



# Chapter Newsletter

March 2011

From the steady hum coming from our certificate printer, it's obvious that we're well into a busy spring Term here at National ALD. We know it's busy time for you, too, so this edition of the Chapter Newsletter will be short and sweet!

## FAQ: Initiations

Answers to a few of the more commonly-asked questions about ALD Initiation ceremonies

- **How many chapter of ALD are currently active?**  
270
- **That pledge is a little long - is there a way to make that a little easier on the new initiates?**  
*Provide each initiate with a printed program (or at least a slip of paper) containing the pledge. If possible, include a full list of initiates.*
- **We're not allowed to use candles indoors - can we alter the Ritual a little bit?**  
*Yes, you may make any necessary changes to the Ritual, so long as the tone of the event remains dignified.*

## DON'T GET HASSLED BY THE IRS: FILE YOUR CHAPTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

It's been said that the only certain things in life are death and taxes - and life at an honor society is no different. Every year, we're required to report on the statuses of our chapters - and to that end, chapters are required to submit an annual report to National Alpha Lambda Delta.

The information that you provide to us via this form is used to complete National ALD's group filings with the IRS and allows us to keep better records of the chapter's leadership and finances. The

form is available online (<http://www.nationalald.org/ALD2005/annrep.htm>) and only takes a few moments to complete. **All chapters must complete and submit their annual reports by May 1.**

Chapters who fail to submit their annual report **will be required to file additional paperwork by the IRS and will not be eligible to compete for The Order of the Torch, Lampadia Awards, and Chapter Membership Awards.**

Remember, all reports must be filed by **May 1!** File your report online at:  
<http://www.nationalald.org/ALD2005/annrep.htm>

## Dates to Remember:

### APRIL 1

Trow Scholarship applications must be postmarked to the National Office by April 1.

### MAY 1

**Chapter Annual Reports due by May 1.** Order of the Torch/Maintaining the Flame scrapbooks due to the National Office by May 1.

### OCTOBER 14-16

2011 National Leadership Workshop, Charlotte, NC. Registration will be opening August 1, and will be limited to the first 200 registrants. Save the date!

## Chapter Tip: Social Networking

### CREATE SHARE

Start a Facebook page for your chapter. It's easy - we printed details in the January newsletter (download it at [www.nationalald.org/newsletters.htm](http://www.nationalald.org/newsletters.htm)).

Keep the page updated with current chapter information - encourage chapter members and officers to post items regularly, to keep the page active.

Encourage new members to "like" the Facebook page, and to update their statuses when they join - that will appear on that student's Wall for their friends to see, which is effective and free grass-roots publicity for your chapter!

National ALD also has a Facebook page - just visit [nationalald.org](http://nationalald.org) and follow any of the Facebook links to see the National ALD page.

Encourage your students to use the National page as well as your local chapter's page - it's a great way to connect with other ALD members from across the country!

Send us photos! Post pictures from your chapter initiations to the National page - it's a great way to share (and maybe brag a little!), and you might help a fellow chapter with ideas for their own ceremonies!

