

## THE PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION AND INSTALLATION BANQUET

The President's Reception and Banquet occurred on the last evening of the meeting and returned to the site of the first meeting of the Academy in 1918, the historic Congress Hotel, where it all began one hundred years ago. The President's Reception preceded the Banquet at the Sofitel. President James C. Taylor acknowledged all of the past-presidents who were present along with the Executive Council. The Installation Banquet was held in the Congress Hotel Gold Room. It was a beautiful venue and a wonderful evening of tradition, elegance, and entertainment. President Taylor welcomed everyone and recognized each corporate sponsor whose support made the Centennial meeting a success. He noted that the Presidential Installation Banquet was hosted by Ivoclar Vivadent, Inc. President Taylor then called upon Dr. George W. Tysowsky, Senior Vice President, Technology & Professional Relations, to address the Academy fellows and guests. Dr. Tysowsky commented on the Academy's endearing relationship with corporate dentistry as well as being the early adopters in advancing prosthodontic research and science to the mutual benefit of all. President Taylor then called upon Fellows Taft and Zarb for the invocation followed by the toast.



◀ The Chicago Congress Plaza Hotel was constructed in 1893, a time when cobbled streets, gaslights, and horse-drawn carriages were commonplace.



▲ President's Reception: Drs. Carlo Ercoli, Gerald Graser, Gary Rogoff, Izchak Barzilay, and Edward Plekavich

