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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY 2000-2001

As of the writing of this report the Sigma Phi Delta has a grand total of 7666 members from 1924 to the present. We have also installed the last single letter Chapter and the colony which should become the first double letter chapter at Virginia Commonwealth University. These our exciting times in the history of Sigma Phi Delta. The addition of the Executive Director will bring even more excitement.

New members are added to the National database based on the information provided on their form 1's. This information is not always the best contact information for the brother. I urge every member to log onto the website using their general number for the first log-in and update the information. Also the database has space for other information that is not initially included, including emails and work information. This is the record of the fraternity and it is extremely important that it is the most accurate information available.

I have appreciated the help I have gotten from all of the members of the Supreme Council and all of the Chapters, they make this job fulfilling. Over the last year and a half, I feel that we have made progress in reducing the number of pledge classes that were not on file with the national office. It is vitally important that all members have a general number and is duly initiated into the fraternity. This is the only way to provide an accurate history of all brothers of this prestigious fraternity.

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving all of you for the last two years and I hope to continue serving the fraternity in the future. I regret not being able to attend this year's convention at Kappa Chapter, but my wife and I are expecting our first child a few weeks after the convention.

With the incorporation of the Executive Secretary duties into the Executive Director, the chapters and the alumni members should be able to expect even better service and quicker turn-around times on requests. I have including the biography of our new Full time Executive director as a part of this report.

The establishment of a National Headquarters of Sigma Phi Delta has been the directive of the National Fraternity for some time, but has never fully been acted upon... until now! The newly established position of Executive Director of Sigma Phi Delta will be the new, permanent National Headquarters of the Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity. Several outstanding candidates for the position were interviewed at the Supreme Council meeting in Schaumburg, Illinois, over the weekend of April 6-8, 2001. The position was offered to Brother Robert R. Featheringham (Lambda, EE '60). Bob has accepted the offer and will be employed by Sigma Phi Delta full-time, beginning on June 1, 2001.

A native of Massillon, Ohio, Bob earned a Bachelors of Science in Electronic Engineering (with Option in Mathematics) from Indiana Institute of Technology, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, in 1960. There he pledged Lambda chapter and was initiated into Sigma Phi Delta in June 1959. He also earned a Masters of Science in Technology Management from the University of Maryland in 1997.

His entire career was with defense contracting companies in the Washington, DC, area. He served in a number of positions of increasing responsibility from junior engineer to vice-president and general manager of an operating division. There he managed the engineering and testing of state-of-the art communications-electronic systems for the US Army and Marine Corps. Most recently he was director of new business development for a defense information systems integrator.

As Executive Director of Sigma Phi Delta, Bob will have the following responsibilities:

1. This position is directly under the direction of the Grand President and the Supreme Council.
2. This person will fulfill the all the duties of the Executive Secretary and the Circulation Manager (holding both offices). In addition the position will assist with the duties of other National Officers. Examples are as follows, but are not restricted to:
 - A. Making follow up calls and providing information and mailings to expansion contact Universities for the GVP.
 - B. Filing of forms from Chapters.
 - i. Making reminder calls for forms that should be due.
 - ii. Updating Chapter Rosters and membership information.
 - C. Sending out Monthly/quarterly newsletters to National Officers and Chapters of current issues and events of SPD.
 - D. Taking minutes of all SC meetings and of the GC/JPC.
 - E. Keeping all Alumni Rosters up to date and possible reduce the size of the "Lost Brothers" listing.
 - F. Assisting with the development of the Castle and Star and manage their mailings in a timely manner as prescribed by the Constitution and Statutory Code.
 - G. Assisting in the Coordination/scheduling/reservations of all General Conventions as well as Province Retreats/Conventions.

