lafayette (1873)
33. California Alpha: California (1873)
34. Michigan Beta: Michigan State (1873)
35. Virginia Beta: Virginia (1873)
36. Virginia Gamma: Randolph-Macon (1874)
37. Ohio Epsilon: Akron (1875)
38. Nebraska Alpha: Nebraska (1875)
39. Virginia Delta: Richmond (1875)
40. Pennsylvania Beta: Gettysburg (1875)
41. Pennsylvania Gamma: Washington and Jefferson (1875)
42. Tennessee Alpha: Vanderbilt (1876)
43. Pennsylvania Eta: Lehigh (1876)
44. Missouri Beta Prime: Central Methodist (1876)
45. Mississippi Alpha: Mississippi (1877)
46. Alabama Alpha: Alabama (1877)
47. Virginia Epsilon: Virginia Military Institute (1878)
48. Illinois Epsilon: Illinois Wesleyan (1878)
49. North Carolina Alpha: Duke (1878)
50. Texas Alpha: Trinity (1878)
51. Illinois Zeta *: Lombard (1878)
52. Alabama Beta: Auburn (1879)
53. South Carolina Alpha: Wofford (1879)
54. Pennsylvania Delta: Allegheny (1879)
55. Vermont Alpha: Vermont (1879)
56. Pennsylvania Epsilon: Dickinson (1880)
57. Missouri Beta: Westminster (1880)
58. Minnesota Alpha: Minnesota (1881)
59. Iowa Beta: Iowa (1882)
60. South Carolina Beta: South Carolina (1882)
61. Kansas Alpha: Kansas (1882)
62. Michigan Gamma: Hillsdale (1882)
63. Tennessee Beta: Sewanee (1883)
64. Ohio Zeta: Ohio State (1883)
65. Texas Beta: Texas (1883)
66. Pennsylvania Zeta: Pennsylvania (1883)
67. New York Beta: Union (1883)
68. New York Gamma: CNY (1884)
69. Maine Alpha: Colby (1884)
70. New York Delta: Columbia (1884)
71. New Hampshire Alpha: Dartmouth (1884)
72. North Carolina Beta: North Carolina (1885)
73. Kentucky Delta *: Central (1885)
74. Massachusetts Alpha: Williams (1886)
75. Texas Gamma: Southwestern (1886)
76. Alabama Gamma: Southern University (1887)
77. New York Epsilon: Syracuse (1887)
78. Virginia Zeta: Washington and Lee (1887)
79. Massachusetts Beta: Amherst (1888)
80. Rhode Island Alpha: Brown (1889)
81. Louisiana Alpha: Tulane (1889)
82. Missouri Gamma: Washington University (1891)
83. California Beta: Stanford (1891)
84. Indiana Theta: Purdue (1893)
85. Illinois Eta: Illinois (1893)
86. Ohio Eta: Case Western Reserve (1896)
87. Ohio Theta: Cincinnati (1898)
88. Washington Alpha: Washington (1900)
89. Kentucky Epsilon: Kentucky (1901)
90. Quebec Alpha: McGill (1902)
91. Colorado Alpha: Colorado Boulder (1902)
92. Georgia Delta: Georgia Tech (1902)
93. Pennsylvania Theta: Penn State (1904)
94. Ontario Alpha: Toronto (1906)
95. South Dakota Alpha: South Dakota (1906)
96. Idaho Alpha: Idaho (1908)
97. Kansas Beta: Washburn (1910)
98. Oregon Alpha: Oregon (1912)
99. Colorado Beta: Colorado College (1913)
100. Iowa Gamma: Iowa State (1913)
101. North Dakota Alpha: North Dakota (1913)
102. Ohio Iota: Denison (1914)
103. Washington Beta: Whitman (1914)
104. Utah Alpha: Utah (1914)
105. Oregon Beta: Oregon State (1918)
106. Washington Gamma: Washington State (1918)
107. Pennsylvania Iota: Pittsburgh (1918)
108. New York Zeta: Colgate (1918)
109. Oklahoma Alpha: Oklahoma (1918)
110. Pennsylvania Kappa: Swarthmore (1918)
111. Montana Alpha: Montana (1920)
112. Kansas Gamma: Kansas State (1920)
113. Colorado Gamma: Colorado State (1920)
114. Arizona Alpha: Arizona (1922)
115. Texas Delta: Southern Methodist (1922)
116. Florida Alpha: Florida (1924)
117. California Gamma: UCLA (1925)
118. West Virginia Alpha: West Virginia (1926)
119. North Carolina Gamma: Davidson (1928)
120. Alberta Alpha: Alberta (1930)
121. Manitoba Alpha: Manitoba (1930)
122. British Columbia Alpha: British Columbia (1930)
123. Maryland Alpha: Maryland (1930)
124. Nova Scotia Alpha: Dalhousie (1930)
125. Massachusetts Gamma: MIT (1932)
126. Wyoming Alpha: Wyoming (1934)
127. Florida Beta: Rollins (1934)
128. Louisiana Beta: Louisiana State (1938)
129. New Mexico Alpha: New Mexico (1946)
130. Oklahoma Beta: Oklahoma State (1946)
131. Oregon Gamma: Willamette (1946)
132. Arkansas Alpha: Arkansas (1948)
133. California Delta: Southern California (1948)
134. Ohio Kappa: Bowling Green (1950)
135. Illinois Theta: Lake Forest (1950)
136. Florida Gamma: Florida State (1950)
137. Washington Delta: Puget Sound (1952)
138. Texas Epsilon: Texas Tech (1953)
139. Indiana Iota: Valparaiso (1954)
140. Ohio Lambda: Kent State (1954)
141. Florida Delta: Miami (1954)
142. California Epsilon: California Davis (1954)
143. Texas Zeta: Texas Christian (1955)
144. Arizona Beta: Arizona State (1958)
145. Kansas Delta: Wichita State (1959)
146. Wisconsin Gamma: Ripon (1960)
147. Iowa Delta: Drake (1961)
148. Ontario Beta: Western (1962)
149. Texas Eta: Stephen F. Austin (1962)
150. Tennessee Gamma: Tennessee (1963)
151. Minnesota Beta: Minnesota State, Mankato (1964)
152. Texas Theta: West Texas A&M (1964)
153. Kentucky Zeta: Kentucky Wesleyan (1964)
154. Michigan Delta: Kettering (1964)
155. Texas Iota: Lamar (1965)
156. Kentucky Eta: Western Kentucky (1966)
157. Ohio Mu: Ashland (1966)
158. Nebraska Beta: Nebraska at Kearney (1966)
159. California Zeta: CSUN (1966)
160. Florida Epsilon: South Florida (1967)
161. California Eta: Santa Barbara (1967)
162. Louisiana Gamma: Southwestern Louisiana (1968)
163. Montana Beta: Montana State (1968)
164. Florida Zeta: Jacksonville (1968)
165. Texas Kappa: Texas at Arlington (1968)
166. Kansas Epsilon: Emporia State (1968)
167. Kentucky Theta: Eastern Kentucky (1969)
168. Tennessee Delta: Tennessee Tech (1969)
169. Indiana Kappa: Ball State (1969)
170. South Carolina Gamma: Clemson (1970)
171. Alberta Beta: Calgary (1970)
172. Georgia Epsilon: Georgia Southern (1971)
173. Maryland Beta: McDaniel (1971)
174. Oklahoma Gamma: SW Oklahoma State (1971)
175. Nevada Alpha: Nevada at Reno (1972)
176. Virginia Eta: Virginia Tech (1972)
177. Florida Eta: West Florida (1973)
178. Ohio Nu: Youngstown State (1973)
179. Georgia Zeta: Georgia College (1975)
180. California Theta: UCI (1975)
181. Texas Lambda: Baylor (1977)
182. California Iota: San Jose State (1978)
183. Louisiana Delta: LSU at Shreveport (1979)
184. Florida Theta: Tampa (1979)
185. Texas Mu: Texas State (1980)
186. Florida Iota: Central Florida (1981)
187. California Kappa: UC San Diego (1982)
188. Oregon Delta: Oregon Tech (1982)
189. New Hampshire Beta: Southern New Hampshire (1983)
190. Missouri Delta: Saint Louis (1983)
191. Michigan Epsilon: Northwood (1983)
192. Pennsylvania Lambda: IUP (1984)
193. Missouri Epsilon: Missouri State (1985)
194. Pennsylvania Mu: Widener (1985)
195. Texas Nu: Texas A&M (1985)
196. New York Eta: RIT (1986)
197. California Lambda: University of the Pacific (1986)
198. Indiana Lambda: Southern Indiana (1986)
199. California Mu: UCR (1987)
200. West Virginia Beta: Marshall (1987)
201. California Nu: California Polytechnic (1987)
202. Florida Kappa: Florida International (1988)
203. Pennsylvania Nu: West Chester (1988)
204. British Columbia Beta: Victoria (1988)
205. California Xi: Chico State (1988)
206. New Jersey Alpha: Rutgers (1988)
207. North Carolina Delta: NC State (1988)
208. Wisconsin Delta: Marquette (1988)
209. California Omicron: Sacramento State (1988)
210. California Pi: San Diego State (1989)
211. Texas Xi: UTA (1990)
212. Ontario Gamma: McMaster (1990)
213. Massachusetts Delta: Bentley (1990)
214. Ontario Delta: York (1990)
215. New York Theta: SUNY Oneonta (1990)
216. Washington Epsilon: Eastern Washington (1991)
217. Nevada Beta: UNLV (1991)
218. Oklahoma Delta: Cameron (1991)
219. Texas Omicron: North Texas (1991)
220. Mississippi Beta: Mississippi State (1991)
221. Oregon Epsilon: Portland State (1991)
222. New York Iota: SUNY Buffalo (1991)
223. Texas Pi: Sam Houston State (1992)
224. Missouri Zeta: SE Missouri State (1992)
225. Maryland Gamma: Washington (1992)
226. Ontario Epsilon: Carleton (1992)
227. Tennessee Epsilon: UT-Chattanooga (1993)
228. Florida Lambda: Ringling (1993)
229. Virginia Theta: Lynchburg (1994)
230. Delaware Alpha: Delaware (1994)
231. Missouri Eta: Missouri Western State (1994)
232. Pennsylvania Xi: Clarion (1994)
233. Illinois Iota: Eastern Illinois (1994)
234. Ontario Zeta: Brock (1995)
235. Kansas Zeta: Southwestern (1995)
236. California Rho: LaVerne (1995)
237. Arizona Gamma: Northern Arizona (1995)
238. California Sigma: Sonoma State (1997)
239. Nebraska Gamma: Creighton (1997)
240. Pennsylvania Omicron: Shippensburg (1999)
241. Florida Mu: Embry-Riddle (1999)
242. Tennessee Zeta: Belmont (1999)
243. Texas Rho: TAMU-CC (1999)
244. Pennsylvania Pi: Robert Morris (2001)
245. Kansas Eta: K-State (2002)
246. Connecticut Alpha: Central Connecticut State (2002)
247. Wisconsin Epsilon: St. Norbert (2003)
248. Texas Sigma: Schreiner (2003)
249. California Tau: Stanislaus State (2003)
250. Missouri Theta: Northwest Missouri State (2005)
251. Connecticut Beta: Hartford (2005)
252. Texas Tau: UTEP (2006)
253. Kentucky Iota: Louisville (2007)
254. Maryland Delta: John Hopkins (2009)
255. California Upsilon: Fresno State (2010)
256. Florida Nu: Florida Atlantic (2011)
257. New York Kappa: Hofstra (2011)
258. New Jersey Beta: Princeton (2011)
259. Massachusetts Epsilon: Northeastern (2012)
260. New Mexico Beta: New Mexico State (2012)
261. Pennsylvania Rho: Carnegie Mellon (2013)
262. Tennessee Eta: MTSU (2013)
263. Ohio Xi: Otterbein (2014)
264. California Phi: Chapman (2014)
265. California Chi: San Francisco (2014)
266. Indiana Mu: IUPUI (2015)
267. North Carolina Epsilon: UNC Charlotte (2015)
268. North Carolina Zeta: Campbell (2015)
269. West Virginia Gamma: West Liberty (2015)
270. Missouri Iota: Lindenwood (2015)
271. Florida Xi: Florida Gulf Coast (2015)
272. California Psi: Loyola Marymount (2015)
273. New York Lambda: St. John's (2016)
274. Connecticut Gamma: Connecticut (2016)
275. Michigan Zeta: Central Michigan (2016)
276. Texas Upsilon: UT Dallas (2017)
277. Georgia Eta: West Georgia (2017)
278. New Jersey Gamma: Seton Hall (2017)
279. District of Columbia Alpha: GW (2018)
280. Florida Omicron: Nova Southeastern (2018)
281. Virginia Iota: Old Dominion (2018)
282. New Jersey Delta: Stockton (2019)
283. Georgia Theta: Augusta (2019)
284. Pennsylvania Sigma: Millersville (2019)
285. Wisconsin Zeta: UW-Whitewater (2019)
286. Kansas Theta: Ottawa (2020)
287. Georgia Iota: North Georgia (2020)
288. California Omega: Santa Clara (2021)
289. Virginia Kappa: Radford (2021)
290. Arkansas Beta: Arkansas State (2021)
291. New Jersey Epsilon: Montclair State (2021)
292. North Dakota Beta: NDSU (2021)
293. British Columbia Gamma: UBC Okanagan (2021)
294. North Carolina Eta: Appalachian State (2022)
295. Massachusetts Eta: Babson College (2022)
296. Louisiana Epsilon: Louisiana Tech University (2022)
297. Michigan Eta: Western Michigan University (2023)
298. Oklahoma Epsilon: Rogers State University (2023)

† Merged with Illinois Delta, 1930.

‡ Merged with Kentucky Alpha, 1901.

CHAPTER NEWS



Indiana Beta, 1969

For this special 175-year anniversary edition of *The Scroll*, we are highlighting ten of our longest, continuously operating chapters. The following include their founding dates and number of founders, number of initiates (all-time), current chapter size, first chapter report to *The Scroll* magazine, and notable alumni. The chapters are ordered by founding date. *Note: a few chapter reports reflect the chapter's Greek designation as originally published, not their current name.*

INDIANA BETA

Wabash

 1850  17  1,909  46

The boys of the Indiana Beta walked off with seven out of the eleven prizes given by Wabash College during the past year. They had a grand Phi reunion Thursday, June 24, which was honored by the presence of Rev. W. L. Essex, 1857, L. Eailsback, 1862, and E. B. Spellman, 1856 (*The Scroll*, July 1875, 143).

 Year Founded

 # of Founding Fathers

 # of Initiates

 Chapter Size



Indiana Zeta, 1971

NOTABLE ALUMNI:

Andrew Hamilton, 1855, US Congressman, Indiana; **John Black, 1862**, Civil War Medal of Honor recipient; **William Black, 1864**, Civil War Medal of Honor recipient; **John Allen, 1867**, US Senator, Washington; **Raymond Willis, 1896**, US Senator, Indiana; **Thomas A. Davis, 1896**, General Council Reporter, *Scroll* editor; **William Hays, 1900**, Postmaster General, General Council President; **Byron Price, 1912**, director of censorship (WWII), awarded the Pulitzer Prize and Medal for Merit; **George Banta Jr., 1914**, General Council President, *Scroll* editor; **Charles La Follette, 1920**, US Congressman, Indiana; **Donald M. DuShane II, '27**, General Council Reporter; **Dave Gerard, '31**, cartoonist; **Horace Dicken "Dick" Cherry, '49**, Texas House of Representatives; **Robert Allen, '57**, AT&T president; **Russell Nichols, '63**, Hanover College president; **Jim Edgar, '68**, Illinois Governor; **Mike Braun, '76**, US Senator, Indiana; **Jim Dyer, '83**, Frank W. Misch Alumni Distinguished Service Award; **Luke Messer, '91**, US Congressman, Indiana; **Richard Calacci, '91**, Overtime CEO; **Howard Ellis Obenchain, '96**, *Scroll* editor; **Chase Crowe, '18**, Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship

1898

FRATERNITY SEAL ADOPTED

The Constitution provides that, "The great seal of the Fraternity consists of the escutcheon of the coat-of-arms, with the legend: 'Great Seal of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity,' and the figures '1848.'"

1901

FIRST CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

General Council Secretary Francis J. R. Mitchell sent the first copy issued to Dorr C. Casto, *Ohio 1901*, on August 14, 1901.

1901

PASSING OF ANDREW WATTS ROGERS

Brother Rogers died of an affliction of the heart in 1901 and was laid to rest in Warrensburg, Missouri, south of Kansas City.

1902

PHI DELTA THETA BECOMES AN INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY

Quebec Alpha (McGill) was installed on April 5, 1902, by Phis from Dartmouth and Vermont. The ceremony took place in the Windsor Hotel.

1902

GUY POTTER BENTON BECOMES PRESIDENT OF MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Dr. Guy Potter Benton, *Ohio Wesleyan 1886*, was the thirteenth president of Miami University (1902–11).

1902

PASSING OF ROBERT MORRISON

Upon Morrison's death on July 27, 1902, the Fraternity honored him at the 1902 convention.


 Year Founded

 # of
Founding Fathers

 # of
Initiates

 Chapter Size

INDIANA ZETA

DePauw
 1868  2  2,298  67

As briefly stated in our last number, the Indiana Eta, at Asbury University, Greencastle, has been set upon its feet again and, starting with ten members, now numbers fourteen. They are quite hopeful. Though having five other fraternities to contend with, they have already taken men away from them. The chapter has secured a nice hall for next year. It is 36 x 16 feet and is engaged permanently or as long as is desired at \$100 per annum. It will be neatly and comfortably furnished, a start to that end having been made among the members of the chapter. They will need about \$100 more. While their own alumni are expected to contribute, an appeal is made to the Fraternity at large for help. A good Phi hall at Asbury is necessary to the continuation of our chapter there, as the other fraternities are all well provided for in this respect. Remittances may be made to J. S. Sims or George W. Barnett, Greencastle, Indiana (*The Scroll*, July 1875, 145-46).

NOTABLE ALUMNI: **Samuel Elrod, 1882**, South Dakota Governor; **Arthur Ragan Priest, 1891**, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity executive vice president; **Samuel K. Ruick, 1897**, General Council President; **Elmer Thomas, 1900**, US Senator, Oklahoma; **John D. Millett, '33**, General Council President, 16th president of Miami University, first chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents; **David A. Beery, '64**, Phi Delta Theta Foundation Trustee; **Kimberly Trimble, '74**, three-time Fulbright Award winner; **Timothy Collins, '78**, founder, senior managing director, and chief executive officer of Ripplewood Holdings LLC; **Tom Vear, '80**, rebuilder, Marquette, Michigan; **Rob Apatoff, '80**, executive director, Kellogg Executive Leadership Institute; **Bill Martinov Jr., '86**, director of athletics as Long Island University; **Donald Gene Heatherly, '87**, Mitchell Fund Trustee; **Robert Boras, '92**, NFL coach; **Savon Jackson, '15**, Fulbright Award recipient; **Mitch 'Kid Quill' Brown, '16**, musician; **Daniel Rodefelf, '17**, Arthur Ashe Leadership and Sportsmanship Award Recipient; **Nelson Blake, '19**, Fulbright scholar; **Hunter Sego, '19**, diabetes activist and collegiate punter



Ohio Gamma

OHIO GAMMA

Ohio
 1868  3  2,162  66

The Ohio Beta at Athens reports ten active members and one more under consideration. One of their seniors tendered his resignation, but no reason being given, the chapter declined to act on it, and it is hoped that he may be induced to withdraw it. When the Ohio Beta was established at Ohio University, there were two other Fraternities already there—the Delta Tau Delta and the Beta Theta Pi. There was considerable strife between them, however, and the Phis, taking neutral ground, succeeded from the very first and have continued to do so. (*The Scroll*, July 1875, 144).

NOTABLE ALUMNI: **Marshall F. Parrish, 1876**, *Scroll* editor; **Louis R. De Steiguer, 1887**, Admiral US Battle Fleet during World War I; **George DeCamp, 1894**, Federal Reserve Bank chairman; **Frank P. Crumit, 1912**, singer, composer, vaudeville, radio; **Grosvenor S. McKee, 1916**, Phi Delta Theta

1903

THE SCROLL FINDS PERMANENT PUBLISHING HOME

In February 1904, the first issue of *The Scroll* was published by George Banta Publishing Company.

1905

FIRST OHIO ALPHA CHAPTER HOUSE

The Miami Phis acquired a ten-room residence at the point where the campus and the town center of Oxford came together.

1906

PALMER'S HISTORY PUBLISHED

Palmer's *History of Phi Delta Theta* was published in 1906. A massive and masterful work of nearly a thousand pages and half a million words.

1907

PASSING OF JOHN WOLFE LINDLEY

The longest-lived of the founders, he laid the cornerstone of the Memorial Chapter House at Miami on the day before Thanksgiving in 1907.

1909

NATIONAL INTRA-FRATERNITY CONFERENCE ESTABLISHED

The North American Interfraternity Conference is an association of collegiate men's fraternities.

1910

MARCH 15 BECOMES FOUNDERS DAY

Robert Morrison's birthday, March 15, was established in 1910 as Founders Day.



