FOUNDER'S DAY 1974

Six decades ago, two separate architectural societies were united as one, creating Alpha Rho Chi. The founding fathers gave her, during infancy, the sound foundation and framework in which to grow. Over the years, her very survival has been threatened in varying degrees: WW I, the Great Depression, WW II, Korea, Vietnam and most recently the apathy of some students to any organization. But through it all she has grown in breadth and depth.

The Fraternity, at all levels — local and national — has been blessed in that each member has contributed to the continuance of perpetual life for our organization. The existence of Alpha Rho Chi for sixty years attests to the fact that “the spirit of brotherhood” has truly transcended through the years and still is the guiding light for all our tomorrows.

As we observe and celebrate three scores of history, may we all always remember our past and those who have given so much to enrich our lives. For it is through understanding this that we know what the future holds forth for Alpha Rho Chi.

Fraternally,
Edward A. Rhodes, WGA

ANTHEMOS APRIL 7

The 60th Founders' Day celebration was held at noon on Sunday, April 7 at the chapter house. One of our charter members, T. J. “Duke” Strong '16, was present and a fifty year member, George A. “So” Whitten '22, plus a large number of younger alumni and faculty members. The new initiates were presented their certificates.

DEMETRIOS APRIL 6

The 60th Founders' Day celebration was held on Saturday evening, April 6 at the chapter house. They had the best program ever. The emphasis was placed on renewal of brotherhood, friendships, meeting new friends, and a good time. Gene Milhoan is doing an outstanding job as president of Demetrios Alumni Association. His theory was: your participation, will make Founders’ Day as it should be, in the spirit of brotherhood.

METAGENES APRIL 15

Metagenes Chapter celebrated the 5th year of their Founding and the 60th year of Alpha Rho Chi Founding on Monday, April 15 at their Chapter House.

NATIONAL CONVENTION
OCTOBER 25, 26 -- CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

The next National Convention will be held in Champaign, Illinois on Friday and Saturday, October 25 and 26, 1974. All meetings will be held at the Anthemos Chapter House at 1108 South First Street. On Saturday evening, an outstanding banquet will take place at the Ramada Inn, near the fraternity house. “Bucky” Fuller, our Master Architect will be the speaker. Your wives and family are invited to this great event. Reservations must be made by September 15 to the National Office. At this time ALL ARCHI’s can participate in celebrating the Sixtieth Anniversary of Alpha Rho Chi. All Charter members of all chapters will be honored. (This will not be a football weekend — so traffic will be light. However, on October 19, a week early — you could come and meet Harold “Red” Grange, the greatest footballer.) and then spend a week on the great Illini Campus.

Professional Interfraternity Conference on New Orleans on May 3, 4, 5, 1974

Dr. Erwin Small, a veterinarian from Champaign, Ill., a member of Omega Tau Delta will be elected president of the P.I.C. Dr. Small spoke at the Anthemos Founders' Day Dinner and enlightened the alumni and active members in regard to the group of professional fraternities. He wants our architectural men to be more active; since we are just as important as doctors, dentists, lawyers, engineers, etc. All of these fraternities have the same problems we do, and we can learn a lot from their solutions.

We hope to have several of our alumni attend this session.

American Institute of Architects Convention

The National A.I.A. Convention will be held in Washington, D.C., May 19-23. Quite a few ARCHI’s will attend, including many students. One of our outstanding graduates and salesman, Ferdinand Loebach ’37 Anth., will be with the Kaiser Aluminum exhibit. We hope that an APX luncheon will take place.

CLEISTHENES CELEBRATED TOO

Cleisthenes celebrated by having our Master Architect, Buckminster Fuller on the Houston Campus.

MINUTES of GRAND COUNCIL - ACTIVE CHAPTER MEETING HELD 19 JANUARY 1974 at the ANTHEMOS CHAPTER HOUSE in CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILLINOIS

Opening Tribute

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m., January 19, 1974. The WGA asked for all present to rise for a minute of silence for those Brothers called by the Supreme Architect: one Active member, William Blythe - Demetrios; Robert Hastings - Anthemos Alumni; Waddy Wadsworth - Mnesicles Alumni; and all others not known by name.

Opening Remarks

The meeting was delayed for about an hour, while waiting for three other representatives, Dick Murray - WGE, the WA from Cleisthenes and the House Manager from Andronicus. The WGA welcomed all to the Anthemos Chapter house and to the Formal Initiation.

