



Epsilon-Kappa Zeta

The Escutcheon

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Alumni Brothers Theo Speedy and Alex Gallagher enjoying some brotherly bonding in Japan, story inside.



Our new Associate Member class, which went through AMC on Saturday, October 26th. In total we have 21 new Associate Members

Our submission for the tile competition during Greek Week, designed by Brother Adam Lynn.



State of the Chapter

Brothers,

Fall term is always the busiest time of year for us as a fraternity and I am pleased to say that we are seeing large strides in member growth and development. Younger members have been stepping up into leadership roles, both as officers and in heading up particular efforts as non-officers.

Through the summer, a significant amount of planning was done to ensure the chapter walked into fall recruitment as one cohesive, prepared group of collegiate brothers. At our first recruitment event, more than 60 potential members came through the house and I was so proud and impressed with how the chapter members reacted. They were friendly. They were engaging. They were having fun. And most importantly, they were themselves. No matter where I looked that night, I saw nothing but smiles on everyone's faces, both members and potential members. I am very optimistic about the recruitment efforts this fall not just because of this energy and liveliness, but also due to the quality of men inquiring about Lambda Chi Alpha. As a senior who will be graduating in June, it is comforting to see these things because I know the chapter will be in good hands when I leave and the legacy of this chapter will continue to live on for years to come.

Of course, the chapter has encountered its fair share of issues over the past six months. However, the character and determination of a chapter is not judged off the challenges it faces, but instead on how it reacts and perseveres through them. The challenges we face teach us how to stand together and surge forward. To stand up for what we know to be right and not be afraid to take action when we see someone struggling. This fraternity has been faced with issues I would have never dreamed of and, each time, has resolutely stepped forward, one step at a time, until the problem was nothing but a memory.

Some of my fondest college experiences happened in Lambda Chi Alpha and my closest friends are people I call brothers. My hope is that present and future members can also have the same privilege of undergoing such a life changing experience. I am happy to say the path this chapter is traveling now is right in line with that vision. Thanks to this fraternity's internal relationships and connections, the house continues to be not only a dwelling place for college students, but also a home for brothers.

Yours in ZAX,
Anthony Iacono
Epsilon-Kappa 1481
High Alpha

Brothers,

I am happy to share with you recent news for Epsilon Kappa Zeta since our last Escutcheon in the spring.

Philanthropy is still a strong value of the Chapter. The Chapter raised over \$4,000 at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life held in the Drexel Armory. The Lambda Chi team led the 62 teams entered by raising more than 10% of the total raised.

Relations on campus are strong as well. At the Drexel Fraternity and Sorority Life Annual Awards Reception, the Chapter was recognized with awards for academics, brotherhood, service and Greek unity. Two Brothers hold Interfraternity Council office for 2013-2014. Ryan Pratt is VP of Membership Development (a new position,) and Eddie Hopper is Athletics Chairman.

At the General Fraternity level, the Chapter has joined a select rank of Zetas when the petition to begin the Inner Circle Journey this fall was approved. The June Cross & Crescent and now the General Fraternities website include a Chapter Report Card for each Zeta. Drexel has scored high in all categories.

Eight undergraduates attended the Stead Leadership Seminar in Memphis where the Chapter was recognized with awards for Alumni Publication, Warren Cole Recruitment Program, Rev. S. George "Doc" Dirghalli Scholastic Programming, Lewis A. Plourd Fraternity Education and Harm Reduction. Your past donations have helped subsidize the costs and allowed so many members to attend Conclaves, Leadership Seminars and General Assemblies. The Give 10 campaign has earned the Chapter one scholarship to next year's General Assembly in Miami.

Exceptional work at harm reduction has provided the Chapter with low Risk Management Assessments. This work and the standing on campus are evident when a National Sorority selected Epsilon Kappa to co-sponsor a social with alcohol, as part of a pilot program trial. Sorority/Fraternity co-sponsored alcohol socials were unheard of.

Your continued support of the chapter, whether it be time, talent or treasure, is much appreciated and I enjoyed seeing many alumni at the summer Bar-B-Q and I hope to see many of you at upcoming events on campus.

Yours in ZAX,
Mark Stitz
EK-906
High Pi

Philanthropy



On October 19th our chapter hosted our second annual Smash Bash event. Smash Bash is a competition featuring several events centered around pumpkins. There was a pumpkin pie eating contest, a pumpkin throwing contest, a relay, and pumpkin bowling. We had a better turnout this year, as the event continues to grow, and we raised over \$2000 for our national philanthropy, Feeding America.

- Adam Lynn

Congratulations to our Newly Elected Officers

High Alpha, Chapter President - Anthony Iacono

High Theta, External Vice President - Kevin New

High Tau, Treasurer - Michael Elmer

High Kappa, Fraternity Educator - Tevin Hill

High Sigma, Scholastic Chair - Daniel Finnegan

High Rho, Alumni Relations - Daniel Adams

Athletics Chairman, Sebastian Zawlocki

High Beta, Internal Vice President - Tommy Neff

High Gamma, Secretary - Andrew Villa

High Iota, Risk Manager - Christopher Seidl

High Phi, Ritualist - Nicholas Christman

High Epsilon, Social Chair - Zach Reiziss

Standards Chairman, Edward Hopper

Housing Manager, Joseph Hosey, Jon Bean

2013 Alumni-Undergraduate BBQ

On Saturday, August 8th, 2013, active and alumni brothers reunited at the 3401 Powelton Ave chapter house for the Annual Alumni-Undergraduate BBQ. Among those in attendance were Albert “Mert” Hill, Jr, EK 612, Richard Sasin, EK 675, Kenneth Johnsen, EK 682, Richard Holmes, EK 834, Steve Cohen, EK 898, Chuck Persing, EK 903, Mark Stitz, EK 906, Richard Barbor, EK 953, Galen Breuninger, EK 968, Dennis Carr EK 1017, Bryan Bet, EK 1461, Nik Bournelis, EK 1473 and, Kyle “Mrs. Speedy” Musal, EK 1487.

