

# **Arch Alfred Moore, Jr.**

## **West Virginia '48**

### **Oxford Cup Roll N° 005**

Governor of West Virginia 1969-77 and 1984-88, Arch Moore is the only chief executive of his state to have held office for three terms.

He was 1971 chairman of the National Governors' Conference, 1976 national chairman of the Republican Governors' Conference, 1972 president of the council of State Governments and 1974-76 president of the Education Commission of the United States. He co-chaired the Appalachian Regional Commission.

His three years as a vice president and trustee of Beta Theta Pi, 1986-89, capped an undergraduate career in which he was president of Beta Psi chapter and president of his University's Council of Fraternity Presidents; wrote its student body constitution and founded Mountaineer Day.

His bachelor's degree from the University of West Virginia was in political science. He received his law degree from the same institution in 1951 as president of his law school class and immediately began law practice in his home town, Moundsville, Va. Two years later, he was elected to a two-year term in the West Virginia legislature, and he represented his state in the First Congressional District of West Virginia for six consecutive terms beginning in 1957 at age 33.

He was one of six governors invited to visit the People's Republic of China in May 1974 as special representatives of the United States. A year later he was one of eight governors who visited the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe on a mission to improve communications between Soviet and U.S. leaders. On that trip, as a Special Representative for President Gerald Ford, he opened the Bicentennial Exposition of the World of Franklin and Jefferson in Warsaw, Poland.

A member of the Republican National Committee from 1963, he has been a delegate to four Republican National Conventions and a platform speaker at two of them.

An Army infantryman in World War II, he was seriously wounded in action in Germany in 1944. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, a Combat Infantryman's Badge and three battle stars on his European Campaign Ribbon.

Governor Moore was born April 16, 1923, at Moundsville, son of Arch A. and Genevieve Jones Moore. He attended Moundsville public schools and Lafayette College before entering the University. He maintains permanent residence in Glen Dale, W. Va. He married Shelley Riley August 11, 1949. They are parents of Arch A. Moore III, *West Virginia '73*; Shelley Wellons Moore Capito and Lucy St. Clair Moore Durbin. They have six grandchildren.

He is past vice president of the West Virginia Bar Assn.; past chairman of Mohawk District Boy Scouts of America and a member of Rotary and the Board of Stewards of Simpson Methodist Church in Moundsville; Phi Delta Phi international legal fraternity and other civic, social and fraternal organizations.

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