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Dear Brother Lyons:

Thank you for your letter of May seventh inquiring about the Rev. A. H. (Bert) Wilson. At this point I doubt that I can give you very definite information. However, read on and I shall explain.

Rev. Wilson-as I first knew him and addressed him- was a friend of my Mother. We are all Methodists and he was the pastor of the Methodist Church on 111 Street and Lexington Avenue, in Manhattan. We were members of the Christ Church, Methodist, on Park Avenue and 60 th Street. That was my first knowledge of Rev. A. H. Wilson. My Mother passed away in 1952 at the age of 92 and that contact lapsed.

I graduated from Stevens TEch June 1925. I had been a member of the AN local fraternity which became the Gamma Chapter of AKT. Sometime in the late '20's or early '30's I became active in the national AKT, becoming the second VP. At this time I again met Rev. A.H. Wilson who now was known as Bert Wilson. Bert was a big figure in the national fraternity councils. He had been president of Sigma Nu. He had, also, been president of the national Interfraternity Council. It was in this connection that he became involved fostering AKT. Bert Wilson, then, was in his 40's or 50', maybe older.

As you may recall, the Depression was in "full swing" in the early '30"s. My company, Airco, did not approve of my activities--hence I had to drop out AKT affairs. I lost contact with Bert Wilson.

I recite all this as I feel that Bert Wilson has passed away. Taking his early age as "the '40's", he would now be over 80--and I am 81! Surely he must be 90 or over, if alive and I doubt it seriously.

As for his church, again, I doubt that it now exists in the same location. That neighborhood is hardly suitable for a Methodist Church, today--but maybe it is! I have not been in NYC since 1974--I consider it too dangerous for a person my age!

However, I believe you have a very good source for information on Bert Wilson; I mean headquarters of Alpha Sigma Phi, National. I presume you get the Tomahawk. In an issue in the recent past (back of the Winter '83 issue) They had an extensive article on AKT and gave several references to Bert Wilson. I would suggest that you write to them, explaining your interest. In this manner you will get information on Bert and the early AKT. It will help you determine if your contemplated trip to Headquarters would be worthwhile.

Currently my activities are greatly curtailed. Mrs. Kugler has been a bed-ridden invalid for over six years. Since I do not approve of nursing homes, I am caring for her at home. This involves much of my time. My consulting practice is "finished".

I wish you the best of luck in your quest. If you think I could be of further help, please call on me.

Fraternally,

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