

"While I have never formally attended Convention, I was able to partake in some of the social functions in 2001 when Convention was held in Orlando, FL. I had decided to take an internship with the Walt Disney College Program in Orlando when Convention was held, so I thought it was really cool that I was able to partake in an AXP event even though I had relocated to Florida temporarily! It was a great opportunity for me as I was only a semester into AXP at the time and was able to make a lot of great connections with other Chapters.

I am looking forward greatly to being able to take an active role at the 2011 Convention, and I hope to see you there!"

-Brother Michael B. Shinn (National Risk Management Officer)

"My first convention was in Orlando, FL. It was very exciting traveling like a business professional to a destination rather than just driving to a local university campus. I enjoyed having a Feast of the Fraternity followed by fireworks at Epcot. Being able to look back at the index cards for each chapter with all of the signatures from past convention attendees allowed me to reflect on the long history of Alpha Chi Rho and felt a deep connection with past Brothers. Sharing the bond of Brotherhood with Chapters from across the country is always an exciting time and puts the larger perspective of being in a national Fraternity."

-Brother Adam Marsh (Resident Councillor)

"My first Convention was the one in Boston in 2005. I had been the National Chaplain for two years and had gotten to know many of the men on the National Council and staff, but there was a whole new energy when the ballroom filled with Crows! One of the highlights was watching as President Hughes was re-elected to another term of leadership among us; one of the low-lights was having to discuss the expulsion of Brothers for "conduct unbecoming". The interesting overlap was walking the streets of Boston and soaking up the history of the town and our country, then coming inside and reading the names of Brothers who had attended past conventions. There was history at every turn! It was a good warm up for the next convention at Williamsburg."

-Brother David Jost (National Chaplain)

"Even though I graduated Penn State in 1991, my first Convention was in Williamsburg, VA in 2007. Why 16 years later? After being away from Penn State and the Chapter for a dozen years I got involved with many alumni to bring the Chapter back from its demise in 1994. By 2007 and Phi Lambda seeming to thrive, it seemed logical to attend that summers Convention. I knew the resident Brothers attending, but no matter how many of my fellow alums I called, it seemed for that year anyway, I was going to be the sole graduate going to historic Williamsburg. No worries, I attended sessions, played in the golf outing and re-acquainted myself with the workings of the Fraternity. It was good to see

the Fraternity deliberate the issues of the time and elect new officers. I met many new Crows that weekend and re-established relationships from days past. The Convention culminated with The Feast of The Fraternity during which Jeff Turco was awarded Man of the Year. What I took away from all of it was the camaraderie. Attending Convention reinforced to me why I joined the Fraternity."

-Brother Victor M. Ramos, PE (National Vice President)

"My first Convention was in 2009 at Orlando, FL and was quite a memorable experience for me. I travelled with my good friend, Brother William Hash, and my wife who had recently found out that she was pregnant, and I couldn't tell anyone because of how early it was! She said something about jinxing the whole thing, so I went along with it. To coincide with all of this great news, we got to spend multiple fun-filled days with old Fraternity friends and made new ones along the way. I have many memories from that specific Convention and plan on making more this year when I can bring my son, Nolan."

-Brother David P. Luckenbill (Graduate Councillor, National Editor)

