



Stephen DePalma, BA #322, is new National President →

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Founder's Day: A Beta Alpha tradition continues

Founders' Day at Beta Alpha Chapter is always on the first Sunday in December. Traditionally, it has been at the Kingston Inn in Union, N.J.; however, the Kingston has recently been remodeled and can no longer handle our group. Therefore, this year it will be held at the Portuguese Pavilion in Newark, N.J.

Invitations and reservation forms have been mailed out. If you did not receive yours, call the house at (201)643-9466.

For those of you who have not been in attendance recently, I want you to consider attending this year. Beta Alpha's Founders' Day is something special. In all of Pi Kappa Phi, no other chapter can boast of the alumni attendance that our Founder's Day draws.

Many of our alumni boast of attending five, 10, 15, 20 or more consecutive Founders' Days. Of course, Al Brown, Mr. Pi Kappa Phi 1988, claims to hold the all time record. He says that he has never missed one. What makes this day so special to so many people? It is the one day of the year when you can say "Yes, I am a Pi Kapp from Beta Alpha!" This is our day!

As the years go by, it is increasingly more difficult for all alumni to set aside time to attend this affair. Please set this day aside. It is December 3, 1989 at 12:00 p.m.

For you older gentlemen, yes there will be alumni there from your era. Yes, you will know people there. This year we get to abuse the National President of Pi Kappa



Phi. That should be really special!

Remember, no other chapter of Pi Kappa Phi has a Founders' Day which can compare to ours. Please make every attempt to be there.

- Jim Krucher, Area I Governor

BA rallies to get dorm named after Peter Jensen

A few undergraduates and alumni have recently written letters requesting that the new residence hall be named for Peter Jensen, a Beta Alpha undergraduate who lost his life on campus in 1970. To date only six letters were received by the institute but a petition is also being circulated on campus.

Based upon some good information it is important that the following be recognized and understood by anyone interested or involved:

1.) Alumni letters typically carry more weight than those from undergrads; 2.) Letters must be positive in tone; 3.) A petition is not necessarily the best approach to get action.

If the new residence hall is to be named for Jensen, the battle will be long and hard fought. Everyone must realize the odds are not good.

The institute is money driven and as a business must look to large donors or endowments. Naming a building for a large donor is an enticement.

Many different factions within the infrastructure pull in opposing directions; therefore, only an organized approach has a chance to succeed.

Faculty, student groups, staff, alumni, administration, state and local government, and many others are trying for a "shot" at naming a building after their favorite.

If you would like to be involved, a positive letter can help, but the best approach would be for an organization or group to spearhead the endeavor. For more information, call Joe Roppolo at the fraternity house at (201) 643-9466.

Chapter busy with house and pledges

It is another busy semester this fall here at Beta Alpha Chapter. Work has been going on to spruce up our lovely house. The wall behind the bar has been fixed to make the bar area more secure. Of more importance, the first floor stairs have been replaced by Brothers Jim Neiradka and Drew Muller, making access upstairs a great deal safer. Plans have been made to fix the ceiling above the Archon's room.

Looking towards recruitment, we had a successful rush, led by Vice Archon Kenny Guarino. At present, we have eight pledges to add to our Brotherhood of 33 active members. A restructuring of their pledging program is also in the works to make sure their education of our Fraternity is a meaningful experience.

Hope to see you at Founder's Day. We are looking forward to a healthy turnout.

- Jon Link, Archon



Above: Beta Alphas in Washington, D.C.: Bill Newell (Psi), Rob Sicliano, Jim Krucher and Rich Nass (first row, from left); Mike Gillodey, Phyllis Pugliesi, Jim Sharky, Joe Roppolo, Al Brown, John Pugliesi (second row); and Paul Ferreri. Right: National President Stephen DePalma (left) and the Administrative Office's Glenn Dickson pitch in during the national "Give-a-PUSH Weekend."

42nd Supreme Chapter held in Washington, D.C.

An Alumnus' Perspective by John Pugliesi

It can now be said that Newark, New Jersey, is the home of Pi Kappa Phi's National President.

The 42nd Supreme Chapter in Washington, D.C. will go down as one of the most important in the Fraternity's history, as well as in Beta Alpha's history. This 42nd Supreme Chapter has given a strong direction to where our Fraternity will be heading in the next decade. To lead this new direction will be a "hard nose Italian" from the great city of Newark, New Jersey, Stephen DePalma. Every brother of Beta Alpha should be extremely proud of Steve's achievement with our National Fraternity.

Steve gave an impressive acceptance speech which would have made everyone proud. A few of us from the Beta Alpha delegation were with Steve until about 2:30 a.m., celebrating his victory discussing the progress of the Supreme Chapter, and the pros and cons of the hotel.