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While the January 19 meeting was going on at the Anthemos Chapter House, seven pledges were initiated. This was the finest ritual performed in many years. The ceremonies started at six in the morning and lasted until midnight. The silent dinner had over sixty actives and alumni present. The Grand Council took part in some of the degrees.

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Dr. N. C. Ricker

This Sixtieth Anniversary of Alpha Rho Chi is also the Fiftieth Anniversary of the death of Dr. Nathan Clifford Ricker. To honor him, we have reproduced a page from the April 15, 1924 ARCHI, on page 6.

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REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS PRESENT

GRAND COUNCIL

Edward A. Rhodes  WGA  Demetrios
Charles Mosher  WGS  Satyros
Richard E. Murray  WGE  Demetrios

NATIONAL APPOINTEES & DEPUTIES

Allen Carney  Nat. Deputy  Kallikrates
George A. Whitten  Grand Advisor  Anthemi
Geoff F. Fritzinger  Archi Editor  Anthemi

ACTIVE CHAPTERS

Rick Brighton  WA  Demetrios
Lee Dunnette  WA  Mnesicles
Richard Vunck  WA  Metagenes
Ronnie Grogan  WA  Xenocles
Robert DeHaven  WA  Anthemi
Chuck Elliott  WA  Cleisthenes
John Casey  House Mgr.  Andronicus

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Ed Slygh  President  Anthemi
Brian T. Fischer  Secretary  Anthemi

OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Hutchinson  WE  Anthemi
Tim Ish  WE  Demetrios
Rick Plough  WAA  Demetrios
Robert Rubenstein  Active  Demetrios
Andrew Share  Demetrios
Ted Sawaelski  WS  Anthemi

WGA Report

Since being elected on December 30, 1972, my primary goal for the Fraternity is three phased: 1) to make the National and local chapters more functional; 2) to improve communication between all levels of the Fraternity; 3) to make the National more responsive to the needs of the local chapters.

In January of last year, at the request of the last convention, I contacted Fred Williams about his status as WGS. He resigned and I then appointed Chuck Mosher to fill his position. The nomination was sent to each of the chapters and alumni associations and his nomination was approved unanimously. Also in January, three was a meeting held in Los Angeles with Chuck Mosher, Howard Van Heuklyn - Grand Lecturer, and me. Our primary purpose was to discuss communication in the Fraternity and from this meeting, the current status sheet evolved.

In February, I tried to improve the Certificate engraving process. In the past years, an order from you for Certificates took somewhat from 6 months to a year. This was much too long for results! We now have an engraver close to the National Office, in Oregon, and we have been able to cut the time down to a month to six weeks.

In March, I held a meeting in Washington, D.C. with the WGE. We discussed the financial status of the National organization, the direction in which we were heading and other meetings we were going to hold. At that same time I sent Chuck Mosher to Minnesota and Michigan to review the situations there.

In April, I was at the Xenocles Chapter to formally install the Cleisthenes Chapter. In May, I sent two Anthemi Alumni, Ed Slygh and George Whitten to the PIC National Convention, held in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

From December to May, I tried to get finished copies of the Convention Minutes, to send out to the chapters. Richard Hungate, National Inspector, assured me they were being typed. Finally, in May, I asked for them and I received them in the same scribbled mess they had been in, in December. I then forwarded them to Dick Murray and he organized them into the form you received in the fall. It took him the whole summer to make sense out of them.

In August, because the national office was not functioning in Columbus, I moved the entire national office to be located with me in Pendleton, Oregon. It arrived in 21 boxes, and 1100 pounds of complete chaos! We're still trying to straighten it out. My wife is actually doing the secretarial work for the national office. By the way, if you don't know it, the national office now has its own phone: 503-276-6876. If you have any problems or questions, feel free to call anytime, collect.

In September, we finally got the Convention minutes put together and distributed to all the chapters and Alumni Associations.

In October, we came out with a slick copy of the Archi. The first slick copy we've had in 2 1/2 years. Also, at this time we requested each of the Alumni Associations to send to the national office, their most recent mailing list of their alumni. After going through the national office files, we discovered that we had no reliable address list. With the new alumni lists, we were able to put out 2000 Archi's.