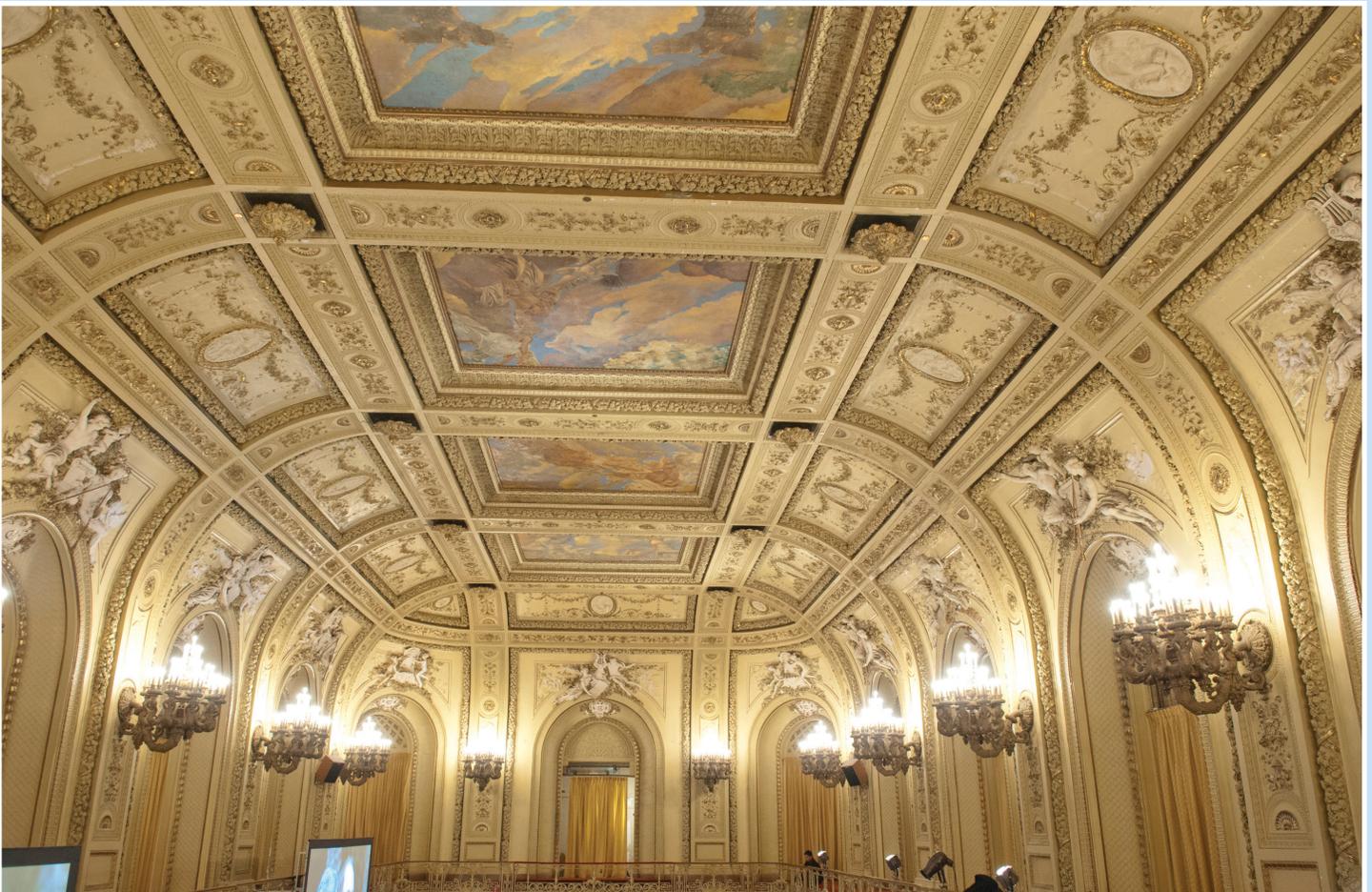


▲ The Three Georges—George A. Murrell, George A. Zarb, and George E. Smutko—at the President's Reception



▲ Past-presidents of the Academy. First row: George Murrell, Edward Plekavich, Gary Rogoff, Rhonda Jacob, Gerald Graser, Chuck Bolender, and George Zarb. Second row: Jonathan Wiens, Steve Campbell, Gary Goldstein, George Smutko, and Brien Lang. Third row: David Eggleston, Steve Eckert, Ron Desjardins, David Brown, Hans Peter Weber, and Tom Taylor.

▼ Gold Room of the Congress Hotel





▲ Gold Room during the President's Installation Banquet



▲ President's Reception: Drs. Geoffrey Thompson, Frauke Müller, Carlo Poggio, Susanne Scherrer, and Edward Plekavich



▲ President James Taylor calls the President's Installation Banquet to order.



▲ Dr. George Tysowsky, Senior Vice President, Technology & Professional Relations, Ivoclar Vivadent, Inc.

### **Invocation – Fellow Robert M. Taft**

*Dear Lord, today before you, in this Academy, are today's leaders in the health-care system. Each and every one of us is distinctive and very individual in the way we carry out your mission. We as an organization over the past one hundred years have emphasized the essence of family and friendship in an attempt to eliminate barriers and to bring us together so we can focus our mission and guide us to the next century. Everyone in this Academy has a full measure of your value unto him or herself. It is through scholarship and Your guidance we will strive to get the very best from every person.*

*With Your direction, what “We” can accomplish is virtually limitless. We will continue to cultivate this element of our ethos as we are in the business of service to each other and to the patients we care for every day. By collectively strengthening the “We,” [we] will make this Academy a stronger, more vibrant, and dynamic organization.*

*Help us continue to develop as a true learning organization—one that welcomes rather than resists change, encourages out-of-the-box thinking in an effort to expose new ideas to the light of day. ... The ideas that flow from our youngest members may very well become the initiatives at the “tip of the spear” for our future. Let us be a source of hope for those in need and contentment for those who are lonely. Let us give gratitude for our opportunity to serve in this organization.*

*Lord, please bless the food we are about to partake and all the members gathered here today in Your name. Please continue to give each of us the moral and physical courage to form new friendships outside our traditional borders, as that diversity will allow us to grow, reshape, and continue to drive cutting-edge excellence in education, research, and patient care.*

*In your name, we pray, Amen.*

► Academy Fellow Robert Taft delivers a heartfelt invocation.



