An Invitation From Anthemois

"Foundations on Tradition", a message from Scott MacKay, Anthemois Chapter Worthy Architect

Recovering from physical damage to the Chapter House in leaps and bounds, the Anthemois active body prepares to open its doors to the coming 39th National Convention in great anticipation. With all major construction completed shortly after our return to campus, we're shaking the last remnants of broken radiators and plaster dust from our shoulders. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our Alumni, this house looks better than it ever has. The installation of new hall carpeting put to rest the last memories of sub-zero temperatures almost two years ago. It is our hope that the Anthemois Chapter House will provide the proper atmosphere for four days of "Tradition and History" that our founding chapter should be capable of.

The recent period has taught this chapter lessons in growth not easily undertaken, and has brought about an intense motivation in its active body, and most importantly, its new initiate class. Rebuilding and restructuring seems to have given Anthemois added interest in the founding of this Fraternity, and a sense of tradition that might have gone relatively unnoticed when compared to the steps forward that we've taken. With a great deal of care, the chapter is opening old records, gathering material on the inception of Alpha Rho Chi, and reviewing original intentions as to the overall progress the brotherhood has made over the years.

With great pride and just a little hesitation with respect to Alpha Rho Chi traditions of chapter rivalry and "nimble fingers", this material will comprise the most complete display of history this chapter has ever seen, to be included in the 39th National Convention. It is our fervent desire to share this store of knowledge with our brothers around the country, for united we stand.

Fraternally,
Scott MacKay

Anthemios control Corporation has completed several phases of a major restoration program for the chapter house. Convention participants will be impressed with the results.

Weese Highlights Convention Program

"Should not Alpha Rho Chi, a significant professional fraternity for architecture and related disciplines, contribute its diverse resources to the search for the profile of the new horizon, become part of the new participatory and learning activities that could change architecture's curve of descent to one of ascent? And with the proposed introduction of an expanded format for its convention sessions—addressed, paradoxically, to the theme 'The New Horizon'—program fraternal activities which join the search for the larger purpose in the practice of architecture—a purpose that could yield a way to express the role of knowledge and its transfer for the building of a civilization in this historic present?"

This excerpt from "The New Horizon," a position paper for Professional Development Workshops by Charles Burchard, forms the basis for the APX Professional Program.

The 39th National Convention in Champaign will include professionals whose expertise will be interesting and constructive. The program will commence on Saturday, January 14, 1984, at 2:00 p.m. with a presentation by J. T. Regan. As Director of the Washington/Alexandria Center for Architecture and Urban Studies, Regan will speak on the "Linkage of Students, Alumni Practitioners, and Institutions in the Built Environment." A presentation, "Super Computer Graphics & Worldwide Data Base Implementation," will then be made by Christine Fallon from the office of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill.

The keynote speaker at the Saturday evening banquet will be Harry Weese, FAIA.

Speaking on projects currently in his office, Mr. Weese’s presentation will most assuredly demonstrate his concern for Chicago and other cities. Often referred to as "the city’s conscience", Harry Weese is an urban redeemer "10 years ahead of a time that never comes."

Convention Activities

Thursday, January 12
Meeting of Grand Council and appointees
Delegates arrive

Friday, January 13
Business meeting
Lunch recess
Workshops
Dinner at Round Bar Restaurant
Reception at the residence of Professor Baker of the University of Illinois School of Architecture

Saturday, January 14
Business meeting
Lunch
Anthemois’ 70th Anniversary Presentation
Professional Program
J.T. Regan
Christine Fallon
Evening banquet featuring Harry Weese, FAIA
House Party

Sunday, January 15
Brunch with Harry Weese
Departure of Delegates

Reservations and Questions Contact:
Mike Martini
Convention Chairman
House Phone: (217) 384-9562
APX Scholastic Award Entries Due

The "So" Whitten Traveling Scholastic Award will be presented at the upcoming 39th National Convention. This prestigious and handsome trophy distinguishes the active chapter with the most impressive level of scholastic performance.

The Grand Council is requesting proposals from active chapters which demonstrate scholastic standing for academic year 1982-1983. Minimum requirements of the submission should include:

1. a verifiable chapter grade point average of all active members.
2. the chapter’s standing and comparison to the school's all Fraternity Grade Point Average.
3. comparison of the active chapter grade point average to the all University average.

All questions and proposals should be forwarded by January 6, 1984, to:
Charles Nickel (WGS)
2101 St. James Ave., #3
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(513) 751-1133, Bus (513) 241-3000

This award, which was established at the 38th National Convention in Columbus, Ohio, will be presented annually in honor of George A. "So" Whitten (Anthemios '22). A long-time, faithful and dedicated brother, "So" held the position of WGE for 12 years, served as Worthy Grand Advisor, as well as attended numerous national conventions as an Anthemios Alumni delegate. "So" not only received the Silver Alpha Rho Chi Medal for outstanding involvement, but was awarded one of the first Gold Alpha Rho Chi Medals in recognition of long and faithful service to the fraternity.

Pei Tapes Available

"Conversations with I. M. Pei," a video tape which was recorded at the 37th National Convention in Houston, Texas, is available to Active Chapters and Alumni Associations. Ideal for professional programs and rush functions, this 20 minute documentary provides a dynamic introduction to the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity. It also conveys the views of the APX Master Architect I. M. Pei on architecture today, through a provocative interview with Dean Emeritus Charles Burdick (past W.G.A and present Worthy Grand Advisor).