Indiana Epsilon

Foundation Trustee; **Fred H. Johnson, '1922**, OU board of trustees chairman; **G. Merritt Preston, '39**, NASA, awarded Presidential Medal for Outstanding Leadership by President John F. Kennedy, director Pre-Flight Operations, Manager-Manned Spacecraft, Center Cape Operations, Cape Canaveral; **Charles Ritter Collett, '42**, sports editor, *Dayton Daily News*, *In the Bond* author, J.G. Taylor Spink Award recipient; **Martin L. Hecht, '42**, assistant to OU president, Ohio University vice president of development; **Bob Wren, '43**, OU assistant director of athletics, baseball coach, baseball stadium named in his honor; **James W. Crum, '52**, sportscaster for OSU basketball and Cincinnati Bengals; **Van Gordon Sauter, '57**, journalist, president of CBS News and later Fox News; **Harry Houska, '64**, OU wrestling coach, inducted into MAC Hall of Fame; **John "Jack" W. Miller, '69**, chancellor of UW-Whitewater, dean of College of Education at Florida State University, and president of Central Connecticut State University; **Brian Bastock, '88**, dedicated alumnus

INDIANA EPSILON

Hanover

 1868  10  2,102  84

We are able to report the Indiana Epsilon Chapter as in a flourishing condition. We have ten members, which number is large enough when we consider that there are five fraternities represented here, while there

are only about one hundred and fifteen students in the college. Our members stand well in their classes. One of them will take the first honor in the present senior class, and for several years we have taken the highest honors in the literary societies of the college.

We have an elegantly furnished hall, and no chapter has more interesting or more profitable meetings than ours. Our chapter has been in existence a very few years, but we have alumni of which we are all proud. None are idle, but all are making their way up in the world, and all reflect honor, both upon the chapter and the Fraternity.

The Indiana Epsilon has been instrumental in founding many of the best and most prominent chapters of the Fraternity, and we hope to do even more in the future than we have done in the past (*The Scroll*, April 1875, 94).

NOTABLE ALUMNI: **Joseph Evans, 1898**, US Chamber of Commerce director; **Russell H. Fitzgibbon, 1924**, *Scroll* editor; **Thomas O. Cartmel, '53**, Foundation Trustee; **Edward G. Whipple, PHD, '74**, General Council President, Foundation Trustee Emeritus; **Wade Clapp, '77**, healer, mentor, researcher, leader; **Andrew Cole, '11**, Phi Delta Theta Foundation senior vice president of advancement

GEORGIA ALPHA

Georgia

 1871  102  2,674  128

I see from the September number of *The Scroll*, a clipping from the *Atlanta Constitution*, on secret societies at the University of Georgia. You can judge from that what a galling yoke we have been laboring under, and this does not express half we have endured. All the students, on their entering college, had to sign a pledge that they would join no secret society while connected with the university, and even the old members, when they met, had to seek some secluded spot and were then in fear of the professors; but they, at last, awoke to the fact that the university was going down and would soon have no scholars. In that three years that they were abolished, it decreased from over 200 to 100. After hard work at the last meeting of Trustees they left it with the professors, who readily acceded to our request and abolished that infamous law that kept us in subjection. We have started, as you might say, a new life and are advancing on our way to prosperity.

We have a chapter here consisting of eighteen members of the best boys at the university. All are good workers and will take a splendid stand in their class and will lead the most of them. We will get both anniversarians this year as we did last, and four champion

1910

ESTABLISHING THE BIRTHPLACE OF PHI DELTA THETA

The Niagara Falls Convention of 1910 resolved to preserve Wilson's Room in the Old North Dormitory.

1910

MITCHELL PASSES PLAN FOR \$10 LIFE PAYMENT PER INITIATE

At the 1910 Convention, Frank J. R. Mitchell, Illinois Alpha 1896, proposed a plan for a life subscription to *The Scroll* and *The Palladium*.

1912

BANTA'S GREEK EXCHANGE PUBLISHED FOR SORORITY AND FRATERNITY NEWS

George Banta and Walter B. Palmer published the inaugural issue of the Banta's Greek Exchange in December 1912.

1913

100TH CHAPTER INSTALLED AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Iowa Gamma was installed on the weekend of April 10–12, 1913.

1914

OVER 5,000 PHIS SERVE IN WWI

The first Phi casualty reported from Ontario Alpha was Lt. Colin Simpson, killed "somewhere in France" while commanding an artillery battery.

1915

FIRST MENTION OF ORGANIZING A CENTRAL OFFICE

An article written by George Banta Jr., supporting the idea of a central office, appeared in the October *Palladium* (he suggested Chicago).



Georgia Alpha

debators out of six. We took four gold medals last year out of six.

You will see from the above that we are not as far behind as one might suppose.

Send me a few copies of *The Scroll*. We will all subscribe in a few days. I will send the money at our next meeting. With regards, I am.


Your Brother in the Bond,
T. Charlton Du Pont
(*The Scroll*, November 1878, 5)

NOTABLE ALUMNI: **William Browne, 1843**, general, secretary of state; **Rufus Hardy, 1875**, US Congressman, Texas; **William Brantley, 1881**, US Congressman, Georgia; **Samuel Tribble, 1891**, US Congressman, Georgia; **Edward King, 1903**, artillery commander in the Philippines; **Ernest Vandiver, '40**, Georgia Governor;

Beverly Dolan, '50, founder, EZ-Go Golf Car; **Judge Sam Phillips McKenzie, '45**, General Council President; **George Busbee, '50**, Georgia Governor; **Sonny Shroyer, '58**, actor; **Hamilton Jordan, '66**, White House chief of staff, Carter Administration, Georgia Governor; **Billy Payne, '69**, Augusta National Golf Club chairman; **Govind Chhina, '15**, IFC Diversity Council chairman; **Nathan Williams, '16**, chief counsel to Sen. John Neely Kennedy

GEORGIA GAMMA

Mercer

 1872  4  1,539  39

We sorely regret that we have failed to put in an appearance in previous issues of *The Scroll* and have resolved that our punctuality in the future shall prove our zeal. We have not flown off at the southern tangent from the grand



Georgia Gamma

old circle of the Phi Delta Theta. We are enjoying an unexcelled fraternity feeling; we sustain a high college standing and have a respectable number of attendant members. We don't boast of the quantity but delight rather in the quality of our membership. Among the five rival fraternities in the university, we recognize no peers. We expect to carry off a goodly part of the honors at our approaching commencement. Our highly esteemed and talented young brother, C. L. Moses, will deliver the anniversary address at the celebration of the college literary societies of the university on the 26th of May. We most cheerfully approve the Centennial reunion.

—J. S. Barfiel (*The Scroll*, July 1876, 59).

NOTABLE ALUMNI: **Charles Moses, 1876**, US Congressman, Georgia; **James Overstreet, 1888**, US Congressman, Georgia; **Eugene Stetson, 1901**, Illinois Central System, director; **Dwight Rogers, 1910**, US Congressman, Florida; **Douglas Barnard, '43**, US Congressman, Georgia; **Philip Walden, '62**, founder, Capricorn Records; **Budge Huskey, '81**, Coldwell Banker Real Estate, CEO; **Austin A. Deray, '10**, Phi Delta Theta diversity and inclusion commissioner

1920

PASSING OF WALTER PALMER

The Fraternity had nineteen chapters when he signed *The Bond* at Georgia Beta in 1873. When he died there were eighty-six active chapters.

1920

ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRAL OFFICE IN INDIANAPOLIS

The 1920 convention in approved the George Banta Jr.'s recommendation. The office was formally opened on October 4, 1921.

1922

LOU GEHRIG INITIATED

Gehrig enrolled at Columbia University, where he was initiated into Phi Delta Theta on April 10, 1922, studied engineering and played fullback on the football team.

1922

GENERAL COUNCIL SECRETARY AND HISTORIAN POSITIONS CHANGED TO MEMBER-AT-LARGE

During the 1922 General Convention in Kansas City, a quote "radical" change was made to the General Council.

1922

WALTER B. PALMER FOUNDATION CREATED

President Will H. Hays appointed a committee in the summer of 1922 to consider the subject of the growing financial needs of the Fraternity.

1922

SURVEY COMMISSION CREATED

Its five members had an essential task to appraise the college scene and determine which institutions offered the best prospects for new chapters of the Fraternity.



New York Alpha

NEW YORK ALPHA

Cornell

 1872  4  2,115  63

(Excerpt from *The Scroll*, January 1875, 45–48). The credit of establishing the New York Alpha is to Brothers A. B. Thrasher of the Indiana Gamma, and T. C. Potter of the Indiana Epsilon. To the personal knowledge of the writer (we were his chum), Brother Thrasher spent considerable money and most of his spare time working the matter up. Each of the above-named had an old friend at Cornell, William E. Lucas, and S. W. Carpenter, respectively, both in the freshman class at that time. To them was delegated the task of establishing the first chapter of our fraternity in an eastern institution. They were well-fitted for the work. No man ever entered Cornell University who was better respected by students and professors for his ability or more deservedly popular for genial good fellowship than Brother Lucas. The minutes of our last convention sufficiently attest, Bro. Carpenter's energy and executive ability. N. W. Cady, 1874, of

Indianapolis, and C. E. Washburn, 1875, of Homer, New York, (now in California Alpha) having been assimilated, these four applied for a charter early in the winter term of 1872. The charter was granted, and the first regular meeting of the chapter took place on the first Friday night of the spring terra. But there were seven other fraternities here, well established and all suspicious of the unknown shield and dagger. The chapter had no hall, was weak in numbers and finances, and hence thought it best not to appear that year in the *Cornelian*, the fraternity annual. At the beginning of the next college year, however, several additions were made by initiation and change of membership; a hall was

procured early in the winter term, and when the *Cornelian* came out in the spring, Brother N. W. Cady was one of its editors, and our coat of arms appeared on its pages opposite the names of one senior, two juniors, six sophomores, and two freshmen. At the end of the spring term Brother Lucas left us, but the chapter was now able to stand alone and has made steady progress ever since. During last year the hall was made more comfortable, and the membership increased to fifteen.

—William O. Bates

NOTABLE ALUMNI: **William Oscar Bates, 1875**, *Scroll* editor; **Hugh Jennings, 1904**, MLB Hall of Fame baseball player; **George E. Houser, 1907**, General Council President; **Barber Conable, '43**, US Congressman, New York, World Bank president; **James McLamore, '47**, co-founder of Burger King; **Phil Bartels, '71**, Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service award recipient; **Brian D. Dunn, '77**, Phi Delta Theta Foundation Trustee; **Kevin Reilly, '84**, president, TBS & TNT; **Peter Bell, '86**, president and CEO of Ascendigo; **James Murray, '01**, participant MTV's Real World 9 New Orleans; **Stanford K. Goldman, '96**, Founder, Upside Partnership; **Manny Alvarez, '02**, commissioner of the California Department of Business Oversight; **Matthew Kurtas, '14**, certified sommelier and private club manager; **Dustin Liu, '19**, Cornell University student trustee

1923

CENTRAL OFFICE MOVED TO DETROIT

In October 1923, Phi Delta Theta's Central Office was moved to Detroit, Michigan, in the 527 Majestic Building.

1923

ARTHUR R. PRIEST BEGINS SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Priest became the Fraternity's first Executive Secretary in 1923 and brought many years of experience to the office.

1924

HARVARD TROPHY INTRODUCED

The first award of the Harvard Trophy, in 1925, was to Washington Beta at Whitman College.

1926

GENERAL COUNCIL VOTES TO MOVE CENTRAL OFFICE BACK TO OXFORD

where it drifted between four locations before reaching its destiny at 2 South Campus Avenue.

1929

FOUNDERS TROPHY INTRODUCED

Donated by Judge William R. Bayes, *Ohio Wesleyan '01*, in 1929 and is awarded to the most outstanding Phi Delta Theta chapter at a medium-sized institution.

1929

KANSAS CITY TROPHY INTRODUCED

The Kansas City Trophy was first presented in 1929 as the Cleveland Trophy and was originally sponsored by the Cleveland Alumni Club.



California Alpha, 1876

CALIFORNIA ALPHA

Berkley

 1873  37  1,501  39

At last comes news of the California Alpha, located at the State University, Berkeley, California. Brother Benjamin P. Wall writes us that the chapter was founded in June 1873 by S. L. Clark, formerly of Wisconsin Alpha and then a lawyer in San Francisco. The university was then at Oakland. A chapter of the Zeta Psi had been established three years before and had the best men of the upper classes. With the removal of the University to Berkeley, better times dawned, and the chapter has since grown and prospered in its beautiful home by the still waters of the bay, looking out through the Golden Gate upon the 'Peaceful Sea.' The chapter now numbers twenty-four

members. Being far removed from the other chapters, they have been obliged to do everything for themselves with little outside advice or assistance. By faithful work, the chapter has taken the leading position in the university, the Zeta Psis and Chi Psis to the contrary, notwithstanding. At the junior contest, J. E. Taylor carried off the honors. He is also the poet of the chapter. J. N. E. Wilson is the musician. With these two, and a lot of jolly, frolicksome fellows, in a handsome hall, their meetings are characterized by a variety of exercises, literary, musical, and gastronomical, truly fraternal. D. B. Huntley is valedictorian and historian of his class. William C. Jones is class orator. May 22, a banquet was given by the chapter to W. S. Alexander, who enters the Military Academy at West Point.



California Alpha, 1991

It was quite formal and gotten up in the highest style of the literary and culinary arts (*The Scroll*, July 1875, 147).

NOTABLE ALUMNI:

William Waste, 1891, Chief Justice Supreme Court of California; **Clement Young, 1892**, California Governor; **George D. Kierulff, '96**, General Council Member-at-Large; **William R. Hearst Jr., '29**, newspaper publisher; **Bill Bixby, '56**, actor/director; **John Cline, '21**, American Medical Association president; **Jeff Werber, '76**, Emmy Award-winning veterinary medical journalist; **Alan Daniels, MD, '04**, board-certified spine surgeon; **Harrison Power, '18**, chapter change agent

OHIO EPSILON

Akron

 1875  4  2,154  73

Mr. Thad. C. Druly, an old member of the Ohio Alpha and at present a Universalist minister at Middleport, Ohio, some time ago entered into correspondence with A. M. Ralston, concerning the prospect for establishing a Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta here. Mr. Ralston, assisted by A. C. White and others, worked the matter up, and on the 19th of January, those two gentlemen,

1930

FRATERNITY EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHED, ARTHUR R. PRIEST ELECTED PRESIDENT

The Fraternity Executives Association is the professional association of men's and women's fraternity executives.

1933

WILLIAM HARRAH BEGINS HIS CAREER IN THE GAMING INDUSTRY

William F. Harrah, *UCLA '34*, stands as one of the most influential figures in gaming history.

1934

POWELL CROSLY JR. PURCHASES CINCINNATI REDS

Powel Crosley Jr., *Cincinnati 1901*, purchased a financially strapped Cincinnati Reds franchise.

1937

PAUL C. BEAM BEGINS SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

After a careful search, the General Council chose Paul C. Beam, Indiana 1922 (Illinois 1925), as Phi Delta Theta's administrator.

1937

FOUNDERS ROOM READY FOR USE IN ELLIOTT HALL

By an act of the university trustees, the Founders' Room, a front room on the second floor, was restored to its original dimensions and assigned to Phi Delta Theta.

1938

FRANK J.R. MITCHELL SCROLL ENDOWMENT FUND CREATED

The 43rd Convention provided that the endowment should be named the Frank J. R. Mitchell Scroll Endowment Fund.



Ohio Epsilon, 1956

accompanied by W. D. Shipman, went down to Wooster. The trio was met by a company of zealous Phis of the National Grand, taken over the town and initiated that evening into the mysteries of the sacred bond. They returned next day to Akron full of Phi spirit and straightway organized our chapter here. Before the month closed, eleven members were enrolled, and two more were taken during February.

The Delta Tau Deltas have a chapter here, and as they had the field all to themselves at first, they managed to enroll some of our best students. But already we more than equal them in strength, and, as they will lose five or six men next commencement, while we lose only one. Our prospects for coming time are much the brightest. Moreover, they hold no regular meetings, which we think is a great misfortune—to them.

We are happy to enter the fraternity at such an auspicious period and are especially proud that the Ohio Eta and the SCROLL are twins in time if not



Ohio Epsilon, Community Service Day

in parentage. We also feel honored in being located so near the National Grand—nearest of all. Our members are, of course, all fine fellows and determined to make the Ohio Eta a worthy and successful chapter. They rank high in class and take a prominent part in the literary work. The President of our Bryant society is a Phi. We have not yet secured a hall but are putting forth efforts to obtain one, and we trust that soon when we shall don the dagger and shield and “come out” into the astonished gaze of the multitude, we shall be working as busy as bees for the noble objects set forth in the bond.

—D. W. Shipman, Secretary Ohio Eta, (*The Scroll*, April 1875, 92–93)

NOTABLE ALUMNI:

Arthur A. Stearns, 1879, General Council Member-at-Large; **Harold A. Minnich, 1924**, General Council Member-at-Large, Foundation Trustee; **Paul E. Martin, '35**, Foundation Trustee; **Donald E. Demkee, DDS, DHL, '60**, Foundation Trustee, president Martin Automotive Group; **Richard E. Galloway, '63**, Foundation Trustee, University of Akron board chairman; **Roger T. Reed, '63**, Harwick Chemical Corporation president and CEO; **Larry Warder, '67**, Department of Education CFO for Federal Student Aid Office; **John Costello, '68**, senior executive to Dunkin Brands, The Home Depot; **Dan Moldea, '73**, author; **Keith Dambrot, '82**, Duquesne men's basketball coach; **Sterling McNeill, '04**, Next Gen Award, Water Quality Association; **Richard Angeletti, '16**, Akron Student Body vice president; **Todd Simmons, '17**, Order of Omega, Student Board member; **Alex Shannon, '15**, University of Akron Alumni Association '5Under35,' Phi Delta Theta 30 Under 30 winner; **Taylor Swift, '17**, Akron Student Body president; **Matt Stang, '22**, NASA mechanical engineer, Phi Delta Theta 30 Under 30 winner; **Jim D. Warner, '70**, long-time volunteer

1939

LOU GEHRIG LUCKIEST MAN SPEECH

Lou Gehrig, *Columbia* '25, famed for his 2,130 consecutive games-played streaks, made one of the most memorable speeches in the annals of sports.

1940

FIRST PHI DELT TO WIN HEISMAN TROPHY—TOM HARMON

Tom Harmon was a football star at Michigan from 1938 to 1940 and won the trophy as a senior.

1941

PASSING OF LOU GEHRIG

On June 2, 1941, Lou Gehrig, the most eminent athlete of his time, died in New York after a two-year battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

1941

OVER 12,000 PHIS SERVE IN WWII

An estimated 12,233 initiated members of Phi Delta Theta served in World War II, 559 killed in action.

1946

FRED VINSON BECOMES UNITED STATES CHIEF JUSTICE

Vinson was an American politician who served the United States in all three branches of government.

1947

FRATERNITY TAKES OCCUPANCY OF MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND GENERAL HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN OXFORD, OHIO

The building was to be finished in time for the upcoming General Convention.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA

Mississippi

 1877  15  3,676  265

That the reader may properly appreciate the surroundings of the Mississippi Alpha, perhaps it would not be amiss to enter into a brief description of the institution in which this chapter is established. The institution was founded about the year 1845 as the University of the State; it is situated at Oxford, a town in the northern portion of the state of nearly three thousand inhabitants. Since the organization of the University, it has been in active operation (except during the late war between the States, it was suspended) under the tuition of a full corps of competent and efficient professors; in the regular routine of classes—Freshmen, Sophomore, etc., and besides the regular collegiate course, there is a splendid Preparatory and Law department connected with it; and instructions in the art of Telegraphy is also one of its valuable appurtenances.

Under the auspices of Brother Palmer of the Georgia Gamma, the Mississippi Alpha Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity was established in the above-mentioned institution in May 1877. It was so near the close of the session that the charter members did not accomplish much during that term. At the opening of the session for 1877–78, five valiant Phis arrayed themselves against ten other active fraternities to build up their juvenile fraternity, and by their united efforts, true Phi Delta Theta merits began to reward their labor. Thus they “made haste slowly,” always preferring *quality to quantity*, till they had made fifteen additions to the little brotherhood, and I truthfully assert the happiest moments of my college life were spent in our gay meetings.

—Monroe McClurg



Mississippi Alpha, 1970

Excerpt from September 1878 issue of *The Scroll*. Read full report, <https://phide.lt/Scroll1878>

NOTABLE ALUMNI:

William Winter, '44, Mississippi Governor; **Charles Cooper, '49**, lieutenant general US Marines; **John W. Stitt II, '54**, General Council President; **Dick O'Ferrall, '57**, director emeritus, Alpine Camp; **Bobby Franklin, '60**, NFL football player; **Robert Khayat, '60**, chancellor, University of Mississippi; **Thomas J. Reardon, '72**, dean of students, University of Mississippi; **John Fleming, '73**, US Congressman, Louisiana; **Chris Henick, '78**, deputy assistant to President George W. Bush; **Hu Meena, '80**, Mississippian of the Year, 2014; **Sean Tuohy, '82**, college basketball Ole Miss Hall of Fame inductee; **Tate Taylor, '91**, film producer/director; **William E. Stitt, '91**, owner Bill-E's restaurant and Bill-E's Bacon; **William Jenkins, '93**, broadcast journalist; **Sellers Shy, '94**, CBS Sports' lead golf producer; **Brian Glahn, '96**, president of infrastructure and cloud, Anexinet Corporation; **Hayden Perkins, '99**, pediatric dentist; **Matt Burdine, '08**, paddling the Mississippi River; **John Stitt, '13**, competitive lifter; **William Kneip, '16**, Ole Miss Columns Society, Phi Delta Theta 30 Under 30 winner; **Dion Kevin, '18**, Associated Student Body (ASB) President

1947

TONY AWARDS FOUNDED BY BROCK PEMBERTON

The award was founded in 1947 by a committee of the American Theatre Wing (ATW) headed by Brock Pemberton, *Kansas 1908*.

