
Skull and Dagger



DATES SET FOR 1997 EVENTS

Pasadena's Athenaeum to Host Dinner Dance

The Athenaeum in Pasadena will host the annual Initiation Dinner Dance for the first time. The facility is located in the heart of Pasadena and is a beautiful private facility and will provide a unique location for the event on Saturday evening, May 3, 1997.

The dinner will follow by a week the Society's initiation breakfast, to be held on Saturday morning, April 26, 1997 at the Faculty Center on the USC campus.

The breakfast will also host reunions of the 10 year class (1987), 25 year class (1972) and 50 year class (1947). The highlight of the event for the 1947 class will be the presentation of the John V. Morley Medallion to members of the Society for whom 50 years have passed since their initiation. The first presentations have included all members present who had been initiated in 1946 or before. In addition to including members from 1947, the event will also honor members from prior years who had not been able to attend previously.

The breakfast will also feature the presentation of the Arnold Eddy Service Award and the winners of the Dr. Kenneth Owler Smith Memorial Scholarships.

All Society members will receive formal invitations and reply cards for both events during March.

The voluntary dues of the Skull and Dagger Society, which are now payable, have been held at \$30 for 1997 by the Society's Executive Committee. A pre-addressed reply envelope is enclosed for the convenience of members.

The dues are particularly important in funding the payment of the expenses for our annual initiation classes, including all events, membership certificates and pins.

In 1978, the Society began funding the costs for the initiates to insure that no tappee, particularly students, would be forced to turn down the honor of membership in the Skull and Dagger Society, or forgo attending events, for financial reasons.

The dues reply envelope also contains special lines to allow members to participate in the programs of the Skull and Dagger Foundation. During 1988, the Foundation was established to promote educational and charitable endeavors to benefit the University of Southern California and its students.

The Foundation administers the Dr. Kenneth Owler Smith Memorial Scholarship, which was established to honor the

memory of Dr. Smith, who was Permanent Master of the Society from 1983 to 1988. The Foundation also maintains the recently created Wall of Scholars, located in the Leavey Library.

Since 1990, due to the generosity of our members, the Foundation has been able to provide two scholarships each year while continuing to increase endowment funds. To date, 15 students have been assisted by the Foundation in completing their education at USC.

In 1996, the Foundation received several thousand dollars in donations from Society members who added \$10 or more to their normal dues remittance.

To insure the ability of the Society to assist our initiation classes and continue the work of the organization, please join the hundreds of Skull and Dagger members who annually send in their dues.

Nominations Sought for Arnold Eddy Service Award

The Society is now soliciting nominees for the Arnold Eddy Service Award.

The award was established in 1992 to honor Arnold Eddy, Permanent Master of the Society from 1942 to 1955. The award honors a *Skull and Dagger member* who has given loyal and dedicated service to the University, with specific attention to those who labor behind the scenes without regard to whether they receive public recognition. The first five awards were made to Lorna Reed, John Argue, Phyllis Cooper, Raymond Arbuthnot and Mary Kay Arbuthnot.

Members may submit a written nomination, detailing the member's accomplishments and service. Endorsement letters are not expected. The award selection committee will consider and evaluate all nominations, along with prior nominees and members known to the committee, in making its final selection for the 1997 award.

For 1997 consideration, nominations must be received by March 1, 1997 and should be directed to Lorna Y. Reed, Committee Chair, Skull and Dagger Society, P.O. Box 18344, Los Angeles, CA 90018.

Qualifications for Society Membership

The following are the qualifications for consideration for election to membership in the Skull and Dagger Society. *Generally, a nominee, through his or her own individual efforts, must have improved or excelled in the organization, activity, or position in which he or she has served.*

The selection committee evaluates the qualifications and accomplishments of the nominees, in comparison with not only other nominees but with those selected to the Society in recent years. There is no quota, either minimum or maximum, for the number of persons selected for membership in any of the categories. Those selected for membership must attend either the initiation breakfast or dinner-dance, each held in the late spring.

Persons are selected for membership in the Society in one of three classes: students (undergraduate and graduate); faculty, staff and administration; and alumni or honorary members.

On the nomination form, it is very important for the nominator to provide sufficient information on the nominee and to insure that all questions are answered fully so that the committee is able to have a full picture of the work and accomplishments of the nominee. *If available without directly notifying the nominee of your intent to nominate him or her, a copy of their resume is often very helpful to the committee. Please do not discuss this nomination with the nominee.*

Students

Student members are awarded the honor of membership because they have attained distinction either because of personal prowess, ability or accomplishments. This includes students who have attained distinction or provided exceptional service to the University in areas such as, but not limited to, intercollegiate athletics, student publications, student or University organizations, service to the community or special achievements bringing honor to the individual or University.

Academic accomplishments, while considered in concert with other activities, are not a sole qualification for membership. While the Society Constitution requires only a minimum 2.0 grade point average for selection, *academic excellence is expected.*

Students, both graduate and undergraduate, have generally been selected at the end of their final year of matriculation following several years of service and achievement at the University in a number of different areas. Any time students have been initiated earlier in their career at the University, they have always shown both evidence of exceptional service or achievement and the promise for continuing contributions. The fact that a student has been nominated before his or her final year and is not selected in no way reduces a student's chance for selection later.

