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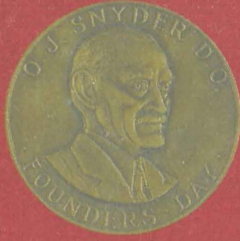
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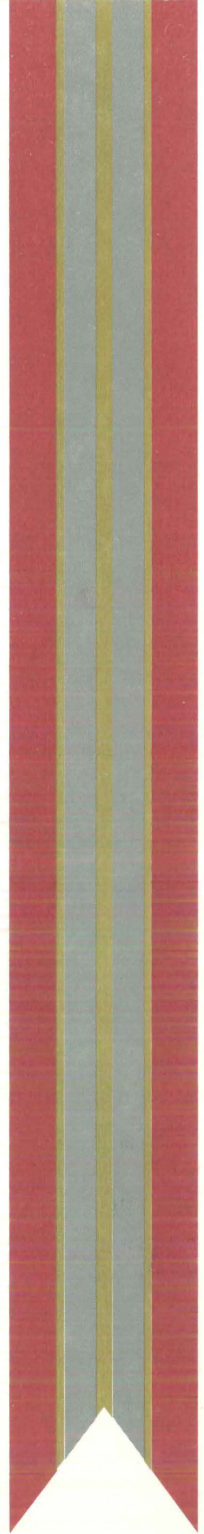
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# Founders' Day '94

**ASSEMBLY**  
JANUARY 21, 1994



### **Founders Day Assembly**

*The annual observance of Founders Day honors a man who "put the cause of osteopathic medicine above personal considerations." That man was Oscar John Snyder, B.S., M.S., D.O., co-founder of the college and PCOM's first president, who remained with the college for 42 years as adviser and member of the board of trustees. He was instrumental in obtaining the Commonwealth's legal recognition of the college and the osteopathic profession through establishing the high standards of osteopathic medical education.*

### **Program**

#### **Introductions**

Kenneth J. Veit, D.O., '76  
Dean

#### **Invocation**

Michael J. Pistoria, '95  
President, Student Council

#### **The Pledge of Allegiance**

A. Kenneth Giorgoli, D.O., '68  
President, Alumni Association 1994

#### **Welcome and Introduction of the O.J. Snyder**

#### **Memorial Medal Recipient**

Leonard H. Finkelstein, D.O., '59  
President and CEO

#### **Address**

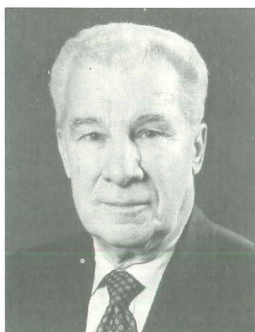
Fairman L. Denlinger, D.O.  
Class of 1953

#### **Benediction**

~~Sherwood R. Mercer, LL.D.~~  
Professor Emeritus

*The O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal will be presented to Dr. Denlinger at the Founders Day/Alumni Dinner Dance on January 22, 1994.*

**Fairman L. Denlinger, D.O., F.A.C.O.O.G.  
Class of 1953**



**T**oday Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine bestows its highest award, the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal, to Fairman L. Denlinger, D.O., F.A.C.O.O.G., an exemplary educator and physician who has distinguished himself in the specialties of family practice, obstetrics and gynecology and osteopathic manipulative medicine.

Dr. Denlinger was drawn to osteopathic medicine as a Lancaster County farm boy, when an osteopathic physician in his hometown of Paradise, Pa., successfully treated his younger brother's pneumonia using OMT after medications and other treatments had failed.

Later as a high school basketball player, this same physician, Dr. Frew, would give Dr. Denlinger pre-game osteopathic manipulative treatments. By then there was little doubt in "Doc's" mind, as his teammates called him, where his career would lead.

After beginning a pre-med curriculum at Franklin and Marshall College, he left college to train as a medic and then as an infantryman in the U.S. Army. Three and a half years later, he re-entered Franklin and Marshall and earned his bachelor's degree. Later in 1953, he graduated with honors from PCOM.

Upon completion of his internship at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital, Dr. Denlinger began the first five years of his career as a family practitioner in Strasburg, Pa. A large part of his practice was assisting home deliveries for Amish and Mennonite families.

It was hands-on medicine at its most basic. One night he was summoned by telephone into a driving snowstorm to assist an Amish mother in labor. It took a car, a tractor and the expectant father's horse-and-sleigh to deliver Denlinger to the bedside. It wasn't the first nor the last time he remained throughout the night to orchestrate a successful delivery.

It was during this time, supervising many home deliveries, that he was struck by the shortage of obstetricians. For complications in deliveries, the only alternative was Caesarean section performed by surgeons. And thus began his quest of becoming an obstetrician-gynecologist.

The desire to specialize in obstetrics and gynecology brought him to Michigan, where Dr. Denlinger did his OB-GYN residency

at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital with additional training at Chicago Osteopathic Hospital, where he eventually became the supervisor of the OB-GYN Clinics, and later medical director. This experience in Michigan, coupled with his excellent reputation as associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, convinced PCOM in 1974 that he was the right person to become the college's professor and first whole-time chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Under his guidance, the department began an exponential growth in both faculty and deliveries.