1948

CENTENNIAL CONVENTION HELD IN OXFORD

A record turnout of 1,268 Phis were registered on September 1 at Ogden Hall, a scant fifty paces from old North Hall (Elliot Hall).

1948

FRANCIS D. LYON RECEIVES OSCAR

The winner of an Oscar in the recent competition is Francis D. “Pete” Lyon, *UCLA '28*, president of Omicron Province of Phi Delta Theta.

1950

FIRST GOLD STAR AWARDS GIVEN

At the Fraternity's 48th General Convention in Chicago, Executive Secretary Paul C. Beam first presented citations for chapter excellence.

1953

LOU GEHRIG MEMORIAL AWARD CREATED

Each year a young major leaguer will receive a citation as the player who best exemplifies the sportsmanship.

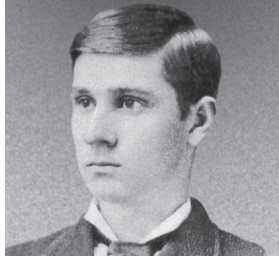
1954

GRANTLAND RICE TROPHY INTRODUCED FOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPION

Named for the legendary sportswriter Grantland Rice, *Vanderbilt 1901*.

ROAD TO GREATNESS

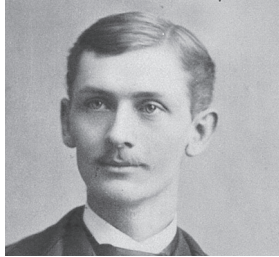
Everyday Phis doing extraordinary things



**GEORGE BANTA,
FRANKLIN 1876**

was elected, by unanimous consent, as the first President of the General Council of Phi Delta Theta at the 1880 Convention at the Grand Hotel in Indianapolis. George, at the young age of twenty-three when elected, went on to serve as president through 1882. He eventually became known as a Second Founder of Phi Delta Theta. Much of what we know today—our ritual, the General Council, provinces, province presidents, countless chapters, and *The Scroll*—are tied back to the service of George Banta.

Banta was interested in establishing a chapter of Delta Gamma Fraternity for women at Franklin College. The members of the mother chapter of Delta Gamma thought well of the proposal and, to the Banta's surprise, elected him to membership on May 27, 1879.



**WALTER B. PALMER,
EMORY 1877**

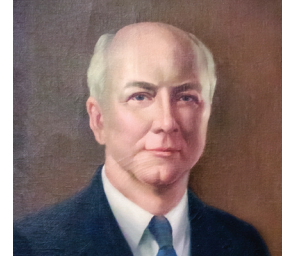
published the *History of Phi Delta Theta*. A massive and masterful work of nearly a thousand pages and half a million words, it was the result of many years of arduous labor. Scroll Editor Hugh Thomas Miller, *Indianapolis 1888*, wrote, "Phi Delta Theta owes much to many who have contributed to her development and strength . . . but to none is her debt greater than to him who has given of his days and nights so lavishly to perfect her laws and rites and customs, to strengthen her chapters and her chapter roll, who besides carried on to crowning success the staggering task of writing the first history of our great brotherhood, writing it so well that it will be a century hence, as now, the admiration and despair of Greek-letter society historians."



**FRANK R. MITCHELL,
ILLINOIS 1896**

placed before the 1910 Niagara Falls Convention a proposal, without precedent in the fraternity world, which called for a plan providing for a life payment of ten dollars for each initiate. By 1917, the fee of ten dollars upon initiation was obligatory. By 1936 the fund amounted to approximately a quarter of a million dollars, invested in mortgages and high-grade securities. The principal of this fund now amounts to more than \$4.9 million. Almost every fraternity and sorority has since adopted the plan of life subscription which Phi Delta Theta gave to the fraternity world.

The Mitchell Fund and the True Blue Society support *The Scroll*, *The Scroll Archive*, *The Scroll Extra*, and expenses related to communications and alumni relations.



**ARTHUR R. PRIEST,
DEPAUW 1891**

became the Fraternity's first executive secretary. During his tenure, he would write a Pledge Manual, compile a Phi Delta Theta songbook, and edit two editions of the *Fraternity Catalogue*. From 1921 to 1937 when he retired, he helped to establish fourteen new chapters and to revive five old ones. As national secretary, he unified the expanding Fraternity, encouraged scholarship, and uplifted morale. One of his accomplishments was to win alumni support for a Fraternity endowment fund. A plan was drawn up to raise \$500,000 at the 1922 Kansas City Convention.

The Arthur R. Priest award was established to name the undergraduate member who best exemplifies the teachings of *The Bond*.

PHI FOOTNOTES

BENJAMIN HARRISON

A scholar, a president, a lifelong brother in the bond

“The Fraternity is today enjoying a large measure of prosperity, due perhaps to no one thing in our history in grand results, so much as the good judgment and skill evinced by Ben Harrison, the youthful student at Miami University, as president of the Ohio Alpha of the Phi Delta Theta, in the celebrated crisis of 1851,” Founding Father Robert Morrison’s, Ohio 1849, endorsement of Harrison for president, in a special biography edition of *The Scroll* (October 1888, 9).

Morrison is recollecting an incident that tested the society very early in the history of Phi Delta Theta. Benjamin Harrison, Ohio Alpha Bond No. 19, and newly elected president on October 13, 1851, was very quickly tasked to determine the fate of a couple of wayward brothers. From Palmer’s *History of Phi Delta Theta*,

Childs and McNutt became intoxicated at the opening of the railroad at Hamilton, Ohio, near Oxford, 1851. This was before McNutt was initiated, but as he, as well as Childs, promised never to repeat the offense, he was initiated; and yet on the very night of his initiation, both of them got drunk. Benjamin Harrison, who was a roommate and an intimate friend of McNutt, was appointed to admonish him; and Denny was appointed to admonish Childs, who was his confidential friend. McNutt promised on bended knees, calling God to witness, that he would never touch liquor again, while Childs promised to abstain from it until Christmas. The Society was satisfied, and the matter was tacitly suppressed. But Childs and McNutt continued to get drunk and, strangely enough, seemed to make a point of becoming intoxicated on the nights of meetings of the Young Men’s

Temperance Society, of which both were members and of which McNutt was the prosecuting officer.

On October 27, both men were found to be drunk, and the Society decided to arraign them and hold a meeting that evening. McNutt and Childs refused to show, saying, “neither *The Bond* nor *The Constitution* of the ΦΔΘ Society provides for the arraignment of any member.” On October 30, Harrison and Ohio Alpha Secretary I. S. Lane drove to John McMillan Wilson’s home at College Corner, Ohio, and brought him back to Miami’s campus. That evening, Childs and McNutt plead guilty. Palmer continues,

The minutes say that, they having retired from the hall, “A motion to strike the names of J. H. Childs and J. G. McNutt from The Bond was then proposed and carried without dissenting voice.” Matthews, Denny, and Kemper did not vote. These three were close friends of Childs and McNutt, and they offered their resignations, which were accepted at this meeting.

In 1882, Robert Morrison commented on Harrison’s character regarding this matter, “The situation was new and the circumstances exciting, yet the President’s head was cool, as evinced by the decision.”



Benjamin Harrison, 1850

This trial is just one that would shape the young man who would be president of the United States and begin what became a lifelong affinity for Phi Delta Theta.

THE SCHOLAR

How did this man have the wherewithal at such young age to deal with friends and brothers in such a serious situation? Could it be his connection to a long line of successful Harrison men? His five-time great-grandfather Benjamin I emigrated from Great Britain and landed in the Colony of Virginia in 1633. He was the first of the family to serve in public service by serving as a legislator in the Virginia House of Burgesses. His son, Benjamin II, was county sheriff and served in the House of Burgesses. In a similar fashion, Benjamin III and IV both served in public office. Harrison’s great-grandfather Benjamin Harrison V was a delegate in the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence, was twice a member of Congress, and was the fifth governor of Virginia. Ben’s grandfather was General William Henry Harrison, who served in the War of 1812 and was the ninth US president. William’s son John Scott Harrison was a two-term Ohio Congressman. While his illustrious

Whereas the P.D. & Society as such does not claim special authority for the arraignment of any member within its jurisdiction. And whereas Jos. A. Childs and Jos. F. McNutt members of the Ohio Alpha of the P.D. do question the right of said society to summon any member charged with a violation of its bond. Therefore,

Res. 1st That the rights vested inherently in our order to protect itself against internal corruption.

Be It Resolved That whilst we deplore the act of which said Jos. A. Childs and Jos. F. McNutt are charged, yet we love them as brothers and finally hope that they be led by our Prince officers & the blessing of God to covenant anew to fulfill every duty enjoined by the bond.

Res. 3rd That we agree to meet in the allegorical cabinet on Thurs. 30 inst. at 8 o'clock and that meanwhile we earnestly invoke the guidance of almighty God as to the course of action to be pursued.

Res. 4th That a copy of the above be submitted to Jos. A. Childs & Jos. F. McNutt.

Expulsion of Childs and McNutt proclamation

ancestry is fascinating and allows one to immediately consider that this might explain his rise to power at the highest levels of government, it may surprise you to learn that not only did Ben Harrison (as his friends affectionately called him) not grow up riding on the coattails of famous relations, he grew up on a farm with his father just making ends meet.

Born on August 20, 1833, in the town his grandfather founded (North Bend, Ohio), Harrison was the second of six siblings. His father, John Scott Harrison, was a farmer during Benjamin's growing years but served twice as US congressman from Ohio, 1853–57. While not wealthy, John Harrison wanted his children to have a good education, so he sent Ben and Ben's elder brother Irwin to Farmer's College. According to a classmate and

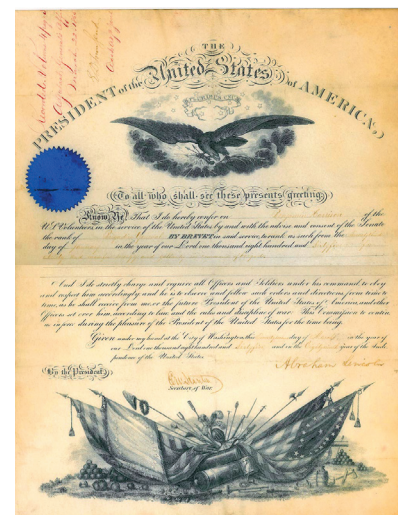
later famous editor Murat Halstead, "There were four grandsons of Gen. Harrison at the school ... but Ben was the one who attracted attention and received the highest consideration." After two years of study, Harrison left to attend Miami University, enrolling with the junior class. Halstead continued, "He didn't stay with us at College Hill to the graduating period—going off to Miami University, where he graduated with honor, and I remember that it was hinted at the time that one of the inducements that he had to go was that Dr. John W. Scott, who had been our professor of rhetoric, had established a female college in Oxford, and that Ben was in love with his daughter Carrie, who is now Mrs. Gen. Harrison." According to fellow Farmer's College classmate Lewis Ross, Miami 1852, "we enrolled in



General Benjamin Harrison, 1865

the junior class, with at least half of the sophomore year to make up. This implied that we were required to do two and a half years' work within the space of two years, but it was accomplished and all graduated—a class of fifteen members—on June 24, 1852." Ross' impressions of Harrison during their four years of school together, "impressed me with the belief that he was ambitious ... he always did his best ... he, as a rule, made special preparation, giving as much time as possible to the matter in hand." He continues, "From aught that has come to my notice, in later years, I infer that his entire career has been a living exemplification of the principles which governed his student life. He was just then. He is just now. He was industrious then. He is industrious now. He was ambitious then. He is ambitious still."

Being a scholar with a keen mind for debate allowed him to carefully consider the Childs/McNutt matter. But this wouldn't be the only time that Harrison would have to deliberate serious matters for



Brevet commission to brigadier general

the young Society. In 1852, shortly before he graduated, there arose a question about dividing Ohio Alpha. As they were still operating *sub rosa* and meeting in their rooms (many of which were small), a few members thought it would be better to operate as two chapters to eliminate the chances of being discovered (and to be more comfortable). Three members, John A. Anderson, John K. Boude, and Ebenezer E. Hutcheson submitted a petition on April 13, 1852, proposing to establish a second chapter at Miami and requesting a charter. Harrison dissented but as Boude was president and Anderson secretary, the motion passed. On April 17, at the next meeting, new leadership was elected with David Swing and Harrison elected as president and secretary, respectively.

THE BEGINNING OF A PHI FOR LIFE

Harrison took an active role in the early days of the Fraternity while at Miami. Harrison was appointed to report to the Convention, along with John Anderson



Caroline Scott Harrison



Benjamin Harrison, candidate for president

and Lewis Ross, on the topic of establishing new chapters. He attended the first Phi Delta Theta Convention in Cincinnati on December 30, 1851, and was elected secretary. Anderson reported to the committee, and at this Convention, a constitution for a higher order comprising of alumni was adopted and Harrison was chosen as recording secretary. After graduation Harrison's contribution continued when he attended the higher order alumni meeting on New Year's Day 1853 in Cincinnati. A meeting of the higher order was discussed and scheduled during commencement week. Harrison was appointed to the committee on correspondence and publication. Later, on June 30, 1865, he presided over the Indiana State Phi Delta Theta Convention in Indianapolis. As he was practicing law in Indianapolis, he became a charter member to the Indiana Beta Alumni chapter. Harrison spoke at many alumni gatherings in 1881–82 and at the Province Conventions held in Indianapolis April 1885 and

1887. Fellow classmate Byron K. Elliott, *Miami* 1855, stated in *The Scroll*, November 1888,

“He is a man who retains friends; his college friendships are unbroken, his college days are not forgotten. No man, so busy as he, enjoys meeting the sons of Phi Delta Theta at their reunions as does Ben Harrison. He is yet loyal to her colors and stands to her traditions. The honors that he has won have not obscured the memories of the days and nights passed at ‘Old Miami.’”

During the province convention banquet in 1889, attendees sent, now President Harrison, a telegram at the White House. Along with the greeting, a fellow lawyer in Harrison's firm sent a toast, “Ben Harrison, first in peace, first in war, and first in the hearts of the Phi Delta Theta.”

As president, Harrison appointed several Phis to his cabinet. General T. J. Morgan, *Franklin* 1860, as commissioner of Indian affairs; J. A. Anderson, *Miami* 1853, was consul-general to



“Come on boys!” Battle of Resaca—May 13–16, 1864

Cairo, Egypt; J. W. Foster, *Indiana* 1855, was secretary of state, and G. M. Lamberton, *Franklin* 1872, was assistant secretary to the treasury department. He also promoted W. A. Woods, *Wabash* 1859, to judge of the US circuit courts in 1892.

In 1890, as president, he attended a reunion of his old brigade in Galesburg, Illinois. Word got out and an invitation was sent to attend a banquet on October 8, and he accepted. In attendance were the Knox and Lombard chapters and about one hundred other guests. On April 27, 1891, President Harrison attended a dinner sponsored by California Phis in San Francisco. About sixty members were present, including a few from his own chapter, Ohio Alpha. There, in part of a speech, he said,

“My friends and brothers in this old society, I enjoy very much this moment in associating with you. I am a member of the first chapter of Phi Delta Theta. I belonged to the Fraternity when it was young; and now I find its members living in all states, where they hold positions of trust and influence. I find that in its history it has produced nothing discreditable to itself, but that it has sustained a reputation of which every one of its members may well be proud. I thank you for this opportunity of associating with you.”

At the Washington, DC, alumni day meeting on March 15, 1892, Harrison toasted his fellow Phis, “The Fraternity: may it have a



Ben and Caroline with daughter, Mary Harrison McKee, and grandchildren, Benjamin "Baby" and Mary Lodge McKee

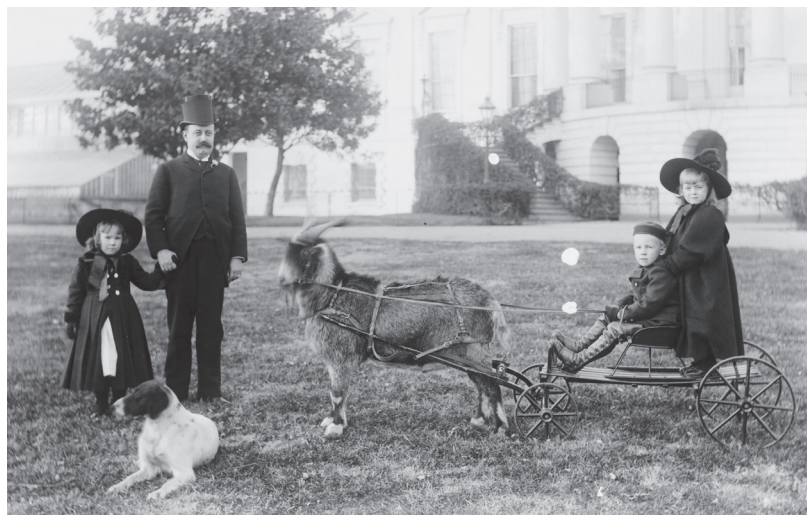
career of great prosperity, and its members be distinguished for patriotism, for devotion to duty, and for loyalty to truth."

PRESIDENT

Before he was elected president of the United States of America, Harrison first had to work hard to establish a life for himself and his new wife, Caroline Scott Harrison. He decided on law as his profession and began to study for the bar. He studied law in Cincinnati at the offices of Storer and Gwynne. He and Carrie were married in 1853, and they moved to Indianapolis in 1854. By 1860, he ran for and was elected as the reporter of the Supreme Court of Indiana. In August 1862, he enlisted in the Union Army as a colonel. By

the end of the war, he was brevetted brigadier general of volunteers for "ability and manifest energy and gallantry in command of brigade."

While serving in the Seventieth Indiana, he was reelected court reporter. On returning home, he served out his term but declined reelection after that term expired and instead decided to focus on his law practice. He formed the practice of Porter, Harrison, and Fishback. In 1876, he was the Republican candidate for Indiana governor. Harrison served as the senator for Indiana from 1881 until his inauguration on March 4, 1889. During his term as president, he set aside 13 million acres of public domain land for national forest reserves; initiated the



Benjamin Harrison's son, Major Russell Harrison, with his daughter Marthena and nephew and niece (Benjamin "Baby" and Mary McKee) on a cart pulled by the presidential pet goat "Whiskers" at the White House between 1889 and 1893

Pan American Conference in 1889, later resulting in the Pan American Union; established the Coast Guard Academy; expanded the navy from only three modern steel warships in 1889 to twenty-two ships by 1893; added six states to the Union during his presidency; firmly enforced the 15th Amendment to secure voting rights; and, instituted the practice of displaying the American Flag over public buildings and schools. He continuously spoke in favor of and supported numerous bills to secure voting for Black Americans, federal funding for school regardless of race, and questioned states' civil rights records.

In 1890, President Harrison traveled ten thousand miles cross-country to the Pacific and back in just thirty-one days. During that time, he delivered one hundred forty speeches. Harrison served during the time of Reconstruction, which meant big domestic rebuilding. Hallmarks of his administration included

unprecedented economic legislation, including the McKinley Tariff, which imposed historic protective trade rates, and the Sherman Antitrust Act. Due in large part to surplus revenues from the tariffs, federal spending reached one billion dollars for the first time during his term. The spending issue in part led to the defeat of the Republicans in the 1890 mid-term elections. Harrison was defeated by Cleveland in his bid for reelection in 1892, due to the growing unpopularity of the high tariff and high federal spending. He then returned to private life in Indianapolis but later represented the Republic of Venezuela in an international case against the United Kingdom. In 1900, he traveled to Europe as part of the case and, after a brief stay, returned to Indianapolis. He died the following year from pneumonia.



