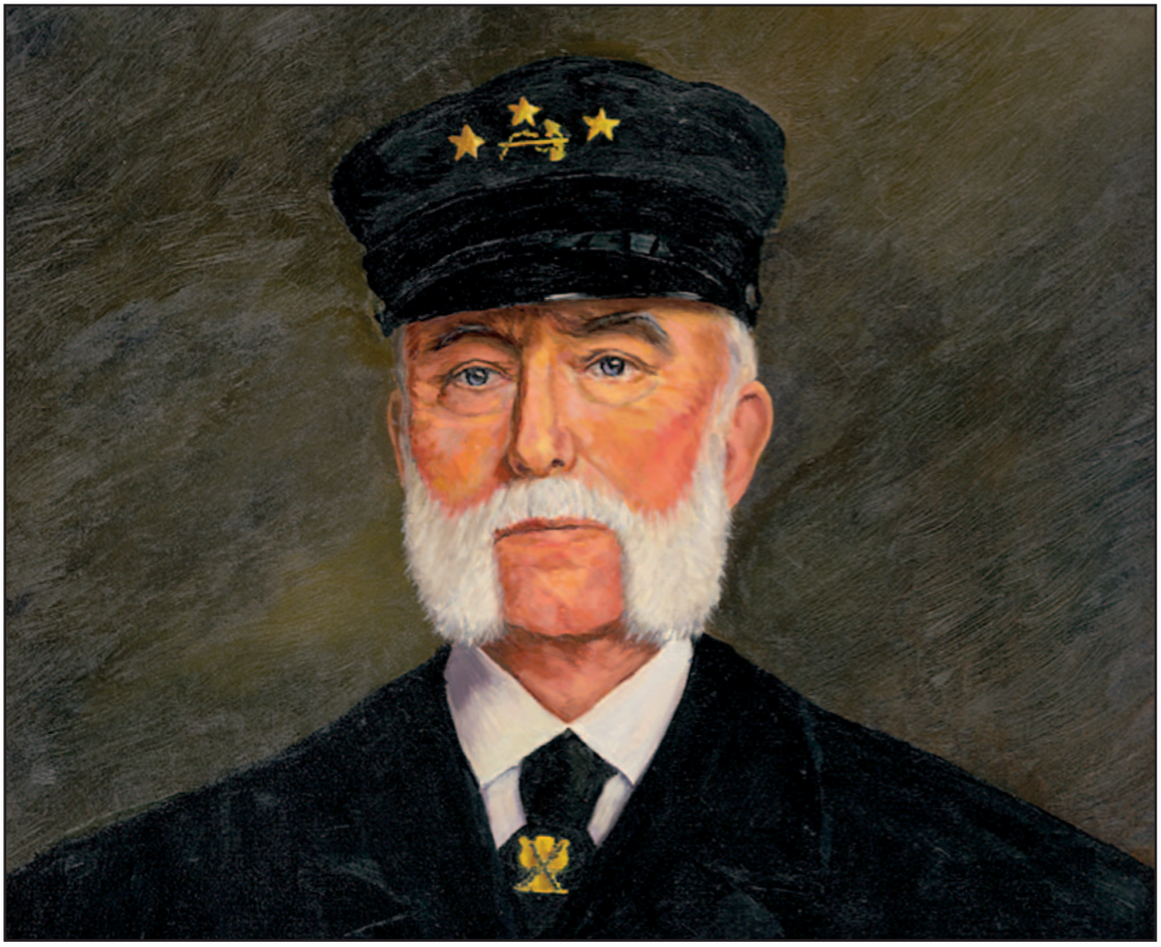

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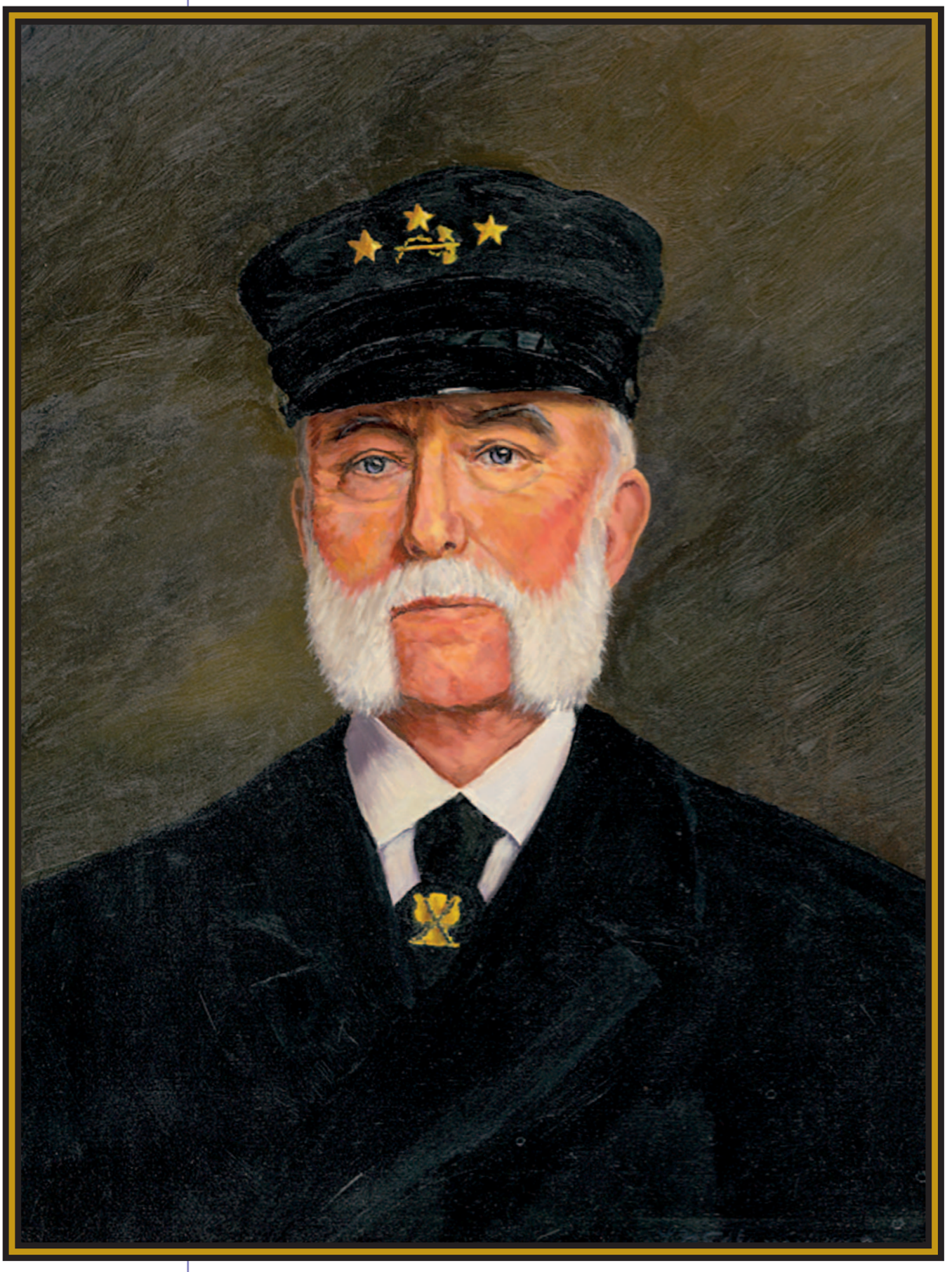

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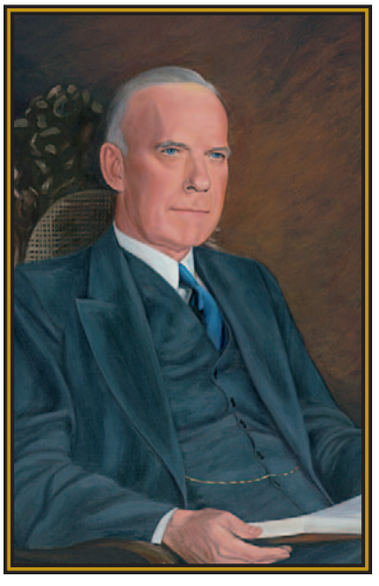
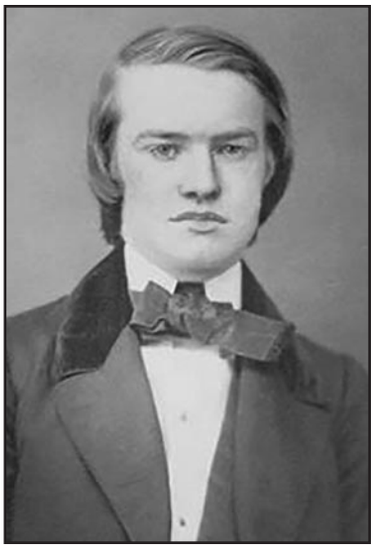
Most of the thousands of alumni contributors involve themselves in the affairs of the Fraternity for these reasons. From this involvement, each has expanded his circle of friends and cultivated an understanding of brotherhood. Such personal connections strengthen the organization and provide continued justification of the benefits of membership.

It is no mystery that Chi Psi would not exist today without its alumni. Support in varying degrees from members of all ages keeps us alive. One's opportunity to join our bonds of brotherhood is available only because past and present alumni have given of themselves so that Chi Psi could prosper. Likewise, our future will depend upon the role that you and your peers manifest not just today, but beyond your graduation.

*Examples are shown at left and below of the oil portraits of Chi Psi's #7s (National Presidents) which hang in the Chi Psi Central Office at Jeffrey Hall in Nashville. On the opposite page is Elbridge T. Gerry, Ζ 1857, wearing his beloved Commodore's hat and Chi Psi Badge. Gerry was #7 from 1882 to 1914, long before term limits. The four on this page are Charles Merrill, Χ 1908 (1940-49), Frank Matthiessen, Ψ 1895 (1934-36), George W. Ray III, A'54 (1995-2001), and Robert C. Preble, X'44 (1992-95).*



# The #7 – Presidents



*Stephen H. Tyng Jr., Θ 1858*
*1879-1882*


*Our Gerry's Grandfather (and Massachusetts Governor) would not have wished to be most remembered for a bill he didn't like but signed anyway. After his authorizing an 1812 bill creating this district, the above cartoon appeared in the* Boston Gazette, *depicting a state senate district as a strange animal with claws, wings and a dragon-type head, satirizing the district's odd shape, like a salamander (originally coined Gerry-mander) The cartoon helped spread and sustain the term's popularity.*

*Elbridge T. Gerry, Ζ 1857*
*1882-1914*

**Each of Chi Psi's National Presidents** has dedicated himself to the ideals of our Fraternity and their implementation. All of them have emulated the familiar words of Vojta F. Mashek, Psi 1889, who declared, "Once a Chi Psi, Always a Chi Psi." From these brief stories, you'll see them as men who sought and achieved excellence in all aspects of their lives, but each of them regarded Chi Psi as deserving of their utmost loyalty. Chi Psi would not lie so close to the hearts of so many were it not for the contributions of our #7s.

The President of Chi Psi Fraternity (the #7) is the foremost elected officer of the Fraternity, who presides at all official ceremonies of the Chi Psi. He is also the official public representative for the Executive Council, the Convention, and the National Fraternity in general. Since the Constitution and national by-laws provide only limited specific duties for the #7, the effectiveness of the office has depended on the initiative of the 25 men who have occupied it.

For the first 38 years of the Fraternity's existence, there was no #7; in fact, the only officers for a time were the leaders of each local Alpha. Soon there was a Secretary of the Convention who served as chief officer, but he had no power to carry out the provisions of the Constitution or Convention decisions. In 1849, the Convention provided for a #6, who presided over the Annual Convention and also served as chief officer of the Fraternity.

