



# The ALPHA

## of Alpha Kappa Pi



### Just a Minute—

▪ WE CALL attention to Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs' reaction to the suggested financial needs, Volume 18, No. 3, as it appears in this issue of THE ALPHA. Read it carefully and then let us have your reaction to both the financial statement and Brother Krebs' response. It is by such attention that the better ways of meeting our obligations and responsibilities are obtained. There is nothing strange about such conclusions. It is simply taking the time to think straight and thereby to reach the right answers.

It is a pleasure to point the fraternity chapters to the fine way the Alpha Kappa Pi brothers, Milton College, are planning for the after-war rehabilitation. It not only bespeaks the interest of the chapter as such, but it shows conclusively what fine results are gained when even two or three campus men take the time to handle the finances of the active and alumni members. The fraternity, as well as Alpha Eta chapter, owes a lasting debt of gratitude to Dean John N. Daland and Professor L. M. Van Horn. Read their remarks sent to the brothers in uniform through their news-sheet, excerpts of the latest appearing in this ALPHA.

Read the month-date of this issue of THE ALPHA and you will find that at long last we are up to date as to quarterly issues, provided we make the mailing time within the days of September, 1944. If not it is certain the December and subsequent publications will be on time. Chapters or alumni, sending in contributions, please govern themselves accordingly.

Consider our ceaseless debt to our Gold Star brothers. Now they are seven who have given to the end of life for country and noble living. Read them in order of their going from us: Ensign Lee Fox, *Alpha Gamma*; 2nd Lt. Roy H. Baxter, *Tau*; Cadet Kenneth W. McCormick, *Alpha Gamma*; Private Samuel Bull Stone, *Alpha Iota*; Private Earl W. Krumwiede, *Alpha Alpha*; Maurice Alger, *Alpha Kappa*; and Private George Lake, Jr., *Alpha Eta*.

### Another Gold Star

▪ VICE PRESIDENT George F. Smith, *Alpha Kappa*, Rensselaer, Troy, New York, reports the death of Brother Maurice Alger "killed in action in France." Thus our list in sacrificial service grows. To the Alpha Kappa chapter brothers, and the loved ones of Brother Alger's family, THE ALPHA extends the sincere sympathy of the entire brotherhood.

### Alpha Theta

▪ ALPHA THETA, Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, will renew a full activity this Fall season. The college has given the word that all the fraternities may resume contacting and pledging men, and so Alpha Kappa Pi may expect the usual fine contribution, to chapter and fraternity, from this campus. To reach the chapter through the mails address Wilmot Mitchell, Jr., P.O. Box 1162, Spartanburg, South Carolina.



# An Answer to a Challenge

By Frank J. Krebs, *Grand Treasurer*

■ NOW IS THE time to lay the plans for a better Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. With the end of the war rapidly approaching, many returned soldiers are already enrolled in the courses offered by our colleges and universities. The G.I. Bill of Rights will encourage thousands of veterans of this war to further their education by taking advantage of the opportunities offered them by the federal government. How will Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity meet the challenge of offering true fraternalism to these returning soldiers from "the four corners of the earth"?

In the April issue of *THE ALPHA* a challenge was directed to all members of our fraternity. We are now four thousand strong. As a fraternity we have almost a quarter of a century of continuous history. Our fraternity was born at the close of the last war. In the present war seven of our brothers have given their all that men might not be enslaved in any part of this earth. Now we must think of how we may be able to carry on the work for which our brothers have suffered and died.

Today we face not only the problem of restoring chapters inactive because of war but also the problem of offering better services to these chapters after their restoration. In solving these problems we must call on the loyal alumni members of our fraternity, for we know that the membership of every chapter is made up of active and alumni

members. The active members sooner or later always find themselves in the latter group, the Alumni.

Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity one might say has grown in spite of the Alumni. The grand chapter at its session, at the opening of World War No. 2, voted a life membership subscription to *THE ALPHA*. To this day we have only *two* paid up life subscriptions to our national magazine. If in the post war period we are going to publish a magazine in keeping with our traditions and policies a new life membership plan must be formulated—a plan that will assure us the financial support of future alumni.