Funeral procession of Benjamin Harrison included Hilton U. Brown, *Butler* 1880, as first pallbearer on left

A PHI REMEMBERED

The announcement of Benjamin Harrison's death was a short one in the February 1901 *Scroll*. It began,

"General Benjamin Harrison, former president of the United States, one of the first citizens of the world, and first in the hearts of his brethren of the Phi Delta Theta, died on Wednesday afternoon, March 13. The news of this calamity has long ago spread throughout the brotherhood, and it is designed here only to give record to the fact in the Fraternity annals and to announce that a later number of The Scroll will pay tribute to his memory A great light has been removed but it shines steadily from afar."
—Hilton U. Brown,
Past President of the General Council

The April 1901 edition dedicated thirty-four pages to eulogizing General Harrison. Taking information from

previous *Scrolls*, Palmer's *History of Phi Delta Theta*, and the remembrances of many fellow Phis, the tribute to the thirteenth signer of *The Bond* tells Harrison's story. Through their memories, a picture takes shape of the man beyond what one might read elsewhere. For instance, PPGC Brown, the city editor for the *Indianapolis News*, was in Harrison's law offices on the night the news of his nomination broke. Five other Phis were also present in the office. Brown describes the scene:

"That night, Indianapolis roared. Nobody made any more noise than those who were delighted on Fraternity as well as on political grounds. I was at the general's house that evening. Judge Byron K. Elliott (Ohio Alpha) of the state supreme court was there. Thousands of telegrams were pouring in from every quarter. I wondered if the Phi Delta Thetas generally were interested as a fraternity. I soon found out. ... Judge

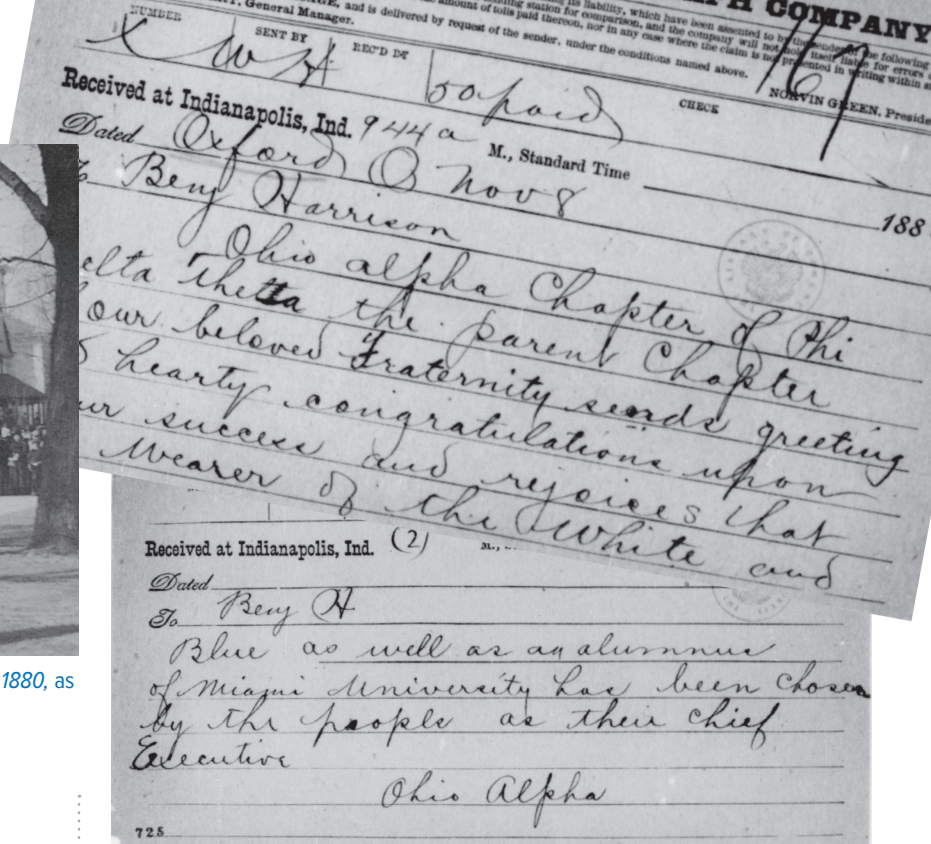
Elliott and I called Mrs. Harrison's attention to the zeal of the Fraternity brothers. She smilingly replied, 'The General is a good Phi, and often hears from the boys.'"

Of his death, Walter B. Palmer wrote, "Benjamin Harrison was a loyal Phi Delta Theta for half a century. He joined the society in the early months of 1851, and he died March 13, 1901, just fifty years later. The Fraternity mourns the loss of her greatest and one of her most faithful sons."

The Indianapolis Alumni Association still met on March 15 for alumni day. As president of the association, General Harrison's death was keenly felt by all. Many stood up to speak to Harrison's character as a Phi, as a president, and as a hero. John L. Ketcham, *Wabash* 1866, served under Colonel Harrison in the Seventieth Indiana. He remembers

with clarity the day of the assault at Resaca during the Civil War.

"We passed Sherman and Hooker and other distinguished generals. Just at noon, we moved up a hill and formed in line under some magnificent trees. There was no sound of musket or cannon, but evidently, there was something serious for us. The command was whispered down the line: 'Fix bayonets.' We knew what that meant. Here and there, a soldier hurriedly imparted to his nearest comrade a message of love to be carried home in the event 'anything happened.' ... Just as we reached the bottom of the hill, with bayonets glistening in the sun, the clear ringing voice of our colonel was heard: 'Now, boys, cheer for Indiana.' ... You all know that Benjamin Harrison had moral



courage. Everyone knows that, but I can testify that he had physical courage. It is worth something in this life to have a steady nerve, a stout heart, and a brave soul."

A former law student who worked at Harrison's law firm, James W. Fesler, *Indiana 1887*, stated that Harrison "had a conscious and it controlled him absolutely. Expediency never, for any purpose, exerted the least influence on him. Whatever he did must first have the approval of his conscious."

Indiana Supreme Court Clerk Robert A. Brown, *Franklin 1884*, remarked that Harrison was "devoted to Phi Delta Theta. His association with it reminded him of happy college days and brought him in contact with young, vigorous, ambitious manhood. He, therefore, often did us the honor to meet with us."

The final word on Harrison comes from then-current GC President Hubert H. Ward, *Ohio State 1890*, who represented the Fraternity at President Harrison's funeral on March 17, 1901, alongside GC Secretary Frank J. R. Mitchell, *Northwestern 1896*. According to his report in *The Scroll*, Ward related that "The funeral party reached the church at 2:30 p.m. It included two Phis, Judge William A. Woods, honorary pallbearer, and Hilton U. Brown, active pallbearer. The floral displays at the church were elaborate—conspicuous among which could be seen the white and blue ribbons of Phi Delta Theta.... at the grave, as the last words were uttered by the minister, three white carnations (the flower of Phi Delta Theta) were laid on the casket ... all that was mortal of an ex-president was then hidden from view forever; but the influences of such a life will go on, to the lasting good of all men who have in life, or who will through history, come in contact with Benjamin Harrison."



THE FRATERNITY HONORS ITS PRESIDENT PHI

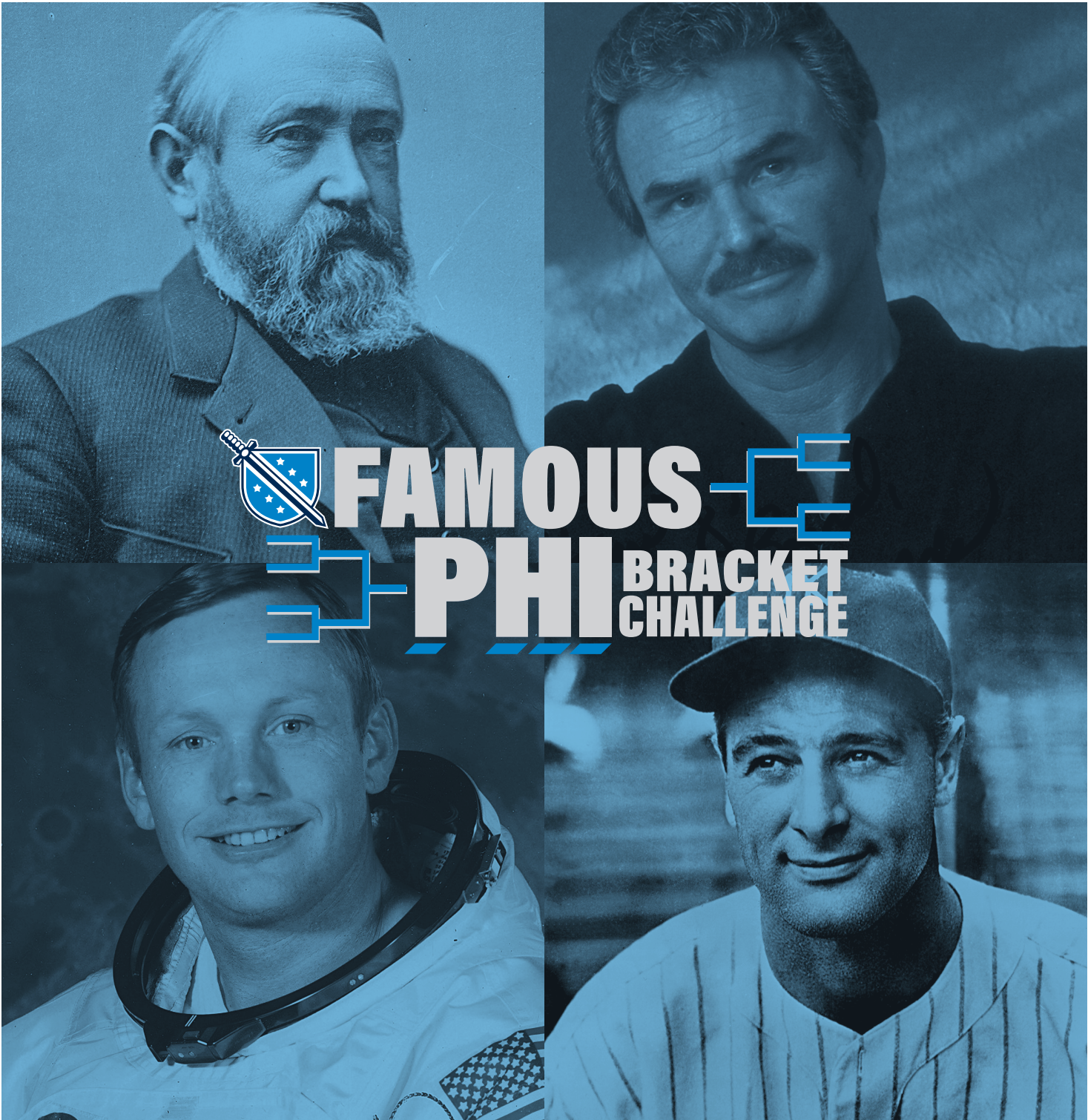
Beginning in 2021, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity worked to raise over \$50,000 to support the Old Glory, New Vision Campaign at the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site in Indianapolis, Indiana. Several Phi Deltas attended the groundbreaking renovation ceremony to launch the \$6 million capital campaign on April 21, 2021.

On March 15, 2022, the new eight-nine-foot flagpole, courtesy of the Fraternity and its donors, flew a 20 x 38 garrison flag of the United States and the Phi Delta Theta flag in honor of Founders Day. Moving forward, each Founders Day, the blue and white will fly and be seen by more than 170,000 people driving by Interstates 65 and 70.

The special recognition plaque event honoring Phi Delta Theta took place on March 14, 2023. On May 18, the Harrison Capital Campaign culminated with a celebration on the grounds of the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, which included tours of the Site for all to see the various improvements. Approximately 250 individuals attended the event. Several Phi Deltas were also on hand, and during the formal program, Phi Delta Theta was mentioned several times for the Fraternity's support of the campaign. The end of the campaign should allow for even more visitors to know and love our brother and Famous Phi.



ALUMNI NEWS





BRACKET CHALLENGE WINNERS

Congratulations to James Keiser, *Embry-Riddle '22*, Ryan Gibbons, *Seton Hall '25*, Cole Bertrand, *Sonoma State '23*, Michael Prater, *Eastern Kentucky '22*, Aiden Szewczyk, *Northeastern '26*, and Chase Walther, *Arizona State '22*, who took home prizes for top bracket scores.

Famous Phis Bracket Challenge

Celebrating the Fraternity's most beloved members in March Madness style

BY KATE FULMER, DIGITAL STRATEGY COORDINATOR

P*hi Delta Theta* has many Famous Phis who have inspired us throughout the years. As we celebrate the Fraternity's 175th anniversary, we asked you to make bracket selections for who you believed would emerge as the Fraternity's most beloved Famous Phi. This fun competition ran throughout the NCAA March Madness tournament and featured the ability for the crowd to vote for each match-up as the bracket progressed.

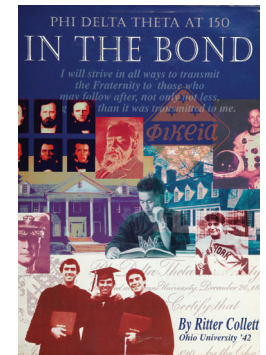
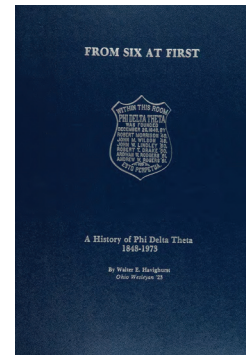
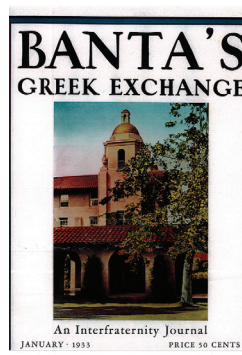
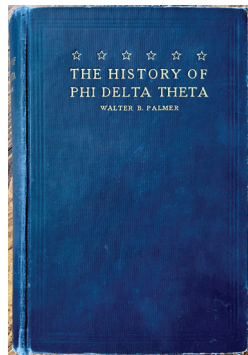
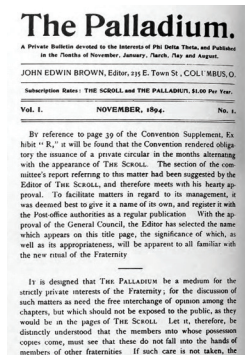
We started with sixty-four Famous Phis on a mission to find the most beloved Famous Phi. Thank you to everyone who filled out a bracket and voted in the Famous Phi Bracket Challenge. Sweet Sixteen matchups included:

Benjamin Harrison v. Wes Welker; Tom Harmon v. Adam Silver; Lou Gehrig v. Don Meredith; Jack Ham v. Eddie Goldman; Neil Armstrong v. Josh Abbott; Jim Otto v. Frank Lloyd Wright; Burt Reynolds v. Doak Walker; Dirk Benedict v. Tio Kleberg.

Benjamin Harrison, Lou Gehrig, Neil Armstrong, and Burt Reynolds made it to the Final Four with nearly one thousand votes each round leading up to the final two. Neil Armstrong was voted the most beloved Famous Phi with 972 votes in the final round. Lou Gehrig was a close second place with 771 votes. 🇺🇸



PHI MEDIA



The Palladium

JOHN EDWIN BROWN
Established by the Convention of 1894, the purpose of *The Palladium* was meant as a medium for disseminating within the Fraternity information that it would be unwise to publish without sub rosa restrictions. The four numbers of Volume I were dated November 1894, January, March, and May 1895, each having eight pages of the same size as those of *The Scroll*.

History of Phi Delta Theta

WALTER B. PALMER
A massive and masterful work of nearly a thousand pages and half a million words, it was the result of many years arduous labor. For all its accuracy and its minute and endless detail, the book is imbued with fraternal warmth and aspiration.

The History of Phi Delta Theta has four indexes—all the work of Palmer himself—an index of subjects, of chapters, of alumni clubs, and of names.

From the day of its publication, this consummate book had been "the admiration and despair" of all fraternity historians.

Banta's Exchange

**GEORGE BANTA JR.,
WALTER B. PALMER**
The Exchange published the general news of interest in regard to all fraternities, articles suggesting improvements in fraternity methods and management, and discussions of problems with which the fraternities are confronted. It was the only medium for an interchange of opinions in regard to questions affecting all fraternities, and in this respect it had a very important mission. The magazine was edited by George Banta, the fraternity department was handled by Walter B. Palmer, and the sorority department by Mrs. Ida Shaw Martin, ΔΔΔ.

From Six at First: A History of Phi Delta Theta

WALTER E. HAVIGHURST
Former Miami University English professor, Havighurst, *Ohio Wesleyan* 1923, tackled this condensed history of Phi Delta Theta for the Fraternity's 125th anniversary. Utilizing his extensive literary and historian talents, he took the history written by Palmer and brought the story forward to 1974.

Phi Delta Theta at 150: In the Bond

RITTER COLLETT
Baseball Hall of Fame inductee sports editor Collett, *Ohio* '42, took up the pen that Havighurst put down, and continued the Fraternity's history from 1973 to 1998. He dedicated the book to "every man who had signed *The Bond* over the last 150 years and to those who will sign in the next 150."

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VIEW FROM THE TOP

Lessons Learned as General Council President

Working together strengthens the bonds of brotherhood and the Fraternity

Sixty-eight members have served as General Council President since the historic 1880 Indianapolis Convention when the Executive Committee transformed into the General Council. Much has changed in the Fraternity since George Banta was the first elected president. Still, as current sixty-eighth President Moe Stephens II mused in his letter, the one thing that has stayed constant is the bonds of brotherhood. These hardworking men have had to govern and manage the ever-growing membership of Phi Delta Theta, but in steering the good ship Phi, they have leaned into each other. As George Banta's father David Banta said about the 1880 Convention, "History is a plant of slow growth. It is built up from the accretion of years. The old Phis and young Phis are workers building that history, step by step." *The Scroll* reached out to the Past Presidents of the General Council for their reflections on their service to the Fraternity.

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE

By Edward "Ed" G. Whipple,
Hanover '74

Serving as General Council President has been one of the highlights of my career in higher education, if not in my life. I was President from 1992–94, a time when on the college campus, many were questioning the role of fraternities and sororities, alcohol and hazing issues were significant, and many alumni were asking why our Fraternity needed to change. When I served as President, I was a university vice president for student

affairs, so I saw first-hand the issues we faced as a Greek letter organization. During my time as General Council Treasurer, I wrote an article for a national higher education publication stating that if fraternities did not start addressing alcohol abuse and hazing, they would "go the way of the dinosaur." At the 1988 spring GOC, some volunteers severely criticized me for highlighting these critical problems. To them, I was 'anti-fraternity,' and I should not be slated for General Council President that June. While I obviously was surprised by that reaction (and their ignorance), I disregarded it as best I could.

I only served six years on the Council, as the election of 1988 brought in three new members. Consequently, I assumed the role of Reporter. During my time on the Council, we had not yet come into the computer age. For example, there were no cell phones and only a rudimentary email system in the country. All business was conducted via the landline telephone or the US Postal Service. I distinctly remember my first General Council meeting as a newly elected member in September 1988, an extremely long discussion regarding whether General Headquarters should invest in a fax machine. Also, at that meeting, fellow newly-elected Council member Tony Ambrose and I were adamant our consultants needed higher monthly salaries. There was resistance to that idea; however, I believe we were able to obtain a \$15 monthly increase! At least it was a start in recognizing our need to attract and retain the best and brightest staff to work with our undergraduates.

I was so fortunate to work with a terrific Council—Tony Ambrose, Dr. Bob Deloian, Arby Dickert, and Stan Gilson.



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Several significant issues stand out for me regarding the Fraternity operations at that time:

- In my GC President's speech at the 1992 Convention in Washington, DC, I addressed the issue of diversity and the need for us to embrace change in its many forms, including membership and ideology. In reflecting, at least I planted the seed;
- The opportunity to work with a terrific new Executive Vice President Bob Biggs;
- The chance to schedule our Council meetings on college campuses so that we could interact with our students and local alumni;
- We addressed the role of alcohol at Fraternity events. That caused anguish on the part of many, but it

PREVIOUS PAGE TOP: Past Presidents of the General Council, 2021 Pittsburgh Convention. **BACK:** Dr. Chris W. Brussalis, Jeffrey N. Davis, Richard E. Fabritius, Christopher A. Lapple, M. Scott Mietchen, Rudy M. Porcivina Jr. **FRONT:** Executive Vice President and CEO Emeritus Robert A. Biggs, Dr. Edward G. Whipple, Anthony H. Ambrose, Dr. Robert B. Deloian, Dr. Charles L. Pride, Michael G. Scarlatelli,

was the right thing to do. We also spent significant time on the topic of alcohol in the chapter. This was the start of work towards our alcohol-free housing policy during Dr. Deloian's GC presidency;

- Finally, we continued to focus on leadership development and its importance for a strong Fraternity. The first Leadership College was held in August 1987, providing a superb foundation to build our program.

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LEADERSHIP AND PHI DELTA THETA

**By Dr. Robert "Bob" B. Deloian,
Arizona State '66**

I started my service to Phi Delta Theta in 1989 as a province president in a Greek system that had changed dramatically since I was an undergraduate. In the early 1960s, fraternity and sorority houses were dry facilities. As I reengaged in the 1980s, alcohol and drugs were pervasive, and with them came a renewed desire to haze. Very little reminded me of my undergraduate experience in Phi Delta Theta.

In 1992 I became a member of the General Council with a great deal of enthusiasm and anticipation. I believed in the premise that "True leaders are not those who strive to be the first but those who are first to strive and who give their all for the success of the organization they serve." No word in the Greek system is touted more than "leadership." Our decision to initiate Alcohol-Free Housing came down to the fact that if we were truly the value-based organization of leaders, we said we were, then why were we not addressing the problem that every college and university administration admits is their greatest risk management nightmare?

The Council and Headquarters staff recognized that this number one

challenge and concern on college campuses was not unique to Phi Delta Theta but was impacting the image, safety, and growth of the entire Greek world. We felt that if we could address the alcohol issues, our other concerns would be affected positively.