A special mid-year Convention called in late 1879 attempted to develop a uniform constitution for all the Alphas. This meeting adopted an Epsilon proposal which provided for the #7, the public title still used for the President.

While most policies were established at the Annual Conventions, problems often arose during the year requiring immediate action or sometimes a change in policy. The only way to resolve these issues was circulating a petition among all Alphas, an ineffective way of handling Fraternity business. The Convention of 1886 changed this unwieldy form of government by providing a central authority to administer the national business during the year and to enforce the policy of the Conventions. This central authority became the Executive Council. Thus, a larger role for the #7 began in 1886.

While some #7s have played a stronger role than others, all were loyal Chi Psis, and almost all had been active on both the local and national level before their election.

**1. Stephen H. Tyng Jr., Θ 1858,** and ΦBK, was the first #7. Ordained in 1863, he was a chaplain during The Civil War with the 12th New York Regiment. Son of a leading Episcopal clergyman, he became a prominent Episcopal clergyman as well, a trustee of Williams College, and edited several journals. He received his D.D. in 1872 from Virginia Theological Seminary and served as the rector of several prominent New York churches. He was a Sunday evening preacher at Cooper Union, worked with the well-known Dwight L. Moody and Ira Sankey revivals, was head of the famous Premillennial Conference at Holy Trinity, and was acknowledged as a man of rare power and zeal.

In 1874 Tyng founded the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, commonly referred to as Dr. Tyng's Church, located on the northeast corner of Madison Avenue and 42nd Street, "just a block from Grand Central Station." (Tyng used the same architect his father had hired years earlier for a High Victorian hybrid design of the German Romanesque.) The younger Stephen H. Tyng was described as the "hardworking churchman."

Brother Tyng retired from ministry because of illness in 1881 and later worked with life insurance companies in New York, London, and Paris. He had other wide interests, in addition to Chi Psi, until illness forced his retirement to Paris, where he died in 1898. His brother was Morris A. Tyng, Θ 1861, and he was uncle to Stephen H. Tyng, E 1871.

**2. Elbridge T. Gerry, Ζ 1857,** was Chi Psi's next President, succeeding Brother Tyng in 1882, and he held the Fraternity's highest office for 32 years – by far the longest tenure of any #7 of Chi Psi. He graduated from Columbia with honors. He served as Commodore of the New York Yacht Club from 1886-1892 and was always after referred to as "Commodore." (His portrait, painted by Swiss-born American artist Adolfo Müller-Ury, still hangs in the New York Yacht Club.) A prominent member of the New York Bar, he was a founder of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Gerry was a notable member of Tammany Hall, the Democratic machine of Boss Tweed for more than 35 years. In 1867, he was a delegate to the New York State Constitutional Convention. From 1878 until 1912, he served as governor of the New York Hospital and was also a trustee of the New York Life Insurance Company. He chaired the N.Y. State Commission on Capital Punishment (replacing

hanging with the electric chair), and served as chair of the NYC Commission on Insanity.

Gerry embodied Fraternity loyalty. A remarkable product of that short-lived Columbia Alpha (which produced only fifty-seven Chi Psis), he ruled the Fraternity as a patriarch, and was legendary for his sharp remarks at Conventions and other Chi Psi gatherings. Said a *The Purple and Gold* writer in 1888: "His Chi Psi life has always been an active one. He declared the principle that Chi Psi recognized no dividing line between college days and active life, that the bonds of brotherhood never die, and most steadfastly did he preach and practice it … He is a mine of Fraternity symbolism and heraldry. The Chi Psi historian will find, stored away in his memory 1,001 facts not recorded and doubtless forgotten by others … In his private relations with members of the Fraternity, the same great interest in the welfare of each integral part of our brotherhood is manifest."

During Brother Gerry's long tenure, major organizational changes took place, including extension of the Executive Council to serve as a governing board between Conventions, the beginning of *The Purple and Gold,* a return South with the establishment of Alpha Delta at Georgia, and extension of the Fraternity west to Stanford and Berkeley.

Gerry married Louisa Livingston, and together they had four children, the youngest of whom was a U.S. Representative and Senator from Rhode Island. Elbridge T. Gerry died in 1927 in New York.

Our Gerry's grandfather, Elbridge Gerry (1744-1814), was a Founding Father (signed the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation but was one of three delegates to the Constitutional Convention who refused to sign the Constitution because it did not contain a Bill of Rights). Grandfather Gerry was also a member of the U.S. House of Representatives (during the first two terms of its existence), where he proposed establishing the Library of Congress, Vice President of the U.S. (first of four Vice Presidents to die in office), and served as Governor of Massachusetts. While Governor in 1812, when the state adopted new electoral districts, the Republican legislature created an Essex County district that was said to be shaped like a salamander. Gerry was said to be unhappy about the highly partisan districting but signed the bill anyway. A local newspaper referred to it as a Gerrymander, and ever since, the creation of such odd-shaped districts has been called gerrymandering.

### 3. Edward Cassius Swift, E 1876,

was the first of the twentieth-century Presidents. An attorney (third generation), he practiced with his father for his early years in his hometown of Ottawa (La Salle), Illinois, southwest of Chicago. He was also a teacher, horticulturist, and farmer, vice president of the First National Bank, trustee of Ryburn Hospital, assistant town supervisor, vice president of the Illinois State Bar Association (and a member of the admissions committee), and a member of the Ottawa board of education. He was elected to the Chi Psi Presidency in 1914. A long-time member of the Executive Council, he chaired that board after his term as #7. "Skipe" Swift was the first #7 to foresee the need for a Chi Psi endowment, and he began to raise money for it in 1914, personally soliciting alumni around the country, and reporting his progress annually at Council meetings and Conventions. (So while The Chi Psi Educational Trust, Inc., first in the Fraternity world, was officially chartered in 1926, it really began life in 1914.) Swift and his wife, the former Helen Vincent of Kent, Conn. had two daughters. He died in 1927.

### 4. Albert S. Bard, X 1888,

was the most distinguished interfraternity leader in the history of the Greek-letter movement. A lawyer and civic activist in New York City, he was a graduate of Amherst College and Harvard Law School. He engaged in corporation and general law until shortly before his death, and he was one of the first three recipients of Chi Psi's Distinguished Award in 1939.

Bard served a term as President of Chi Psi while also serving as President of the National Interfraternity Conference (NIC, now North-American Interfraternity Conference). Bard was a chief organizer of the NIC in 1909, and he designed the original NIC logo, using Chi Psi alumni to model the design (pictured on page 71). In 1940, he was honored as the first recipient of the NIC's Gold Medal Award for distinguished service to fraternity life in particular and education in general. Throughout his life, he always played a significant role in NIC and Chi Psi affairs, a commanding figure at Annual Conventions, an *éminence grise* linking the post-World War II Fraternity to our 19th-century beginnings.

An energetic participant in civic and urban affairs, Albert Bard was best-known for fighting voter fraud and working as a preservationist, from limiting billboard ads to saving classic architectural landmarks; the 1956 Bard Act allowed eventual creation of the New York City Landmarks Law in 1965. He opposed many of development czar Robert Moses' plans for changing of NYC, helping preserve Castle Clinton and stop a Brooklyn-Battery Bridge project. But he was on the losing side of preserving the old Pennsylvania Station (replaced by a new Madison

*Edward C. Swift, E 1876*
*1914-1919*

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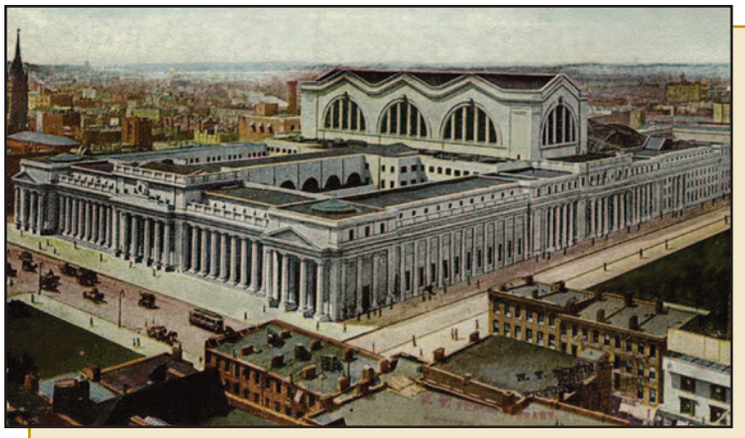
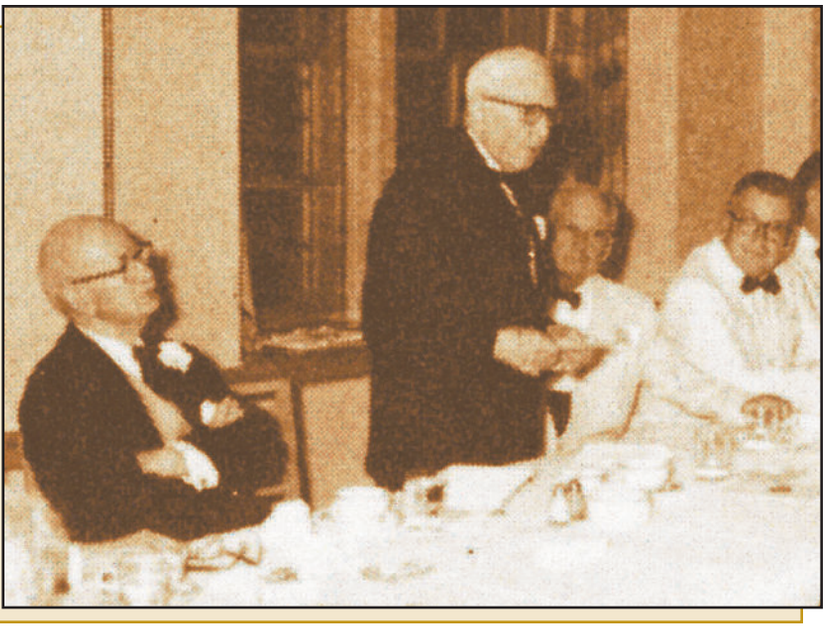
*Albert S. Bard, X 1888*
*1919-1921*





*At right, the head table at the 1962 Convention included (from left) #7 H. Seger Slifer, E'12; past #7 Albert S. Bard, X'88 (standing, making a toast to Philip Spencer); recent #7 Stanley J. Birge, X'08, I'14; Council member Allen J. Greenough, Π'27, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad). Even though Bard and Greenough were on very opposite sides of the then-raging preservation battle for the old Penn Station (shown in an old postcard above), they were civil and even friendly at Chi Psi events.*

*Ordinary service over long periods and extra-ordinary service in sudden and short times of need are not uncommon, but seldom does a volunteer serve continuously through a lifetime, diligent alike in uneventful monotony and in exciting crises. Such an exceptional one is Vojta Frank Mashek, Ψ 1939.*

*Vojta F. Mashek, Ψ 1889*
*1921–23, 1930-34, 1936-40*

Square Garden, relegating cross-country train access to its dreary basement). The private sub-plot of this public battle was two Chi Psis on opposite sides, with Pennsylvania Railroad President Allen J. Greenough, Π 1927, wanting it down and Bard wanting it preserved. No matter how strong their civic betterment differences were, they always seemed on friendly terms at Chi Psi events.

