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Press Release: 100th National Convention Recap

The 100th National Convention of Alpha Chi Rho convened in Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL from July 23-25, 2009. This Convention was truly a historic event for our Brotherhood. The event was attended by 62 Resident Brothers, 28 Graduate Brothers and 38 family members. Disney's Coronado Springs Resort was our host for this event.

Brothers and guests first attended the welcome reception on Thursday night, which was called "Alpha Chi Rho Through the Years". This informal reception showcased poster boards highlighting historical fraternal events, pictures of fraternity houses, and illustrations drawn by Bob Dell, a Brother and cartoonist. During the event, Mickey and Minnie Mouse made an appearance and families were able to get their picture taken with them both.

Friday and Saturday mornings were reserved as free time for Graduate Brothers to spend time with their families visiting the parks, while the Undergraduates were attending their educational workshop sessions. Topics included how to brand yourself and land that job you want; how to be a successful leader inside and outside of the Chapter, how to fundraise; how to write a newsletter to alumni and an article for the Garnet and White; understanding risk management, and how to recruit new members in different ways.

Friday afternoon the Alpha Chi Rho Educational Foundation hosted its Scholarship Lunch. During this event Undergraduate and Graduate Brothers were awarded scholarships based on their accomplishments. The National Fraternity also handed out some Chapter awards. The complete list of Scholarship and Chapter Fraternity winners can be found at the end of this newsletter.

The opening and closing sessions of the business session of the Convention were held on Friday and Saturday afternoons. The business of the Fraternity was conducted and new officers were elected to serve on the National Council. A complete list will follow the Scholarship and Chapter Fraternity winners.

The Feast of the Fraternity was like none other. Those in attendance boarded buses and were taken to Epcot's backstage entrance. They were dropped off at the American Adventure pavilion where the venue was closed to the general public. Brothers and

family members enjoyed a delicious meal and dessert in the replica of Independence Hall. After dinner, a few more awards were handed out and everyone was escorted to a private viewing area to watch IllumiNations, a nighttime fireworks, light and sound show.

Some quotes from those attending:

Rich Nudo, ΩΧΦ '10 Undergraduate – “First and foremost I would just like to applaud you on the great job you did on putting together the 100th National Convention. It was something all the delegates will never forget. Speaking on behalf of Ross and myself, we had a great time and were really able to learn a lot. Hopefully we will apply the things we learned to the upcoming semester; recruitment is going to be vital to our survival as a new chapter. Once again thank you for making it a memorable experience”

Frank Mistretta, ΣΤΦ '81 Graduate – “I'm writing this note in reference to the 100th National Convention of Alpha Chi Rho. Thank you for everything that you and your staff did. This was by far the best convention ever. Your staff did an amazing job and their hard work showed. The leadership sessions were very informative. The accommodations were second to none. The trip to Epcot included a fabulous dinner and an amazing fireworks display. It was great to see old and new Brothers alike.”

We hope that all those that attended had a great time. Please visit www.alphachirho.org to see a slideshow of pictures and video take from the events at Convention!

Scholarship Winners:
Graduate Scholarships

Donald F. Jones Scholarship
Michael Oropallo, ΦΓΧ

Wilbur M. “Curly” Walden Scholarship
Ryan Weatherholtz, ΕΦ

Stanley G. Bedford Scholarship
Richard Barca, ΩΦ

F. Prescott Hammond Scholarship
Benjamin Buck, ΔΣΦ

Undergraduate Scholarships

Donald F. Jones Scholarship
Rimida Panzer, ΦΓΧ

Paul K. Addams Scholarship

Brian Schmidt, ΦΚ

Richard V. Olson Scholarship

Nicholas Simmons, ΛΧΦ

James McFadden Scholarship

Brian Yates, ΙΧΦ

John C. Enk Scholarship

Ryan Strohauer, ΧΧΦ

Charles W. Coughlan Scholarship

Eli Neuman, ΕΦ

Robert B. Stewart Undergraduate Man of the Year

Kyle Bagenstose ΕΦ

Fraternity Awards

Dennis Grim Award – Excellence in Ritual

Alpha Phi, Purdue

Stanley G. Bedford Award – Most Effective Executive Leadership

Epsilon Phi, Temple

Community Service Award

Sigma Tau Phi, Plattsburgh

Weston L. Dangler Award – Most Cooperative With the National Office

Phi Zeta Chi, Geneseo

Thomas F. Flanagan Memorial Award – True Image of the Fraternity

Lambda Chi Phi, Drexel

W. Henson Watchorn Award – Most Approved Chapter With a House

Phi Lambda, Penn State

Curly Walden Cup – Best All Around Chapter

Zeta Phi, Clarkson

New National Council

Gerry Brill ΖΦ '57

President

Victor Ramos ΦΛ '91
Vice-President

Brian Schwarz ΦΚΧ '95
Treasurer

Scott A. Carlson ΠΦ '82
CEO/National Secretary

David Luckenbill ΩΦ '05
Graduate Councillor

Michael Nicholas ΩΦ '07
Graduate Councillor

John Petersen ΑΒΦ '88
Graduate Councillor

Corry Emmons ΖΦ '10
Resident Councillor

Brian Schmidt ΦΚ '10
Resident Councillor

Chris Materia ΦΛ '10
Resident Councillor – 1st Alternate

Douglas Pietrucha ΦΛ '12
Resident Councillor – 2nd Alternate

Rev. Dr. David B. Jost ΗΦ '75
Chaplain

Michael Shinn ΩΦ '04
Risk Management Officer

Scott P. Nathanson ΣΤΦ '85
Editor

Scott Mercaldo ΛΧΦ '97
Ritual Officer

Dominick J. Mevoli III ΦΗΧ '94
Scholarship Officer