Most of all, the General Council felt the alcohol-dominated culture that existed on campuses and within our chapters was killing what Phi Delta Theta really stood for and what it meant to be part of this great Fraternity. We wanted to return the focus of the Fraternity to our founding principles. We asked ourselves, if our Founders were here today, would they recognize us as the Fraternity they had created in 1848? The answer was sadly NO, and we felt that we would break faith with them if we ignored what ought to be done to get back to our founding principles.

- Like most fraternities, our membership numbers were on a steady decline. In addition, many of our members acted in a manner that brought discredit to the Fraternity.
- Our overall academic performance was weak as many members failed to meet chapter and university minimum scholarship requirements. Sound Learning, one of our sacred principles, had taken a back seat to the campus culture.
- Our once majestic houses showed signs of neglect and wear from parties and vandalism by members, guests, and non-members.
- Many of our house corporation members, chapter advisers, and alumni, in general, had lost interest in the Fraternity and the will to fulfill their duties to assist chapters with their day-to-day operations.
- We were seeing rising costs of liability and property insurance premiums due to irresponsible acts and high numbers of claims.
- We wanted to meet the needs of the incoming students as statistics showed that more students were looking for substance-free housing.



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Since all of these concerns were being impacted by alcohol and three-quarters of our undergraduate members were not of legal drinking age, removing alcohol from our houses was only obeying the law. We could no longer provide a place for our members to break the university, state, and national laws. Therefore, as the elected leaders of Phi Delta Theta, we chose an unpopular position and risked our very existence to uphold our valued principles.

Today more than ever, young people are rethinking their priorities, and fraternity life may not even be on that list. Our job is to create value so that an organization such as Phi Delta Theta remains a priority. We have proven that a positive environment will attract the kind of young men that we need to carry our history and traditions forward.

Since the rollout of our Alcohol-Free Housing program, the results have verified our belief that we chose the correct path. We compared our commitment to the Spanish explorer

Cortez that landed in Mexico in 1519 and ordered the boats to be burned so there would be no turning back. We wanted our undergraduate and alumni members to recognize and be ensured that we were leading them into new, unknown, and potentially hazardous territory without turning back.

Since the decision in 1997, Phi Delta Theta has prospered in many measurable statistics:

- Chapter numbers have grown from 165 to 195
- Undergraduate numbers have grown from 3,700 to 12,757 (one of the best growth periods in our history)
- The number of new members has grown from 1,200 to 4,900
- The average chapter size has grown from 28 to 66
- Grade point average has increased from 2.2 to 3.2 (above the all men's average on most campuses)
- 40 percent of our houses have live-in leadership advisers
- Insurance cost per member has decreased from \$275 to \$106
- The number of claims has gone from thirteen per year to under five annually

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MOVING THE FRATERNITY FORWARD

By Arthur “Art” F. Hoge III,
Westminster '75

In February 1997, the General Council voted to require all chapter facilities to be alcohol-free effective July 1, 2000. That vote occurred at the General Council meeting preceding the February 1997 General Officers Conference. At GOC, the General Council presented the resolution to the Fraternity's general

officers, who gave overwhelming support for this action. One of the officers in attendance commented that if the Fraternity was going to follow this course, “burn the boats.”

When Fraternity leaders were discussing the possibility of this requirement through a General Council vote, I wondered how alcohol-dominated culture on college campuses could be changed and, indeed, if it could.

I served as General Council President during the 2000–02 biennium, taking office at the June 2000 convention. When I took office, I was concerned that a significant amount of the time and focus during my two-year term would be addressing violations and numerous possible chapter closures for noncompliance with the alcohol-free facility policy.

Leading up to the alcohol-free facility policy implementation on July 1, 2000, there was an abundance of educational programming. To better support the transition, the Phi Delta Theta Foundation and the Fraternity using some of its funds, offered limited monetary grants to house corporations that adopted the requirement before July 1, 2020. All available grants were taken within a short period, so funding for a second round of grants was approved. They were also quickly taken.

To my surprise, not a single chapter, to my recollection, faced discipline during the 2000–02 biennium for violating the alcohol-free facility requirement. Instead, the Fraternity had met head-on a lot of the fear of change and what the policy would do to chapter success.

This relatively quiet atmosphere during my time as President allowed the General Council and Fraternity to focus on the next steps in moving Phi Delta Theta forward.

In the 1990s, the Fraternity moved into high gear on building contacts with collegiate members and educational programming. An annual summer leadership college for undergraduates and chapter advisors in Oxford, Ohio, was started and continued to grow, with attendance in the hundreds. Additionally,



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during the 2000–02 biennium, a weekend January conference in St. Louis, Missouri, was started for chapter presidents and recruitment chairmen. I am proud that both educational conferences continue to grow and adapt to better serve our members.

Implementing a minimum standards policy for chapters was a hot topic among Fraternity general officers. A question was what those standards would address due to so many different fact situations for chapters. Finally, officers reached a consensus at a September 2000 General Council meeting. The GC established a policy for minimum chapter size based on campus averages for men's fraternities, the performance of the ritual, and attendance at Fraternity educational conferences.

The relationships developed as a General Counsel member and, indeed, as a Fraternity general officer is among the biggest plusses in being fortunate to serve. I have two chapters. One is my collegiate chapter. The other is the relationships with wonderful Phis from



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across the country and Canada I came to know and appreciate.

THE FRATERNITY MADE ME A BETTER MAN

By Charles “Charley” L. Pride,
Western Kentucky ‘87

Looking back on my term as President of the General Council, it was a wild ride. With highs and lows, we were coming off 9/11. We faced several challenges in the changes that occurred afterward. However, our volunteers, staff, and undergraduates did a great job providing an experience for our members that truly identified them as leaders. As I traveled, I was amazed at our members’ resiliency, ability, and strength to meet the challenges.

During my tenure on the Council, we worked on Alcohol-Free Housing, made ALS our Fraternity philanthropy, worked on education and leadership programs, including the McKenzie Family Presidents Leadership Conference, strengthened the Kleberg Emerging Leaders Institute, and started the foundations of our membership development program. We also stressed

the value of the volunteer on both the international and local levels.

I learned that Phi Delta Theta has a very dedicated membership, volunteers, and Headquarters staff. It was great to visit campuses and attend conferences and see the skills of our members and how they impacted their surroundings. Whether in Canyon, Texas, Montreal, Quebec, or Vermillion, South Dakota, the bonds of Phi Delta Theta could be seen. The men I served on the Council with became friends, brothers, and family. I look back, and the Fraternity made me a better man.

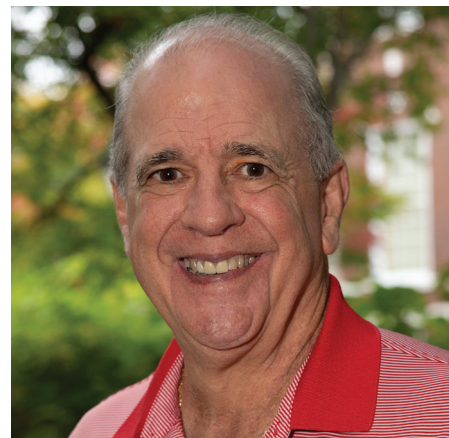
If you ever get a chance to sit in a room with old Phi Delts and listen to their stories, chapter tales, and urban legends, whether on a local or international level, one thing is true: If only a Phi Delt for a day, you have made it. The continued spirit of 175 years lives on.

IT’S NOT THE CRITIC WHO COUNTS

By Michael “Scar” Scarlatelli,
Kettering ‘76

Let me start by saying that as an undergrad, I never would have thought I’d one day lead our great Fraternity. Yet, thirty years later, I was standing at the podium in Marina del Rey in exactly that role. Having been elected to the General Council at the official start of Alcohol-Free Housing (AFH), there were some tough and hard decisions to make affecting our chapters. But another serious component that went hand-in-hand with AFH was a lot tougher to see and address; that subject was hazing.

Over the years, many raised concerns about hazing. A letter that the General Council received asked that the Council members address hazing, and that written request struck a chord with me. Brother Sparky Reardon wrote that letter. So, the next time I was at the podium, I announced that hazing had no part in Phi Delta Theta and that we would tackle it. Don’t Tarnish the Badge was born a few months later.



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—Mike Scarlatelli

Stepping back, as I relay to my undergrads each year at the McKenzie Family President’s Leadership Conference (McKenzie PLC), if you want to implement change, you first need to build a coalition, a small group of supporters. Before the 2004 Convention, I approached a couple of close Council members and General Officers to gain their support for an anti-hazing initiative. Following Convention, to make a significant impact, the Fraternity sent a letter to all the undergrads’ parents right before Thanksgiving, asking them to discuss hazing with their sons. The final rollout was to our chapter officers at the 2005 Presidents Leadership Conference and the General Officers Conference in January, along with the Amnesty program. Both initiatives still stand to this day.

Sparky’s message over the years of “the courage within” and listening to “that small voice within” rings true. Similarly, at McKenzie PLC, every year, Brother Corey Ciocchetti reminds us to be “authentic, be true to yourself.” Both concepts were instrumental for me in helping achieve our goals regarding the anti-hazing initiative. I would also be remiss if I didn’t thank Rudy Porchivina,



Scott Mietchen, Chris Lapple, and Mark Ochsenbein for supporting this initiative during my biennium and those that followed to keep it alive.

Finally, I will leave you with this quote excerpt from the “Citizenship in a Republic” speech given by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1910: “It is not the critic who counts ... credit belongs to the man in the arena ... who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat.” I believe our six Founders would be proud of what Phi Delta Theta has achieved. Read the full speech of President Roosevelt, https://phide.lt/Not_the_Critic

CHARTING A STRATEGIC COURSE

By M. Scott Mietchen, Utah '84

I had the honor of serving under six General Council Presidents during fourteen years on the Council (1994–2000) and (2004–12) and was General Council President from 2010–12. I worked with Presidents who are all dedicated Phis and gifted leaders and witnessed, up close, their skills and talents.

Phi Delta Theta's recent history can be split into two distinctive periods—before Alcohol-Free Housing (AFH) and after AFH—which was announced in 1997 and fully implemented in 2000. While it took the Fraternity, chapters, and members nearly a decade to fully accept and work through the issues surrounding AFH, this industry-altering policy created an inflection point in the Fraternity's

history which made today's tremendous successes possible.

Phi Delta Theta has benefited from a General Headquarters staff with unusual longevity and quality for the past century. Stable and long-serving Executive Vice Presidents have led the way, and this outstanding staff enables the Council to fulfill its vision.

Every General Council President has the opportunity to work with other dedicated Phis on his Council to move the needle forward and implement one or two important changes or initiatives during his term in office. I am most proud to have played a role in two significant initiatives. The first was creating and adopting the General Fraternity's first long-range strategic plan. This ten-year plan—*Phi Delt 2020*—was developed by the General Council and General Headquarters staff and helped chart the course for the Fraternity's development and growth for a decade. I was pleased to see a recent General Council continue this long-range planning model in 2020 by creating *Phi Delt 2030*. I also helped bring about an essential change in the structure and management of the Phi Delta Theta Foundation and its fundraising program. These changes led to substantial improvements in the Foundation's fundraising operation, which made possible the endowment's growth to over \$34M today with a goal of reaching \$50M by 2030. These funds make it possible for the Fraternity to provide cutting-edge educational programs for undergraduate and alumni members and grow student scholarship support.

During my years on the General Council, I learned that you can't



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control chapters from Oxford. Our best chapters have at least one, if not more, of the following support systems at the local level:

- An active and effective chapter advisory chair/board
- A strong house corporation
- A committed, live-in house mother/director

No amount of programming from GHQ can help a chapter more effectively than these local support systems. Therefore, a considerable part of the General Fraternity's efforts should remain focused on supporting these systems.

During more than thirty-five years of volunteer involvement with the General Fraternity, I have seen that not all national/international fraternities are the same. While we will always have issues to deal with, I wouldn't trade our issues for those of any other fraternity, and I believe that Phi Delta Theta will continue to be the leader of the fraternity movement long into the future. 🇺🇸

WELCOME TO: Mother Oxford



Benton Hall

Guy Potter Benton, Ohio Wesleyan
1886, Miami University President

Elliott Hall

Old North Dormitory, Wilson's Room,
Charles Elliott, Miami

General Headquarters (GHQ)

2 South Campus Avenue

Harrison Hall

Benjamin Harrison, Miami 1852, 23rd
US President

Millett Hall

John D. Millett, DePauw '33, Miami
University President

Ohio Alpha

Home of the Ohio Alpha Chapter at
Miami University

Pulley Tower

Verlin L. Pulley, Miami 1925, Miami
University Trustee, Mayor of Oxford

Stoddard Hall

Orange Nash Stoddard, Miami '34,
Miami University Vice President

Weeb Ewbank Way

Weeb Ewbank, Miami '28
Former NFL Coach

1954

FIRST ARTHUR R. PRIEST AWARD WINNER

The award was established to name the undergraduate member who best exemplifies the teachings of *The Bond* of Phi Delta Theta.

1955

FIRST LOU GEHRIG MEMORIAL AWARD GIVEN TO ALVIN DARK

Brother Alvin Dark, *Louisiana State '45*, was the first winner of the Lou Gehrig Memorial Award.

1955

ROBERT J. MILLER BEGINS SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Robert J. Miller, *New Mexico '50*, was named Executive Secretary of Phi Delta Theta by the General Council.

1955

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY INTRODUCED

An idea proposed by Stanley D. Brown, *Nebraska '36*, was first designated in 1955.

1956

COLONIZATION BECAME A TERM AND PROCESS FOR NEW CHAPTERS

Today, the word colonization is not used in the Fraternity's expansion process. Colonies are now referred to as emerging chapters.

1957

FIRST MARRIOTT HOTEL

Marriott Corporation was founded by John Willard Marriott, *Utah '26*, in 1927 when he and his wife, Alice Marriott, opened a root beer stand in Washington, DC.

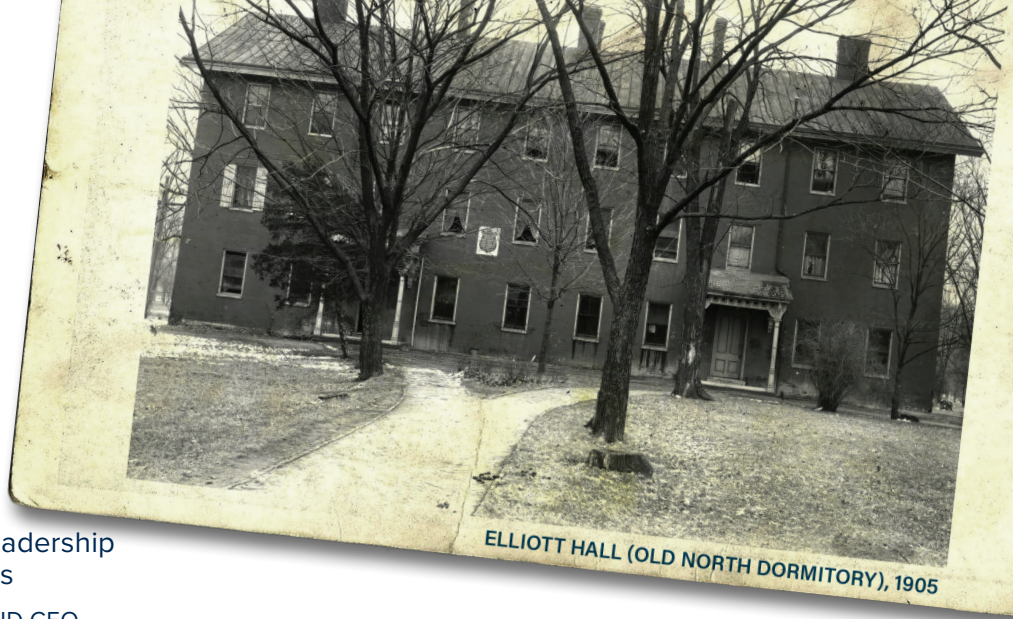
FRATERNITY NEWS

GHQ UPDATE

500 Yards Away

Celebrating seventy-five years of servant leadership at GHQ inspired by our nearby surroundings

BY SEAN WAGNER, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CEO



While this issue commemorates 175 years of our great brotherhood, I wanted to use my little corner of *The Scroll* to honor another anniversary that we celebrate this year—the 75th anniversary of the General Headquarters (GHQ) and Memorial Library and the people who have lived and breathed Phi Delta Theta as its professional staff.

Two plots measuring 123 feet along South Campus Avenue by 60 feet along High Street were acquired in 1940 for the future Phi Delta Theta General Headquarters and Memorial Library, which was eventually dedicated during the Centennial General Convention celebration in 1948. This acquisition serendipitously included a property that was the birthplace and childhood home of Caroline Lavinia Scott, who would become the wife of the only Phi to serve as president of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, Miami 1852.

This wasn't our first office or location in Oxford. The decision to establish a Central Office happened in 1920, and temporary offices in Detroit and Indianapolis before moving to Oxford occurred in 1926 with two properties at 111 South Beech Street and 208 East High Street, respectively. Each move got us a little closer to our founding site, Old North Dormitory, now known as Elliott Hall.

The building at 2 South Campus Avenue is styled in red Georgian brick, matching the architecture of Miami University. Thanks to the support of Paul E. Martin, Akron '35, and others, an addition was added in 1998 that expanded the building to 22,700 square feet. Today, it features offices, the Second Founders Room and Museum, the David Demaree Banta Memorial Library, the Costello-Read Leadership Center, the Lou Gehrig Memorial Award, and much more. This final location couldn't have been more perfect. Directly across from the General Headquarters, the Phi Delta



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1958

REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP EXCLUSION CLAUSE

The Scroll reported, “the new section eliminates any reference to race, color, or creed....”

1958

PHI DELTA THETA FOUNDATION CREATED

At the 52nd Biennial General Convention, PPGC O. J. Tallman and Ed Knowles of the New York Alumni Club presented the creation of the Phi Delta Theta Foundation.

1958

FIRST SILVER STAR AWARDS GIVEN

At the Fraternity's 52nd General Convention in Asheville, North Carolina, citations were first presented to Silver Star chapters for chapter improvement.

1959

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT DESIGNS ARIZONA BETA HOUSE

Brother Wright designed only one fraternity house: the home of Phi Delta Theta's Arizona Beta Chapter at Arizona State University in Tempe.

1959

RALPH WILSON CREATES BUFFALO BILLS, BECOMES AFL FRANCHISE

On October 28, 1959, Ralph C. Wilson Jr., Virginia '40, made history as Buffalo's principal owner of the professional football team.

1960

RAYMOND L. GARDNER ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD INTRODUCED

Sidney O. Smith Jr., Georgia '60, first winner awarded to celebrate extraordinary service to the General Fraternity.



Slant Walk in 1905

Theta Gates, dedicated in 1973, lead to the Slant Walk that runs to the center of the Miami University campus, where our origin story began just 500 yards away.

As our fifth executive vice president, I have the honor of occupying the chief executive office. Along with offices on the front of our building, my office faces east. It draws inspiration from Elliott Hall, Miami's students, and the undergraduate leadership experience we strive to support daily. While the players and positions have changed at GHQ over the years, the commitment to support that experience and the values of Phi Delta Theta have remained consistent.

Since inception, we've had 376 GHQ staff members. Of them, 324 have been Phis, and fifty-two have been non-members. One hundred thirty-six chapters have members who have been on our team, with Ohio Alpha (Miami), Indiana Epsilon (Hanover), and Washington Delta (Puget Sound) producing the most staff members.

Often referred to as GHQ Alpha, this small but mighty group has been dedicated to the Phi Delta Theta mission while employed by the Fraternity. But that commitment doesn't diminish after departing Oxford. Twenty-one percent of Phi Delt staff members have become General Officers of the Fraternity and even General Council Presidents, such as Lothar Vasholz, Art Hoge, Dr. Charley Pride, Scott Mietchen, Rich Fabritius, and current President Moe Stephens.

Today, as a modern fraternal membership association, the General Headquarters manages nine different corporate entities supporting the undergraduate and alumni member experience. We are very

GREAT PLACES TO WORK CERTIFIED

Phi Delta Theta General Headquarters is proud to share that the organization has been Certified™ by Great Place to Work® in the United States. This recognition is based on the feedback from a survey of current employees, who reported that 90 percent believe Phi Delta Theta is an excellent place to work, compared to the 57 percent average of other US companies.

Guided by its strategic plan *Phi Delt 2030*, Phi Delta Theta's ultimate goal is to be recognized as the leading fraternal leadership development society. To do this, the Fraternity needs to hire and retain the best in the industry. Seeking this certification will enable General Headquarters to seamlessly continue creating a positive workplace so that it can successfully provide our members a transformational experience in pursuit of greatness.

Great Place to Work Certification recognizes employers who create an outstanding employee experience. Certification is a two-step process that includes surveying your employees and completing a short questionnaire about your workforce. Because employee feedback and independent analysis determine the scores, Certification helps job seekers identify which companies genuinely offer a great company culture. Certification gives employers a recruiting advantage by providing a globally recognized and research-backed verification of great employee experience. The Great Place to Work certification has recognized companies such as Target, Hilton, American Express, and Hulu. Phi Delta Theta is honored to rank alongside these companies.