In as much as the present plan has not brought us an alumni *ALPHA* life subscription list, I would propose that the price of the life subscription be collected from every member at the time of his initiation. This could be done by increasing the initiation fee an amount equal to the cost of life subscription to *THE ALPHA*, collected in monthly payments until met in full. Every year the sum thus collected could be invested as an endowment fund for *THE ALPHA*. Thus in time we would be assured funds that would make our publication self-supporting. Until such time the magazine would have to be subsidized from the general fund of the fraternity as it is at the present time.

Part X of the Constitution of our fraternity deals with alumni chapters. I propose

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that we amend this section of the constitution to read that an alumni chapter must have at least a certain number of alumni members paying national alumni dues. In as much as the organized alumni chapters have the right of representation to the Grand Chapter they should therefore be willing to help bear the expenses of the national fraternity. This thought no doubt is revolutionary to our fraternity but nevertheless it would result in better organized alumni chapters. The members of these chapters would take a greater interest in the affairs and activities of the national fraternity. And whereas our alumni chapters at present are loosely organized, an annual membership fee from members of the organized alumni chapters would strengthen the organization of these chapters.

My last proposal is a peace fund. Every worthy Alpha Kappa Pi member should be given the opportunity of helping to restore the inactive chapters. This task is far greater than any that has faced our fraternity. It will require time and money. Not many of

us can contribute time but all of us can contribute money. Through THE ALPHA every one of our four thousand members could be solicited to make a definite contribution to a loyalty fund called a peace fund. Every penny of this fund should be used to help restore the chapters at present inactive because of the war. Loyal alumni, chapter counselors, province chiefs and others could follow up the appeal made in THE ALPHA for this peace fund. Perhaps we could name the fund in honor of the first brother to have given his life in the great conflict in which we are at present engaged, or as a memorial to all Alpha Kappa PIs making the supreme sacrifice. In as much as we were assured that this peace fund would be used to restore Alpha Kappa Pi to her former position on American Collegiate campuses, the contributions should be most generous. Thus and thus alone can we meet the challenge that was hurled at us by the two articles, "Just a Minute" and "The War" in the April, 1944, issue of THE ALPHA.

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## Alpha Eta's Gold Star

▪ BROTHER GEORGE LAKE, JR., whose home is in Harvard, Illinois, is the first Alpha Kappa Pi, from the Alpha Eta chapter, Milton College, Wisconsin, to make the supreme sacrifice in the present World War. He was killed in action on the fields of Normandy, France. Brother Lake was an intensely interested Alpha Kappa Pi, both for his local chapter and for the national brotherhood. No task was too difficult for him to undertake if it meant the advancement of his fraternity. At the installation of the Alpha Mu chapter, Carthage College, Illinois, he was an inspiration to all present by his display of sincere loyalty and ability to do things. Death has struck down one of the fairest and bravest in the entire brotherhood. THE ALPHA extends the deepest sympathy to the brothers in Alpha Eta chapter, and even more so to parents of our deceased brother at their home in Illinois.

## Life Subscriptions.

▪ THE ALPHA readers have never been actually urged to become life subscribers to the magazine. After the war this will be one of the newer features taken under direction. The plan was just being formulated when the call to arms, a defense of country, stopped the final drive in this matter. However there are a few paid up members in the life club readers, and when the men are back in the different chapters, then this plan for THE ALPHA support will be renewed with vigor. The fraternity has fixed the cost at \$15.00. Once paid the brother becomes a life subscriber and the fraternity magazine will come to your home as long as we hold the mailing address. No Alpha Kappa Pi is able to be a knowing Alpha Kappa Pi without THE ALPHA. Send \$15.00 to Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs, Scio, Ohio, and watch the list of paid readers grow in numbers and THE ALPHA in size and influence.



## Post War Planning

■ AN ALL DAY meeting of fraternity men took place, Saturday, September 9, 1944, at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, Mr. Verling C. Enteman, presiding.

Among the many splendid items discussed was the one stating how the fraternity must meet certain requirements to be of value to its collegiate chapter. These excerpts should be of great assistance to our Alpha Kappa Pi chapters as they come back, after the war days, to rebuild their respective centers:

1. Provide living quarters which are sanitary, safe, and well kept. An orderly mind cannot function properly in disorderly or unwholesome surroundings. Physical cleanliness is closely related to moral cleanliness.