The North Jersey Alumni Association was the recipient of the Presidents Plaque award for having the outstanding alumni program of the year. Karl Kopans should be thanked for putting together all the information and presenting it to the National Office, so that we could be recognized for this award. Durward Owen, Executive Director, told me that this award was long overdue, since

A Student's Perspective by Joseph N. Roppolo

The 42nd Supreme Chapter was held this year in Washington, D.C. Six delegates went from Beta Alpha Chapter and many of our alumni came down and stayed for as long as their jobs and wives would allow. We were joined by record numbers of delegates from other chapters across the country, including our fellow New Jersey chapters from Seton Hall and Stockton State.

With so many undergrads this year, it was easy to see the diversity of our fraternity and exchange information, problems, and solutions to the common concerns we all have. Another important source of information was talking one on one with our own alumni. It was clear they have experienced many situations similar to our own and should be used as a source of guidance.

A highlight of the Supreme Chapter was the election of Steve DePalma to the position of National President. It was equally rewarding to see that the North Jersey Alumni Association received an award from its seldom recognized, outstanding accomplishments. We also had the opportunity to see Senator Robert Dole and James Brady. The enthusiasm of the newer brothers kept the brothers who had been to past Supreme Chapters interested and involved. There were new issues and old issues that were dealt with. The little sister program has been disbanded, expansion has been

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North Jersey Alumni Association Schedule of Events

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December 3 Founder's Day, Portuguese Pavilion, 12:00 p.m. (Invitation have been sent; for more information, call the undergraduates at 643-9466.)

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January 1 Articles and pictures of events due for C.A.R. publication (*Beta Alpha Particles*). Please submit to: Jim Stoll, 630 Campgaw Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430, (home) 201/825-1874, (work) 201/785-6900 or FAX 201/785-5837.

January 3 NJAA meeting, Ground Round, 7:00 p.m.

January 27 Area I Conclave in Atlantic City hosted by Stockton State. Details to follow. For more information contact Jim Krucher, (home) 201/546-0035 or (work) 201/365-8149.

February 7 NJAA meeting, Ground Round, 7:00 p.m.

March 7 NJAA meeting, Steak and Ale, 7:00 p.m.

April 4 NJAA meeting, Ground Round, 7:00 p.m.

May 2 NJAA meeting, Ground Round, 7:00 p.m.

June 6 NJAA meeting, Steak and Ale, 7:00 p.m.

July 13-15 Canoe trip on the scenic Delaware River. More information to follow. For more information call Karl Kopans (home) 201/889-0935 or (work) 201/378-6555.

NOTE:

1. The Ground Round is located on the eastbound side of Route 22 in Springfield, NJ, across from Channel Lumber.
2. The North Jersey Alumni Association is open to alumni of all chapters of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. Annual dues are \$15.00/year. (Dues are needed to cover cost of mailings, front money for ticket purchases, deposits, etc., for athletic and other events, to subsidize, in part, some events, etc.) Please send your dues payment to:

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Any changes of address or other questions/requests regarding the NJAA and it's activities should be addressed to Karl Kopans, President; or Jim Mowczan, Past President and Membership Chairman.

Beta Alpha alumnus receives award for design engineering

William J. McCabe, BA #378, of North Kingstown, Rhode Island, was the recipient of the Excellence in Design award at the second annual *Design News* awards banquet held in Chicago, Illinois.

More than 200 people turned out to

honor the "best and brightest" in design engineering. McCabe received his award as creator of a coordinate measuring machine that is small and rugged enough to sit on the factory floor instead of a special air-conditioned room.

DePalma receives award on Columbus Day

National President and Beta Alpha alumnus Stephen DePalma was awarded the Christopher Columbus Achievement Award.

The Italian Tribune News honored him with the award at its annual Columbus Awards Banquet in West Orange, New

Jersey, on Columbus Day.

The award recognizes outstanding achievement in business and in the community.

Last year's recipient of the award is former President Ronald Reagan.

Congratulations, Steve!

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targeted to the Northeast (specifically Area I), and each chapter's social director has been established as a Risk Management Specialist.

Leadership Sessions and committee meetings kept all the delegates busy, but there was always time to explore the city. Pi Kappa Phi sponsored a dinner cruise on the Potomac River and a tour of the Capital building. Brothers from all over could be seen at night in Georgetown and in fast food restaurants around Arlington. In the halls, in the rooms, in the meetings, Pi Kapps were everywhere and it was a great feeling! See you in Florida for the 43rd Supreme Chapter!

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the New Jersey Alumni Association is one of the Fraternity's model alumni associations.

Senator Robert Dole was the keynote speaker for the opening banquet. At this banquet, there was a slide presentation from PUSH America and a tribute to Durward Owen for his 30 years of service to the Fraternity, as well as numerous other awards including Pi Kappa Phi Hall of Fame and the Mr. Pi Kappa Phi award.

President Reagan's Press Secretary, James Brady, who was disabled during the assassination attempt on the President, gave an enlightening speech at the closing session.

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