The students who have been selected for Skull and Dagger have either excelled in one area of student activities, such as winning All-American honors, or served as team captains,

publications editors or president (or the equivalent) of major campus-wide organizations **OR** have shown a significant record of accomplishment in a large variety of different organizations and groups. However, simply having been the president of a campus organization is not sufficient for selection. *It must be shown on the nomination form how the nominee improved or excelled in the organization, activity or position in which he or she served.*

Faculty/Staff/Administration

Members of the faculty, staff or administration are honored because of their outstanding service to the students of the University or the University itself. Those honored have always gone above and beyond the call of duty to help either students, the University or both over the course of many years with the University. Rarely has anyone with under five years of service at the University been elected in this category.

Alumni and Honorary

Alumni and Honorary members are elected to the Society for a variety of reasons: a continuing and long-term commitment to and effort on behalf of the University by working with student groups or University volunteer or support organizations; outstanding service to the community by accomplishments in the business sector or public service and bringing fame and honor to the University.

Most persons elected in this category are alumni of the University. When persons who are not alumni of the University have been selected, they have shown evidence of substantial commitment and loyalty to the University.

March 1 Nomination Deadline for 1997 Class

The Executive Committee of the Skull and Dagger Society is pleased to solicit nominations for membership for the 1997 Skull and Dagger class.

On this page is a brief statement as to the qualifications for membership into the Society. Enclosed is the nomination form. If you need additional nomination forms, please feel free to simply photocopy the sheets and submit as many nominations in the three categories of membership as you deem appropriate. All nominations **MUST** be submitted on a nomination form.

To insure that your nomination is able to receive full consideration by the Tapping Committee, please make sure that the form is returned to the mailing address listed on the form not later than Saturday, March 1, 1997. Please make sure that all of the questions on the form are completely answered to allow the committee to provide appropriate consideration of the nominee.

Skull and Dagger Member News

William Johnstone (1952) served as President of Tournament of Roses for the 1997 parade.

Jerome (Jerry) Blankinship (1955 and past Worthy Grand Master) has begun his 21st year as director of Pastoral Care and senior chaplain at Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. This past May he gave the commencement address at the College of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois.

Dennis-Duke R. Yamashita (1968) has been appointed chairman of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and director of the department's advanced specialty program at the USC School of Dentistry.

Michael McDermott (1979) is one of four directors-at-large nominated to serve as 1997 officers of the Public Relations Society of America.

Frank Butterfield (1982) an educational humorist and international speaker and exercise trainer, has been appointed to a second term as chairman of the Professional Development Committee for the American Council on Exercise (ACE), which is the largest certification organization for fitness instructors.

James Lee (1987) was appointed to the board of trustees for the Junior Statesmen Foundation, a Palo Alto based national program for high school students that provides leadership training and introductions to politics and government.

Erin O'Malia Gehan (1989) graduated from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University in June 1995. She is living in Chicago, Illinois and working as a marketing analyst with Abbott Laboratories' Pharmaceutical Division.

James Loper (1991) served as one of the three float judges for the 1997 Tournament of Roses parade.

Derek Reeve (1993) graduated in May from the USC Law Center and is working for Trope & Trope, the largest law firm in the country devoted entirely to the practice of family law, located in Brentwood.

Lisa Leslie (1994) led the United States women's basketball team to a gold medal in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

John R. MacRill III (1994) has graduated from California Western School of Law and will be taking the bar exam in February.

Richard Cook (1994) has been appointed chairman of The Walt Disney Motion Picture Group. He has been president of Buena Vista Distribution and Worldwide Marketing. Cook will co-head production overseeing Walt Disney, Touchstone and Hollywood Pictures, and will be directly responsible for domestic and international theatrical marketing and distribution, and feature film acquisition. Mr. Cook is a 25-year Disney veteran.

Desmond Koh (1995) competed in swimming in the 1996 Olympics representing Singapore.

L'Cena Brunskill Rice (1995), has been elected to a two-year term as national president of Gamma Phi Beta. She is a USC trustee and past president of the General Alumni Association.

Marriages

Erin O'Malia (1989) and Robert Gehan, November 1995.

Births

Lisa Bianchi Cooper (1989) and Craig Cooper, a daughter, Talya Ariel Cooper, April 5, 1996.

In Memoriam

Robert A. Honner (1921).

Joe Gonzalez (1937), November 16, 1996. Mr. Gonzalez was a pitcher on the Trojan baseball team, where he held a number of pitching records. He was very proud of having shut out UCLA two years in a row. After serving as a Naval Officer, he pitched professionally before becoming a teacher and coach at Westchester High School. He also served for many years as an official in the National Football League. He is survived by two daughters, two grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

Frank M. Kurtz (1937), November 7, 1996. Mr. Kurtz was Olympic medalist diver and the most decorated Army Air Corps pilot in World War II. His wartime flying exploits earned him an international reputation and the *Croix de Guerre*, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, three silver stars, three air medals and five presidential citations. Before the war, he was a star athlete at Hollywood High School and USC. He won a bronze medal in high platform diving in the 1932 Olympics. After retiring from the military, he became a top executive at the William May Garland development firm. He is survived by his wife, Margo, and daughter, actress Swoosie Kurtz.