Many think of Bard as a "confirmed bachelor," but for over 40 years, Bard had a complex and unconventional family life. He took a widow, Genevieve Switz, and her three adolescent sons under his wing. The middle son, Gordon, became the emotional center of Bard's life, and Bard played a fatherly role to the boys. Before the Great Depression, Bard was a millionaire and was very generous to the family. He met the Switz family through Ted (Theodore Switz, ΒΔ 1922) when Bard was #7 and Ted was at Lehigh. Bard helped fund Ted's graduate studies in London from 1924-26. Ted posed as a model for the NIC logo by 1924 (page 71) before heading to London, reinforcing Bard's strong link to the family. That he was able to juggle this family life without missing a beat in civic commitments seems completely in keeping with his life.

Bard was an officer in many New York organizations, including Honest Ballot Association, City Club, Municipal Arts Society, Citizen's Union, Fine Arts Federation, and the Park Association. He had two Chi Psi cousins, Frederick Buel Bard, Θ 1881, and Herbert Reed, Ψ 1899. Albert Bard died in March 1963.

### 5, 7, 9. Vojta F. Mashek, Ψ 1889

and ΦBK was a prominent Chicago lumberman, long-time Council member, and active Cornell alumnus. A native of Kewaunee, Wisconsin, his parents emigrated to America from Bohemia, locating in Wisconsin before the Civil War. He prepped at Markham Academy in Milwaukee, and immediately after finishing at Cornell, he came to Chicago and entered the wholesale lumber business, with which he was always identified. In 1889, he organized the Pilsen Lumber Company and the Mashek Lumber Company, and then also joined the Wachsmuth Lumber Company, In addition to lumber interests, he was president of the Federal Union Insurance Company. He began the first of the three terms he would serve as President of Chi Psi in 1921. He was the only one ever to serve terms divided by other presidencies.

After his first term in 1923, Brother Mashek became a moving force behind the subscription drive for The Chi Psi Educational Trust, and he served as one of the original Trustees. He was called upon again in 1930 to serve a four-year term as President, and yet again in 1936 for another four-year term. Brother Mashek was one of the first three recipients of Chi Psi's Distinguished Service Award in November 1939. His citation included: "Ordinary service over long periods and extraordinary service in sudden and short times of need are not uncommon, but seldom does a volunteer serve continuously through a lifetime, diligent alike in uneventful monotony and in exciting crises. Such an exceptional one is Vojta Frank Mashek, Ψ'39."

He was married to June S. Crabb and they had one son, V. Frank, Jr., Ψ'28. Other Chi Psi relatives included a brother, George M. Mashek, Ψ'91, and a nephew, William L. Mashek Ψ'33. Mashek was also a Mason and Phi Beta Kappa, and he was in the

*The Official Photograph of the 1963 Annual Convention in front of the Central Office when it was in Ann Arbor. The property was given to the Fraternity by Chi Psi's 7th #7, John Wendell Anderson, E'90. Brother Anderson was then Chi Psi's largest benefactor, giving the Central Office property, major gifts to The Chi Psi Educational Trust and Philip Spencer Memorial Trust, matching monies to all Alphas for the debt reduction drive just prior to World War II, and a majority of funds to build the Chi Psi Lodges at Michigan and Bowdoin.*

*John Wendell Anderson, E 1890*
*1923-1930*

University, Midlothian, Union League and Chicago Athletic Clubs. He died on 24 April 1940 at his home on North Lake Shore Drive in Chicago.

### 6. John Wendell Anderson, E 1890,

was a very successful Detroit lawyer and followed Brother Mashek's first term. One of the original charter shareholders of the Ford Motor Company, Anderson also served as the chief attorney for the company. In 1903, he invested $5,000 for 50 shares of Ford stock. The money was loaned to Anderson by his father, who had borrowed it himself.

Born in LaCrosse, Wisconsin in 1867, he was married to the former Gustava Doeltz. Working as an attorney from 1890 to 1935, he started with Bower, Douglas, and Whiting, and then in 1897 formed the partnership of Anderson and Rickham.

Brother Anderson was one of the Fraternity's greatest benefactors. He was a classmate of Vojta Mashek at Cornell, but he attended law school at the University of Michigan and changed his Alpha designation, a normal procedure at that time. He was also a classmate of Milton Smith, Ψ 1887, who was responsible for the acquisition of our Lodge properties at Alpha Sigma and Alpha Psi Delta.

He endowed professorships at the University of Michigan and at Bowdoin College. In addition to major gifts to The Chi Psi Educational Trust and the Philip Spencer Memorial Trust, he donated the old Ann Arbor Central Office property and matching monies to all Alphas for the debt reduction drive just prior to the start of World War II. He also provided substantial funds for the Lodges at Michigan and at Bowdoin. (His father was a Chi Psi from Bowdoin: Wendell Abraham Anderson, H 1861.) The younger Anderson also sponsored the Centennial Banquet in 1941 at Union. Brother Anderson a founder of the University Club in Detroit, and he was one of the original three recipients of Chi Psi's Distinguished Award in 1939. Preceded and succeeded as #7 by Brother Mashek, Anderson died in 1946.

### 8. Frank Matthiessen, Ψ 1895,

followed Brother Mashek's second term. He was a machinery manufacturer from Chicago, and also played a critical role in the early development of The Chi Psi Educational Trust. Prior to the major fund solicitation in 1926, there was great concern about how much money could be raised by Chi Psi. Brother Matthiessen put up the investigation money ($10,000) for fund-raising consultant, John Price Jones, who conducted an exhaustive survey of the prospects for the Trust. Forecasting that $500,000 could be raised, $512,000 had been subscribed at completion of the drive. Brother Matthiessen was also one of the original Trustees of the fund. Three of his four sons were Cornell Chi Psis: Richard '18, Ira '23, and Theodore '26, as was his cousin Frederick W. Jr., '93. Frank Matthiessen died in 1939.

*Frank Matthiessen, Ψ 1895*
*1934-1936*

### 10. Charles E. Merrill, X 1908,

one of the giants of American economic history, and founder of the brokerage house that still bears his name (although now a part of Bank of America), became Chi Psi's tenth President. Brother Merrill prepped at Stetson and Worcester Academies before attending Amherst for two years. He lived in the smallest room in the Lodge and waited on table to defray part of his expenses. During one year at Amherst he made $1,300 in commissions selling men's clothes. Leaving Amherst after his sophomore year, he edited a small newspaper in West Palm

*Charles E. Merrill, X 1908*
*1940-1949*

*Clifford H. Williams, Θ 1902*
*1949–1952*

*John P. Mentzer, ΕΔ 1898*
*1952–1955*

*Harold S. Falk, I 1906*
*1955–1958*

Beach, Florida., and played some semi-professional baseball. He then went to law school at Michigan and was active at Alpha Epsilon. After a brief stint with a textile manufacturer, he entered the career in which he was to establish himself as one of the nation's leaders. He joined the firm of George H. Burr & Co., a commercial paper house, and in a short time was head of the company's new bond department. His salary in this new job was $25 a week, but he shared in the profits and did very well. His hustle and straight-forward approach to his job gained him a higher paying position with Eastman Dillon. But he had long wanted his own firm, and on 3 January 1914, potential customers received notices of the establishment of the firm of Charles E. Merrill & Co. at 7 Wall Street.

In the early days, Merrill and his associates (the first was a young bond salesman named Edmund C. Lynch) struggled for survival, as did most new Wall Street enterprises. By the middle of the year, they began to expand the firm into the brokerage firm of Merrill Lynch. There was time out from Wall Street as Merrill enlisted in the Army in World War I, serving as first lieutenant in the new air corps. After the service, Merrill returned to Wall Street to find the firm in good condition, thanks to a loan that was approved while he was gone.

Merrill was one of the first New York stock-brokers to realize the importance of selling stocks and bonds to small investors by furnishing simple, conservative, sound financial advice. He made his money by investing. His ingenuity was tested with their first big selling victory, underwriting McCrory Stores, a real coup for a firm with no capital. But the prestige of the McCrory deal enabled them to underwrite firms such as Kresge, Kmart, Superior Steel, Marland Oil, and Safeway Stores. By 1953, Safeway was the nation's second-largest food chain. As a sideline – a quite successful one – Merrill began *Family Circle,* a mass-circulation magazine that was one of the first for distribution in chain stores.

During World War I, the firm was joined by Winthrop Smith, X'00, another young Amherst man, with extraordinary sales and executive ability. In 1928, Smith became a partner, was the firm's sales manager, and eventually got added to the firm's name. Merrill anticipated the stock market crash of 1929, and divested many of his holdings before the Great Depression. Eventually, the company became Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, & Smith, and there was a Chi Psi from each family name working there.

Brother Merrill served as Chi Psi's National President for nine consecutive years, the third-longest tenure in the Fraternity's history. He saw Chi Psi through the crisis of World War II, and he led the successful campaign to re-open every Alpha which had been active prior to the war. Merrill was a well-known *bon vivant,* nick-named "Good Time Charlie" by Fraternity Brothers. When he died in 1956, he had been married three times, left a daughter, two sons, and ten grand-children. His cousin was Edward A. Wilson, X'37.

**11. Clifford H. Williams, Θ 1902,** capped a long tenure as a member and Chair of the Executive Council by becoming Chi Psi's #7 in 1949. A Trustee of The Chi Psi Educational Trust from its inception until his death in 1961, Brother Williams was the acknowledged leader of the Trust. (*The P&G* reported that,"He ran it, nursed it, and nourished it. He was an umpire in times of stress; and a fire fighter in times of crisis; and Godfather to it always.") The Trust's assets grew to more than $2,300,000 while he chaired the board. More than any other single individual he was responsible for gathering together a remarkable group of Trustees over these years to lead the fraternity world's most respected and innovative educational foundation.

**12. John Preston Mentzer, ΕΔ 1898,** ΦBK, was a leading educational publisher and manufacturer with the firm Atkinson & Mentzer, and he succeeded Cliff Williams as twelfth President of Chi Psi. A founder of his own Chicago Alpha in 1898, Brother Mentzer was a long-time member of the Chi Psi Executive Council, and he was a Trustee of the Educational Trust from 1939 for the remainder of his life. His presidency from 1952-55 marked a return to normalcy on college campuses after the Korean War and was an unprecedented time of Alpha strength and prosperity. John and his wife, Mary, had three children.

**13. Harold S. Falk, I 1906,** in 1955 became the thirteenth President of Chi Psi. An Executive Council member from 1923 to 1939, he was an early recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. He was an industrialist and manufacturer of excavating and road equipment. as well as a leader in civic activities. Before his death, he was director of over a dozen corporations and a pioneer in the movement to train apprentices for industry, an activity which won national recognition. He was a trustee of Wisconsin Electric Power, Wisconsin Telephone, The Oilgear Company, Northwestern Mutual Life, Employers Mutual Liability, Protection Mutual Fire Insurance companies. Long an interested and enthusiastic Chi Psi, Falk well illustrated the fact that Chi Psi is a family fraternity, having

had a brother, a nephew, and four sons as Brothers in the Bonds.

### 14. Stanley J. Birge, X 1908, I 1914,

brother of two Chi Psis and father of two others, he succeeded Harold Falk in 1958. His devotion to Chi Psi was constant from college days at Amherst, from which he graduated in 1908, and at Wisconsin, where he was active in the class of 1914 at Alpha Iota while earning a master's degree. He served as recruitment chair and #1 at both Alphas. While he served on the Executive Council from 1950 to 1956 and became its Chair, his unique contribution was always that of the enlightened alumnus interested in the younger Brothers of the Fraternity. Stanley Birge presided over the initiation of more Chi Psis than any other person in Chi Psi's history, and he always remained interested in every facet of Fraternity life.