In November we started a coordinated review of the Constitution and By-Laws. Our Constitution and By-Laws hasn't really been updated since 1952, over 20 years ago. Also, in November, we set up the frame work for the updating of the mailing list. I requested Chuck Mosher to send out a letter to the Architectural Registration Board in each state, to get a copy of their registry. We hope we will find many of our lost alumni on these registries. We have all ready received the listings from 42 states.

At the same time, I asked Chuck Mosher to develop a national calendar, which I'm sure he will explain later. At the end of November, I sent a letter to Richard Huggate, National Inspector, giving him the option to resign or to act more responsible in his position. In the letter, I stated if I received no answer within 30 days, I would consider his position vacant. I did not receive an answer and so now his position of National Inspector is vacant. I'm asking the WA's to search their Alumni Associations for possible prospects for this position, and also suggestions from the Grand Council.

In December, I received the financial report for the fiscal year 1973, from Dick
Murray. It is all ready in the mail and you may have all ready received it.

Now I'd like to address myself to chapter inquiries and chapters. Since taking office, there have been chapter inquiries from four universities: 1) University of Detroit, hopefully a colony will start soon; 2) University of Michigan has a good chance of re-establishing; 3) Prairie View A & M—there is talk there of cutting out the Architectural department, so no chance of getting a colony started there; 4) University of Texas, an inquiry about re-establishing the Dinocrates Chapter. There was also a request from Cal. Poly Tech, in Pamona which came in two years ago. We followed it up but the climate is not right at the present time.

There are several things I want to do prior to the Convention in October. We will be sending out the annual national billing. We will be working on the updating of the Constitution and By-Laws and we will be tackling the monumental task of updating the mailing list. Also, we'll be taking the initiative in looking for chapters, and will be sending a letter and information to each of the accredited schools of architecture, as well as a brochure on Alpha Rho Chi. We will request them to see if the climate is right for starting a colony there. As a directive from the last convention, I will be reviewing the region system of National Deputies to see how they can best serve the national and the local chapters.

My wife is undertaking a meeting right now with the Little Sisters here at Anthenmos, to find out about their Constitution, and their functions. In the next few months, she will be in contact with each WA and hopefully set forth ways in which you might be able to set up Little Sisters Chapters at your chapter if you want. Also, she will be in contact with the Andronicus Chapter to find out information about their Member Club and will also send that on to each of you.

WGS Report

I've actually been doing the duties of WGS for about a year now. I met with Edd and Howard last January 26th and 27th and Edd outlined some of the things he wanted to see. One of them was to provide better communication between the national, local chapters and the alumni. I explored many ideas, and finally came up with the monthly status sheets. I sent it to the Grand Council for any suggestions or changes and I sent out the first one in April. I am getting reluctance from people to fill it out, because much of the information is the same. That's fine, I don't care if it's the same. However if you are doing something different, if a problem is beginning to develop, write it down! It's important to know what each of us is doing.

In July, I wrote a letter introducing the New Grand Council officers to all the University Deans where we have a Chapter. I offered our assistance in any problems they might have. VPI was the only one that answered. I will do that again at the start of the school year.

In September, I requested response for calendar type information for the National Fraternity Calendar. At the same time, I also requested, from Margaret Schules who handles the distribution of the APX Medal, a sample package of the APX Medal. My intent was to get that packet, review it, and make suggestions for improving it. To date I have never received that.

In October, we began to see that the status boards were getting very poor response from the Alumni. It was apparent that if the response was so poor from the Alumni President's then what about the rest of our alumni? We had to find some way of finding and keeping in touch with our alumni on a national level. This is when I sent out the request letters to the NCARB for the addresses of the State Boards of Registration. I am waiting for all these to be sent back.

The National Calendar is ready. We wanted a calendar that spread out the entire and we wanted one that was big enough to write national as well as local dates on. These dates will be distributed to chapters, alumni associations, deputys and Grand Council. I'd like to sell them at the chapter level for about $2.00. I would hope that about October, I would sponsor a calendar design contest. I would hope, than on an annual basis, the chapter designing it or the person would have their name on it, I will periodically publish, with the status sheet, important dates.

I made two trips, on behalf of the Fraternity, one in March and one in October. I flew to the Mnesicles chapter and because the school was on spring break, I was able to meet with the alumni at a very appropriate time. They had just elected a new president and I was able to help them find out what National expects from them. I gave a speech at a rush function at the University of Michigan and only one person showed up. She has done quite a bit of work and when I returned in the fall there were about 35 people at a similar rush function. I again returned to University of Michigan in October and by this time the 35 people have boiled down to a firm core of 12-15 and are now looking for a house. I also gave a slide show to the University of Detroit (28 people) and I think the core there, now, is 8 or 10. We will hopefully have a colony there before June. I stopped and visited with the Brothers at Xenocles on the way home.

