

Donald G. Abbey

Penn State '70

Oxford Cup Roll No. 73

Don Abbey, Penn State '70, was initiated into his beloved Alpha Upsilon Chapter on May 25, 1968, as roll number 956. Having played under legendary and championship-winning Nittany Lion Coach Joseph "JoePa" Paterno, he certainly understands the importance of persistence, sacrifice and hard work.

Abbey has achieved tremendous professional success as founder and CEO of The Abbey Company, a privately held real estate business he began in 1990. To date, The Abbey Company owns and manages more than 6 million square feet of office and industrial space, has expanded to 18 branch offices and has amassed a portfolio of more than 1 billion dollars in assets. The Abbey Company has grown to 80 employees, many of whom are Penn State graduates and alumni of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi. Abbey received the Distinguished Alumnus award in 2003 from Penn State in recognition for his entrepreneurial achievements and service to the University.

In addition to his professional success, Abbey has given generously to the Fraternity in gifts of time, talent and treasure. His \$8.5 million gift to restore the Alpha Upsilon Chapter house at 220 North Burrowes Street in State College, Penn., is the single largest gift to an individual chapter house in North American fraternity history. Beyond his financial gifts, Abbey has also dedicated hundreds of hours of service as a house corporation board officer for the chapter, serves as their leadership development advisor and has attended multiple Beta sponsored leadership events including the John and Nellie Wooden Institute for Men of Principle and the General Convention.

Beyond his professional success and contributions to the Fraternity, Abbey is a very generous philanthropist. His philanthropic efforts have advanced causes such as the Wounded Warriors Project, which supports injured Navy SEAL team members upon their return home, as well as youth sports initiatives and law enforcement efforts in California and Montana.

Abbey resides in Southern California.