Stanley Birge was elected Chi Psi's 14th President in 1958. Several years later, *The Purple and Gold* noted, "Long interested in young people … Brother Birge visited all of the Alphas in person, and during his Presidency was easily the best-known President in history. He was a favorite during the initiation periods, when his knowledge of the proper methods of conducting a dignified initiation were put to use." He was a Chi Psi for more than 80 years (knowing Brothers who died in the Cornell Fire of 1906, and still initiating new Brothers of the 1980s). He always looked forward to strengthening Chi Psi's future. (See Chapter 10 for more about Stanley Birge.)

### 15. H. Seger Slifer, A 1911, E 1912,

was, for half a century, the most widely known and visible alumnus in the history of the Fraternity. He became Chi Psi's first executive officer – originally called Secretary-Treasurer – an office he held for 40 years. He created Chi Psi's Central Office and set policy more than any other Brother ever could have. Harry Seger "Slip" Slifer was initiated into Chi Psi at Alpha at Wesleyan, earning an A.B. there, then transferring to Michigan to earn an M.S. in 1912, and a J.D. in law in 1915. He changed his Alpha designation to E 1912, as was common then. He served as counsel for Canadian Northern Railway System in Minneapolis after law school, but returned to Ann Arbor in 1919. There he established a law office, edited *The Purple and Gold,* and became more deeply involved in Fraternity affairs. In 1921, he became Secretary-Treasurer of the Fraternity, moved the Central Office to Ann Arbor, and began to build the organization which is Chi Psi today. During more than fifty years of holding elected Chi Psi offices, he was editor of *The Purple and Gold,* Catalogue Editor, Fraternity Auditor, Historian, Secretary-Treasurer, and finally President. Slip represented Chi Psi to the outside world, and served as president of the Fraternity Executives Association in 1943-44.

During the years he was #23, Chi Psi raised the first (and for a long time the largest) educational endowment in the history of the fraternity world, introduced the first uniform accounting system in 1924, and installed and organized the Central Office and staff in Ann Arbor. It should be noted that Slifer believed that the best, closest fraternity was a small, intimate organization, and several influential volunteer leaders felt the same way. After a short spurt of growth in the early 1920s and reopening of a few dormant Alphas, Chi Psi started only one new Alpha in the remainder of his 40 years as #23, the short-lived Lambda Delta at UCLA. He and his wife, Ruth, are buried just a short distance from

*Stanley J. Birge, X 1908, I 1914*
*1958–1961*

## For 50 Years, Many Thought of Slip Slifer as "Mr. Chi Psi"

*H. Seger Slifer, E 1912*
*1961–1967*

H. Seger Slifer, E 1912, was the Fraternity's #23 (Secretary-Treasurer, now called Executive Director) for forty years. And for more than forty years, he ran the Fraternity. When he died in the spring of 1967, Slip's successor as #23, Bill LeClere, BΔ'57, offered the following message to the 126th Birthday Dinners through the land:

"Slip Slifer served Chi Psi loyally and faithfully, including 53 years as a national officer, inspiring, counseling, guiding, dignifying, fixing the destiny of Chi Psi, meriting the affectionate title of 'Mr. Chi Psi.' Neither Chi Psi nor any other fraternity shall ever see his like again.

"More important than the number of posts that he held was the enormous influence he had upon this fraternity and the thousands of men who are its product. Largely through his efforts was the Central Office established as a full-time headquarters operation in Ann Arbor in 1921. In 1941, due to influence upon interested alumni, a permanent home for Chi Psi was purchased and given to the Fraternity, along with the Philip Spencer Memorial Trust as an endowment for that building, so that it would never become a financial burden to the Fraternity.

"It was under his steady hand that the national organization implemented the first uniform accounting system in the fraternity world, launched successfully the first and largest educational endowment in the fraternity world, and weathered the upheavals of national depression and World War II without the loss of a single Alpha by dormancy brought on by the cataclysmic events of those years.

"Hundreds of alumni remember working with Slip as #4s and #1s, and when stern words were necessary to bring the undergraduate operation into line, many of his letters are remembered as classic examples of effective communication. Hundreds more remember him at annual Conventions, regional gatherings, or alumni dinners. His memory for names was legendary. His abilities at extemporaneous speaking and relating of historic anecdote were unequaled. In his bearing and style, representing this Fraternity as a national officer for half a century and more, he was a living example of the admonishment of his longtime friend and Brother Albert S. Bard, who used to admonish us to *Dignify the Fraternity.* – Slip Slifer did just that."

*Temple H. Buell, ΖΔ 1916*
*1967–1973*

*Nelson T. Levings, O 1926*
*1973–1977*

*Oliver R. Rowe, Σ 1925*
*1977–1985*

where Epsilon's original Chi Psi Lodge was located, in what is now Forest Hill Cemetery in Ann Arbor.

**16. Temple Hoyne Buell, ΖΔ 1916,** succeeded Slip Slifer as #7 in 1967. A cousin of an earlier #7, Clifford H. Williams, Brother Buell was the fifth recipient of the Albert S. Bard Award, presented for his achievements in improving the lot of mankind through intellectual and cultural endeavors. After being gassed in World War I, Buell moved to Colorado and was nursed back to health by the Brothers of Psi Delta. Subsequently, he began investing in real estate, and opened what soon became the largest architectural firm in the Rocky Mountain area. Achieving a national reputation for what became known as the "western style" in building design, he was responsible for developing a large portion of the area around Denver and built the proto-type of the modern shopping mall at Cherry Creek Shopping Center. Toward the end of his term as #7, Brother Buell gave The Chi Psi Educational Trust a half-million-dollar challenge grant, which was the foundation of the Trust's campaign "To Ensure a Program for Excellence."

**17. Nelson T. Levings, ΕΔ 1926, O'26,** became #7 in 1973. A leader in the revival of the ante-bellum Alphas in the South, he was actually initiated at the University of Chicago, changing his Alpha designation when Omicron was reactivated in 1949 at the University of Virginia. He prepped at the Asheville School in North Carolina, and completed his college course at UVA. He was active with the UVA football team, college newspaper and yearbook, and a debating society. Active in Mississippi politics, he ran for Lt. Governor in 1939 and the U.S. Senate in 1946, Nelse was a delegate from the state to every Democratic national convention from 1928 through 1956 except for 1944 when he was in the Pacific with the U.S. Navy. He worked for Central Trust Company, then Security-Columbian Banknote of New York, retiring as officer and direc-

## Who Is This Oliver Rowe Fellow and Why Won't He Stop Talking About Excellence?

He arrives at your Alpha impeccably dressed in a three-piece suit topped off by a fancy Homburg and toting an ebony cane trimmed in brass. The silver-white hair frames the elegant hat that is his trademark. Class and good taste gently ooze from his pores. Brothers' heads turn from even the prettiest faces to catch a glimpse.

As if they did not know who he was, he introduces himself to "his boys" moving slowly around the Lodge foyer. "I claim each and every one of them," he is fond of saying. He smiles politely when he meets their dates or girlfriends. He is charming, and they are charmed. "His boys" all take it in stride, for he seems a likeable man.

The man is Oliver Rowe, President of Chi Psi Fraternity, and for undergraduates at some schools, he is their first real exposure to a Southerner. He is, in fact, the first Chi Psi to be elected President of the Fraternity from an Alpha below the Mason-Dixon Line. He has never lived in a Lodge, but his name is on the rolls as a re-founder of Alpha Sigma, an process begun when he was an undergraduate but completed after his graduation.

Despite the aura of his Southern Gentleman demeanor, Oliver is not the romantic you might expect as President of the Fraternity. You'll never find him with boys at his feet unraveling glowing tales of the martyred Philip Spencer or other historical Chi Psi legends. You might even stump him on some of the pledge test questions. He is content to leave the spiritual leadership of Chi Psi to men like Stanley Birge of Amherst, Bernie Anderly of Minnesota, and Bones Lundberg of Rutgers.

Oliver Rowe is a realist, putting his strength and faith into the present and what potential he sees for the future. He is a man with his feet on the ground, but his gaze is directed toward the stars, as he criss-crosses the country preaching the gospel of the Program for Excellence.

There are few people with the guts and credibility to say and do what Oliver Rowe determinedly says and does. He is tenacious because he recognizes a void developing in the education of young people today. He challenges them, using the medium of the Fraternity, because the colleges refuse to bear his burden. He is often in agony.

In a recent speech to alumni, Mr. Rowe explained his relationship with his undergraduates: "I speak to them about becoming excellent, to be ready to meet any eventuality of life. I speak about excellence and success in college, how important it is! I speak to them about excellence, and its importance to success in life. I speak to them about their excellence, and its importance to the very life of the Chi Psi – to make us compatible with and wanted by our host colleges. How Brothers of Chi Psi, through excellence, can lead this country – might even save this country."

He treats the undergraduates as young adults with unsettled minds, and he offers them a direction from the point of view of a man who seems successful in everything he does. But Oliver Rowe does not talk very much about himself. The Brothers do whisper rumors about his folding business card which he gives to the #1s so they can contact him. Most Chi Psis are unaware that he has two buildings and a string quartet named after him.

Self-discipline and determination are the touchstones of his life and his Program for Excellence. "The backbone of success is self-discipline. No man ever made a success in life without it, and most of those who fail in life fail because they don't have it." He defines self-discipline as simply "doing what you know you are supposed to do."

*(Excerpted from* The Purple and Gold, *Fall 1981)*

tor in 1973. He was on the board of governors of the New York Metropolitan Club. He was a prime mover in establishing Alphas at Yale, Sewanee, Washington and Lee, Clemson, and Rollins and re-establishing at Virginia, South Carolina, and Mississippi. He served on the Chi Psi's Executive Council and its Extension Committee, and at various times he was president of four different Alpha Corporations. He always seemed to have in mind the next great southern school where we needed to go (producing mostly good-natured clashes with Slip Slifer). He died in May 1977, a year into his second term as #7. His brother, two sons, and a stepson all were Chi Psis. His obituary stated that, "Commander Levings was a prominent Mississippi cotton planter, banker, and businessman."

**18. Oliver R. Rowe, Σ 1925,** was one of the most active Presidents in the history of the Fraternity. Even before being elected #7, he began traveling across the country from Alpha to Alpha crusading for the "Program for Excellence." He challenged each man who passed through Chi Psi's portals to be a success in life through self-discipline, which he defined as simply "doing what you know you should do." Such self-discipline, along with fierce determination, made Brother Rowe a successful business executive early in his own life. He chaired and presided over the Rowe Corporation, a holding company with 17 subsidiaries involved in engineering, construction, and manufacturing. A re-founder of Alpha Sigma in 1928, he worked as a Council member to establish Alphas at Washington and Lee and Rollins College and to reestablish Alpha Chi at Amherst as an active part of the National in the mid-1970s. The Founders Trophy is dedicated to him. His Son, O. Reagan Rowe Jr., XΔ'53, was an alumnus initiate when Chi Delta became an Alpha.

**19. Robert B. Plunkett, IΔ 1933**, was a partner in the architectural firm of Lambertson, Plunkett, Shirley, and Woodall in Atlanta. After two years at Virginia Military Institute, Bob Plunkett transferred to Georgia Tech, where he was initiated into Iota Delta in 1930. His Chi Psi activity was constant after his undergraduate days: he served as Regional Visitor, member of the Executive Council and later its Advisory Board, Chair of the Distinguished Service Award Committee, and President of Iota Delta's Alumni Corporation. In addition to his long involvement on a national level, Brother Plunkett kept his own Alpha alive through some very difficult struggles and was Iota Delta's staunchest supporter. At his election as #7 at Winter Park in 1985, the Convention came alive chanting his phrase "Do It," and that slogan epitomized his Presidency. The Lodge at Georgia Tech and the Iota Delta education foundation are both named for him. His son is J. Robert Plunkett, B'65. Bob died in 1988.