### **The Toast – Fellow George A. Zarb**

*To President James C. Taylor, ladies, and gentlemen: It has to be stated, and with conviction, that many of us are in this room because we were privileged to study with past members and leaders of this Academy. They were the exemplars whose well-stocked minds and unflinching intellectual honesty helped make our discipline what it is today. They were also the unique educators who stayed relevant while the times kept a-changing, and above all, who burnished and sustained a scholarly ethos that inspired—indeed, continues to inspire— younger, and arguably even better-qualified women and men from the global constituency of clinical scholars.*

*Our presence here today reflects a continuum of personal gratitude expressed as a collective way of paying tribute to all of the clinical scholars—past and present—who contributed so admirably to this Academy’s stature and longevity. Their integrity of commitment to prosthodontic scholarship and gracious fellowship guaranteed the lasting and affectionate relationships that underscore this Academy’s uniqueness and pre-eminence.*

*It is therefore appropriate that we gratefully and publicly acknowledge the enduring impact of this Academy on our careers, as members of a distinguished profession, especially our extraordinary discipline. I would therefore ask all here present—officers, fellows, [and] guests—to please be upstanding.*

*Join me in raising your glasses in a toast to the Academy’s illustrious first century and an equally significant next one: THE ACADEMY OF PROSTHODONTICS.*

The banquet continued with great conversation and fine dining.



▲ Academy Fellow George Zarb provides the appropriate Academy “toast” to begin the celebration.



▲ Dr. Sree and Mrs. Dorothy Koka with Mrs. Jan and Dr. Ron Desjardins

► President James Taylor recognizes the eighteen past-presidents in attendance at the banquet



### Historical Vignettes – Associate Fellows

Six vignettes were chosen from the Academy's archives that were representative of the history of the organization. The vignettes were presented by the Associate fellows of the Academy during the President's Installation Banquet:

#### **#1 Dr. Alex H. Paterson, Secretary Pro Tem, 1918**

On August 4th, 1918, at 2:00 p.m., the following dentists met in the Congress Hotel in Chicago IL, for the purpose of discussing plans and the advisability of organizing a Prosthetic Club. Those present were Doctors George H. Wilson of Cleveland OH, William A. Giffen of Detroit MI, I. Lester Furnas of Indianapolis IN, Benjamin F. Thielen of Paris TX, Milus M. House of Indianapolis IN, and Alex H. Paterson of Baltimore MD. It was mutually agreed that a special dinner should be arranged for August 6, 1918, at noon in the Congress Hotel, and a list of names was selected of those specially interested in Prosthetic Dentistry, the same being invited to attend the dinner. 32 dentists responded. At that dinner, our worthy senior Dr. George H. Wilson led the discussion and to give his views concerning the proposed organization and to outline the purposes and possible usefulness of such a body. This was done in a most satisfactory manner and in addition to this each member gave hearty approval to the movement. A committee was then appointed to select a name for the organization and to draw up a constitution and bylaws. On motion the meeting adjourned to August 9th, 1918, at 2:00 p.m. *Presented by Associate Fellow Judy C. Yuan.*



▲ Dr. Judy Yuan

## #2 Dr. Dayton D. Campbell, Secretary, 1918

On August 9th, 1918, at 2 p.m., dentists interested in the formation of an organization to promote the interests of Prosthetic Dentistry continued their adjourned meeting of August 6th, when Dr. George Henry Wilson moved that the Constitution and Bylaws proposed by the Committee appointed at the previous meeting be adopted tentatively as presented and that copies be printed and sent to the various members of the temporary organization. The motion was unanimously adopted. It was then moved by Dr. George Henry Wilson that Dr. William A. Giffen be elected President, and he was unanimously elected, as were the remaining Officers. The meeting then adjourned until a date to be decided upon near the date of the National Dental Association meeting to be held in New Orleans in 1919. *Presented by Associate Fellow Caroline H. Nguyen.*

## #3 President William A. Giffen, 1919

The National Society of Denture Prosthetists is a going concern. It has no watered stock. Its members are all preferred stock holders. No person can prevent us from criticizing the management. We cannot be frozen out. We may get out when we choose. I believe we shall get the best returns in the way of condensed knowledge on Prosthetic Dentistry our chosen profession can produce at the minimum cost. I believe that an unprejudiced analysis of this meeting will prove that this society has enthusiasm and efficient energy to make it a potent factor for dental progress; that the progress the organization has made in its first year is about all that its members had a reasonable right to expect, but while the record of this society may be declared satisfactory and its future full of promise, the question is, "How are we to utilize our forces in order to accomplish the greatest good?" This organization is bound to wield considerable influence for the future welfare of dentistry, but we must all pull together, as it is only through association and a thorough filtering of ideas that we may acquire the executive ability as an organization that must be respected in order to accomplish the best results. *Presented by Associate Fellow Konstantinos X. Michalakis.*