Herbert R. Hynson (1948).

Robert Erskine (1956), August 30, 1996. Mr. Erskine entered USC on a basketball scholarship in 1930, and also played football, winning national championships in 1932 and 1933 and also winning two Rose Bowl games (1932 and 1933). He was the owner and operator of many car dealerships throughout his life. He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Margaret Elizabeth; sons Andrew and William, sister Marjorie Richards, and three grandchildren.

Leonard K. Firestone (1961), December 24, 1996. Mr. Firestone was a past chairman of the University's Board of Trustees. Mr. Firestone served as United States Ambassador to Belgium from 1974 to 1976. After service in the Navy during World War II, Mr. Firestone became president and general manager of Firestone Tire & Rubber of California, retiring in 1970. He is survived by his wife, Caroline; sons, Brooks and Kimball; daughter Lendy Brown, ten grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

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Member News

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Arnold Shafer (1964), August 30, 1996. Mr. Shafer retired from the University in 1991 after 40 years of loyal service and leadership. He retired as Executive Director of University Facilities. In recent years he founded and developed Network Building Services of Pasadena. He is survived by sons, Robert and Ron; daughters, Mary and Kathy; five grandchildren and good friend, Charlotte Haravey.

Kenneth T. Norris Jr. (1967), September 21, 1996. Mr. Norris was a manufacturing executive with Norris Industries and philanthropist. He became president in 1965, chief executive officer in 1969 and chairman of the board in 1972. The firm was sold in 1981. As an undergraduate he earned two varsity letters in crew and was captain his senior year. He gave more than \$70 million to Southern California charities, including the USC/Kenneth T. Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and Hospital. He served on the University's Board of Trustees from 1980 to 1985. Mr. Norris underwrote the renovation of the auditorium in the Bovard Administration Building. He was the 1983 recipient of the Asa V. Call Achievement Award from the General Alumni Association; in 1978 he received the School of Business's Outstanding Achievement award, and in 1979, the School of Medicine's Distinguished Service award. He was 66. He is survived by his wife, Harlyne; his five children, Bradley Norris, Kimberly Presley, Dale Norris, James Martin and Lisa Hansen; and eight grandchildren.

John E. Peterson (1971), May 11, 1996.

1996 Annual Report of the Skull and Dagger Foundation

Pursuant to Section 2 of Article VII of the Bylaws of the Skull and Dagger Foundation, the following is the report of the Foundation to the members of the Skull and Dagger Society.

During the period of January 1 to December 31, 1996, the Foundation received \$13,590 in contributions in 540 separate contributions. This includes \$6,170 from 407 members who added at least \$10 to their Skull and Dagger Society membership dues. The Foundation was able to award two scholarships during the year due to the generosity of the members.

The Foundation also continued its sponsorship of the Wall of Scholars in the Leavey Library.

Below are the revenues and expenses of the 1996 fiscal year of the Foundation.

Foundation Assets, January 1, 1996 \$33,466.80

INCOME

Donations via Members of the Society	\$13,590.00
Earned Interest Income	<u>\$ 1,577.15</u>
	\$15,167.15

EXPENSES

Dr. Kenneth O. Smith Scholarships	\$ 3,000.00
Wall of Scholars	\$ 2,800.00
Scholarship Related	\$ 753.09
Solicitation and General Expenses	<u>\$ 1,495.97</u>
	\$ 8,049.06

Foundation Assets, December 31, 1996 \$40,584.89

During the 1997 fiscal year, it is anticipated that the Foundation will again be able to award two scholarships to deserving students.

The continuing goal of the Board of Directors of the Foundation is to fund scholarships from the interest earned on an annual basis and to fund the maintenance and addition of new names to the Wall of Scholars.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Directors
Skull and Dagger Foundation

Member News

Skull and Dagger depends on you to provide the information for our "Member News" column. Please let us know information either about yourself or other members of the Society. Material about career changes, accomplishments, marriages, births and information for "In Memoriam" may be sent to the Society at P. O. Box 18344, Los Angeles, CA 90018.

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OFFICERS

Founded at the University of Southern California in 1913

1997

Gerald S. Papazian *Worthy Grand Master*
USC and Skull and Dagger, 1977

Anthony J. Manos *Grand Master*
USC and Skull and Dagger, 1983

Kevin R. Ash *Worthy Master*
USC 1981, Skull and Dagger 1986

Donald E. LaPlante *Scribe*
USC and Skull and Dagger, 1976

Dr. Harrison Kurtz *Permanent Master*
Skull and Dagger, 1987

John V. Morley *Master Emeritus*
USC 1933, Skull and Dagger 1932

At Large Members of the Executive Committee

Oscar Mendoza, Skull and Dagger, 1975

Lorna Y. Reed, USC 1958, Skull and Dagger 1985

Jason R. Smith, USC and Skull and Dagger, 1996

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