2. Provide in its chapter house an atmosphere of purpose, congeniality, friendship, and mutual interest. Men who live in a purposeless group gradually become purposeless. Purpose creates interest, and is thus indispensable for achievement of any kind. Men develop best in an atmosphere of congeniality, friendship, and are dwarfed by indifference, dislike, or hostility.

3. Has a sense of responsibility to parents and college for its members, and exerts its influence always in the direction of correlating the objectives of its members with the purpose of the college. The chapter fails to meet any of its obligations to member, parents, or the college when it acts as a shield to protect the member from the consequences of his own derelictions and thus to defeat the objective which brought him to college.

4. Order its group life intelligently and democratically, so that its members may acquire the art of living with others to the advantage of themselves and the group. What is commonly called success in life, is claimed to be determined predominantly by the ability to understand people, attract people, and influence people, which is called leadership. All these qualities are the result of mingling with people, working with and for them, co-operating with them in common undertak-

ings, placing the interests of the group ahead of one's own, helping where help is needed. Hence the great value of well-ordained fraternity life. Leadership is nothing for which men can be trained consciously; it is the reward for industry, co-operation, skill, wisdom, devotion, and the assumption of responsibility.

5. Conduct its affairs in a businesslike manner, living within its income, and insisting upon prompt payment both of its own obligations, and of obligations to it. The simplest way to reduce the cost of fraternity life is to collect all the money due the chapter. Members who do not carry their share of the load are a liability, at the expense of those who do.

6. Avoid exploiting its members in any way for the aggrandizement of the chapter or for the convenience of any of its members. Undue pressure upon members to enter upon extracurricular activities which are in no way related to the individual's tastes, objectives, or real capacities, merely for the prestige of the chapter, is an unwarranted invasion of the rights of the individual, and contrary to the postulate for fraternity life. Hell Week and fagging destroy the fine attitude toward the chapter which is essential to making young initiates enthusiastic and loyal members of the chapter and thus deriving a maximum benefit from the proper objectives of the fraternity life. They defeat the purpose of the chapter and undermine its solidarity. Moreover, too, they constitute a serious interference with the new member's primary objective. Nor is either in harmony with the spirit of brotherhood.

7. Devote itself consciously to the problem of helping each member to achieve his objective in college and to develop himself to a reasonable extent of his capacities. This will be accomplished through understanding, consideration, encouragement, establishing relations of mutual respect, and through friendly counsel and help. There is no better

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## Beta Chapter Alumni

■ THE ALWAYS wide awake and loyal Beta chapter alumni are in full swing to help the actives, at Wagner College, rebuild its membership. At its annual reunion, May 25, 1944, it elected a full corps of officers and, to get the speediest and best results for the association, all the officers are found as students at the Mount Airy Seminary, Philadelphia. These officers are: President, Leonard R. Klemann '42; vice-president, Henry Cornish '43; secretary, Frederick Reissig '44; treasurer, David Jensen '42; sentinel, Howard Lenhardt '43; chaplain, Carl Koppenhaver '43. All other alumni members in Beta chapter, Wagner College, are considered to be sustaining members of this association which has for its purpose the "maintaining and sustaining of Beta chapter." Meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays of each month, and at the Seminary. As deemed necessary other meetings are held in the New York City area.

THE ALPHA takes this opportunity to felicitate the Beta alumni, and even to suggest to other unorganized alumni to "go thou and do likewise." In unity there is a great force that cannot be denied.

### A Reunion

■ THE FIRST part of September a business engagement carried First Vice President, David S. Blankenship, Atlanta, Georgia, to the town of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. While there he met up with Brother Robert F. Herrick, alumni secretary for the Lehigh University, and Brother La Schober, and a pleasant luncheon was enjoyed as the guest of Brother Herrick. Nu chapter is inactive for the war's duration.

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way than this for the older men in the chapter to give meaning and value to fraternity life. Alpha Kappa Pi was represented through the presence of Vice-president Parke B. Fraim, and Adviser A. H. Wilson.

## Interfraternity Conference

■ THE ANNUAL conference of the national association of the college Greek letter societies, will meet, as usual, the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving for 1944. Insofar as known the place will be The Hotel Commodore, New York City—a most convenient convention hostelry since it is near the great terminal railway center known as The Grand Central Station. This will be a most interesting and important conference since plans to meet the after war times will hold a most telling part of the program. Sessions of the meetings are open forum and all Alpha Kappa Pi men are urged to attend any one or all of these business gatherings. Heads of chapters would find it profitable to be present.