## #4 Secretary I. Lester Furnas, 1942

With the outbreak of WWII, Fellows of the Academy were overseas serving with the Allied Forces in the cause of freedom. President O. M. Dresen acted on the power granted him by the Academy's Constitution to cancel the 1942 meeting and suspend the business of the Academy for the duration of WWII. As I write these notes on July 24, 1942, many things are going through my mind. I am wondering, what will happen between now and the time this will next be read? Who of my friends in this Academy



▲ Dr. Caroline Nguyen



▲ Dr. Konstantinos Michalakis



▲ Dr. Cortino Sukotjo



▲ Dr. William Martin

will have made the supreme sacrifice for their country? What great thing may have occurred that changed our most intimate mode of living? Were it not for an irrepressible and unbounded faith in my country, these would indeed be dark and gloomy days. But I know the sun will rise again, and may God speed the day. *Presented by Associate Fellow Cortino Sukotjo.*

#### **#5 President Cecil H. Bliss, 1956**

This organization was founded ... by a group of young, energetic, two-fisted individualists, with a common interest in prosthetic dentistry. Because of strong personalities and decided opinions, it was quite natural that meetings were characterized by violent disagreement among members and expert verbal manhandling of essayists, and this became pretty much the pattern. From this beginning, there slowly emerged one of the most unusual organizations in the history of dentistry. [One] did not apply for membership; [one was] invited. Amazingly enough, in spite of all the squabbles, fights, and arguments, bonds of friendship as strong as steel were forged, and somehow or other as the years passed an *esprit de corps* was developed, the like of which is seldom seen in any organization. This was indeed an unusual organization, for it became a cross between a dental society and a fraternity. The Academy prospered. It gained in stature and in a very short time became the dominating influence in the field of prosthodontics. It is interesting to note, however, that its main contribution came not so much from the organization itself as from the brilliant leadership of the individual members. The Academy can point to this period with pride, since so many of its members or former members can be found listed among those who made the greatest contributions to our science. This Academy of ours has a proud history; it has given to us a rich heritage. But regardless of how glorious the past may have been, it will not guarantee a glorious future. Let us, therefore, revel in the past; let us enjoy to the fullest extent the nostalgic memories of the “good old days.” But let us look forward eagerly and optimistically to the good *new* days that lie ahead. *Presented by Associate Fellow William C. Martin.*

#### **#6 President Brien R. Lang, 1993**

Times have changed dramatically and are continuing to change in all areas of dentistry, and especially in the discipline and specialty of prosthodontics. Sometimes these changes occur quite rapidly, while others take considerable time. Some changes are welcomed by most, while others are accepted, but not without pain. In any case, we must not dwell on changes that some consider inappropriate, for retrospective “what ifs” will do little to advance the goals and objectives of this Academy. We are a small group by



◀ Dr. Christoph Hammerle

design, and yet the influence by our members can be felt in all areas that can significantly alter the role and history of prosthodontics in education, research, and patient care. This has been our *heritage*, and it must continue. I will dedicate my leadership efforts to the examination and improvement of the infrastructure of the Academy so that we may be better prepared to lead rather than to react to items important to the Academy and prosthodontics. Things do not happen by chance. We cannot afford as an organization to react to issues but rather, we must be prospective and in so doing provide the leadership that is greatly needed in prosthodontics today. *Presented by Associate Fellow Christoph Hammerle.*

### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD – DAVID T. BROWN, IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT**

Dr. David Brown, the Academy Ad Hoc Awards Committee chair, stepped up to the podium on the evening of Friday, May 11, 2018. He reported that the nominating committee for the 2018 Academy of Prosthodontics Distinguished Service Award had many outstanding, highly qualified Academy members to consider. After careful consideration, they had unanimously selected Dr. Brien R. Lang as the 2018 recipient. Past-President Brown presented the historical information about the life of Dr. Lang. It was clear to the audience that his detailed education, contributions, and accomplishments were worthy of this award. Past-President Brown then moved from the podium to where Academy Life Fellow Lang and his family were seated at their table. The two Academy fellows embraced for a moment, one they will always remember. On behalf of the Academy, Dr. Brown expressed his sincere congratulations to Dr. Lang, his wife Jo, and their entire family on receiving this award. He added, “We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your valuable contributions to the Academy and to prosthodontics. We are all better prosthodontists because of you.”

