

## **FERDINAND DEL PIZZO JR. *WASHINGTON IN ST. LOUIS '58***

*Orlando, Florida, August 2, 2007* — The prestigious Francis Wayland Shepardson award was bestowed upon Ferdinand del Pizzo Jr., M.D., *Washington in St. Louis '58*, at the 168th General Convention held in Orlando, Florida, August 2-5.

Known best as “Ferd” by thousands of brothers, Brother Del Pizzo has attended 37 General Conventions. His participation in this annual gathering of Betas began as he served his chapter as rush chairman, pledge trainer, recording secretary, vice president and chapter president. Subsequently, he led the Washington University Interfraternity Council as its undergraduate president.

After graduation, Brother Del Pizzo served as president of the St. Louis Beta Alumni Club and was on the association’s board for more than 25 years. He has also served as Zeta Phi (Missouri) chapter house corporation president, Alpha Iota (Washington in St. Louis) house corporation president and board member, chapter counselor and pledge education advisor.

Ferd has been a General Fraternity officer since 1973 when he agreed to be chief of District 21 (which included chapters at Missouri, Westminster and Washington in St. Louis), vice president on the Board of Trustees (1982 to 1985), alumni affairs commissioner (1982) and regional director (2000 to 2001). He has been a member of the Advisory Council since 1986.

He graduated with his M.D. from The University of Missouri-Columbia in 1962. Now retired, Brother Del Pizzo practiced obstetrics and gynecology in St. Charles, Missouri.

Ferd met his wife, Linda, as they both served in the United States Army in the Philippines, she as a nurse and he as a physician. They have three grown children: Matt, Angie and Fred. Matt was initiated into the Zeta Phi chapter at Missouri in 1990. Ferd has two Beta Brothers: former General Secretary Vince, *Missouri '62* and Wilson, *Missouri '65*.