**20. Ferdinand VanSiclen Parr Jr., A 1929,** was named the twentieth President in the spring of 1988 on the death of Bob Plunkett, and then served a term on his own. A past chair of both the Chi Psi Executive Council and The Chi Psi Educational Trust, he received the 64th Distinguished Service Award for contributions to both the national Fraternity and his Alpha at Wesleyan. An avid bridge player and devout trout fisherman, he fished trout waters from New Zealand to the Arctic Circle, but his favorite fly-casting stream was the Beaverkill in the Catskill Mountains near Roscoe, New York. Brother Parr earned his law degree from St. Lawrence University. He and his wife, Helene, shared 58 years together, and they won a great many duplicate bridge tournaments over the years.

Van was a title and trust officer until 1937, when he joined the New York City law firm of Kelsey, Waldrop, Spalding & Parker. He later formed his own firm, Parr, Doherty, Polk & Sargent, and continued as managing partner after its 1975 merger with Whitman & Ransom. He was counsel to the firm until his death. He was an amazing storyteller (particularly fond of Down East tales) and a lover of song. He was a strong advocate of fraternal camaraderie and he promoted a resurgence in singing at national gatherings during his time on the boards. Fellow board members described him as the personification of the true Chi Psi Gentleman, saying that he was never heard to say anything negative about another Chi Psi Brother. Brother Parr was the father of Grant Van Siclen Parr, A'65, and the grandfather of Peter Van Siclen Bond, A'88.

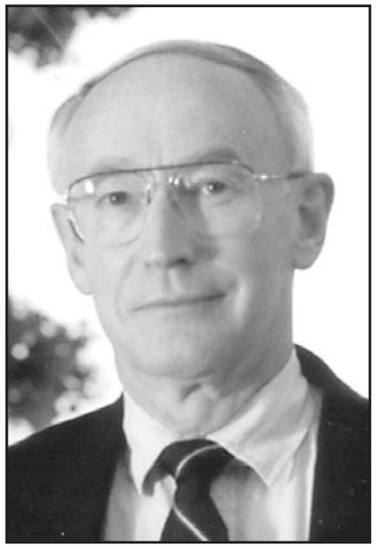
**21. Carleton A. Holstrom, I'57,** was elected Chi Psi President at the Alpha Delta's Centennial Convention in 1990 in Athens. Brother Holstrom's career in finance began with the Irving Trust Company and the Bank of Commonwealth in Detroit. In 1969 he affiliated with Bear Stearns, retiring in 1987 as a senior vice president for finance. He has served as a director of numerous organizations, from the University of Wisconsin Foundation to the New Walden Lincoln School and he chaired the board of trustees at Rutgers. The 106th recipient of the DSA, Brother Holstrom served two terms on the Executive Council before being elected #7. During his term as #7, the

*Robert B. Plunkett, IΔ'33*
*1985–1988*

*F. Van S. Parr, A'29*
*1988–1990*

*Carleton A. Holstrom, I'57*
*1990–1992*

*Robert C. Preble Jr., X'44*
*1992–1995*



*George W. Ray III, A'54*
*1995–2001*

*Malcolm D. "Jack" Jeffrey, Θ'54*
*2001–2004*

Fraternity celebrated its 150th anniversary with events at Union College in May 1991 and with a large Sesquicentennial Celebration at the Annual Convention in Lake Geneva, and a side trip to his Alpha Iota in Madison, Wisconsin, in August 1991.

**22. Robert C. Preble Jr., X'44,** was installed as Chi Psi's #7 in 1992. He devoted considerable time and effort over several decades to our Fraternity. He chaired the Educational Trust for five years and was a long-time leader of the Alpha Chi Corporation. His Chi Psi commitment was personal, influenced by his family links: his father, uncle, brother, and cousin were all Chi Psi Brothers. A leader in the insurance industry, he provided the necessary leadership required for challenging times. His strongest legacy is the strength and stability of the Educational Trust. His wife, Lydia, was a huge support in all he did. A competitive swimmer all his life, Bob was recipient of Chi Psi's 102 Distinguished Service Award, and his father, Robert C. Preble, ZΔ 1919, was 1981 recipient of the Albert Bard Award.

**23. George W. Ray III, A'54,** a distinguished educator, Dr. Ray was elected #7 in 1995. After spending his undergraduate years at Wesleyan, he continued his education at Colgate and then at the University of Rochester, where he received his Ph.D. in English. An early advisor to Omicron Delta when it was founded at W&L, where he was a professor of English, his commitment to Chi Psi was supported by strong family links, just as was his predecessor's. His father was Rho 1931 (having been initiated at Wesleyan but later transferring to Rutgers), his brother, John, was A'61, and son, George IV, was A'83. A trustee of The Chi Psi Educational Trust for six years, Brother Ray emphasized the importance of the Chi Psi scholar and gentleman during both his trustee and presidential roles, spanning 12 uninterrupted years of service to the Fraternity, while continuing to advise Omicron Delta. A skilled orator, he took great care in crafting a message to each group of Chi Psis he visited. One of his most memorable talks encouraged Brothers to do things "the Chi Psi Way." He received the 101st Distinguished Service Award in 1985, and he was editor of the 1995 edition of *The Chi Psi Story.*

**24. Malcolm D. "Jack" Jeffrey, Θ'54,** a Brother with even more Chi Psi connections from his Alpha than his predecessor, was elected #7 in 2001. His father, brother, uncles, and cousins made up part of an 11-person Chi Psi clan, all from Alpha Theta at Williams. In recognition of his leadership and generosity, Chi Psi named the new Central Office building in Nashville Jeffrey Hall in honor of Jack and his family (Jack's Chi Psi brother, sister, and cousins also supported the project, and Jack's sister, Jill, has continued to support Jeffrey Hall in recent years.) Brother Jeffrey was an executive with the Jeffrey Manufacturing Company and the Chicago Corporation. A strong supporter of Alpha Theta, he put those energies to work for the National Fraternity after Williams College closed down fraternities in the early 1960s. Jack served as Chair of the Chi Psi Executive Council, and he was also one of the more frequent Convention Chairs, expertly serving as #6 during the Sesquicentennial Convention. During his term as #7, he underwrote the solicitations for support of the Fraternity, and he provided every Alpha with funds for debt relief. He was the 94th recipient of the Distinguished Service Award.


***Jeffrey Hall*** *houses the Chi Psi Central Office, the headquarters building of Chi Psi Fraternity and of The Chi Psi Educational Trust, Inc. Jack Jeffrey and a number of his family members made a leadership gift to make the permanent headquarters possible. More about the building and the new memorial window can be found beginning at page 221. (The other four previous #7s on these two pages also endowed rooms in the Jeffrey Hall building.)*

**25. Dr. Daniel B. Ahlberg, N'67,** is a neurosurgeon from Minneapolis. While in college and medical school Dan served as #4.5, #4, Alpha Auditor, live-in advisor, and Treasurer of the Northwestern Chi Psi Educational Foundation, Inc. In 1967, he became a national volunteer instructor for Chi Psi's Uniform Accounting System. Dan always knew he wanted to practice medicine, but it was the father of an Alpha Nu Brother that helped guide him to surgery. In the 1970s Dan served as President of Alpha Nu's alumni corporation, helping retire the Lodge mortgage and establish Alpha Nu's Educational Trust. In 1982, Dan was the youngest-ever recipient of Chi Psi's DSA, Citation 93.

Brother Ahlberg and his first wife, Linda, were involved parents for sons Ryan and Brady; Dan coached ice hockey and served 17 years as Scoutmaster for a local Troop. Both sons followed Dan as Eagle Scouts and Chi Psis: Ryan is E'03, N'06, (and a recipient of the 2004 Stanley Birge Award) and Brady is I'06, N'07. Dan was awarded the BSA national Silver Beaver award for "distinguished service to youth." In the 1990s, Dan joined The Chi Psi Educational Trust, focusing on the Chi Psi scholarship program and alumni/active interaction. In 2004, he was elected the 25th President of Chi Psi and spent significant time engaging undergraduates and alumni at Alphas across the country. He remains active in Fraternity affairs, and he and his second wife, Christine Clifford, are regulars at Chi Psi events. Dr. Dan also underwrote expenses for this and the prior edition of *The Chi Psi Story.*

**26. Verne Istock, E'62,** worked in banking for nearly 40 years. The former CEO and President of Bank One Corporation began his career as a credit analyst at National Bank of Detroit (NBD) in 1963, just after graduating from Michigan with a B.A. in economics and an MBA in finance. The self-made man quickly worked his way up the ranks, becoming chair and chief executive officer of NBD Bancorp and NBD Bank in 1994. The following year he oversaw the merger of NBD and First Chicago Corporation and was elected president and chief executive officer of First Chicago NBD. He became chair in 1996, and served in that role until retiring in 2000.

The youngest of four children, he credits much of his success to lessons learned while an undergraduate at Michigan. Joining Chi Psi in spring 1959, he served Alpha Epsilon as #4.5, #4 and #1. During his time in Ann Arbor, Verne met his wife, Judy. Their son Steven (E'89) followed them to Michigan and Chi Psi. Judy's brother-in-law is Bill Stocklin, E'66. Verne and Judy have endowed a number of scholarships at Michigan and are recipients of the Michigan Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award. Verne was the 147th recipient of Chi Psi's DSA. Verne and his Epsilon classmates continue to be a very tight-knit group and hold regular reunions, filled with Chi Psi songs, with Judy accompanying on piano.

Verne has been a director of the International Monetary Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Economic Club of Chicago, United Way of Metro Chicago, Detroit Renaissance, Masco Corporation, Council on Global Affairs, Forum Club of Southwestern Florida, Grand Trunk Western Railroad, Millennium Park, Inc., and many others.

**27. Bill Hattendorf, ΑΔ'69, Σ'82, Η'83, ΖΔ'19.** After college, Bill toured South Vietnam and Cambodia with the U.S. Army's 75th Ranger Regiment, and the last of his 14 months with the Division Band; he received the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation, and Air Medals. After 'Nam, he worked in retail management and completed law school. Part of a three-generation Chi Psi family, Bill was #23 from 1978-83, editor for *The Purple and Gold* (17 years), the *150th Catalogue,* and several editions of *The Chi Psi Story,* and he serves as #22 (National Historian). Bill has initiated more than 3,000 Brothers at 25 Alphas, facilitated the Trust's PSD and AMR programs, and previously served on the Executive Council from 1978-83, 1983-89, and 2001-09. He received Chi Psi's DSA #109 in 1992.

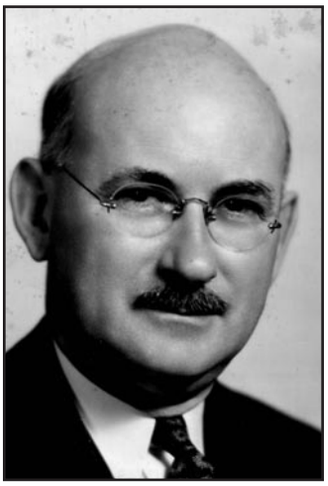
Following his stint as #23 in Ann Arbor, Bill was an advancement officer for Northfield Mount Hermon, Brandeis, Skidmore, and other schools. As a consultant, he ran campaigns and designed materials for a variety of non-profits. He's served on boards of Habitat for Humanity, YMCA, Music in Deerfield, Monadnock Family Services, Alpha Alpha Delta Educational Foundation, Vietnam Veterans of America, 82nd Fighter Group Association, Ruck-Up Veterans' Outpost, and as facilitator for Warrior Connection's Combat Veterans' Retreat. In his Episcopal Church, he chaired the Vestry as Senior Warden, facilitated *Education for Ministry,* and serves as licensed preacher, worship leader, and verger. He's been a youth soccer coach, cubmaster, trombonist in orchestra and pit band; member of MenLiving, Iron Council, Good Men Project, The Strenuous Life, and other men's groups; and advisor to WNMH-FM radio (36 years). Wife Sheila Heffernon is a professional musician, teacher, and conductor, and they have three children: Wesley, E'08, Kelsey, and Spencer, and two grandkids, so far. Bill's dad was Will Hattendorf, ΖΔ'38.

