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75TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION IN THE WORKS . . .

The 75th anniversary of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity is almost upon us. In order to give this landmark event the attention it deserves, the two founding chapters are preparing and co-hosting a gala celebration convention as close to the anniversary date (April 11, 1989) as possible. A wonderful convention site—the city of Chicago—has also been chosen with historic significance.

The convention planning committee, chaired by Iktinos Alum Steve Janick, is hard at work arranging all of the details in making this convention a time to remember, even as we are all remembering the past.

The preliminary schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, March 29th – Arrival of delegates and guests
- Thursday, March 30th – Business sessions

- Friday, March 31st – Presentations, seminars, workshops
- Saturday, April 1st – Tours, Evening Banquet
- Sunday, April 2nd – Champagne breakfast, departure of delegates and guests

A more beefed up and detailed convention agenda will be presented in your January issue of **The Archi**.

So gas up your car, purchase your airline tickets, pack your bags and put on your letters—get ready to celebrate with Alpha Rho Chi! One more time...**Remember, write these dates down, the 42nd convention of Alpha Rho Chi takes place from MARCH 29 TO APRIL 2, 1989!!!**

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PLANS CONTINUE FOR FORMATION OF METRO-NY ALUMNI CHAPTER

Dear Brothers,

At one time, the National Fraternity's Constitution and By-Laws had a provision for the formation of Alumni Chapters. These chapters consisted of alumni from various chapters who lived in a geographic area, away from their own chapters.

We would like to reactivate the status of Alumni Chapters by creating one in the Tri-State area (NY, NJ & CT).

There are several goals we would like to reach with this effort:

- (1) To provide a means for alumni to meet other alumni
- (2) To provide a "home base" for alumni who have recently relocated to the area and are looking for friends, contacts, moral support and/or a channel through which they can maintain contact with the Fraternity
- (3) To provide a similar "home base" for recent graduates considering relocation to the Tri-State area and who need

contacts for their job search and/or IDP advisers

- (4) To provide professional and social activities for alumni in the area
- (5) To provide a base from which the merits of the Fraternity can be presented to area colleges and universities with architectural programs

If you would like to see some of these goals achieved, please step forward. We need bodies, minds and hands. If you live in the Tri-State area, please contact one of us, or the Archi editor. If we can get a positive response from even a small number of alumni, we can take the first step in our effort.

Until we hear from you, we remain yours, in brotherhood.

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THE GRAND COUNCIL SPEAKS . . .

John Ross, WGA

The mid-year Grand Council meeting adjourned on the 31st of July with satisfying results and high expectations. This year, attendees included Brother Stephen Janick, chairman of the Nominating Committee and Iktinos Alumni member of the 75th anniversary convention planning committee, and chapter members from our host chapters, Anthemios and Iktinos.

An important part of our agenda was to review the total health and strength of the fraternity. We found that 11 of the 13 chapters ended the 1987-88 year with acceptable to strong memberships. The other two chapters are receiving support and assistance from their Alumni and the Grand Council.

The WGAA reports that our computer now contains records and locations of more than 3,000 Alumni. We can all be proud of the **individual** support which is growing among the Alumni. In the last seven years, we have heard and received support from Brothers who graduated in 1917 and from members of Paeonios, Polyklitos and Theron, three chapters which, to my knowledge, have been inactive for 50 years!

What I would like to promote now is an effort on the part of several alumni associations, old and new, for **group** support of their respective chapters. We are all familiar with

"burn out" of individuals who pull the load alone. I believe with an involvement by newer alumni (one to five years), we can rebuild relatively inactive alumni associations. No names, you know who you are.

Our 75th Anniversary is around the corner. Let's go for it!

Wayne Burford, WGAA

The Grand Council is pleased to announce the official commencement of our Fraternity's Alumni Recognition Program. This program, which you have read about in previous Fraternity publications, recognizes those alumni who have consistently supported our Fraternity by (1) making special contributions well above their annual dues for at least three years; or (2) paying alumni dues annually or making gifts of \$25.00 for at least three consecutive years.

