

President's Pen

Welcome to the latest edition of the e-Garnet & White. In it you will find updates on the Convention held in Pittsburgh, PA, interviews performed by Brothers on newly elected Council members and the recipient of the R.B. Stewart Undergraduate Man of the Year, Chapter updates, *Views from the Road*, expansion updates and much, much more.

The 101st National Convention was held in Pittsburgh, PA in late July, and it was well attended. Besides electing a new Council, there were many educational and leadership sessions for the undergraduates. The Feast of the Fraternity was highlighted by a discussion on leadership by one of our illustrious and accomplished alumni, General Gus Pagonis. Before convening, the newly elected Council held its first meeting, during which a business plan was developed and action plans established for the two major tenets moving forward: improved communications among all members and improved financial well-being for the Fraternity.

One of the goals of the Fraternity is to improve communications among all members. With the discontinuation of the printed form of the Garnet & White communications and updates from the Chapters were lost. Our goal in revamping the Garnet & White to an electronic platform is to improve communications. David Luckenbill, Graduate Councilor and editor of the e-Garnet & White has been assigned to head a communication committee, and the publication will once again be issued quarterly. Aside from his committee, input is needed from all. Our goal is to have a quarterly report from each resident Chapter, a jobs forum, graduate news, publish philanthropic events and generally keep the Brotherhood apprised of what we are all up to. To this end, whether you are the corresponding secretary or historian of your Chapter, the President of your graduate chapter or Building Corporation or an alumnus who lives far from the northeast, please send in your articles or tidbits of news to David at editor@alphachirho.org. In this day and age of improved communications through social media, it would truly be a shame if we did not take advantage of them for the betterment of our Fraternity. Please take the time to contact David with any news you'd like to share.

In between issues of the e-Garnet & White, there are many ways to stay in touch with each other through the new web portal. If you haven't already logged on and subscribed to the subscriptions please do so. You can also update your profile, create groups, make connections with your classmates and link your profile to your Facebook page. We are always looking for ways to improve our communications as well so feel free to contact the National Staff, David or myself should you have any suggestions on improving the website www.alphachirho.org.

The new school year is underway, and Staff has been accordingly swamped with the tasks that come along with that. Homecoming at most colleges are just around the corner as well, so take the time to reach out to your Chapter and see if there is anything new going on or if there is any way you can help the chapter

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