Academy Life Fellow Brien R. Lang graciously accepted the Distinguished Service Award and noted the many individuals that helped in his professional development. He acknowledged his family and prosthodontic residents who were also Academy fellows and thanked the Academy for this prestigious award.



▲ Immediate Past-President David Brown presents the Distinguished Service Award to Past-President Brien R. Lang.



▲ Drs. Brien Lang and David Brown embrace the moment.



▲ Dr. Brien Lang commented on the Academy and the significance of the DSA to a standing ovation.



▲ Dr. Brien Lang is surrounded by Drs. Carol Lefebvre, Lisa Lang, Kenneth May, Jamie Kaukinen, and Steve Riedy.

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

President James C. Taylor called upon Past-President Thomas D. Taylor to serve as the installation officer for the incoming Executive Council.

Past-President Thomas D. Taylor noted that the current Councilors, previously installed, included Fellows John A. Sorensen, Izchak Barzilay, Carlo Ercoli, and Kent L. Knoernschild. Past-President Thomas D. Taylor consecutively installed Fellows Mijin Choi (secretary-treasurer), Lisa A. Lang (vice-president), and Carol A. Lefebvre (president-elect).



▲ Past-President Thomas Taylor served as the installation officer.



▲ Dr. Mijin Choi was installed as secretary-treasurer.



▲ Dr. Lisa Lang was installed as vice-president.



▲ Dr. Carol Lefebvre was installed as president-elect.

Past-President Thomas D. Taylor then installed Fellow Kenneth A. Malament as the ninety-fifth president of the Academy of Prosthodontics:

*After many years of dedicated and unselfish service to the Academy, you have been elected to the highest position of leadership in the Academy of Prosthodontics. Your many noteworthy contributions to not only this Academy, but also to dental education, organized dentistry, and the specialty of prosthodontics identify you as a proven leader. Your credentials are ideal for this role and we have abiding trust that your decision-making capacity and foresight will keep the Academy in the enviable professional position it has achieved through long-time dedication to the pursuit of excellence. These are progressive and exciting times for prosthodontics, and we anticipate that the committees that you have appointed and the charges that they have been given will inspire new undertakings to advance the goals and objectives of the Academy. On behalf of the fellows, it is with great honor that I install Dr. Kenneth A. Malament as the ninety-fifth president of the Academy of Prosthodontics. May you enjoy this status and recognition as the culmination of your dedicated service to this Academy. Congratulations.*



▲ Academy Fellow Thomas Taylor bestows the President's Medallion on President Malament.



▲ Dr. Kenneth Malament was installed as the ninety-fifth president of the Academy of Prosthodontics.



▲ President Malament bestows the Past-President's Medallion on Immediate Past-President James Taylor.

President Kenneth A. Malament addressed the fellowship:

*We stand on a history that is rich in tradition and excellence. To serve as your president will always be one of the greatest honors that I could ever have wished for. Life Fellow Harold Litvak said that this is an individual award for a collective effort. As such, we are all the products of our mentors, their dreams, and their commitment to teach. They inspired us to be better than we ever could imagine and have given us lasting careers. Within our fellowship, we are lifelong friends. Our Academy represents a dynamic specialty that has seen significant growth over the last one hundred years. Our responsibility has always been to give back. This Academy and our fellowship are truly treasures.*

As the official installation was complete and heartfelt congratulations were extended, the band began to play and the dance floor remained filled for the rest of the evening as the Chicago Time Band played on.

► Incoming President Malament provided an inspiring address to the Academy.

▼ The Chicago Time Band commences to play music.