Level One of the recognition program awards a signed and numbered lithograph donated by the artist, Howard VanHeuklyn (Andronicus '47). Those alumni who will receive this lithograph in a custom presentation folder are:

- James A. Russell (Anthemios '29)
- James E. Lytle (Metagenes '82)
- James A. Lester (Heracleides '81)
- Charles A. Pearson, Jr. (Polyklitos '38)
- Eugene T. VanVranken (Paeonios '28)

The Grand Council is pleased to announce five members who were awarded the Alpha Rho Chi Bronze Medal in 1988. Our congratulations are extended to:



W. Doug Hurley - University of Arkansas



Eric J. Heinsohn - California Polytechnic State University



Leslie A. Pomeroy - Ohio State University



Agnes T. Glynn - University of Oklahoma



Robert W. Anthony, III - Pennsylvania State University

We wish all the graduates of the Class of '88 a successful professional career and continued brotherhood with Alpha Rho Chi as our newest alumni.

HELP WANTED

For Grand Council Advisory Committee. Input & Assistance needed. Will assist the GC in managing activities of APX as a truly nat'l frat, as decided at the 41st convention. Must be willing to perform on a voluntary basis, with good opportunities for advancement to Nat'l Deputy, Alum. Assoc. office & GC positions.

Candidates should have working or social knowledge of their Bro's & be able to brainstorm re: New Operating Concepts, Convention Programs, Chapter Activities, etc.

No experience necessary. Will train.

Contact your local W.A., Alum. Assoc. Pres. or, in extreme cases, GA John Filip.

APX

An Equal
Opp't'y Fraternity

Delos A. Seeley (Iktinos '36)

Level Two recipients will receive a specially commissioned Alpha Rho Chi recognition pin in gold-klad finish, suitable for use in a lapel or as a tie tack. Those alumni recognized in this category are:

- Mike Mebane (Dinocrates '28)
- Robert E. McClain (Andronicus '38)
- Daniel R. Schulz (Anthemios '70)
- James C. Mock (Andronicus '79)
- Stan Westfall (Andronicus '69)
- Ted Siaweski (Demetrios '76)
- Stuart Duffen (Metagenes '74)
- Richard G. Snyder (Iktinos '34)
- Savo M. Stoshitch (Anthemios '35)
- Fred H. Bice (Andronicus '31)
- M. Bradley Gaskins (Heracleides '84)
- Henry "Hank" Shuster (Demetrios '60)
- Jon P. Thorstenson (Mnesicles '67)
- Alfred H. Hiesterman (Paeonios '26)
- Suzanne L. Bainbridge (Xenocles '83)
- Robert D. Davis (Andronicus '57)
- Alfred J. Luthi (Andronicus '43)
- Sandford Furman (Anthemios '59)
- John H. Geiger (Anthemios '50)
- Donald E. Gunnerson (Anthemios '51)
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- James R. Bowers (Iktinos '71)
- R. James Bryden (Iktinos '67)
- Norman R. Burdick (Iktinos '59)
- Stephen P. Janick (Iktinos '70)
- Keith F. Weiland (Iktinos '51)
- John I. Schlossman (Mnesicles '55)
- Keith Sjoquist (Mnesicles '65)

Each of the alumni recognized in the 1986-87 and 1987-88 fiscal years' programs receive personal notification of the award



Chuck Nickel, WGS, was recently named one of ten national winners in the 1988 IBD/Interior Design Magazine Awards at NEOCON. Chuck was a member of the design team for the new offices of Space Design International in Cincinnati, the design firm for which he works. It will be published in the November awards issue of **Interior Design**.

from the WGAA. There are many alumni who will qualify for this special program just by paying this year's alumni dues. Let our Fraternity honor **you** for your valuable financial assistance!

J. Scott MacKay, WGE

The financial standing of Alpha Rho Chi reflects a resurgence of alumni contributions and the continuing collection of chapter dues and fees. Projections indicate a cash surplus of more than \$6,000. These monies will be invested against 75th Anniversary Convention expenditures in this fiscal year.

