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On behalf of the Charter Members of the Academy, I acknowledge and thank you for the recognition given to us on this memorable and splendid occasion.

When the Academy was conceived and established, most founding members were primarily involved with and oriented toward their individual disciplines. Many had only limited opportunity to meet and interact with other forensic scientists, except in the larger communities. What we sought most was to meet and work with colleagues with common interests and perhaps greater experience, and to form enduring relationships with those new colleagues and friends. We also wanted to expand our horizons and understanding beyond our individual cherished forensic science disciplines.

We are pleased and proud to have been a part of the passing parade of forensic scientists from North American and many other parts of the world, and are grateful to have been able to share wonderful experiences and companionships over the years as members of the Academy.

Again, our deepest thanks, and our fond hopes for a successful next half century of the Academy, and beyond, and for the best of fortune for those members of the Academy who accompany or follow us into the great new adventure.

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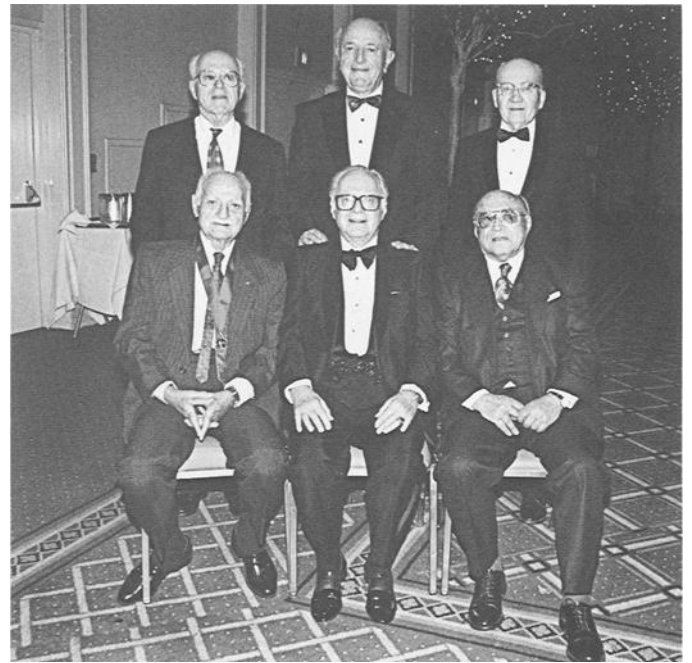


FIG. 1—Seated, l to r: Sidney Kaye, Kurt Dubowski, Leo Goldbaum; Standing, l, to r: Joseph Nicol, Lauren Goin, Edgar Kivela.