You can read more about employee demographics, company culture, and other metrics at <https://phide.lt/GreatPlacesCertified>



1961

BURT REYNOLDS' FIRST MOVIE

In 1961, Reynolds made his film debut in the movie *Angel Baby*, based on the novel *Jenny Angel* by Elsie Oakes Barber.

1962

FIRST FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The first Foundation scholarships were awarded in August 1962 at Convention when checks for \$500 were presented to two undergraduate Phis.

1963

150TH CHAPTER INSTALLED AT UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Phi Delta Theta's 150th chapter installation took place on September 14, 1963, as the Fraternity welcomed Tennessee Gamma into the fold.

1968

WEBB EW BANK—FIRST COACH TO LEAD NATIONAL AND AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUES TEAMS TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

His Colts won in 1958 and 1959, and the 1968 Jets followed up with a victory in Super Bowl III.

1969

NEIL ARMSTRONG MOON LANDING

"The Wapakoneta, Ohio, native established Moon Alpha by carrying a special replica of Phi Delta Theta's Founders Badge with him on his epic journey."

1970

VIETNAM WAR AND CAMPUS UNREST CHALLENGE GREEK COMMUNITY

After years of unrest, what happened on May 4, 1979, will go down in American history, simply remembered as 'Kent State.'



proud that GHQ was recently certified for the first time as a Great Place to Work.® It also serves as a modern hub and workplace with employees in Ohio joined virtually by others in Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Nebraska, North Dakota, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Although it's our workplace, we're merely caretakers of the building for the 287,000 initiated brothers of Phi Delta Theta. We're proud to welcome over one thousand Phi Delt into our halls each summer for the Kleberg Emerging Leaders Institute, local chapters for retreats and initiations, and visiting members making the pilgrimage to Oxford to take it all in.

Just as a house is not only a home, similarly, 2 South Campus Avenue is not merely an office and museum. The General Headquarters has been the epicenter and symbol of the Phi Delta Nation for the last seventy-five years. As we chart the course for future success and relevancy in a changing world, GHQ will continue to be both the beacon of our values and the driver of support for our members in their pursuit of greatness going forward. Carried onward by our current momentum and inspired by our heritage, the GHQ Team looks forward to serving our volunteer leaders and brothers to ensure many more anniversaries and celebrations to come. 🏠



Dedication of the new General Headquarters building in 1948

1973

DEDICATION OF PHI DELTA THETA GATES AT MIAMI

The handsome gateway at the head of the historic Slant Walk was dedicated precisely 125 years after the first meeting of the original six members of Phi Delta Theta.

1974

CREATION OF THE CANADIAN PHI DELTA THETA FOUNDATION

Since 1974, the Canadian Foundation has awarded over \$400,000 to more than four hundred undergraduates across Canada.

1975

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCROLL

The convention of 1874 adopted a resolution to publish "A Quarterly Paper." The Phi Delta Theta Quarterly was issued from Indianapolis on October 17, 1874.

1975

HOUSSEY TROPHY INTRODUCED

The George E. Houssey Trophy is awarded annually to the top Canadian chapter that exemplifies the Cardinal Principles of Phi Delta Theta.

1978

LEGION OF HONOR AND LEGION OF MERIT AWARDS CREATED

Created to honor a member for distinguished service and lifelong commitments to the Fraternity.

1980

NANCE MILLETT AWARD CREATED

It is presented every other year to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the free enterprise system.

FOUNDATION NEWS

Providing Advancement in Learning Since 1960

Celebrating scholarship donation growth from \$800 awarded to over \$1M in sixty-two years

At the 52nd Biennial General Convention in Asheville, North Carolina, on behalf of the Committee of Constitution and General Statutes, Past President of the General Council O. J. Tallman and Ed Knowles of the New York Alumni Club presented the creation of the Phi Delta Theta Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation is “to provide for the advancement of learning, particularly in colleges and universities in which chapters of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity are active, through the granting of scholarships and other aid to deserving students in such colleges and through the extension of financial or other aid in furtherance of educational activities conducted at such colleges and universities.”

The Phi Delta Theta Educational Foundation was officially established on August 16, 1960. The original trustees were David Gaskill, *Miami 1916*; Robert F. Maskey, *Ohio Wesleyan 1924*; Grosvenor S. McKee, *Ohio 1916*; Harold A. Minnich, *Akron 1924*; George S. Ward, *Illinois 1910*, and Donald Winston, *Williams 1915*. The aim was to provide scholarships and other aid to deserving students. Begun on a small scale, the Foundation would steadily enlarge its influence in the years ahead.

Today the Phi Delta Theta Foundation grants \$1 million annually in scholarships and educational support thanks to the generous donation of Phis and friends over the past six decades.



Our Million Dollar Year

As we entered December 2022, the Phi Delta Theta Foundation was thrilled to announce that for the first time in the Foundation's history, it awarded \$1 million in educational grants and scholarships to advance the education of our members.

2022 by the numbers:

\$2,994,504 Raised

\$1,590,857 Granted

2,702 Donors

504 Scholarship Recipients

225 McKenzie Family Presidents Leadership Conference Attendees

998 Kleberg Emerging Leaders Institute Attendees

View the Foundation's 2022 Impact Report by scanning the QR code or <https://phide.lt/ImpactReport22>



1982

PHI DELTA THETA FOUNDATION EXPANDS TO EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

The Phi Delta Theta Foundation successfully petitioned the IRS to expand its awards from solely scholarships to educational grants.

1983

ALS ADOPTED AS FRATERNITY PHILANTHROPY

The General Council adopted ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, as the philanthropy of Phi Delta Theta late in 1983.

1984

FRATERNITY PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED

Because of its proactive risk management actions, Phi Delta Theta is proud to have the lowest insurance rates in the industry.

1987

FIRST SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, LEADERSHIP COLLEGE

A flagship conference developed for the sole purpose of developing leadership skills for Phi Delta Theta undergraduate students.

1987

200TH CHAPTER INSTALLED AT MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

The West Virginia Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta became the Fraternity's two hundredth chapter, installed on Saturday, April 25, 1987.

1989

SAM SIMON CREATES THE SIMPSONS

Sam Simon, *Stanford '75*, developed the animated sitcom *The Simpsons* with Matt Groening and James L. Brooks.



Canadian Foundation

The Canadian Phi Delta Theta Scholarship Foundation became a corporate body on April 2, 1973. It resulted from George Brigdon's, *Toronto '52*, discussion with Bob Miller about why the Phi Delta Theta Scholarship Foundation awarded no scholarships to worthy Canadian Brothers. "It seemed somewhat ludicrous that contributions by Canadian Brothers to the Scholarship Foundation could not in part go to supporting Phi Delta undergraduates in Canada in their scholastic endeavors."

As in all things financial, the answer to the perplexing question was simple: taxes. The tax laws of the United States of America did not allow scholarship foundations to grant educational scholarships where the money would be used at educational institutions outside the US. The Canadian Income Tax Act had similar provisions.

To the Canadian mind, there was a simple solution. Create a separate foundation. After some discussion, this was done, and Canadian leaders set out on the interesting journey of collecting and honoring Canadian scholars.

Initially, and for many years, the funds were collected from Canadian brothers during the Annual Appeal to all Phis for support for Headquarters and Scholarship Funds. This was done

by distributing the scholarship portion of Canadian alumni donations to the Canadian Foundation, with a proportion of the cost of the appeal being charged to the Canadian Foundation. No direct appeal was made to Canadian brothers (except at Founders Day Banquets) for such donations. The scheme worked well for many years, but the costs of the overall appeal rose over time so that the Canadian portion exceeded the percentage the Canadian Foundation was allowed by tax laws to charge to expenses. The Fraternity was thus eating into the small capital base, which was permitted, by law, to accumulate.

The big operational change came in 1989 when the General Council agreed that the Canadian Foundation could canvas all Phis in Canada at its own expense. Volunteers did work on the campaign, the directors being assisted in mailings, from time to time, by the members of Ontario Alpha. As a result, the Canadian Foundation was able to keep costs down.

Since 1974, the Canadian Foundation has awarded over \$400,000 to more than four hundred undergraduates across Canada, all thanks to the generosity of Phi Delta alumni living in Canada. Read about their awards history here <https://phide.lt/CanadianFoundation>

1989

JAMES A. BAKER APPOINTED US SECRETARY OF STATE

He served as the nation's sixty-first secretary of state from January 1989 through August 1992 under President George Bush.

1990

ROBERT A. BIGGS BEGINS SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Robert J. Miller retired after forty years of service and Robert A. Biggs, *Georgia Southern '76*, assumed the duties of EVP.

1992

ROBERT J. MILLER AWARDED NIC GOLD MEDAL

Robert J. Miller, *New Mexico '50*, National Interfraternity Conference Gold Medal on December 5, 1992.

1993

FIRST ALUMNI ACADEMY HELD FOR ALUMNI CLUB LEADERS

The weekend event was planned as an educational and networking program for the officers of Phi Delta Theta's alumni clubs.

1996

FIRST FRATERNITY WEBSITE

Phi Delta Theta was one of the first fraternity headquarters to develop an internet presence. Creating a website meant Phi Delta Theta could expand on a larger scale.

1997

ALCOHOL-FREE HOUSING INITIATIVE ANNOUNCED

Since the implementation, Phi Delta Theta has undergone transformational change and has become a noticed leader within the fraternal world.



It Started with Six

Establishing the Fraternity 175 years ago based on the Cardinal Principles, the Founding Fathers strove to lead by example throughout their lives

Robert Morrison

By William F. Dean, *Texas Tech '61*

"To do what ought to be done, but would have been done unless I did it, I thought be my duty."

This famous quote is attributed to Robert Morrison and was first shared with Phi Delta Theta in an autobiographical sketch in the April 1897 edition of *The Scroll*.

It pretty well sums up the life and philosophy of this remarkable man who helped found our Fraternity.

Every Phikeia learns early in new member education that Morrison proposed to John McMillan Wilson in December 1848 that they consider putting together a new collegiate brotherhood. They then sought out juniors John Lindley and Robert T. Drake and sophomores Ardivan W. Rodgers and Andrew W. Rogers to join them.

"My idea was to establish a society which would not be so arrogant as the Alphas had seemed to be, or so convivial as the Betas had the reputation of being," stated Morrison. Neither of those organizations was active at the time of the Fraternity's founding, as their members participated in the infamous Snowball Rebellion, leaving no fraternities on campus.

The six then held four historic meetings in which the Greek letters Phi Delta Theta were adopted, a motto and constitution were drafted, and Morrison and Wilson put together the ideas and principles of the Fraternity into *The Bond*.

Morrison, born on March 15, 1822, in Green County, Pennsylvania, grew up on a farm. He attended Ohio University for two years but had to leave due to his father's failing health. He transferred to Miami at age twenty-five, became the 'honor man' of his class, and graduated magna cum laude.

Morrison was the first to sign *The Bond* and later designed the first badge, which was completed on June 12, 1849. He is also credited with opening four new chapters at Miami, Indiana University, Centre College, and Westminster. Even though Alumni Day was established in 1889, Phi Delta Theta being the pioneer in this matter, at the convention of 1891, the date was changed from the third Wednesday in February to March 15 in honor of the birthday of revered Founder Robert Morrison.

Morrison's career as a minister, editor of religious publications, and teacher took him to Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, and Missouri. In September 1869, Morrison established and was principal of Westminster Academy, a co-educational school in Waterford, Ohio, for six years. He combined his teaching duties with regular preaching. From 1879 to 1881, Morrison worked as a financial agent to eliminate the debts of Westminster College and established the Missouri Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta in Fulton, Missouri. After this, he preached at various locations around Missouri and founded churches in towns such as Gravois Mills and Tuscumbia.

Morrison settled in Fulton in 1890 and stayed there until he died in 1902. He was the second to last survivor of the six founders of Phi Delta Theta after Lindley. The Fraternity paid off Morrison's mortgage and provided an endowment to his widow.

In the memorial articles in the 1902 edition of *The Scroll*, the editors described Morrison as five feet nine inches tall and weighing about 160 pounds. His hair was sandy in his youth but turned dark brown as an adult. His eyes were black, and his complexion dark.

The magazine also gave in insight into his dedication. It quoted him as saying, "I



was also invited to a professorship in a young ladies' seminary at Paris, Kentucky, and to take charge of a large country church in Lafayette County, Missouri. I gave up these desirable fields, as they could get almost anyone they wanted, while the little church in the country to which I went could get no one else that they would have. To do what ought to be done, but what would not be done unless I did it, I thought to be my duty."

Walter B. Palmer reflected in the History of Phi Delta Theta,

Phi Delta Theta was founded on Robert Morrison's ideals. With sedulous care, he watched its career for over half a century, and with supreme satisfaction, he witnessed its wonderful growth in numbers and influence. During all these years, he labored earnestly for its advancement, and who can doubt that his thoughts turned to it in his closing hours? He was ever beloved by the thousands who have accepted The Bond, and in this brotherhood his name will be immortal. Alas, we shall not look upon his kindly face again. The grand old man has entered upon his deserved reward.

*Faithfully yours
Robert Morrison*

John McMillan Wilson

By David C. Slatton, *Whitman '90*

John McMillan Wilson was born in Union Township, Union County, Indiana, on September 10, 1825, the eldest of four siblings. Wilson led a rustic life in his youth, growing up on a farm in the back woods of rural Indiana in a close community of Presbyterians all descended from Irish and Scottish immigrants. His maternal grandfather, Rowley McMillan, regarded young Wilson as his protégé and taught him to read and write at only five years of age. Wilson studied at the community's little school, a single-room log cabin with only a handful of students. There, Wilson felt in his element, committing himself to academics and absorbing all subjects enthusiastically. However, he applied himself more rigorously to his favorite subject—mathematics.

As he grew into a young man, Wilson decided to pursue the ministry and entered Xenia Academy in Xenia, Ohio, to advance his goal. He traveled from his Indiana home by horseback with his friend and relative, James McMillan, and together they began their collegiate education. Wilson presented himself as stocky and broad-shouldered but also soft-spoken, unassuming, and studious. He also showed himself to be ethical and thoughtful; when he spoke, his peers held his words in high regard. While at Xenia, Wilson met a young woman and fellow student, and they fell in love. The couple enjoyed a brief engagement, planning to move to Indiana once they married. But fate intervened, and for unknown reasons, the nuptials were broken off. Wilson and James McMillan subsequently decided to continue their education at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

At Miami, Wilson studied pre-theology, and his classmates considered him well-versed in law and history. There he met Robert Morrison.

They shared a fast friendship over the next two years before they decided to organize Phi Delta Theta after the infamous 'Great Snow Rebellion.' Wilson hosted the founders in his room in North Hall, where Phi Delta Theta first formed. Wilson took notes from the six men as they authored *The Bond*, the document to which every initiate subsequently signed. Wilson also suggested adding a scroll, a symbol of scholarship and knowledge, to the Fraternity's badge.

In 1849, James McMillan, Wilson's close friend, roommate, and relative, suddenly died, profoundly affecting him and the other members of Phi Delta Theta.

After graduating from Miami, Wilson attended the Associated Reformed Presbyterian Seminary at Oxford, Ohio, in 1850–51, 1853–54, and 1855–56, returning to Indiana between stints to care for the family farm. Wilson also organized the effort to charter the Fraternity's second chapter at Indiana University in 1849. While he lived in Oxford, the chapter welcomed him as a father figure and mentor, and the undergraduates nicknamed him "Pop" Wilson and "Old Dad." In this way, Wilson must be considered the Fraternity's first chapter adviser.

In 1855, Wilson received his license to preach from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and he then served as a church minister in Morning Sun, Ohio, for just two years before a throat condition forced him to abandon public speaking. Wilson then pursued a career in teaching and instructed at schools in Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Indiana. He also served as the principal of Morning Sun Academy until it closed unexpectedly in 1860. Wilson then took a position as editor and publisher of *The Banner of the Covenant* in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a weekly religious periodical, and he worked there until the Civil War broke out and the US Army commissioned Wilson as a



recruiting officer in Ohio and Indiana.

In the aftermath of the war, Wilson struggled to find meaningful work. In the mid-1860s, Wilson went through an unknown dispute with the Presbyterian Church that left him embittered and isolated from the church he had served. In the 1870s, he moved to Illinois and called upon his friends there for assistance in obtaining a position. Because of his reputation as a man of integrity, they recommended him for several business opportunities. But by 1873, he was unemployed, his mother with whom he shared a home passed away, and Wilson's health began to decline. On July 19, 1874, John McMillan Wilson died of dropsy, a fluid build-up in his organs, in Benton, Illinois. He was only forty-eight years old.

In retrospect, Wilson's life could be considered unfortunate or difficult, or disappointing. His career as a minister ended after only two years. He never married or fathered children. His brother Archibald—in an 1886 biography for *The Scroll*—wrote that Wilson's life was one of "continued trial, toil, turmoil, and bitter experiences." But Wilson led a life dedicated to teaching and scholarship and the ministry of the Presbyterian faith, and he lived long enough to see his lasting legacy, the Phi Delta Theta brotherhood he founded and loved, blossom, thrive, and spread to universities and colleges across the country.

Robert Thompson Drake

By Kelly Derickson

What does it mean to be the Fraternity's very first Bond Number 3? It might mean that Robert Thompson Drake was 'chosen' quite carefully for the dedicated college and churchman he was. Or that 'Thompson,' as the young Brother Drake was known, demonstrated the qualities of fortitude, hard work, maturity, and higher thinking that Brothers Morrison and Wilson deemed important. Or that sometimes among a group, you need those willing to be an integral part of building a fledgling group, working together to develop the ideals and foundations of this society that was greater than themselves.

From Robert Thompson Drake's early years in Yellow Springs, Ohio, his family instilled "habits of industry and economy," being raised in a large family with limited resources. But, also influenced by God's call on his life at seventeen years old to Christian ministry, his collegiate experiences, along with his future vocational posts, undoubtedly demonstrated a life of unselfish service and care for those around him.

At twenty-four years old, after two years of preparatory study at Germantown Academy, Robert Thompson Drake entered Miami University, then recognized as the best college in Ohio. He was the oldest of the six Founders, just a few days older than Brother Morrison.

Known as a solid, reliable, and hard-working student, he aimed for the valedictory spot in his class. His final year was quite busy with classwork, fraternity, leading music in the college chapel, prayer meetings, and the Oxford Presbyterian Church, and navigating campus politics between the literary societies of the day versus the faculty challenging the societies' autonomy.

Though upon final grades, he ranked third (of seven) in his class, he chose to be content with that ranking by celebrating the successful completion of his degree with his Phi brothers "over cakes, lemonade, and ice cream." In a letter to Brother Morrison about his experience, he stated, "If it were not for *The Bond* of brotherhood that links us together in this world, how dreary life would be!"

But even more impactful than his academic success, he lived a life of character and selfless service. During 1849, the summer of his junior year, a cholera outbreak in Cincinnati spread to Oxford and its community. With more sick patients than available nurses, Drake became a student volunteer and nurse to a family of nine living a mile from campus. Eight of the nine were stricken with cholera. One evening, a young man was so sick from "the vomiting and purging" that he needed to be turned regularly in bed for any bit of comfort, requiring young Drake to hoist the man's body through very close contact and an almost bearhug method. At one point, the young man commented that the only way he was truly in comfort and out of misery was when Drake was suspending his body off the bed. So, Drake managed to become a human sling, after which the patient fell into a deep sleep. Drake remained in that position for fifteen minutes, and the young man fell into a deep sleep, which seemed the turning point for his disease.

From a note in *The Scroll* in recognition of his death, it was affirmed, "We never knew Drake to falter in the performance of anything that he regarded as duty. He was a man that could be depended upon."

It was this servant leadership that sets Bond Number 3 as a fine example of a steady and sure man of good character, natural grace, and dedication to his family, friends, brothers, and church.



He and his wife of seventeen years had nine children. Three died within seven months of each other, another just before Drake's death. The youngest, born five months after Drake's death, and the one bearing his name, died at one-year-old.

Drake spent three years in seminary training at New Albany Theological and another year at Princeton Seminary. His ministry is noted to have been fraught with difficult church situations and financially struggling congregations. In all, Drake's adult life was one of long-suffering in service to others. But he never ceased fulfilling services to those around him, always striving to accomplish the arduous tasks given to him. Drake served congregations as far away as Iowa and Missouri but also in the Midwestern states of Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. His final and most successful and ardent efforts were his last days in New Castle, Indiana, in late 1873, where, after his first several months, the church experienced increased enthusiasm and membership.

Robert Thompson Drake was the second of the Founders to enter the Chapter Grand, soon after Brother Ardivan Walker Rodgers' death. Drake died unexpectedly in March 1874 from an undetected heart condition, much like his brother and father also suffered and died. His body is buried in Lebanon, Ohio.

John Wolfe Lindley

By Robert S. Pasquucci, *Ashland '93*

We pass by their portraits in our chapter houses and look up at them during Convention. Their badges are on permanent

display at the Phi Delta Theta General Headquarters. The six men who founded our organization are truly 'The Immortal Six.' What follows is a deep dive into John Wolfe Lindley, the founder who lived the longest, carrying him into the new century before dying in 1907.