I have also established a news release information system. When anything news worthy happens, I send it to all of the architectural magazines.

WGE Report

You all received, just recently, the publication of our annual financial report, which carries us through June 30 of last year. Rou could almost budget from that financial report, the only difference being convention expenses. I can estimate that the Convention this year will cost us $4000.00. If it were being held in Texas or California, the estimated cost would be closer to $7000.00. When we talk Convention, we're not talking peanuts.

As far as National goes, we're in good financial shape. That is not true of all of the chapters. In the last 5 years, we have lost 4 chapters. These have all seem to have two major reasons for their demise. The active membership drops off, dues stop coming in and they started dipping into the till to finance operations. Then either the chapter will receive because of an influx of new blood, or it goes under. There's no way that three men can take care of our far flung chapters. It's up to the local people to take care of their own. You can get national guidance, but we cannot take care of the chapter's individual problems. The chapters have two problems in their association with the WGE: 1) the inability of the Grand Council and national to know who our individual members are and where they are; 2) the inability of the chapters to pay their dues, when they are due. I'd also like to discuss here the way the chapters classify their members. In the Constitution and By-Laws there are seven classification of membership. However, I find many other classifications being used. If you have something different in your chapter, please let me know.

Also, when pledge and initiation fees are paid, they do not belong to the chapter. You are receiving funds that belong to the national organization. Unfortunately, it goes into the general fund and so spent. Therefore it is not available after the man is initiated to be sent on to the national, so he may be recorded as an active member not only of the local chapter, but of the national organization. This has to stop! We have to know who our active members are, who our alumni are and where they are. The only people who can give us this information and to keep a consistency on the national are you, the actives.

REMEMBER ALPHA RHO CHI IN YOUR WILL

The following forms of requests and suggestions are offered here for discussion with attorneys preparing wills for those who wish to aid a deserving endeavor.

General Bequest: "I give and bequeath to the Alpha Rho Chi, the sum of $... (or property described herein)."
Andronicus Chapter

Our chapter is in good shape. We have 19 actives and 14 pledges. For the first time, we've pledge two females. Financially, we're coming out of the woods now. About 2 years ago, we were about $10,000.00 in debt. Our biggest debt now is to National for about $3200, so we've come down about $6000.00. That's because of the Worthy Estimator we've had for the past two years. In the professional area, we've been having faculty talks about three weeks and a tour to some architectural interest in Los Angeles about twice a month. In the past year, we've done a lot of remodeling in the house. Our Mother's Club is really helpful. They gave us the carpeting for the entire second floor and the living room. They get their money through rummage sales. Socially, we've had a good year too. Our social fund is now about $120 to $250. In scholarship, we've had the highest GPA for the last 4 semesters. Studies have a very high priority.

Anthemos Chapter

Our chapter currently has 50 active members, 2 pledges and we hope to bring that up to 6 or 8 this semester. Financially we run on a $42,500 a year budget. Our current house bill is $615 a semester. At the beginning of the year, the chapter was about $500 or so in the hole. We're predicting a gain this year, hopefully, of $1000 or $1800. Right now we're considering the furniture fund. The only way our furniture replacement fund gets donations is through Dad's Day, donations and Homecoming. We need new furniture so we've decided to allocate some of the regular account and board assessment to furniture replacement. We consider our Rush Program to be our most important one. Every member is really putting forth a special effort to find that new member. We've made some significant changes in the past semester. We've also just about brought our pledge manual up to date. I'd like to thank all those who sent us information. The professional aspect is one thing that's kind of a thorn in our side. We've been trying to adapt our professional activities to things that are currently generating interest in the Department of Architecture at the University of Illinois. We have a new architectural curriculum here now and we've been having informal presentations from the faculty on this. Once again this semester we're going to have Butterfly—our annual multimedia fine arts show—open to the whole university. Our Little Sisters Program here is two fold. (We do not, at this time, accept women into the chapter.) The girls either join for social or professional reasons. We encourage the participation of the girls in our professional activities and they can hold chairmanships and take part in the regular house meetings. Academics is another thing we hope to improve.