In 1982 he left the department to pursue yet another challenge — to become PCOM's director of Corporate Health Services, treating students and employees, a position he served until his retirement in 1991.

Although his responsibilities during his 17 years at PCOM were numerous, Dr. Denlinger always found time to serve his alma mater by chairing many committees, including the Curriculum Committee from 1974 to 1982; the Intern Selection and Training Committee from 1977 to 1979; and the Ad Hoc Committee in 1977, 1978 and 1980. In addition, Dr. Denlinger was a member of PCOM's Admissions Committee from 1974 to 1979.

Named PCOM professor emeritus in obstetrics and gynecology in 1982, Dr. Denlinger's teaching prowess earned him several awards during his career, including the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching at PCOM in 1978; the award for Teacher and Physician of the Year from the senior class at Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in both 1967 and 1970; and a faculty award from the American Academy of Osteopathy in 1978. Nationally, Dr. Denlinger was named a Distinguished Fellow in the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists in 1991.

During his last year at PCOM, Dr. Denlinger's career came full circle, when he served as an adjunct professor in the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, instructing students on OMT — the very thing that drew him to becoming an osteopathic physician in the first place. In his 1991 retirement letter, he wrote, "I am a very fortunate individual. I have been doing the only thing I ever wanted to do — being an 'Osteopathic Physician.' Thanks, PCOM."

Thank you, Dr. Denlinger.

**Fairman L. Denlinger, D.O., F.A.C.O.O.G.,**  
**Class of 1953, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine**  
Selected Curriculum Vitae

***Professional Memberships, Activities and Affiliations***

Chairman and Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, PCOM, 1974-1982  
Director, Corporate Health Services, PCOM, 1982-1991  
Adjunct Professor, Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, PCOM, 1990-1991  
Chairman, Curriculum Committee, PCOM, 1974-1982  
Chairman, Intern Selection and Training Committee, PCOM, 1977-1979  
Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee appointed by Dean for Student Appeals, PCOM, 1977, 1978, 1980  
Member, Admissions Committee, PCOM, 1974-1979  
Medical Director, Chicago Osteopathic Hospital, 1971-1974  
Supervisor of OB-GYN Clinics, Chicago Osteopathic Hospital, 1962-1974  
Member, Board of Trustees, American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 1976, 1979-1982  
Distinguished Fellow, American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 1991  
Member, American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
Member, American Osteopathic Directors of Medical Education  
Member, American Academy of Applied Osteopathy  
Member, Philadelphia Obstetrical Society

***Faculty Appointments***

Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynecology, PCOM, 1982  
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, PCOM, 1974-1982  
Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, 1962-1974

***Awards and Honors***

Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching, 1978, PCOM  
Teacher and Physician of the Year, Senior Class, Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, 1967, 1970  
Faculty Award, American Academy of Osteopathy, 1978

**Recipients of the O. J. Snyder Memorial Medal**

The O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal, presented in memory of the co-founder of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, is awarded in recognition of leadership and service to the osteopathic profession and to the college.

- \* 1953 David S.B. Pennock, M.D., D.O.
- 1954 Margaret H. Jones, D.O.
- \* 1955 Chester D. Swope, D.O.
- \* 1956 Russell C. McCaughan, D.O.
- \* 1958 Phil R. Russell, D.O.
- \* 1959 Ira W. Drew, D.O.
- \* 1960 C. Paul Snyder, D.O.
- \* 1961 James M. Eaton, D.O.
- \* 1962 J. Ernest Leuzinger, D.O.
- \* 1963 H. Walter Evans, D.O.
- \* 1964 Paul T. Lloyd, D.O.
- \* 1966 Angus G. Cathie, D.O.
- \* 1967 Carlton Street, D.O.
- 1968 Edwin H. Cressman, D.O.
- \* 1969 Edgar O. Holden, D.O.
- \* 1970 Frederic H. Barth, B.S., LL.D. (hon.)
- \* 1971 Joseph F. Py, D.O.
- 1972 George W. Northup, D.O.
- \* 1973 William F. Daiber, D.O.
- 1974 Herman Kohn, D.O.
- \* 1975 William S. Spaeth, D.O.
- \* 1976 Mortimer J. Sullivan, D.O.
- \* 1977 A. Aline Swift, D.O.
- \* 1978 Foster C. True, D.O.
- \* 1979 Frank E. Gruber, D.O.
- \* 1980 Leo C. Wagner, D.O.
- \* 1981 R. MacFarlane Tilley, D.O.
- 1982 M. Carman Pettapiece, D.O.
- 1983 George H. Guest, D.O.
- \* 1984 Thomas M. Rowland, Jr., B.S., LL.D. (hon.), D.Sc. (hon.)
- 1985 Galen S. Young, Sr., D.O.
- 1986 David Heilig, D.O.
- \* 1987 W. Kenneth Riland, D.O.
- 1988 Richard S. Koch, D.O.
- 1989 Ruth E. Purdy, D.O.
- 1990 Morton E. Terry, D.O.
- 1991 Arnold Gerber, D.O.
- 1992 Emanuel Fliegelman, D.O.
- 1993 Robert L. Meals, D.O.
- 1994 Fairman L. Denlinger, D.O.

\* Deceased

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