*Daniel A. Ahlberg, N'67*
*2004–2014*

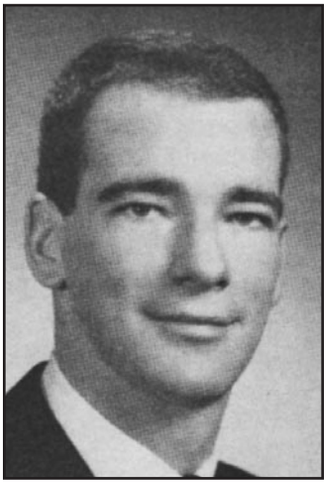
*Verne Istock, E'62*
*2014–2019*

*Bill Hattendorf, ΑΔ'69, Σ'82, Η'83, ΖΔ'19*
*2019–*

# The #23 – Executive Directors



*H. Seger "Slip' Slifer, E'12*
*1921–1961*



*William E. LeClere, BΔ'57*
*1961–1967*

*James E. Bray, EΔ'63*
*1967-1970*

**For the first years of Chi Psi's** existence, the only official officers of the Fraternity were the undergraduate officers of each Alpha. Soon a Convention Secretary was added, who served as chief officer, but he had no power to carry out the provisions of the Constitution or Convention decisions. In 1849, the Convention added a #6, who presided over the Annual Convention and also served as chief officer of the Fraternity. A special mid-year Convention in late 1879 voted to provide for the #7, the public title still used for the President, but that action resulted in little improvement in administrative efficiency.

When problems arose mid-year between Conventions, a petition needed to be circulated to all the Alphas to resolve any crisis. The Convention of 1886 changed this, allowing for a more central government for the Fraternity and a larger role for the new #7. Eventually, there was a central office (at first a dedicated room in someone's law office to hold the permanent records). As the 1920s approached, there was a clear need for a full-time headquarters and a full-time somebody to run it, and that first somebody turned out to be Slip Slifer:

### 1. H. Seger 'Slip' Slifer, A'11, E'12,

was probably the most widely known and visible alumnus in the history of Chi Psi Fraternity, because he was Chi Psi's first Executive Director (then called Secretary-Treasurer), and held the office for forty years; he created the Central Office and set policy more than any other person ever could have. "Slip" was initiated into Chi Psi at Alpha at Wesleyan (class of 1911), and received his A.B. there. He transferred to Epsilon and the University of Michigan for a 1912 Master's, and changed his Alpha designation to Epsilon, as was common, just as John W. Anderson had). He went on to Michigan Law School for a 1915 J.D. He began editing the *The Purple and Gold* while in law school (in 1914). After practicing law in Minneapolis for three years, he returned to Ann Arbor in 1918, continuing to edit *The Purple and Gold*, and became more deeply involved in the Fraternity. In 1921, "Slip" became Secretary and Treasurer of the Fraternity, moved the Central Office records to Ann Arbor, and began to build the organization which is Chi Psi today. He held elected office in Chi Psi for more than half a century. On his retirement from the Central Office, he was elected to the Presidency of Chi Psi, but he died in the last spring of his second term (17 April 1967).

### 2. William E. LeClere, BΔ'57.

Slip Slifer's were large footsteps to fill, since he had created the job and served in it for forty years. Once Slip retired, he wasn't really gone; he became #7 and lived in town, continuing a presence at the Central Office and at the Epsilon Lodge. Bill LeClere, who lettered in basketball and was yearbook sports editor at Lehigh, had been Visitor under Slip, and was Slip's hand-picked successor as #23, serving from 1961-67. His primary responsibility was perpetuating the office after Slip, but raising a young family in the Central Office building was challenging.

LeClere did graduate work at both Michigan and Columbia, and after serving as #23, Bill was senior consultant with the Behavioral Science Center, and vice president of McBer & Co. Chi Psi worked with both companies in developing the Program for Self Development. He was on faculty at UCLA's Graduate School of Public Administration, and he was an organizational development consultant, working with agencies based in North America and NGOs in Africa and Eastern Europe. He lived in the D.C. area from the early 1970s until 1992, when he and his wife built a home in Luray, Virginia. LeClere was a member of Habitat for Humanity and was active in the Democratic Party. His first two marriages ended in divorce. He died in

*The three photos from left are snapshots taken during a Central Office Reunion during the 2011 Ann Arbor Convention. The photo at far right*

2004, leaving his third wife, Christa, two kids each from his first two marriages, three from his third, and five grandkids.

**3. James E. Bray, EΔ'63,** was Visitor under LeClere, and became #23 on LeClere's departure. Bray's life-long occupation might have been listed as wheeler-dealer, and he was always planning for the *next big thing*. Jim had an enthusiastic, persuasive personality that made people want to follow and even invest in him. His biggest proposal while he was with Chi Psi was a "Project X" – suggesting in 1970 a $17 million Chi Psi Cardiovascular Institute of America. When he became #23 in 1967, all three Chi Psi entities were in a very positive financial posture; when he left office in 1970, the Fraternity and Spencer Trust had to be bailed out of near-bankruptcy, and Trust assets had declined precipitously. On the other hand, the late 1960s were times of huge upheaval on college campuses, with some national fraternities losing as many as half of their chapters or even finding it necessary to merge; during that time, Chi Psi only lost one Alpha (Gamma Delta at Stanford). We know little about Bray's later years, except that he was a land developer, became a born-again Christian while in prison, and worked as a minister. In 1991, he listed his occupation as financial advisor for "Unto the Lord Foundation." His marriage to Judith ended in divorce, and they had one daughter. Jim died in Denver in June 2000.

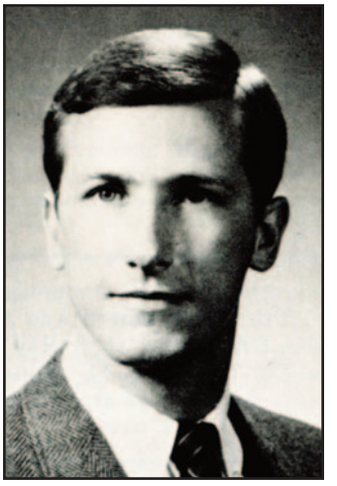
**4. Richard D. Elliott, B'67,** was attending law school at Michigan when Jim Bray left abruptly. Dick majored in Journalism at South Carolina, where he was editor of USC's newspaper. After USC, Dick served as administrative assistant to the University President, supervising staff, writing speeches, and representing the President. In his first year at Michigan Law School, Dick was part-time office manager at the Central Office, and he held Chi Psi together for the next two years as #23.

A lawyer and a journalist, Dick got into the restaurant business in Charleston in 1989, including Slightly North of Broad (SNOB), High Cotton, and others, grouped as Maverick Southern Kitchens. Dick's next projects involve the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, and the development of the International African Museum in Charleston.

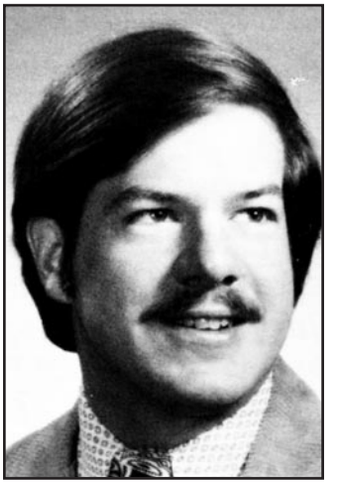
**5. T. Lee Pomeroy II, X'71,** was a Visitor in his first year out of Amherst. Possessing a keen mind for figures, he had a great handle on finances. Lee took The Chi Psi Educational Trust from private to public foundation status, and helped other fraternal groups do the same. Alpha Chi had been loosely affiliated for years, and he helped bring them back as a strong Alpha. Lee got his Michigan MBA in finance while serving as #23. After the Central Office, he moved to New York and worked at Chemical Bank as managing director in electronic banking products. He moved to the executive search business with Egon Zehnder International as a partner and headed the research function. He later founded Executive References. He served a term as trustee on The Chi Psi Educational Trust. His wife, Ellen, graduated from Michigan Law School while the couple lived in Ann Arbor, practicing now in New York, and they have two daughters.

**6. Bill Hattendorf, AΔ'69,** was finishing law school in Georgia when tapped to be #23. His priority was strengthening the Alphas and their alumni corporations – including the newest Alphas at Rollins, W&L, and Texas Tech – and buttressing the Northeast Alphas, where college administrators pushed to close fraternities. He created a national manual for new members, an Alumni Recognition Award, and a Founders Badge (modeled on Philip Spencer's Badge); the PSD was updated and the Alpha Management Retreat created on his watch. After the C.O., Bill served as advancement officer, consultant, and facilitator for veteran groups and other non-profits. He was editor of *The Chi Psi Story, The Sesquicentennial Catalogue* and *The Purple and Gold,* and is a Trust program facilitator, Executive Council member, #22 (National Historian), and #7.

*is a fall 2022 gathering of staff members who worked directly with Sam Bessey, honoring him on his "retirement" after 20 years as #23.*



*Richard D. Elliott, B'67*
*1970-72*



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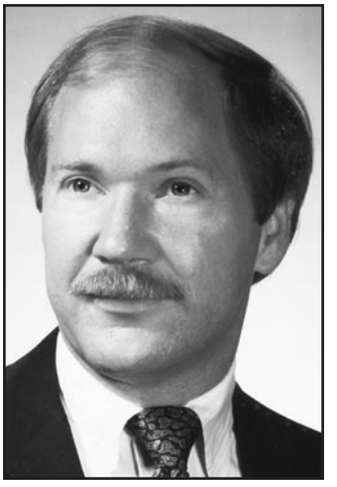
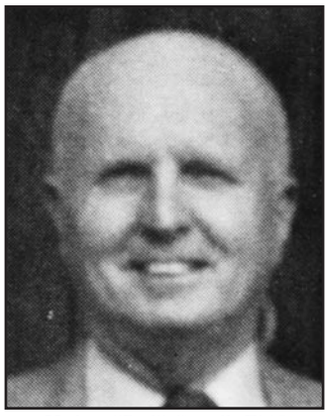
*1972–79*

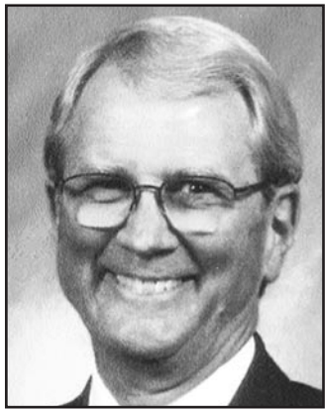


*Bill Hattendorf, AΔ'69*
*1978–83*

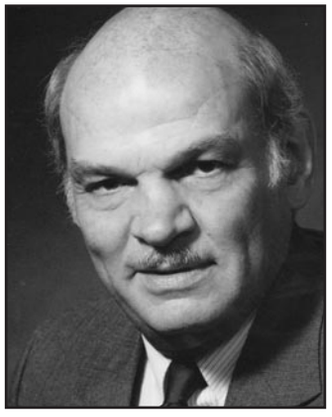


*Herbert "Bud" Carroll, E'45*
*1983–88*

*Michael "Scooter" Illuzzi, P'77*
*1988–94*



*Philip L. Smith, Σ'64*
*1994-96*



*Donald F. Kreger, ΕΔ'51*
*1996-98*

**7. Herbert P. 'Bud' Carroll, E'45,** became an alumnus initiate at Michigan after being hired as #23. He was involved in association work for most of his career, and being executive director of YPO (Young Presidents Organization) nurtured his love of education, travel, and cultures – passions he shared with his wife, Claire, and their seven kids. After Chi Psi, he was an volunteer for Rotary, Head Start, and AAUW. Bud was known for soufflés and Sunday brunch. His March 2014 obituary shared his timeless advice: Turn the damn lights off!