Cleisthenes Chapter

We're a very small chapter, with 10 actives, 5 pledges and 6 inactives. We've only been existence a little less than 2 years. We have a chapter Sweetheart and a faculty advisor who works very close with us. Our financial operations is very small and we have our intake from dues and chapter dues. We have special donations from people who are interested in our fraternity. We have no bills and owe no money at this time. Our professional activities are limited to weekly guest speakers. We try to bring in big name Architects and faculty members, not necessarily architects. Our social activities are primarily limited to parties. We're really going out now to rent a house. Then we would have a focal point from which we can communicate and become closer to each other. We've sponsored a photograph contest, the first prize $50.00, second $40.00 and third $30.00. We'll try to do this on a semester basis. Now we're trying to set up a Donald Bachman Literary Fund. We'll be taking donations to buy books in his name, put them in the architectural library and publish a list of books.

Demetrios Chapter

We started out the beginning of the year with 25 actives and 4 pledges. Our first fall quarter rush netted us 13 pledges and our last initiation left us with 23 actives and 1 pledge. Rush last week brought us 13 more pledges. So now, we have 22 Actives, and 15 pledges. We have been enjoying improved relations with the school because we have some of the tip people in all levels of design. This tends to help make other people in the school look up to APX as a professional organization. Another thing we've done is stress our professionalism to design tee-shirts. Our alumni chapter is now stronger then it ever has been in the past. We've helped along this by adding an alumni relations person to our offices, and his sole responsibility is to invite the alumni to various functions. We put a lot of emphasis on our architectural professionalism this past quarter. We feel it not only makes us better students, but it makes us better potential professionals. I summed it up in my report by saying our success is basically a product of intelligent rushing and sincere brotherhood and that architecture is not an 8-5 job, it is a way of life. Presently our chapter is financially stable, using the income gained from increased membership for much needed house improvements. The outlook for '74 is good. Membership has no reason to cease from continuing to grow. Social activities this year began with a rush party at the office of one of our alumni. Our most recent function has been another office party for rush. We've found that these combined rush/social/professional functions are the most effective. We share the feeling with Anthemos that rush is the most important function in the Fraternity.

Metagenes Chapter

Metagenes has been pretty active this year. We've been in a stable financial position for almost a year now. In spite of our small Brotherhood, 15 actives and 3 pledges, we've been doing quite a bit. This fall we had some of our regular activities such as our student/faculty night, a Halloween Party and a combo party. In November, VPI hosted the South Eastern Regional Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture Conference and APX played a major part in this. We organized the student housing and a student party. We're planning to have some faculty presentation at the house this quarter. We started in the intramural basketball tournament for the first time in 2 years. Our Founder's Day should be really terrific this year. With the help of Edd Rhodes, Metagenes was able to help the school of architecture secure Dr. R. Buckminster Fuller to speak. We're pleased to announce that one of our Brothers was initiated into Tau Sigma Delta, honorary Architectural Fraternity. Our big problem is getting pledges and if any one could help us, we would sure welcome it.

Nemesicles Chapter

We're a small chapter of 12 active members and 2 pledges, but we have strong alumni. What we're doing right now is trying to find a new way to run a fraternity that will be more in line with what's around us now. We're small but I'm still optimistic. We've had several tours around the city, some just talking to people.

Xenonites Chapter

Six years ago our chapter was initiated by Anthemos. Over the past semester we've lost 4 officers—the Worthy Clerk, 2 WAA's and a Worthy Architect—because of over load in school, work and personal reasons. This September and October, our rush just fell flat on its face. We were lucky enough to have 3 energetic personal reasons. This September and October, our rush just fell flat on its face. We were lucky enough to have 3 energetic freshman search us out. Our house has been and is in constant renovation. Every year we sponsor Poly-Town or Plastic City. It will be held in March this year. It's a competition and a camp-out combined. We find an isolated spot and every one is sold 100-400 feet of polyethylene plastic and makes his own structure. On the national level, we're trying to repay the school of architecture secure Dr. R. Buckminster Fuller to speak. We're pleased to announce that one of our Brothers was initiated into Tau Sigma Delta, honorary Architectural Fraternity. Our big problem is getting pledges and if any one could help us, we would sure welcome it.