As delegates and alternates to the conference these men have been designated: Grand President, Arba S. Tylor, 637 Salem Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Grand Second Vice President, Parke B. Fraim, 38 Livingston St., Brooklyn, New York; Grand Treasurer, Frank J. Krebs, Scio, Ohio; Grand Historian, Albert G. Jahn, 3620 N. 15th St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### New Address

■ ALL MAIL intended for Grand Secretary W. Sam Kitchen, should be addressed to P.O. Box 706, Bluefield, West Virginia. Please note the change and govern your mailing records accordingly.

### Lieutenant Colonel

■ LIEUTENANT HAROLD R. SPAANS, one of the most loyal and forceful members of the Kappa chapter, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is now located at Fort Bliss, Texas. Brother Spaans would be happy to greet any of the fraternity brothers who may be in that part of the country. The Alpha is proud of the record of this splendid young American.





# CHAPTER NEWS

## *Alpha Eta—Milton*

With no active members on campus the Alpha Eta chapter is definitely alive and preparing for better days. Dean John N. Daland and Professor L. Milton Van Horn, of the faculty at Milton, are seeing to it that a news-sheet, to all the boys in the service, goes out regularly. To give an insight into the work of these two faculty brothers we set forth their sentiments in the most recent letter to the service men:

From Dean Daland: "Dear Brothers All—I see where active Brother Lt. Mark Baum has distinguished himself on Saipan and got wounded in the process, but I trust he will make a very fine recovery, as the excerpts from his letter which appeared in the *Janesville, Wisconsin Gazette* sounded quite brisk and cheerful in spite of his wounds. More power to you, Mark!

"The college will weather the crisis of this war just as it has weathered all the storms in its 100 years—100 years of useful and worthy service.

When this great war is ended and our brothers come home, I am sure many of them will return to the campus to continue their education, and our beloved Alpha Eta chapter will stand ready to welcome one and all.

"The loyalty of the brothers is laying a fair foundation for the future. I have recently ordered a twenty-five dollar Series F bond as a gift to our growing Alpha Eta Building Fund. No doubt many other brothers will do the same or more. Let us by our deeds salute our fraternity which promotes true brotherhood. Ever fraternally, John N. Daland."

From Professor Van Horn: "Dear Brothers—When I ran into Brother Luther Preuss down in the Oldsmobile Forge Shop the other night I was reminded that we should be getting out another little message and revised address list to you. We've been planning to do this since June but it has been hard to find the time. Luther Preuss is awaiting his call to the ATC and is spending his time at Olds helping make the 75 and 105 mm. shells which are keeping the Axis on the spin.

"You may be interested to know specifically what your chapter brothers are doing for the Building Fund. Brothers home on leave have indicated it might be well to list the individual contributions made since the calling of the ERC.

An enclosed sheet lists that information and a summary of our assets.

"If you have not given a bond or equivalent to Alpha Eta chapter why not do so next time you have a bond due you through your payroll allotment set-up? Just buy one in Series F, \$18.50, \$37.00, or \$74.00, made out as follows: Alpha Eta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity, an unincorporated association, Milton, Wisconsin. Send it to me or to Dean Daland and it will be placed in safe keeping. Best of luck to you always. Fraternally ever, L. M. Van Horn."

With two such men attending the needs of the Alpha Eta chapter it is not hard to visualize a strong and immediate return to active ways, on the Milton College campus, once the war has been won and these stalwart young Americans are back at home and college once more. The Alpha salutes the Alpha Eta brothers and more so the sustaining labors of our great leaders at Milton College: Dean Daland and Professor Van Horn. May their tribe increase.

## *A Masonic Tribute*

A very gracious tribute was paid Brother A. W. Heinmiller, in his elevation to the Master Mason degree, at Washington, D.C., when the lodge members, in recognizing his membership, presented him with a beautiful jeweled badge of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. Brother Heinmiller is Assistant Superintendent of the City Schools, Washington, D.C. Grand Chaplain Philip C. Bentley was present at the ceremony. Here we have a tribute paid to Alpha Kappa Pi, as well as to Brother Heinmiller, by the most outstanding fraternal order among men.