**8. Michael 'Scooter' Illuzzi, P'77,** received his M.Ed. from Rutgers and his Ed.D. from Vanderbilt. Before becoming #23, he chaired the Alpha Rho Alumni Association, was undergraduate admission director for Rutgers' Livingston College, and was a trustee of Chi Psi's Educational Trust. In earning his Ed.D., he reorganized Trust programs under a National Leadership Training Program brand (N.L.T.P.). After the C.O., he worked with the Somerset County Vocational-Technical School District, was a private tutor in acting, speaking, and improv, and then provided school admission services.

**9. Philip L. Smith, Σ'64,** served as #1 and #4 at Alpha Sigma, and his Alpha took home the Thayer and Goodbody under his leadership. After UNC and Harvard Business School, he ran his own successful business for many years as a parts distributor and service center. Back on his feet after a serious illness in the 1990s, he heeded the call to Ann Arbor to take on the job of #23, enriching and protecting the Chi Psi family as advisor, leader, and supporter. At UNC, he was a long-time member of the Sigma Corporation, serving as president from 1969-72, and he headed the Sigma Foundation from the late 1990s to 2003. His wife, Virginia, was a partner with him every step of the way. He received Chi Psi's Distinguished Service Award #125 at the 2005 Convention in Chapel Hill. He died in 2014.

**10. Donald F. Kreger, ΕΔ'51,** was a Korean War Army veteran and worked as an advertising sales rep and then investment advisor. When Don became #23, the Central Office moved out of Ann Arbor to an office park south of Chicago near where he lived. Don had served as a member of the Executive Council and the Educational Trust. An inveterate golfer, Don died in January 2011, leaving a sister, a son, three daughters, and seven grandkids.

**11. Stephen P. Gardner, N'87,** was a Fraternity Visitor after college at Minnesota, and

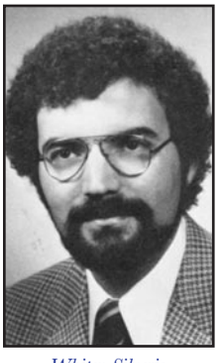
## Other Key Longer-Term Staff Members

Some key Central Office staffers, including those pictured here below, have had roles beyond being a Visitor (currently called Alpha Success Advisor), usually for longer than a normal year or two Visitor term, and each has had a strong impact on Chi Psi. If it were a contest for largest impact and tenure, Donald Beeson would win the prize hands down. He first joined staff in 1982 as *P&G* editor and Visitor, and has remained an active volunteer or staffer ever since, these days as Associate Executive Director and Risk Management guru. In the late 1960s and early '70s, Chi Psi tried a volunteer Regional Visitors program, and staff members did fewer Alpha visits to concentrate on other functions. Mike Miller served as both Educational Trust Secretary and Director of Development. Skip Flannagan filled many roles besides his Director of Education title. Justin Froeber, Brad Beskin, and Kyle Moen started multi-faceted roles beginning just after college. Billy Rock was an early Visitor and then rejoined the office years later as Development Director. Whitey Silverio was also Director of Development, starting a few years after college and divinity school. As this book goes to print, both Director of Advancement Steve Habat and Assistant Executive Director Kyle Philips have served in the Central Office for more than six years.

*Michael C. Miller*
*ΠΓ'64*

*Skip Flannagan*
*P'67*

*William "Billy" Rock*
*ΨΔ 1927*



*Whitey Silverio*
*ΕΔ'71, Φн, Ψн, ΘΔн*

*Donald E. Beeson*
*Σ'83, ΥΔ'86*

the Fraternity was in his blood: his dad, Robert T. Garner, N'60, KΔ'61, chaired the Executive Council, and his uncle, James P. Gardner, KΔ'63, was Yale's last #1 before it closed. Always affable, Steve held things together as the boards dealt with a difficult economic picture and each other. An insurance actuary, Steve is married to Cindy, they are parents of two children, and they live in Hartland, Wisconsin.

**12. Robert K. Windsor, H'55,** a graduate of Bowdoin College, served as Chi Psi's #23 for a short, but crucial, term. By the time he was the #23, Bob had concluded four successful but distinct careers: Army captain/communications officer, Bell Telephone executive, director of non-profit organizations, and owner-manager of a country manor in Scotland. He held one Canadian and five U.S. patents. As #23, Bob oversaw the implementation of important fiscal and management reforms, and the relocation of our Central Office to the Nashville area. He had an old-school manner, meticulousness in observation, and an expectation of good manners. He took a particular interest in Rho Delta, then Chi Psi's newest Alpha. Bob had said he had no regrets at the end of a life well-lived. He died in January 2012.

**13. Samuel C. Bessey, HΔ'97,** began his Chi Psi career shortly after college as an Alpha Visitor, for the 1998-99 school year. He served as Development Director for the next three years before becoming Chi Psi's 13th Executive Director. After a long era that had seen rather difficult relations between the boards, Sam seemed to possess an unusual ability to get along, pleasantly, with just about everybody, and that helped make him a very unifying force within Chi Psi. Other than the first #23, Slip Slifer, Sam had by far the longest #23 tenure, 20 years.

*Sam, Meg, Ashton, and Matthew Bessey*

Originally from San Francisco, Sam lives in Nashville with Meg and their two kids, Ashton, and Matthew. Besides the #23 role, which includes being a voting member of the Executive Council, Sam served as Secretary to the Educational Trust, staff for our national housing corporation, Spencer Properties, financial manager, and a myriad of other charges. In 2022, after 20 years as #23, Sam moved over to the position of Chief Advancement Officer for Chi Psi, with overall responsibility for fundraising and relations.

**14. Harold G. Arnwine, TΔ'86, NΔ'02,** a graduate of the University of the South, was chosen in 2022 to be Chi Psi's 14th Executive Director. Harold has served the Fraternity for 35 years as a volunteer, including as Secretary of the Tau Delta Corporation, a similar position for our short-lived Alpha at Penn State (the Alpha adopted him as one of their own alumni), two terms on Chi Psi's Executive Council, and as Trustee of The Chi Psi Educational Trust. With graduate degrees in both taxation and law, Brother Arnwine's distinguished career in estate planning for a number of institutions has had a strong, positive impact on countless individuals as he helped them share the joy of giving. This talent was also useful in chairing Chi Psi's Bicentennial Society. He was extraordinarily well qualified to assume his role as our #23.

Harold (also known as "Butch") seems a classic Southern Gentleman with a New York City sensibility. A frequent traveler, a snappy dresser, and active in his church, he's an avid supporter of Sewanee Tiger football, but he'll cheer just as loudly for any Chi Psi school that's not playing against Sewanee.

*Kyle Moen*
*Γ'02*

*Brad Beskin*
*Σ'05*

*Justin C. Froeber*
*ΠΔ'10*

*Stephen Habat*
*B'12*

*Kyle Phillips*
*ΠΔ'16, Ψ'17*

*Stephen Gardner, N'87*
*1998-2000*

*Robert K. Windsor, H'55*
*2000-02*

*Samuel C. Bessey, HΔ'97*
*2002-2022*

*Harols G. Arnwine, TΔ'86*
*2000-02*

## Alpha Visitors

*And Other Central Office Positions**

*Frederic A. Pike, I'85 • 1889-90*
*John H. Green, B'89 • 1890-91*
*John S. Dehart, Ξ'90 • 1891-93*
*Frederic W. Kelley, I'88 • 1893-94*
*Edward G. Wyckoff, Ψ'89 • 1894-1901*
*Osgood Smith, X'83 • 1901-02*
*Frank E. Whitman, Ξ'85 • 1902-04*
*Theodore B. Brown, Π'98 • 1905-09*
*John K. MacDonald, ΑΔ'07 • 1909-11*
*Walter B. Champlin, ΔΔ'18 • 1919-21*
*Burton E. Forster, N'20 • 1922-23*
*Lawrence W. Cramer, I'23 • 1923-25*
*J. Truman Bidwell, BΔ'25 • 1925-27*
*William P. Rock, ΨΔ'27 • 1927-30*
*W. Jackson Chaille, ΑΔ'29 • 1929-34*
*Roger E. Griffith, H'29 • 1930-31*
*William H. Bradbury, P'30 • 1931-33*
*Josiah R. Bartlett, X'34 • 1934-37*
*Cass W. Kemp, E'34 • 1934-37*
*C. Edgar Phreaner, X'36 • 1936*
*Robert H. Potter, A'37 • 1937-39*
*Carroll J. Atwood, Σ'38 • 1938-40*
*Keith E. Osborn, HΔ'39 • 1939-41*
*Marc E. Ferrand, E'42 • 1942*
*Paul L. Wheeler, H'40 • 1946-48*
*Edward A. Kruger, M'46 • 1948-50*
*Warren W. Haight, A'50 • 1950-52*
*Wallace B. Goodwin, O'51 • 1952-54*
*Edward F. Hasbrook Jr., I'54 • 1954-56*
*Donald L. Crain, ΘΔ'54 • 1957*
*William E. Le Clere, BΔ'57 • 1957-59*
*Joseph F. Alcaro, Φ'59 • 1960*
*Robert M. Bell, B'58 • 1960-62*
*Charles Huntington, Σ'59 • 1962-64*
*Thomas J. Klassen, N'62 • 1964-65*
*James E. Bray, EΔ'63 • 1965-67*
Regional Visitors Program • *1967-72*
*Alan C. Johnson, E'70* • 1969-70*
*William A. Raisch, E'59 • 1967*
*Leo R. Lujan, ΨΔ'59 • 1968*
*James D. Bunting, P'67* • 1967-70*
*Michael C. Miller, Π'64* • 1968-75*
*Henry Flannagan Jr., P'67* • 1968-72*
*William H.G. Stephens, HΔ'72 • 1972*
*Alfred E. Smith Jr., Σ'71 • 1971-73*
*T. Lee Pomeroy II, X'71 • 1971-72*
*Thomas F. Simpson, HΔ'72 • 1972-73*
*Randell R. Nelson, E'73 • 1972-73*
*Charles V. Dunham, HΔ'73 • 1973-76*
*Michael V. Walrod, ΨΔ'74 • 1974-76*
*Richard K. Mastain, H'74 • 1974-76*
*William P. Rock, ΨΔ'26* • 1976-77*
*Joseph H. Hodges III, Σ'75 • 1976-78*
*Ricki R. Shiiki, HΔ'76 • 1976-78*
*Paul W. Landaker, HΔ'75 • 1976-79*
*Ralph N. Silverio, EΔ'71* • 1977-81*
*Bill Hattendorf, AΔ'69 • 1978-79*
*Steven L. Crow, E'79 • 1979-81*
*Steven A. Culbertson, Φ'79 • 1979-81*
*John B. VanderZwaag, X'79 • 1979-80*
*Michael R. Webb, AΔ'80 • 1980-81*
*Edwin J. Conn, HΔ'81 • 1981-82*
*Julian B. Emerson, B'80 • 1981-83*
*Kris A. Donaldson, ΔΔ'81 • 1981-83*
*Donald E. Beeson, Σ'82 • 1982-84*

# The Visitor (or ASA) and Other Staff

**Chi Psi was the first fraternity to** have a Visitor, or paid traveling consultant, in the fraternity world. The position of "Visitor" was first provided for at the 1889 Convention, when it was voted that we should have such an officer and that his expenses should be paid by a per capita tax. Created before the Executive Director job, the Visitor is also known as the #20. In other national fraternities, the job title for this position is frequently that of chapter consultant.