Anthemos Alumni

I would like to report on the results of our work in the Chicago area last year. We had three meetings in downtown Chicago and each one improved somewhat.
The grads under 50 years of age were the most interested. However, we're fortunate to have John Geiger, Vice President of Anthemiou Alumni, and he is going to work on the grads over 50.

Review of Office of WGA

Now we'll proceed with the main purpose of conducting this meeting, as put forth by the last convention. It was proposed that a year after the convention a meeting would be held to review the office of the WGA and the method in which I am conducting that office. I now open the floor to any discussion, comments, remarks or criticism.

George Whitten: I would just like to comment the Grand Council for having this meeting and the work that has been done since you, Brother Rhodes and Brother Mosher have been in office. Thank you all a lot.

Bob DeHaven: I would like to second that. Since the Grand Council has been generating interest in the chapters, we have established a closer relationship with several of the chapters and the Grand Council itself is setting an example for the Chapters themselves, to realize that they are a part of a national organization.

Rick Brighton: One thing I really like is that you're exhibiting hustle we haven't seen in a long time. Another thing I like the initiative and ambition of going out and getting chapters instead of waiting for them to come looking for us.

Ronnie Grogan: One of the big problems at the last convention was knowing actually who the National was. Now we can at least see who they are.

Bob DeHaven: Since the last convention, its been like a realization that there is a national all over again. It's good to feel our place with the national Grand Council.

Lee Dunnette: What is your opinion of the future of the Fraternity as an organization?

Edd Rhodes: I think that one always has to look at that with a very positive outlook. I think its up to each of the individual chapters and their own drive and own initiative and what they show in both their professional and social attitude that will make this thing work and make it go. We, hopefully, at the top will provide the initiative to help to make you go. We can't do it all alone. We all depend on each other and that dependence will make us grow and make us go.

Rick Vunck: We're a little bit more like a local fraternity until, well, I think our national awareness is beginning to grow. I'd just like to say thank you!

Chuck Mosher: The national is every one of the chapters, right in conjunction with these three people. So the National is not just us, it's you!

Revising of Constitution and By-Laws

The Convention, this year will be held on October 25th and 26th, here at Anthemiou. We felt it would be easier all around at this time of the year. It will also be the 60th Anniversary of Alpha Rho Chi. I think the theme of this Convention will be to get the Constitution and By-Laws updated. They haven't been updated since 1956, almost 20 years. There have been several changes, however, they were never ratified. They were voted on and approved by conventions but never sent to the chapters for their vote. Only after 1/4 yea from 3/4 of the chapters, can a change be made. Under each section there is the proposed change (if there is one) and a place for suggested changes. Have your chapter vote on the proposed changes and send me your decision on each one. If you have a suggested change, forward all of them to me so we can put together a tabulated list of suggested changes to send back out prior to the convention so every one can review them. Then when we come to the convention we'll all be aware of these suggested changes. Hopefully, we'll be able to have a new Constitution and By-Laws by January 1975.

Ronnie Grogan: Do you want the proposed changes sent to the Grand Council?

Edd Rhodes: Yes. Send them to the national office.

Chuck Elliott: When do you want these?

Chuck Mosher: Why don't we establish March 15 as the deadline date for proposed changes to be voted upon.

Dick Murray: These revisions to the Constitutions were presented and accepted by the convention assembled. These changes are the Brothers of the past speaking to you. You have to decide if they are relevant today or not.

Edd Rhodes: On suggested changes, you should those in prior to you finishing school.

Ronnie Grogan: Would it be possible if sometime this summer we could set up a work shop with the WA's who could find their way to Oregon and do what we could do to help with the national office? Edd Rhodes: Yes, just give me a call when you are coming.

The up-coming Convention Agenda was discussed in a tentative form. Any suggestions for that should be sent to the national office?

Chuck Mosher: I would like to see the Life Members try to get a list of the Life Members and have it published in the next Archi.

Ronnie Grogan: What is the status of the RISE?

Chuck Mosher: The last time I talked to Howard, he was putting that together. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

NOTE: A copy of the complete, verbatim transcript of this meeting is on file at the national office.

Edited by Lauren T. Rhodes, National Office Secretary.
RICKER INFLUENCE IS BEYOND MEASURE

Contribution of Dr. Ricker To The Establishment of A P X Partly Told.

While Dr. Nathan Clifford Ricker did not exactly guide the organization steps of Alpha Rho Chi, it was the influence of his life together with timely advice, given in conference with the men who played their part in the movement ten years ago, which can never be measured.