To understand Lindley and all the founders, we need to put ourselves into the America that existed in the mid-1800s. Lindley, born in a log cabin on the same land where he would live most of his life, was one of eight children; his brother, Joseph, was an early Phi Delta Theta pledge. His account of getting to Miami University as he started his studies gives you glimpse into this world, "I will give you a little account of how I first went to Oxford in the fall of 1846. Robert Morrison's brother, H.J. Morrison, put his belongings in a little one-horse wagon and drove to our house. Next morning, I added my own to the lot, and we started across the country for Oxford. There was no public conveyance at the time nor for some time afterward. We reached Oxford on the fourth day." For perspective, Fredericktown, Ohio, to Oxford is about a three-hour drive today.

When Lindley reached the Miami campus, the student body was still agitated by the events of the famous 'Great Snow Rebellion.' We can picture Lindley arriving on campus after days in the saddle, very likely unaware that his college years would be the defining moments of his life and impact the collegiate experience for young men for the next century and beyond. It's also noteworthy that the founders didn't cook up the idea over Christmas break. The forming of Phi Delta Theta was

an outcome of Lindley and the other founder's desire to "reap fullest benefits from college associations, and a belief that they saw a way to add an element to their college culture which the college did not and could not of itself ever give." Historian George Shaffer stated:

"Though they had hoped to see order, their liveliest imagination and fondest hopes had never brought to the speaker the possibility that forty-five years later, he [Lindley] could sit in the midst of an assembly like the one he then saw, all of whom had accepted *The Bond* and were carrying its precepts out in their lives."

But what was Lindley like as a college student? The Shaffer biography of the founders refers to Lindley as "the least conspicuous of all the six." And this portrayal from a tribute to Lindley published after his death in 1907 offers some insights:

"He was always so modest, so unpretentious, so reserved in his life, that he did not loom big on the college horizon as many men of lesser talents but of larger egotism have done. It is the testimony of those who knew him that he attended to his work in a quiet way and was loved by all because he loved all and was good to all. One of his classmates at Miami University said: 'He had no enemies. Every one of us regarded him as a friend.'"

After completing his undergraduate and graduate studies at Miami, Lindley's life was like many Phis—he built a family and career, with his fraternal experience providing a solid foundation for his future. He worked as an educator, including serving as principal at two schools and a female seminary in Kentucky—a role he had to abandon when the Civil War broke out and the Northern Army took over the seminary building.

After returning to Ohio, he was employed for almost three years as a



professor of mathematics at Richmond College in Richmond, Ohio. Richmond is where he met his wife, Catherine Shelly; the couple had six children.

After moving to the farm in Knox County where he was born, he worked as a farmer and served as justice of the peace for Wayne Township until his death. He also served as an elder in the Presbyterian Church as he believed religion was inseparable from life and sought to consistently live his life as a Christian gentleman.

Lindley's personal life made a complete circle as he ended up on the farm where he was born. Similarly, he returned to Phi Delta Theta as he aged. Lindley was inactive for decades after graduation but was extremely pleased with what he saw when he returned as an honored guest at various Phi events, including a Convention in Washington, DC. Sadly, Lindley wouldn't make it to the Pittsburgh Convention, entering the Chapter Grand after suffering pneumonia in December of 1907.

What's notable about Lindley isn't necessarily that he was a founder but that he carried on with his life with quiet confidence and competence, serving his family, his community, his church, and the Fraternity in many ways, but perhaps most notably by offering an example of how to live one's life in accordance with *The Bond*. *In Coelo Quies Est*.

Andrew Watts Rogers

By Jennifer Morrow

"At 6:30 o'clock last evening, after Colonel Rogers had eaten his supper and had sat down in his chair to enjoy reading, he passed suddenly, without one moment's warning, from the activities of the present life into the mystic life on the other shore."

So begins the announcement of Andrew Watts Rogers' sudden death in the *Johnson County Star* on February 28, 1901, in Warrensburg, Missouri. Beloved father, lawyer, statesman, war hero, and Bond No. 5, Rogers was born in Highland County, Ohio, near the town of Greenfield, on March 12, 1825. His father, having settled there from Loudoun County, Virginia, as a boy, was a farmer. Andrew helped his father on the farm, going to school in the summer and winters as he was able. Life was not easy during those pioneer days in the country. His father was married twice, having six children by his first wife and eight by the second; Andrew was the third child of the eight. By the time Rogers was twenty-one, he was ready to leave the farm. He took the opportunity to move eighty or so miles away to Oxford, when his half-brother Rev. William. S. Rogers, a missionary returned from Northern India, was at that time living there. Andrew entered the preparatory academy for his first two years, then finished his four-year university coursework in three years. He graduated with a bachelor of arts in 1851.

Robert Morrison remembered Rogers in the April 1901 *Scroll* after Andrew's death, "He was a man of fine personal presence. He, with his classmate and brother Phi, Ardivan Walker Rodgers, were splendid specimens of physical manhood as they stood among their fellows, each one full six feet two inches in height outside of his boots. The boys

in college, by way of admiration, called them the 'hoi Rogeroi.'"

After graduation, Rogers went to Raleigh, Tennessee, to teach and, in his free time, studied law. In 1852, he married Sallie J. Matthews, whose father was a professor of mathematics at Miami. In 1853, he passed the bar in Memphis and moved back home to Ohio before moving on to Bloomington, Illinois. Rogers again passed the Illinois bar and began his law practice. It was here that he met and socialized with circuit court judge and later US Supreme Court justice, Hon. David Davis, Stephen A. Douglas, Abraham Lincoln, Leonard Sweet, James S. Ewing, *Centre* 1858, Adlai E. Stevenson, *Centre* 1860, and John A. Logan.

During the early years of the Civil War, he worked to raise support for the raising of Federal troops and, with the support of others, helped organize the 81st Illinois Infantry Volunteers regiment. Rogers mustered in as a major on August 26, 1862, in Cairo, Illinois. Fearing for the safety of his family, he sent his wife and two young children to his family home in Greenfield. His career in the army is one of bravery and he received battle honors for the Red River Campaign, Brice's Cross Roads, Price's Missouri Expedition, Nashville, and the Mobile, Alabama Campaign. After mustering out on August 5, 1865, he returned to Greenfield to collect his family, then removed to Warrensburg, Missouri, on September 16, 1865, to continue his law practice.

Rogers immediately became a prominent leader in the community, becoming a school board member in 1866, and served as president for many years. During his term, he helped bring the State Normal School for the Second District at Warrensburg, now the University of Central Missouri. In his law practice, he was elected prosecuting attorney in 1873 and served in the General Assembly of Missouri in 1882–83.



Service came naturally to Rogers. He was elected as senior warden in his church and held that office until he died. He was also a superintendent of the Sunday school and teacher of the Bible class, a Royal Arch Mason, and the Grand Army of the Republic.

Perhaps the best description of Andrew Watts Rogers comes from his daughter Anna. She wrote Walter B. Palmer a letter dated March 10, 1901, "My dear father's life, of late years, has been a very simple one—uneventful in a biographical sense—a continual round of hard work, homely duties. Christian charities and sweet helpfulness...the great majority of the beautiful floral offerings that came to him after he had passed on were sent by young men, young women, and little children. Many children came and asked to see him and told us how they had loved him. Old men and women stop me on the street to say how much they miss him. People in all stations of life come to me and tell me how dear and kind and helpful he was to them." On March 19, she sent another letter, stating that "The Fraternity will always be dear to me personally, because I believe I can sympathize with the feelings that my father entertained for it. We have been taught to regard all Phis as kinsmen and are very proud of our clan."

Ardivan Walker Rodgers

By Jennifer Morrow

Ardivan Walker Rodgers was born on October 20, 1824, on a farm near Piqua, Ohio. The fifth of eight children, growing up on the farm, Ardivan was used to hard work. Robert Morrison described him in the April 1898 memoir in *The Scroll* as:

Ardivan Walker Rodgers was six feet two inches in height, well proportioned, perfectly erect, with black eyes, and a healthy complexion, suited in color to such eyes and black hair. He had a winsome face and a pleasant manner, which his elder brother says was a heritage from his mother. While large and strong, he was lithe as an athlete. ...He was cheerful, without frivolity, earnest and dignified, but not haughty or repellent either in appearance or in fact. His most prominent characteristic, however, was his profound conscientiousness. This regulated his every act and word. He had no moods nor spells. Those who knew him always knew where to find him.

He attended public schools until he was eighteen, when he then attended a select school in Piqua. He then taught in public schools in Piqua from 1844–46, making \$100 during the six-month term. On October 7, 1846, he began his studies at Miami University at nearly twenty-three years old. He was enrolled in the first (highest) preparatory class.

Andrew Watts Rogers remembered Ardivan as “an exceedingly hard student—a sober-minded, old-fashioned United Presbyterian, very conscientious in everything. He was one of the ‘honestest’ men I ever knew.” Of the six Founders, Rodgers was the one the rest worried would be least willing to join a secret society. But when the time came, he gave his assent by saying, “Boys, I have always been opposed to secret societies,

but as this society is not a secret one to me, I like it.” He was very faithful in all his obligations whether it was academics, his religious faith, or his Fraternity.

J. K. Boude, *Miami* 1852, wrote to Charles Oliver Perry, *DePauw* 1869, May 16, 1874 and shared his recollection of Ardivan:

This last name (Ardivan W. Rodgers) brings many pleasant memories. He was like a father to us younger members, and his counsel and advice were sought for when we were in any difficulty or trouble. He was a man of most noble and generous impulses, and had a heart as tender as a woman’s. He was a man who never passed for his real worth, for his quiet, retiring disposition, and careless attire, led many to pass him by; but, when once acquaintance was made, he was found to be a genial companion, and one of the best informed men on almost every subject, whether ancient or modern, that it was ever my fortune to meet.

In 1850–51, he was partially enrolled in the Associate Reformed Theological Seminary in Oxford. Rodgers graduated with a bachelor of arts in 1851, and Miami gave him an honorary master of arts degree in 1854. After graduation, he continued to study theology, intending to enter the United Presbyterian ministry. To pay to continue and complete his theological course, he left Oxford and opened a select school and taught there for the next three years. Rodgers wrote to his brother a letter dated August 5, 1853, “I have had a very nourishing school in Piqua up to the present time, but now I am about to run out of a room. There IS but one place in town, and that is where I have been—the basement of the Second Presbyterian Church. They don’t wish to rent it much longer for a male and female school.”



In 1852, he married Mary Sawyer, and in 1854, he became superintendent of the Union Schools in Saint Marys, Ohio. In March 1856, his third son was born and in June, he and his family traveled to Brighton, Iowa, to visit his father and to take a teaching position. While there, he was stricken with typhoid fever, unable to recover, he died on December 11, 1856.

Morrison continues in his memoir,

His conscientiousness gave symmetry, power and beauty to his life. His intellect was not brilliant, but it was well balanced. His scholarship was accurate and careful; it was honest at every point. He was more nearly an all-around man than most men. It was not wonderful that he was a general favorite; nor that, afterwards, when, in his Sophomore year, the ΦΔΘ Fraternity was being organized, he was wanted...

Thus passed away in the morning of life, in the flush and prime of his days, the first of the six founders of the ΦΔΘ. It was an early call, but he was ready. God never makes mistakes. He never dismisses one of his witnesses until his testimony is finished.

RECTITUDE

A positive and ever-deepening search for union with others where the morality of one seeks the good of the other.



Defining Moments in Phi Delta Theta History

Moving the Fraternity forward through the Cardinal Principles

REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP EXCLUSION CLAUSE

Phi Delta Theta was founded at a time slavery was still in force in much of the United States. The existing social order included many habits, customs, and ideas that would become more democratic with the passage of time.

The six Founders were men of high moral character with strong ties to three separate Protestant denominations. Three of them became active ministers.

Through the nineteenth century, there were no written regulations to be followed in extending bids to join the Fraternity. It was assumed that invitees would be professed Christians who would live by and uphold the ideals of the Fraternity as they promised in signing *The Bond*.

Time and social customs go through an inevitable process of change. As we have seen, much of the anti-fraternity sentiment among educators, legislators, and the general public was based on the premise that fraternal life was elitist, snobbish, and undemocratic.

There was enough justification in those views of fraternity life to force the leaders to fight hard to show that chapters did emphasize educational values and build character. It was inevitable that by the twentieth century, fraternities would formally define their requirements for membership.

In Phi Delta Theta's case, that came in an apparently routine session at the 1910

Convention when this qualification for membership was voted into *The Code*: "Only male white persons of pure Ayran blood shall be eligible for membership." That *Code* wording was passed almost unanimously at the time and reaffirmed in 1912.

But by World War II, dissenting voices were beginning to be heard urging liberalization of that *Code* legislation which barred membership to blacks, Jews, Asians, and Muslims.

The matter was discussed at the 1946 and 1948 Conventions, although supporters for change did not want to push hard during the Centennial Convention. But George Banta Jr. cleared the way for stronger debate with an interesting and scholarly article in the May 1949 issue of *The Palladium*. Banta raised three questions but offered no answers in a way to stimulate discussion.

Banta described the rising civil rights movement and the renewal of increasing criticism of fraternities over the same issues that had been heard for the last fifty years. He insisted the Fraternity must come to grips with the issue.

The second difficult question had to do with how big the Fraternity could become, in chapters as well as members within a chapter. In the beginning, the average chapter was rarely more than ten or twelve men. When he raised the question, many chapters were in the one-hundred-plus-member category.

Banta's third question was more easily resolved, having to do with the need for an expanded salaried administrative

staff and giving the executive secretary the power to make some decisions that heretofore had to await General Council or Convention approval.

The eligibility for membership question was one that would be fought over for the next two decades at every Convention before adjustments to *The Code* finally brought the Fraternity more in tune with the times. During that same period, American society itself was almost torn apart on the issue of race relations.

In its first one hundred years, our Fraternity selected its new members from a collegiate society that was mostly white, male, and of Christian religious beliefs. After the end of World War II, the campus population began changing.

It was inevitable that there would be attempts to throw out the Ayran blood requirement at the undergraduate level with the older alumni determined to preserve the membership requirements in effect when they were initiated.

The 1952 Convention at the resort site of French Lick Springs, Indiana, turned into a combative arena on the issue. The speaker at the banquet was Roger D. Branigin, Franklin 1923, soon to be governor of Indiana. His witty approach was welcome in the tense atmosphere, as was a scholarly talk by Dr. Alton Ochsner, South Dakota 1918, president of the American College of Surgeons.

The banquet ended around 10:00 p.m., but President George Housser, McGill 1906, instructed the delegates to return to the meeting hall for unfinished business. That turned out to be two reports filed by

1997

FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THE LIVING BOND CAMPAIGN

Foundation announced "The Living Bond: Strengthening Men for Life," a comprehensive \$5 million capital fundraising campaign.

1998

FIRST GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS INTRODUCED BY FOUNDATION

Phi Delta Theta Foundation Trustees voted to award four \$2,500 graduate fellowships for the 1998–99 academic year.

1998

PHI DELTA THETA CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY

The Fraternity celebrated its historic anniversary in Cincinnati and Oxford with fanfare and many guests.

2000

FIRST PRESIDENTS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

In January 2000, ninety-nine chapter presidents and twenty faculty gathered in St. Louis, Missouri, for the Fraternity's first PLC.

2000

LIVING BOND SOCIETY INTRODUCED

The Living Bond Society was introduced in 2000 and acknowledges those who have informed the Phi Delta Theta Foundation of a planned gift or bequest in their will.

2002

PHOENIX TROPHY INTRODUCED

The Valley of the Sun Alumni Club created the Phoenix Award in 2002 to recognize a chapter that has shown dramatic improvement in an academic year.

the Committee on General Statutes. The majority recommended a modification of the existing rule. The minority report favored no action.

A long session lasted into the wee hours; the final vote upheld the existing rules. Two years later the same issue was fought over again at the Mackinac Convention and resulted in a marathon business session beginning at 9:30 a.m. and finally adjourned at 10:20 p.m. with interruptions for lunch and dinner. Present were 114 underclassmen with the right to vote, while officers and alumni numbered 75. Everyone who wanted to speak was given the floor. The undergraduates generally were on the side of change, many under pressure from the knowledge that university administrations were poised to outlaw fraternities that held to restrictive membership.

The roll call found the motion to change the regulations defeated. But there had been a compromise proposal that came to the floor. This would remove the restrictive wording but made it clear that all members of Phi Delta Theta must be acceptable to all chapters. The key word was 'all.'

The 'black ball' vote on membership that had been decided by individual chapters wasn't new. But now one negative vote, from which there was no appeal, would disqualify a candidate.

After much discussion about how the proposed change would be controlled, the proposal passed 168–21. That was the first breakthrough, and the poisonous word Ayran, so offensive to most Americans because of its association with Adolf Hitler, was gone forever from our *Code* and *Bylaws*.

At the 51st Convention in Boulder, Colorado, two years later, the 1954 action was ratified by an overwhelming majority, 187–6.

The Scroll reported, "the new section eliminates any reference to race, color, or creed but stipulates that those chosen must be possessed of social attributes that will make them acceptable to all members of the Fraternity."

It was not anywhere near a perfect solution to the membership wording, but it was a major breakthrough. The membership issue was a long way from being resolved, as it remained an overriding concern at Conventions through the 1960s.

—Excerpts from *In The Bond*

ALCOHOL-FREE HOUSING INITIATIVE

In 1997, Phi Delta Theta's General Council announced its alcohol-free housing policy to the world. Chapters were given more than three years to implement this paradigm shift on their campus, and all properties were required to be alcohol-free by the implementation date of July 1, 2000.

The alcohol-free housing initiative was adopted following years of declining recruitment figures, poor academic performance by members, deteriorating living facilities, and the alienation of the Fraternity's alumni base. At the forefront of the decision was the alcohol-dominated culture on college campuses and within chapters that diminished the principles upon which Phi Delta Theta was founded.

Since the implementation, Phi Delta Theta has undergone transformational change and has become a noticed leader

within the fraternal world. The policy, deemed by many as a factor that could be the end of an organization, has benefited Phi Delta Theta greatly. Most importantly, the culture it has created attracts values-based men placed in safe environments where they can become the greatest versions of themselves.

DON'T TARNISH THE BADGE ANTI-HAZING PROGRAM

At the 2004 General Convention, new General Council President Michael G. Scarlatelli, *Kettering '76*, delivered an address at the closing banquet that focused on the increased hazing incidents and fatalities across the nation within the Greek community and the need for Phi Delta Theta to embark on an anti-hazing initiative within the Fraternity. As mentioned by Scarlatelli, "While it may be impossible to completely eliminate every corner of hazing, it is our intent to significantly reduce any hazing in our chapters by providing continual education and positive Phikeia program activities to our chapters."

Starting in the late summer of 2004 at the first meeting of the General Council, much time was devoted to the topic of hazing to develop a plan of action for the Fraternity. A letter was penned to the parents of the Fraternity's undergraduates and sent just prior to the Thanksgiving holiday to garner their support and elicit conversation with their son on the topic. This letter was immediately followed up with one to the Fraternity's chapter presidents, chapter advisory boards, house corporations, and general officers that reinforced the Fraternity's position on hazing and began to introduce the Hazing Amnesty program along with

2002

J.K. DAVIS AWARD INTRODUCED

General John Kerry J.K. Davis Award is presented to a member of Phi Delta Theta for outstanding service in the defense of liberty as a member of the Armed Forces.

2004

FOUNDATION LAUNCHES LEADERSHIP FOR A LIFETIME CAMPAIGN

The Trustees of the Phi Delta Theta Foundation publicly announced a \$7 million dollar campaign during the 2006 Convention.

2005

250TH CHAPTER INSTALLED AT NW MISSOURI STATE

The Missouri Theta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta at Northwest Missouri State University became the Fraternity's 250th chapter, installed on Saturday, April 30, 2005.

2005

DON'T TARNISH THE BADGE ANTI-HAZING PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The Fraternity's intent to significantly reduce hazing in its chapters by providing education and positive Phikeia program activities.

2006

BILLY PAYNE NAMED CHAIRMAN OF AUGUSTA NATIONAL GOLF CLUB

On May 21, 2006, Billy Payne, *Georgia '69*, was named chairman of Augusta National Golf Club and the Masters Tournament.

2007

DREW HOUSTON CREATES DROPBOX

As a graduate of MIT, Drew Houston, *MIT '05*, had an idea and started writing the first lines of code at a train station in Boston in 2007.

upcoming plans for the Presidents Leadership Conference, General Officers Conference, and Emerging Leaders Institute. Concurrently, Phi Delta Theta developed its anti-hazing theme, “Don’t Tarnish the Badge.”

At the 2005 Presidents Leadership Conference in St. Louis, the General Council announced their “Don’t Tarnish the Badge” anti-hazing campaign. Much of the program at PLC was focused on creating new Phikeia education programs that were free of any questionable activities that could be considered hazing. The following weekend, Don’t Tarnish the Badge was rolled out at the General Officers Conference.

After the initial rollout, Phi Delta Theta continued to solidify its amnesty program communication around the hazing topic, included hazing as one of its ‘three pillars’ for the Emerging Leadership Institute; and created a more comprehensive messaging for National Hazing Prevention Week.

PHI DELTA THETA TAKES ACTION TO ADDRESS DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

To address the racial equity issues within our society and any diversity and inclusion concerns within Phi Delta Theta, the Fraternity formed a Diversity Working Group in 2020 that focused on two distinct areas: education and programming and policy and communications.