Frederick A. Pike, I 1885, was elected as the first Visitor in 1890. He was succeeded by John H. Green, B 1889. (The list of the Visitors and other staff members is shown in the margins here.) This system was, according to a *P&G* editorial, somewhat of "a hit and miss affair, with a tendency to be perfunctory, or to rely for results on the good will, energy, and leisure of the incumbent.

In 1905, Chi Psi took the first real step in advance when Theodore B. Brown, P'1898, was "a salaried Visitor to devote full time to the activities of the Fraternity." This step was well-considered and had the approval of educators. The initiative was taken by Clarence F. Birdseye Sr., X 1874, who consulted with Dean Fine of Princeton, Dean Woolson of the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Elmer Ellsworth Brown, then United States Commissioner of Education, later Chancellor of New York University. Upon receiving their approval of the idea as a desirable educational experiment, he interested a group of Alpha Chi alumni, among them Charles H. Allen 1869, Lawrence F. Abbott 1881, Frank Parsons 1881, Ralph S. Rounds 1887, Clarence S. Houghton 1888, and others. Visitor Brown accomplished much for the Fraternity, establishing methods of work for his successors. John MacDonald, ΑΔ 1907, was Brown's successor, but then the position was vacant for a time through the Great World War, while the Central Office was in New York City. Edward G.. Wycoff was chosen to fill in on a volunteer basis.

After the War, at the Convention of 1919, the delegates voted to move the office to Chicago and to hire an Executive Secretary. Walter Budd Champlin, ΔΔ 1918, was hired to serve in this position, serving for two years, although he spent most of his time on the road and he was also called the Field Secretary, and we list him today in the roster of Visitors.

In 1921, the Executive Council's aim of hiring a real Executive Secretary finally happened. During

*Many current and former Central Office staff were in attendance at the 164th Convention Banquet in Chapel Hill in 2005. They included: Ryan Ahlberg, E'03, Jeffrey Andrews, ΠΔ'04, Todd Falls, TΔ'89, Steve Crow, E'79, AΔ'84, Kyle Moen, I'02, Preston Humphries, B'03, Bill Hattendorf, AΔ'69, Brad Beskin, Σ'05, Sam Bessey, HΔ'97, Julian Emerson, B'80, Nate Evans, E'01, Whitey Silverio, EΔ'71, Joe Hughes, B'84, Ananda Ghosh, Σ'05, Bill Bode, ΘΔ'01, and Donald Beeson, Σ'82.*

*Craig Chelius, ΘΔ'83 • 1983*
*John Cunningham, ΔΔ'83 • 1983-84*
*William Wrightsman, HΔ'84 • 1984-86*
*Robert Anderson, E'84 • 1984-86*
*Joseph Hughes, B'84 • 1985-87*
*Charles V. O'Boyle Jr., X'86 • 1986-88*
*Stephen P. Gardner, N'87 • 1987-89*
*E. Todd Falls, TΔ'89 • 1989-90*
*David C. Hopkins, P'89 • 1989-91*
*John Hirst, ΞΔ'89 • 1990-91*
*James B. Larsen, AΔ'89 • 1990-92*
*Charles Kemper, Ψ'91 • 1991-93*
*Walter Williams, I'91 • 1991-93*
*Todd Truesdale, P'92 • 1992-93*
*William T. Vick, ΞΔ'92 • 1992-94*
*Charles T. Wallace, TΔ'93 • 1992-94*
*Daniel F. Nadeau, MΔ'93 • 1993-95*
*Shimon A. Sarraf, Σ'93 • 1993-94*
*John Mitterling, Σ'86* • 1993-96*
*Matthew Cheek, Σ'94 • 1994-95*
*Todd Packebush, HΔ'93 • 1994-95*

*Ted Brown*
*ΠΤ'98 • 1905-09*

*John MacDonald*
*ΑΔ'07 • 1909-11*

*Budd Champlin*
*ΔΔ'18 • 1919-21*

*Burton Forster*
*Ν'20 • 1922-23*

*Jack Chaille*
*ΑΔ'29 • 1929-34*

*Keith Osborne*
*ΗΔ'49 • 1939-41*

*Wally Goodwin*
*Ο'51 • 1952-54*

*Ted Hasbrook*
*Γ'54 • 1954-56*

*Bill Raisch*
*Ε'59 • 1967*

the two prior years, they learned that it was not possible to run an office from the road. Slip Slifer had established an office in Ann Arbor for his law practice and editing *The Purple and Gold.* He seemed the logical candidate to be the Executive Director, and all the Fraternity files were moved to Ann Arbor. Slip did some traveling, but later that year, he hired Burton Forster, Ν'20, to be Visitor, continuing a string of great Chi Psi ambassadors.

In addition to the Visitors, there have been a number of other staff members supporting the work of the Central Office. In the early days of a part-time office adjacent to an alumnus Brother's law office, a secretary assisted with inquiries, mailings, and other functions. When Slip Slifer created a full-time office, he soon found he needed a full-time secretary to assist with the correspondence and administrative functions of a growing business. As technology and needs changed, so did the needs of the office, shifting from secretaries typing dictation to each staff member having a personal computer. The old standard title of Visitor was often referred to as Alpha Consultant, and today the term used is Alpha Success Advisor.

Official titles change to meet current needs and industry standards, but certain basic functions always remain. There will always be a need for someone to visit the Alphas, to deal with accounts receivable, to keep in touch with the alumni, to keep all the pieces functioning together. We've been blessed by a rather top-notch, professional staff over the years, and listed on these pages are the names of most of them.

*A "Homecoming" gathering of current and former Central Office staff at the 2011 Ann Arbor Convention: Julian Emerson, B'80, Brad Beskin, Σ'05, Steve Culbertson, Φ'79, Derek Taylor, ΠΔ'09, Jeff Manzer, ΗΔ'07, Craig Chelius, ΘΔ'83, Jon Moore, ΡΔ'09, Kyle Moen, Γ'00, Ryan Ahlberg, Ε'03, Whitey Silverio, ΕΔ'71, Sam Bessey, ΗΔ'97, Bill Hattendorf, ΑΔ'69, Donald Beeson, Σ'82 (hidden), Brandon J. Parker, Ε'01, Alex Howell, ΙΔ'12, Justin C. Froeber, ΠΔ'10, Nick Gilly, ΔΔ'07, Teri Forsythe Sloan, Todd Falls, ΤΔ'89, and Victor Kmita, ΔΔ'11.*

*Will Dvoranchik, ΣΔ'96 • 1996-97*
*Jeffrey Scott Grim, ΖΔ'95 • 1995-96*
*Eric W. Johnsen, ΘΔ'95 • 1996-98*
*William J. Green, ΜΔ'95 • 1997-2001*
*Samuel C. Bessey, ΗΔ'97 • 1998-2000*
*Aaron M. Abrams, ΗΔ'97 • 1999-2001*
*Andrew T. Bates, ΙΔ'00 • 2000-02*
*Alexander M. Farlow, Γ'00 • 2000-02*
*Nathan H. Evans, Ε'01 • 2001-03*
*William C. Bode, ΘΔ'01 • 2001-03*
*Brandon J. Parker, Ε'01* • 2001-02*
*Scott A. Boyd, ΘΔ'01 • 2002-04*
*Kyle Moen, Γ'02 • 2003-08*
*Ryan W. Ahlberg, Ε'03* • 2002*
*Jeffrey Andrews, ΠΔ'04* • 2004-05*
*Preston Humphries, B'03 • 2004-06*
*Bradley W. Beskin, Σ'05 • 2005-13*
*Terronald Logan, ΞΔ'07 • 2005*
*Donald E. Beeson, Σ'82* • 2005-*
*Chad Larson, ΘΔ'06 • 2006-08*
*Nick Gilly, ΔΔ'07 • 2007-10*

## Alpha Visitors (continued)

*Jeff Manzer, ΗΔ'07 • 2007-10*
*Corey R. Callahan, ΩΔ'08* • 2005*
*Jonathan E.P. Moore, ΡΔ'09 • 2009-12*
*Teri Forsythe Sloan* • 2010-15*
*Vincent James Armstrong, ΔΔ'10* • 2009*
*Victor Kmita, ΔΔ'11* • 2010*
*Derek W. Taylor, ΠΔ'09 • 2010-13*
*Justin C. Froeber, ΠΔ'10 • 2010-15*
*Jordan F. Fiasca, Γ'12 • 2012-13*
*Justin Zolot, ΠΤ'12 • 2012-14*
*Nick A. Dokich, Σ'12 • 2012-14*
*Justin Maharana, ΠΔ'13 • 2013-14*
*Graham Davis, ΩΔ'12 • 2013-15*
*James L. Holman, ΡΔ'12 • 2013-15*
*Nick Taylor, ΠΔ'14 • 2014-15*
*Maxwell G. Greene, ΨΔ'14 • 2014-16*
*Alexander A. Howell, ΙΔ'12 • 2014-16*
*Garrett Pan ΒΔ'16* • 2015*
*Luke Baumbach, Γ'15 • 2016-18*
*Stephen Habat, B'12* • 2015-*
*Nick Strelke, ΣΔ'15 • 2015-17*
*Daniel Hooks, Γ'14 • 2015-17*
*Holly Stewart* • 2016-18*
*Gabrielle Rimmaudo* • 2016-19*
*Kyle Philips, ΠΔ'16, Ψ'17 • 2016-*
*Richard Merlino, B'16 • 2016-18*
*Emily DeWitt* • 2016-2021*
*Jack Capra Ο'17* • 2016*
*Francis Howitt, ΗΔ'16 • 2017-18*
*Drew Johnson, Γ'17 • 2018-20*
*A.J. Hannan, Ν'18, ΗΔ'20 • 2018-2021*
*Jeremy Dorn* • 2018-*
*Nick Warrick, Γ'16 • 2018-2022*
*Collins Alexander, Σ'21* • 2019*
*Daniel Walker, ΞΔ'17* • 2019-*
*Wilks Halliday, ΤΔ'19 • 2019*
*Adler Rosenberger, ΦΔ'19, ΧΔ'21 • 2019-21*
*Will Cachine Σ'20* • 2019*
*Zach Mishriki, ΜΔ'20 • 2020 -*
*John "JJ" Jackson, ΠΔ'20 • 2020 -*
*Aidin Montefisher, ΡΔ'20 • 2020-2022*
*M. Alexander Wise, ΑΔ'19 • 2021-*
*Robert B. Spedding, P'21 • 2021-2022*
*Nate Pittman, ΦΔ '21 • 2022-*
*Masen Bryan, ΦΔ '22 • 2022-*
*Alex Granados, ΑΔ '21 • 2022-*
*Andrew Vail, ΧΔ '21 • 2022-*
*Jesus Diaz, Γ '16 • 2022-*

*Not a Visitor/Alpha Success Advisor then but another staff position.