In a large degree Dr. Ricker’s path of life was the path of brotherhood and fraternalism. As he journeyed down the highway of life he always showed consideration for those about him. In his associations he has been described as a man to whom sort of individual who could not only sympathize but also inspire those with whom he came in contact.

During the course of his life he was “Brother” Ricker to many men. In the larger sphere of activity he was a member of the Masonic order and the Knights Templar. In the collegiate world he was first of all a charter member of Illinois chapter of the Acaia fraternity before becoming identified with Alpha Rho Chi.

Advisor of Old Arcus

It was with a background of brotherhood and fellowship, which made him an unusually valuable friend to the rejected Alpha Rho Chi of ten years ago. Out of the experience of his associations he was acquainted with fraternity problems and their solutions.

As faculty advisor of Arcus, the Illinois local architectural fraternity which became Anthemios chapter of Alpha Rho Chi, Dr. Ricker was a constant source of information for the fellows who helped to work out the details of union and organization with Sigma Upsilon into A P X.

Brothers C. C. Cohagen, Iktinos, and Leo M. Bauer, Anthemios, the two men upon whom much of the actual working out of the details of organization fell, both emphasize the debt we of Alpha Rho Chi owe to the late Brother Ricker.

Not only do the younger men of Alpha Rho Chi bear tribute to their elder brother but also the faculty men who worked with him honor his memory. Not a great while before his death, in speaking of him, Prof. Rexford Newcomb described him as “A true pioneer in architectural education in America, a profound scholar, a sympathetic and inspiring teacher, a gentleman in the highest sense.”

THE RICKER BUST

The bust was modelled by Bro. Samuel C. Burton of the University of Minnesota, formerly a professor at Illinois. About two years ago the idea was gradually formed of presenting the University of Illinois, more directly, the Department of Architecture, with a bronze replica of the bust which had been executed about five years before.

The occasion selected to make this presentation was the convocation which was held on March 15, 1922, the day that Dr. Ricker completed fifty years of professional service to the university. The bronze bust now stands in a prominent place in the Ricker Library of Architecture, while the original is in the Anthemios chapter house. The latter bust has recently been placed upon a permanent pedestal very similar to the one in the Library.

At the same time that the presentation took place the Ricker Prize in Architectural History was formally announced by Anthemios chapter. This prize is open to Juniors in Architecture and Architectural Engineering for the best treatment of some phase of history of architecture. There are three prizes, each consisting of well-known books on architecture. Dr. Ricker taught architectural history at Illinois for over fifty years, and the prize is essentially a memorial to him.

PROF. RICKER IS TAKEN BY STROKE

First A P X Master Architect Gave Forty-five Years To Work At Illinois.

Dr. Nathan Clifford Ricker, Professor of Architecture, Emeritus, University of Illinois and Master Architect of Alpha Rho Chi has passed on into the great beyond.

Brother Ricker died at 2:30 p. m., Wednesday, March 19, 1924, at the Burnham hospital after a sudden attack of apoplexy. Prof. Ricker became ill on Tuesday evening at his home and was taken to the hospital early Wednesday morning.

Dr. Ricker was best known to the students of the University as founder of The Ricker Library of Architecture which he started in 1872 when he was made head of the Department of Architecture and which has become, through his assistance and advice, one of the most complete libraries of its kind in existence.

Translated Foreign Works

He was head of the Department of Architecture for 45 years, 27 of which he also served as dean of the College of Engineering.

Since his resignation in 1905, he has spent much of his time translating well-known foreign works on architecture into English, and this work he continued until Tuesday, the day before his death.

Brother Ricker was born near Springvale, Maine, in 1843. His early education was obtained in the rural and Springvale schools. When 18 years of age, he took his first position as teacher, in a country school, spending his salary for books with which to continue his study.

During the Civil War, he worked in the commissary department of the government at Washington, after which he returned to Springvale to help his father on the farm, and to become a carpenter and woodworker, later taking a position as box maker and expert in the veneering of pianos in a factory.

In 1870 while visiting at La Harpe, Illinois, he was persuaded by a student whom he met there to attend the University of Illinois, and while still a senior student, he became a part-time instructor in architecture.

After receiving his degree, he was immediately made head of the Department of Architecture, and later, 1878, although only 35 years old, was made dean of the College of Engineering.
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