Approximately forty undergraduate and alumni volunteers, representing diverse demographic backgrounds and unique perspectives, participated in discussions related to race, equity, and the importance of promoting diversity and

inclusion within the Fraternity.

As a result of these conversations, a summary report of participant feedback and a list of recommendations was created and then submitted for review by strategic advisors Dr. Michelle Allen, Diversity Education Director at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and Marlon Gibson, experienced fraternity and sorority professional and doctoral candidate at the University of Georgia. The recommendations were then provided to the General Council for consideration.

The General Council met July 16–17, 2020 and thoroughly reviewed the report. After careful consideration, the General Council took the following immediate actions:

- Created the volunteer position of Diversity and Inclusion Commissioner and appointed Brother Austin A. Deray, *Mercer '10*, to serve in this capacity. In addition to advising the General Council and General Headquarters staff, the commissioner shall be responsible for overseeing all educational programming, policy recommendations, and communication efforts related to diversity and inclusion initiatives on behalf of Phi Delta Theta.
- Designated and defined an undergraduate role (chapter officer) responsible for advocating for diversity and inclusion within the chapter, on campus, and in local communities.
- Approved the recommendation from the Diversity Working Group and the Survey Commission to adopt new terminology for burgeoning groups. The use of Colony will be replaced with Emerging Chapter and initial

members of these new groups will now be referred to as Founders.

- When evaluating recipients of chapter excellence awards, the Awards Committee will include new criteria in the application that places value on the promotion of diversity and inclusion efforts and programming.

Other areas recommended by the working group for continued review and consideration by Brother Deray, the General Council, and the General Headquarters Leadership Team included individual, new member, chapter, and conference education with a focus on cultural competency and implicit bias training, specific language to adopt that would explicitly prohibit the display of divisive symbols on chapter premises and at Fraternity-sponsored events, collaboration with interfraternal partners, diverse identity and first-generation scholarships, and enhanced communication strategies featuring members of color.

In order to fulfill the teachings of *The Bond*, Phi Delta Theta must continue to grow and plan for an ever-changing higher education landscape. Progress will continue to evolve through the work of Brother Deray and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee that includes both members of color and senior GHQ Staff.

The mission of Phi Delta Theta is to support and foster a place of belonging for all who want to live out our Cardinal Principles. For Phi Delta Theta to be successful, we must ensure access to our experience for all who deserve to wear the letters and create a member base that reflects the student body of our numerous campuses.

2008

TRUE BLUE SOCIETY CREATED

Created to provide resources for Fraternity volunteers, general alumni, and *The Scroll*. The True Blue Society operates similar to an alumni loyalty association at college or universities.

2010

IRON PHI INTRODUCED

Iron Phi was developed to strengthen Phi Delta Theta and its impact on the fight against Lou Gehrig’s disease. Since 2010, the program has raised more than \$3.2 million.

2010

CREATION OF PHI DELTA THETA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

To honor and recognize members who impacted the world of amateur, collegiate, or professional sports while living and exhibiting the three Cardinal Principles of the Fraternity.

2010

PHI DELT 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN LAUNCHED

Phi Delt 2020 provided direction, measured success, and helped change the course of Phi Delta Theta.

2011

ADAM RIESS WINS NOBEL PRIZE

Adam Riess, *MIT '92*, awarded the prize for leadership in the High-*z* Team’s 1998 discovery that the universe’s expansion rate is accelerating.

2012

LEADERSHIP COLLEGE RENAMED KLEBERG EMERGING LEADERS INSTITUTE

Tio and Janelle Kleberg gave the Phi Delta Theta Foundation its first-ever \$1 million donation from a living donor.

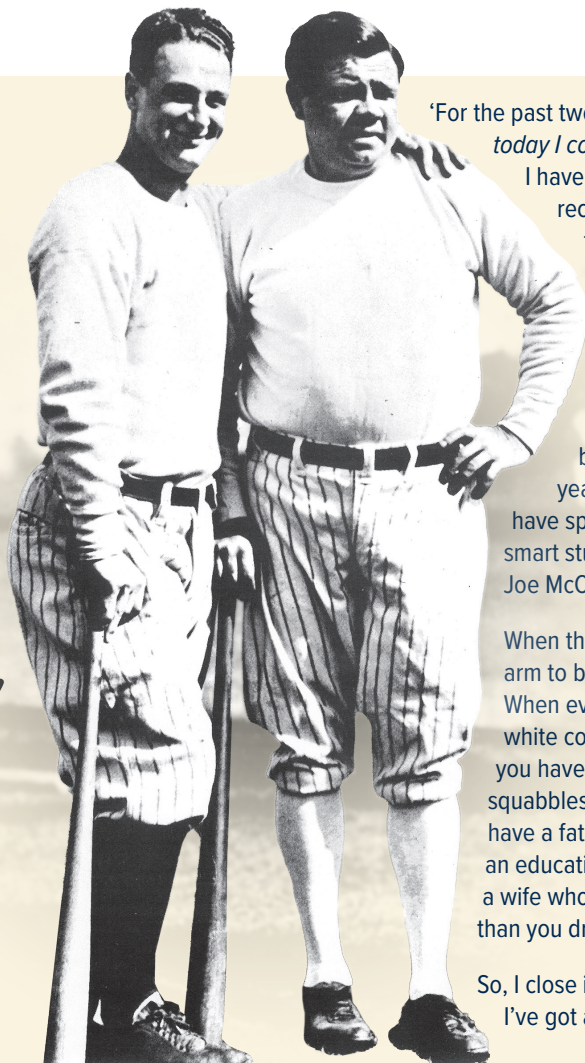
Lou Gehrig's Luckiest Man Speech

Lou Gehrig, *Columbia '25*, the Iron Horse of baseball famed for his 2,130 consecutive games-played streak, made one of the most memorable speeches in the annals of sports. Heartfelt and poignant, this man with less than two years to live shared his feelings to an enraptured audience that left tears rolling down the cheeks of all but a few.

On July 4, 1939, Lou Gehrig Appreciation Day, the longtime Yankee first baseman gave his famous luckiest man speech. The next day's *New York Times* wrote, "the vast gathering, sitting in absolute silence for a longer period than perhaps any baseball crowd in history, heard Gehrig himself deliver as amazing a valedictory as ever came from a ball player.

"I might have been given a bad break, but I've got an awful lot to live for."

Lou Gehrig



'For the past two weeks, you have been reading about a bad break. Yet today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth. I have been in ballparks for seventeen years and have never received anything but kindness and encouragement from you fans.

When you look around, wouldn't you consider it a privilege to associate yourself with such fine-looking men as they're standing in uniform in this ballpark today? Sure, I'm lucky. Who wouldn't consider it an honor to have known Jacob Ruppert? Also, the builder of baseball's greatest empire, Ed Barrow? To have spent six years with that wonderful little fellow, Miller Huggins? Then to have spent the next nine years with that outstanding leader, that smart student of psychology, the best manager in baseball today, Joe McCarthy? Sure, I'm lucky.

When the New York Giants, a team you would give your right arm to beat, and vice versa, sends you a gift—that's something. When everybody down to the groundskeepers and those boys in white coats remember you with trophies—that's something. When you have a wonderful mother-in-law who takes sides with you in squabbles with her own daughter—that's something. When you have a father and a mother who work all their lives so you can have an education and build your body—it's a blessing. When you have a wife who has been a tower of strength and shown more courage than you dreamed existed—that's the finest I know.

So, I close in saying that I might have been given a bad break, but I've got an awful lot to live for. Thank you."

2012

MAURICE AND DOROTHEA SHAFFER LEAVE RECORD GIFT

The Shaffers' \$2 million commitment is the largest gift ever made to the Phi Delta Theta Foundation.

2013

IHLENFELD UNIVERSITY FOR ONLINE EDUCATION (PDT U) ESTABLISHED

Jay and Cynthia Ihlenfeld committed \$500,000 to establish the Ihlenfeld University of Online Education.

2013

ROGER EBERT'S FINAL FILM REVIEW PUBLISHED

After battling cancer for over a decade, Roger Ebert, *Illinois '64*, died in Chicago, Illinois, on April 4, 2013, at the age of seventy.

2014

ADAM SILVER APPOINTED NBA COMMISSIONER

Adam Silver, *Duke '84*, was appointed NBA Commissioner on February 1, 2014.

2014

WHOLE MAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ESTABLISHED

Established to provide a way for alumni to directly support the undergraduate members of their chapters.

2016

COSTELLO READ LEADERSHIP CENTER DEDICATED AT GHQ

Brothers John Costello, *Akron '68*, and Roger Read, *Akron '63*, generously funded this project.

GEHRIG'S LEGACY CONTINUES TO BUILD THROUGH PHI DELTA THETA

Lou Gehrig Memorial Award Created

Announced publicly at the Mackinac Island Convention in 1954, Phi Delta Theta would annually present the Lou Gehrig Memorial Award to the Major League Baseball Player who best exemplified the spirit and character of Brother Lou Gehrig, both on and off the field. It would become the first and only officially sanctioned award given by a fraternity to a professional athlete, and later, would find residence at the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York, where it lives today. Each summer, many of Major League Baseball's best men are honored, and through the award, they are able to make further impact on the ALS community in their city. lougehrigaward.com



ALS Adopted as Fraternity Philanthropy

The General Council adopted ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, as the philanthropy of Phi Delta Theta late in 1983. The action was taken as a tribute to Keith R. Worthington, *Missouri '53*, who waged a gallant eleven-year struggle against the disease. Worthington was well known and respected in Kansas City, where he helped establish the local ALS support group. Worthington was also a good friend of George Brett, Hall of Fame third baseman of the Kansas City Royals and winner of the Lou Gehrig Memorial Award in 1986.



Iron Phi Introduced

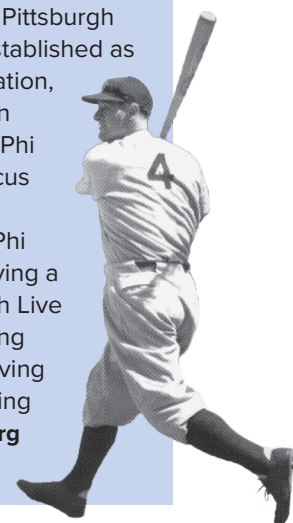
Developed in 2010, Iron Phi works to strengthen Phi Delta Theta and its impact on the fight against Lou Gehrig's disease. Through participants' fundraising efforts on the way to achieving personal athletic goals, Iron Phi has created a community of philanthropists who hope to leave ALS better than they found it. To become an Iron Phi, participants must complete an athletic endeavor of their choice and raise \$1,000. Dollars raised through the Iron Phi program equally support two beneficiaries, the Live Like Lou Foundation and Phi Delta Theta. In the spirit of Brother Gehrig, the name Iron Phi was given to the initiative to encourage those involved to remember Lou's approach to life when setting out to achieve something. The program has raised more than \$3.66 million, and over 1,700 individuals have become Iron Phis. ironphi.org



Introduction of The Live Like Lou Foundation

In 2017, Phi Delta Theta announced the launching of the Live Like Lou Foundation, a stand-alone 501c3 not-for-profit entity with a national scope. This was a significant step to broaden the Fraternity's reach and deepen its impact on the fight against ALS. Neil and Suzanne Alexander established Live Like Lou in 2011 when Neil, a University of Pittsburgh Phi Delt, was diagnosed with ALS. Originally established as a grassroots fund within The Pittsburgh Foundation, Live Like Lou quickly became a leading entity in the fight against ALS in Western Pennsylvania. Phi Delta Theta's desire to further enhance and focus its commitment to the fight against ALS led the two entities to begin conversations. Together, Phi Delta Theta's long-standing commitment to having a meaningful impact on the disease, coupled with Live

Like Lou's successful model of advancing the ALS cause forward, is further driving Phi Delta Theta's leadership in finding treatments and a cure. livelikelou.org



2016

ALL ISSUES OF THE SCROLL ARCHIVED ONLINE

Making the entire collection available online to all allows the Fraternity to share its past and everything that has made Phi Delta Theta what it is today.

2017

INTRODUCTION OF THE LIVE LIKE LOU FOUNDATION

The Fraternity took a significant step to broaden its reach and deepen its impact on the fight against ALS through Live Like Lou, a stand-alone 501c3 not-for-profit entity with a national scope.

2018

CELEBRATION OF SUCCESSFUL BUILDING ON THE BOND CAMPAIGN

At the 2018 Convention in San Antonio, the Phi Delta Theta Foundation announced that it had met the goal two years early.

2019

PHI DELTA THETA FOUNDATION HOSTS FIRST DAY OF GIVING

The Foundation raised \$68,000 for program support from nearly three hundred donors.

2020

SEAN S. WAGNER BEGINS SERVICE AS CEO

In 2018, the General Council named Sean S. Wagner, *Widener '02*, as the Fraternity's fifth executive vice president and CEO in its 170-year history. He succeeded Robert A. Biggs, *Georgia Southern '76*, in 2020.

2020

PHI DELT 2030 STRATEGIC PLAN INTRODUCED

Phi Delt 2030 is designed to be a living document—where it is reviewed and updated based on annual environmental scans, emerging trends, and industry best practices.

CHAPTER GRAND

Phi Delta Theta honors members who have entered the Chapter Grand by listing them in the magazine. We generally reserve extended obituary articles for Famous Phis and general officers. To submit obituary information, email scroll@phideltatheta.org.



Brian Fraser, Michigan State, On February 13, 2023, Brian Fraser tragically lost his life to violence on Michigan State's campus. Brian served as the chapter president of Michigan Beta. In collaboration with his parents, Phi Delta Theta raised funds to memorialize him through a Presidential Scholarship for Michigan Beta.

In the wake of this tragedy, Brian's brothers posted, "Brian was our leader, and we loved him. He cared deeply about his Phi Delt brothers, his family, Michigan State University, and Phi Delta Theta. We will greatly miss Brian

and mourn his death deeply as our chapter supports each other during this difficult time."

Funds raised in Brian's memory now support the Brian Fraser Presidential Memorial Scholarship and the Brian Fraser Memorial First-Generation Scholarship, which will help future Michigan Beta presidents and new members fund their education. It is the Fraternity's hope and the hope of Brian's parents that each Phi who receives these scholarship will embody Brian's charismatic, contagious smile and caring, loyal energy.

His fellow chapter brothers spent time recognizing the impact Brian had on their lives: "Brian, I first met you in the eighth grade at St. Paul. You were the first new friend I made there. I remember you sat at the allergy table, introduced yourself, and shook my hand. I was nervous about being in a new school, and you made me feel so welcomed and comfortable when you could've just ignored me like some of the other kids. After getting to know you that year, Brian, you became one of my closest friends. We were inseparable throughout high school. Whether it be car rides, watching sports, playing video games, or whatever we did on the weekend, you were always there by my side. Every Sunday night after you got your license, you would pick me up from my house to

get smoothies. We would drive up and down the lake jamming out to music and talking about anything that came to our minds. Along one of the countless car rides we took with one another, we decided to be roommates if we decided to go to the same college. Both our choices ended up being MSU, and before you knew it, the guy I met at the allergy table in eighth grade was my roommate at college. We were so excited to start our college journeys together. It was the most exciting time of my life. During our time as roommates, we spent virtually all of our time together. If I wasn't at class, I was with you, Brian. We grew so close to one another during our time as roommates that it felt like we were more family than friends. We knew we wanted to join a fraternity, and Phi Delt was the first house we went to during recruitment. The second we walked through the doors of 626, the men of Phi Delta Theta greeted us with kindness and respect. During our time in the Fraternity, you matured into an amazing leader and an even more amazing person. You were elected president of our chapter unanimously. Brian, you touched my life in ways I cannot even explain. You are my rock, my best bud. If I ever needed anything, I knew you would come through for me. No matter where we went or what we were doing, as long as you were there, I knew it would

2020

PARTNERSHIP ESTABLISHED WITH MAX GRUVER FOUNDATION
Phi Delta Theta partnered with The Max Gruver Foundation to celebrate Max's life and memory and help eradicate hazing.

2020

MCKENZIE FAMILY DONATION ENDOWS PLC
Barbara and Michael McKenzie, *Texas Tech '67*, made history by becoming the second living donors to make a \$1 million gift to the Foundation.

2020

PHI DELTA THETA TAKES ACTION TO ADDRESS DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
The Fraternity formed a Diversity Working Group in 2020, focusing on: education, programming, policy, and communication.

2021

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL INTRODUCES LOU GEHRIG DAY
In March 2021, Major League Baseball announced that it would celebrate Lou Gehrig Day annually on June 2.

2021

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GHQ STAFF
The first office opened in October 4, 1921, containing a friendly reception room, a workroom, and a comfortable corner office for the secretary.

2021

PURSUIT OF GREATNESS MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM LAUNCHED
The Pursuit of Greatness is Phi Delta Theta's four-year membership development program.

be fine. You had the greatest smile in the world, and you worked hard for it. Those pearly whites didn't come for free. Many methods were done to perfect those things, I saw it first hand, you name a teeth whitening method, and Brian did it. It made your smile so special, though. You lit any room you walked into, and it was so contagious. You always showed so much joy and would not accept it if we weren't doing the same. Brian, you were such a bright light and brought happiness to an unbelievable amount of people. Everyone needs a best friend in their life, and I can't explain how honored I am to be able to call Brian mine. You were the best friend I could have ever wanted, exactly the person I needed. The tears now are only temporary, but the memories we made, the conversations we had, and the bond that we shared, will live on in my heart forever. I can't explain how thankful I am for you, Brian."

Brian has been my friend since the fourth grade when we would play each other in Little League games. It started with talking and getting concessions after our baseball games. When we were older, we would go on drives and sing our favorite songs, talk about our lives, giving each other advice. He was a brother to me, and he was my best friend. We would attend numerous sporting events together and cheer on our favorite sports teams. We debated what moves we needed to make for the teams to improve. Brian was a year older than me, but he was the older brother that I never had. He would give me advice and lead by example. Brian would make me laugh and smile by

cracking jokes or even just walking into the room. Brian was the one who got me to join Phi Delta Theta, as he showed me what true brotherhood was. We were on e-board for the upcoming semesters, and I got lost on what to do. Brian was constantly there giving me feedback and advice. He made sure I was okay. We began to get closer and closer as we shared many classes together. I would visit him in his dorm while waiting for my next class. We would have heated Madden games where it would usually end in him winning. He was always there for me and willing to talk. Brian was not only a friend but my big brother.

"Brian, words cannot describe what we are all feeling right now. You never deserved any of this. Such a beautiful young man with so much to offer. I am so blessed to call you a cousin, friend, and little brother. I am beyond proud of your accomplishments and lucky to have known you since the day you were born. From family vacations as a kid to watching you lead within the Fraternity, I've been blessed to watch you grow. I'll never forget how adventurous of a little kid you were, always running around, always so curious, and then you were in college with me. I couldn't have been happier. I'll never forget the first chapter meeting when you became president; I was beyond proud to see you lead, not to mention how easy you made it seem, looking like you had been president for years. Just so confident, level-headed, and always on the lookout for everyone else. I love you, Brian. Rest easy. You made the world a better place for us all."

Brian was one of the most genuine guys that I have ever met. There was truly never a dull moment in his presence. He constantly had that big bright smile on his face and never failed to crack a classic awful dad joke we all secretly loved. Brian was my twin within the Fraternity, and that built a special bond between us. He was incredibly dedicated to growing our chapter and always made the extra effort in any circumstance. Brian was one of a kind with such a charming personality. He will always be in our thoughts, and I will cherish the memories we made together forever.

Brian was my brother and my friend. He was a great soul and will forever be of the best guys I have ever met. I learned a lot from him, serving as his vice president. We worked closely together and enjoyed collaborating. He was a smart and funny guy who knew how to lead by example. He was a great well-respected leader; he was very dedicated to our chapter and did everything he could to make us grow and become the greatest version of ourselves. I only met him as a freshman, but he impacted my life and many others. He was a role model to many and made everyone around him a better and brighter person. I know that Michigan Beta will continue to carry on his legacy and make him proud as he did for us. We love you, Brian, and will never forget the impact you had on each and every one of us.

To read all the tributes, please visit <https://phide.lt/brianfrasertribute>

2021

FIRST-GENERATION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS INTRODUCED

the Phi Delta Theta Foundation provided \$250,000 in academic scholarships for first-generation new members.

2021

LAUNCH OF A GREATER VERSION FOR TOMORROW CAMPAIGN

The Foundation will achieve an impact of \$60 million in the areas of member development, health and safety, and people support.

2022

PHI DELTA THETA JOINS ANTI-HAZING COALITION

Phi Delta Theta prioritizes its members' safety and joining the Anti-Hazing Coalition was another step towards showing its dedication to eradicating hazing.

2022

FIRST THURSDAYS WITH THE PHIS INTRODUCED

The alumni engagement initiative facilitates the gathering of Phis on the first Thursday evening of each month, in consistent locations, across North America.

University of Akron
Ohio Epsilon

Michael S. Gazella, '51
Richard D. Patterson, '57
Eduard N. Bender, '60
John S. Wallace, '72

University of Alabama
Alabama Alpha

Joseph M. Smith, '56
Michael H. Lockett, '62
Turner C. Seale, '65
Gene M. Bromberg, '85

University of Alberta
Alberta Alpha

William J. Myers, '57

Allegheny College
Pennsylvania Delta

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S. Walter Andersen, '58

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