One of several tapes may be borrowed from the Grand Council, free of charge (a $50.000 deposit is required, but returned upon G.C. receipt of the tape). For more information, contact Bill Bradford (WGE) at (312) 251-6929.

A Balanced Team of Established

Under the leadership of John Ross (WGA), the Grand Council is continuing to provide direction for the growth and stability of Alpha Rho Chi. Through good, sound business-like decision making and planning, the evolution of change in the fraternity is not only being facilitated, but doing so within clearly defined means.

The most effective way to convey the recent activities of the Grand Council is to describe actions which have been implemented in response to goals identified by the officers at the time that they assumed their positions last January.

The consolidation and strengthening of both the active chapters and alumni associations.

- The Grand Council has realigned the system of Regional Deputies in order to establish stronger contact with local chapters. These appointees are in frequent contact with the G.C. and may be considered as extensions of G.C. involvement in situations. The Regional Deputies include:
  Bill Best (Demetrios) - East Region
  Ted Szwaleski (Demetrios) - Central South Region
  Steve Redmond (Daedalus) - West Region
- In an effort to smoothen the ups and downs of participation, the Grand Council is performing scheduled visits to all local chapters. At the Chicago G.C. meeting, each chapter was discussed with respect to selection of the most appropriate person to make the visit, as well as implementation amidst cost implications.
- The new Grand Council office of Worthy Grand Associate Architect (WGAA) has provided for an ability to become more sensitive to the strengthening of Alumni interaction and involvement. Wayne Burford has developed a comprehensive record of alumni which is updated through dues payments and donations. He is currently organizing other efforts which will encourage alumni groups.
- A focus on the importance of The Archi as a means of communication will result in scheduled publications in the future. A four to six page newsletter will be issued in the fall and spring and a twelve to sixteen page magazine will be published in February of each year. In an effort to improve the quality and insure prompt completion and issue dates, the Grand Council has appointed the following people to be Associate Archi Editors:
  Kim Clark (Metagenes)
  John Thaler (Demetrios)
  Carol Grewe Thaler (Demetrios)

Operate from a balanced budget and provide programs and activities within pre-established means.

- Planning with a distinct understanding of limits and effective dues solicitation has resulted in financial stability for the fraternity. Last year, Bill Bradford (WGE) successfully maintained a balanced operating budget which included the 38th National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.
- The 1983-1984 preliminary budget was presented and approved at the Chicago G.C. meeting. The projected income for the year is $33,305.00, and anticipated expenditures come to $33,300.00.

The Grand Council met in Chicago on August 27, 1983. Seated (left to right) are Wayne Burford (WGAA), Bill Bradford (WGA), Chuck Nickel (WGS), and John Ross (WGA).
Develop a Successful Expansion Program

- The Grand Council and Regional Deputies seek to provide prompt and supportive follow-up on indications of interest and inquiries about APX. Current expansion hopefuls include:

Iktinos Colony - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
The Iktinos Colony which represents the revival of an inactive chapter, through the efforts of Alumni President, Steve Janick and numerous trend setting students is expected to be installed by the first of the year.

Rhoeus Colony - University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.
The Rhoeus Colony recently was installed with 20 individuals through the support of Ted Siaweleski and the Heracleides active chapter. This colony is already taking an active role in school interaction by sponsoring a professional program on “portfolios,” as well as by sponsoring the school’s spring retreat.

Satyros Colony - Arizona State University, Phoenix, Arizona.
The Grand Council recently received a petition for colonization which was signed by over 30 students. This enthusiastic expression of interest continues to bring new life to Alpha Rho Chi.

- The Grand Council continues to diligently issue the APX bronze medal to all accredited schools of architecture. This effort has resulted in numerous inquiries about involvement in the fraternity, one of which resulted in the activation of the Rhoeus Colony.

Establish Professional Credibility

- The success of recent National Conventions since the conception of “The New Horizon” professional program has not only increased the fraternity’s credibility, but set a precedent for future programs. The Grand Council announces the election of Charles Burchard (past WGA) to the position of Worthy Grand Advisor. In this role, Mr. Burchard has indicated that he would like to continue the development of the ideas that he originally portrayed in “The New Horizon” papers.

- The Professional Program of the 39th National Convention which will be held in Champaign, Illinois on January 13, 14, 15, 1984, will feature the acclaimed Chicago Architect, Harry Weese, FAIA.

For fiscal year 1983, the Fraternity’s goal for annual dues and gifts from our membership is $30,000 - a 30% increase over 1982. Less than 5% of our goal has been received to date.

We must have the continued support of our alumni to carry out the programs authorized by the 1983 convention last January. Our operating budget must be expanded to implement these programs, yet the Fraternity must still receive 65% of its annual income from its members to protect our favorable IRS standing.

Programs currently underway include annual chapter visitations by members of the Grand Council, analysis and evaluation of each chapter’s performance of our rituals, reactivation of the Iktinos chapter later this year, development of the new Rhoeus Colony at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, the 1984 convention at Anthemios in January 1984, and a significant expansion of member services through the office of the WGAA.

A quick look through this issue of The Archi will show you the progress and improvements that have been made in your fraternity since the newly expanded Grand Council took office in July. Please join with the Grand Council, our active chapters, and the alumni associations in making Alpha Rho Chi a dominant force in our profession.

Fraternally yours,

R. Wayne Burford
WGAA

Please complete this form or send the requested data with your dues or gift to William D. Bradford, WGE, 1525 Gregory, Wilmette, Illinois 60091

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