## *Chaplain in Navy*

The Reverend Philip Clough Bentley, Grand Chaplain of the fraternity, is now serving as Chaplain among the Naval Forces of our country. It is certain that the men under his direction will count themselves most fortunate to be spiritually headed by so sincere and responsible a Chaplain as our own Brother Bentley. On the ending of the war Chaplain Bentley will return to his place in the Parish set up at St. Albans, Washington, D.C. The Alpha, for the fraternity, extends to our Grand



Chaplain the best of success as he carries on in this larger service to our splendid men in our Navy.

### **Delta—Brooklyn Polytechnic**

*Initiated:* Joseph Cassano '46, Brooklyn, New York; Frank Lo Guidice '48, Brooklyn, New York; Frederick George Roberts '48, Hempstead, New York; Emil George Sammak '48, Brooklyn, New York; William Alfred Taylor '47, Westfield, New Jersey; Joseph Leonard Turchino '48, Brooklyn, New York.

### **Alpha Beta—Tri State**

*Initiated:* Charles Hill '46, Howell, Michigan; Mitchell Chester Gallyno '44, Bridgeton, New Jersey.

### **Alpha Kappa—Rensselaer**

*Initiated:* John Joseph Connelly '47, Syracuse, New York; Durwood Harlan Davis '48, Olean, New York; James Gray McLoughlin '48, Rome, New York; Frederick Ralph Smith '45, New York City.

Alpha Kappa chapter has been very busy reorganizing its membership and carrying out what limited plans are adopted for the welfare of the fraternity. In 1943 the members were forced to

relinquish their chapter house, sell their furniture, because the Navy V-12 program required the men to reside in the college dormitories. Despite the lack of financial resources, our treasury having been frozen till post war days, and for reason of our chapter being inactive, the brothers rallied to the cause, and by personal funds an apartment was secured in which to hold meetings, initiations, and occasional dances. We find that this arrangement serves our purposes well and also enables us to keep up the prestige of Alpha Kappa Pi on the campus.

The present officers of the chapter are: James Langley, president; Fred Janson, secretary; Herb Depew, treasurer; Malcolm Graham, marshal; Al LaPlant, house manager.

It is with sincere regret that Alpha Kappa chapter announces the death of one of our first members on the campus and the first to leave for the armed forces, from among the brothers at Rensselaer. Maurice Alger was recently killed in France while participating with the Allied advances in a unit of the U. S. Army. He was a member of the class of '44, and the first member of Alpha Kappa chapter to be lost in the war.

Alpha Kappa Pi at Rensselaer plans to be ready for a full time program once this war has been ended and the brothers come home once more.

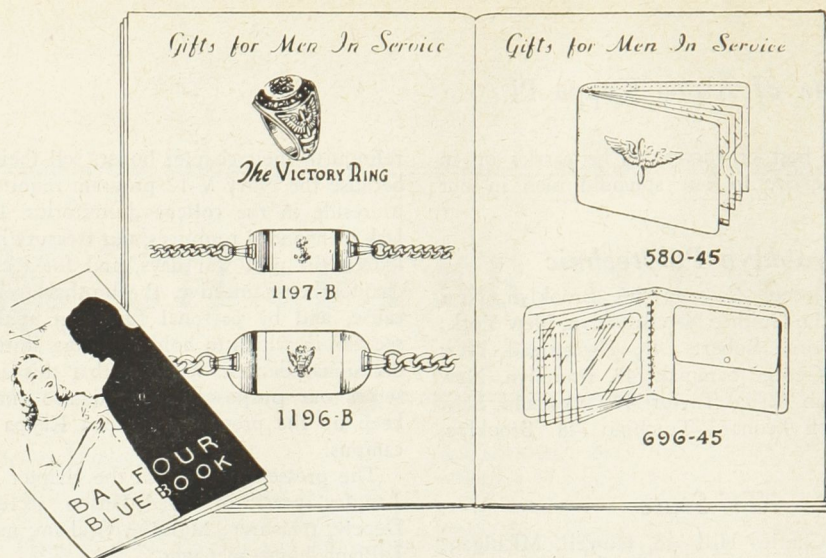
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