Chapter activities ranged from timely monthly reporting to filing up to 12-month overdue amounts at one time. Collectibles remain high, but measures have been implemented in cases of long-term debt.

Alpha Rho Chi was pleased to welcome the **Appollodorus Alumni Association** during the last fiscal year (O. Frank Frazee, President). Other alumni association happenings include strong activity on the part of Xenocles in providing continued fraternal and financial education to the chapter, and the continued indebtedness of two associations.

National activity has shown a continued increase in jewelry sales, including a Brother's daughter securing the re-issue of a long-lost badge for her father's birthday. Chapter visits by Grand Council officers and appointees are on the upswing. In addition to the "75 For 75" jewelry fund-raising program, an embroidered crest patch is now available from the office of the WGE for \$7.50 each. These are ideal items for caps, sweaters, those oh-so-typical gray jackets and other miscellaneous apparel. Order yours now!

Over the last fiscal year, National's corporate stock portfolio shows an 8% loss to a current market value of approximately \$50,000. This loss was a result of last October's "Black Monday." Additional carry-over trusts and the education account are worth

nearly \$25,000. It is hoped that, with capital gains and interest being deposited into the education account, this figure will continue to grow, directly benefiting our younger members. Despite "Black Monday" fluctuations in the market, our posture sustained minimal damage. Current trends indicate continued, although slow, increases in our investments to date.

This office is pleased to report that, by the next convention, all files of the WGE will be configured for integration into the Fraternity's computer system. This will provide easy access to financial records and analyses by the chapters, alumni associations and regional deputies.

It is with financial strength that this Fraternity approaches its 75 years of historical commemoration, anticipating the celebration demanded by that heritage. Chicago's skyline awaits, steeped with the opportunities available to the masses for pleasure, purpose and planning, in preparation for our next 25 years of fiscal fruition.

Chuck Nickel, WGS

In preparation for the 75th Anniversary Celebration, I have begun to review old Archis, convention minutes and boxes of records to update the history of Alpha Rho Chi.

I would encourage each active chapter, along with interested alumni, to do the same for your chapter. Each active chapter should be maintaining a written record of its own significant events and members.

Within the many boxes, I found a wonderful photo album from the early development years of the Anthemios Chapter. It is a record of individual members maintained by class year. Each page was devoted to a graduating member with a mini-biography of their active years with the chapter. It reflected the times and character of the brothers, but generally, there was a formal photograph with signature below, a biography with full name, nickname, class year, birthdate, hometown, date of initiation and list of offices and years held. Some pages also had casual photographs, notable quotes or best memories of their school years.

Since seniors are typically busy with thesis projects before graduation, I would suggest that the photo album be maintained as a pledge class project. Each pledge could be assigned a graduating member to compile information for an album page. Beyond getting the basic facts, talking with the seniors to learn about their best memories and how they have benefited by belonging to Alpha Rho Chi would be a valuable experience for them.

Just imagine returning to the Chapter House to celebrate the Centennial of Alpha Rho Chi, looking through the album and smiling at the buzz haircut and wild pattern tie. Saying to yourself, those were great years with my brothers. "I remember when..."

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS RECOMMENDATIONS

The nominating committee, established by the Grand Council for the 75th Anniversary Convention, is in the process of reviewing criteria to evaluate the expected nominees for all Grand Council positions.

Shortly, correspondence will be sent to all chapters, alumni associations and regional deputies outlining these criteria.

The committee welcomes nomina-

tions for the following offices:

- Worthy Grand Architect - 1 year
- Worthy Grand Associate Architect - 2 years
- Worthy Grand Scribe - 1 year
- Worthy Grand Estimator - 2 years

All of these terms will begin July 1, 1989.

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Alpha Rho Chi is a national professional fraternity limiting its membership to students of architecture and the allied arts. It was founded at the Universities of Illinois and Michigan on April 11, 1914, to organize and unite in fellowship the architectural students in the universities and colleges of America and to combine their efforts so as to promote the artistic, scientific and practical efficiency of the younger members of the profession. Alpha Rho Chi is one of thirty-four national and international fraternities which consolidated into the Professional Fraternity Association (PFA) in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1977.

