



# John Jones Surgical Society



Dear Colleagues,

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to write to you as President of the John Jones Surgical Society. It is an exciting time for our Society as we continue to attract new members and harness further enthusiasm and momentum. I would first of all like to thank Dr. Steve Libutti for his past efforts and hard work as President of the JJSS; Dr. James Chandler for his many years as Editor of the JJSS Newsletter and Dr. James Lee as current Recorder and Editor of our Newsletter.

This Society was established with the purpose to “preserve the history of the Department of Surgery and to provide a vehicle for the alumni to maintain contact with each other and the Department. It is anticipated that resources and ideas will be shared and the continued excellence of the residency program ensured.” Under the leadership of past Presidents, Drs. Kenneth A. Forde and Steve Libutti, great strides were made toward this end with the establishment of a robust Annual JJSS Spring Meeting, the establishment of our Newsletter and the creation of the John Jones Research Fellowship. I look forward to extending their efforts and exploring means for increasing our membership and funding opportunities to assure the quality of our Annual Spring Meeting as well as the John Jones Research Fellowship Award.

We last gathered this past Fall during the Annual John Jones Surgical Society Reception in Washington in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American College of Surgeons. It was a well-attended event with old and new members, current residents, potential JJSS candidates, and department faculty including Department Chairman, Dr. Craig Smith. A good time was had by all as we shared the usual war stories from our surgical training years, new developments in our lives and rekindled old friendships while making new ones.

We also had an opportunity to further plan for our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual John Jones Surgical Society Spring Meeting. Led by our seasoned and energetic statesman, Dr. James Chandler and joined by fellow Program Committee members, Drs. Spencer Amory, Jeff Cohen and Karen Horvath, along with the assistance of Trisha Hargaden and most recently Christine Rein, we have succeeded in putting together an exciting program which aims to honor Dr. Kenneth Forde, Co-Founder and First President of the JJSS, for his remarkable career and contributions as a mentor, teacher and pioneer in the world of surgery.

We are delighted by the outpour of genuine enthusiasm by all the invited speakers and confirmed attendees, who look forward to participating in a meeting, which brings together friends, mentees and colleagues of Dr. Forde from various disciplines, who will share their perspectives on the “state of the art” and challenges, opportunities and future directions in their field of expertise. I am confident that we are in for a special treat of wonderful lectures that will depict the result of hard work, dedication, perseverance and the passionate pursuit of a focused goal; coincidentally, some of the unique traits embodied by our honoree, Dr. Kenneth Forde.

I look forward to seeing you on Friday, June 20, during the 14<sup>th</sup> John Jones Surgical Society Spring Meeting. Please make plans to also attend the reception and dinner to follow at the Harmonie Club. We anticipate a great turnout and I encourage you to notify fellow members of your graduating class.