Alumni brothers were able to relive the times they shared with the fraternity and the House. Undergraduate brothers shared how the fraternity is currently doing and heard stories from the past.

Brother Chuck Persing, EK 903, remarked, “Each time I go to the house I feel like that 20ish guy and the memories of great times flood back.”

Thank you to all the alumni brothers who were able to attend, and special thanks to Brother Ryan Pratt, EK 1489, for organizing the event!

The Bond of Brotherhood

A few weeks ago, there was a little LXA shindig to celebrate the end of summer. You say you didn't get an invitation? It was a fun affair, I'm sorry you missed it. It would have been better if more brothers could have been present, but it wasn't held at 3401 Powelton Avenue. It was held on the shore of a beach on the other side of the world.

I have been out of college for three years now, serving in the US Navy, and am stationed in Sasebo, Japan. Being so far away from home is often lonely. Luckily, even though I am far away from home, the bond of LXA is still strong. I have kept close ties with the brothers I went to school with, and one of them is even stuck out here with me. Alex Gallagher EK-1480, is stationed on the USS ASHLAND, and when he is in port, we find time to create new memories together, and to share some old ones as well.

Alex and I took some time out of our hectic Navy schedules, defending freedom, and making sure Brother McGarrigle feels safe and secure at night, to relax and enjoy the last day of summer. We threw some burgers on the grill, and toasted our American way of life. There was even a small fireworks display.

Having this BBQ, made me realize something. Of all the things the fraternity offers, it is the bond of brotherhood which I cherish most. It's great to have brothers wherever you go. Even in future life, you might meet brothers in different parts of the country, or the world, that you can connect with.

It's a great feeling when you can share memories with a brother of common times spent together. Our shared undergraduate experiences are the fond memories of the past. Sharing the stories brings back happiness of past days, and makes the future less frightening. The farther from your college years you get, the more you want to remember and embrace those memories shared among friends. Stories are important.

Sharing common memories brings us together, it strengthens that bond of brotherhood.

It's important to keep that bond together. We are directed to maintain relationships between brothers and Alumni. It is important for two reasons. The Alumni support the undergraduates, with resources, time, guidance, and experience. They should be what we aspire to. And from an alumnus' perspective, being kept in touch with the fraternity reminds me of the good friends I have had, and the memories we shared.

It also reminds me of my obligation to support the chapter for the rest of my life, to ensure that the bond becomes perpetual, and that future brothers are given the opportunity to be able to take part in those shared experiences, and create memories of their own.

I'm thankful for the brothers that have reached out to me, keeping me in the loop with current fraternity business. I look forward to the time that I am back home for good, and can share some memories of the good old times, and make some new ones.

Yours in ZAX,

EK-1493

Theo Speedy



Annual Trip to Jimmy G's Railroad

Small groups of us have made periodic road trips to the Railroad House over the years and we have formalized an annual alumni road trip each August. This year's road trip was a success; we descended on Jimmy G's Railroad House, after our August 24 alumni meeting, ready to socialize and relive the good old days. Each year we add a few new faces (and not too pretty at that) to the group. This year we added: Bruce G. Stegman EK864, Carlos Suarez EK874, Jeff & Mrs. Fylstra EK1034, Nik Bournelis, EK1473. Naturally the regulars were all in attendance. Al Barskey EK792 Jim Giuffrida, EK855 George Montgomery, EK869, Mike Zeigler EK887, Steve Cohen, EK898, Chuck Persing, EK903, Mark Stitz, EK906 John Teoli, EK945.

Aby and April are great hosts, Jim's son was our bartender, service was great, food was great, no one left hungry or thirsty but at times the choice of food was called in question. Aby is always complaining about me in some way and this time he was critical of my choice of food the last time I was there. I had ordered a plain burger and he complained that they are famous for burgers and toppings so this time I ordered a burger with one topping from each category, about 8 different toppings! After the cook refused to make it the burger arrived in all its glory!

I am happy to report that the burger was great and to the amazement of all I finished it without the expected gastrointestinal issues. Mark Stitz who was my passenger on the drive home was especially relieved that no gastrointestinal issues occurred.



Thirty years later and still going strong:
Mike Zeigler
EK887
Carlos Suarez
EK874
John Teoli,
EK945

All kidding aside we had a great time, Aby and April were great hosts and we all spent an enjoyable afternoon reliving our college days and sharing what has happened since. Don't get left out and join us for the 3rd Annual Alumni Road Trip to Jim Giuffrida's (EK 855) Railroad House - Saturday, August 23, 2014!

In ZAX
Chuck "Beak" Persing

Thank you to Alumni for their Generous Contributions

Albert J. Chesavage

Albert M. Hill, Jr.

Andrew Schock

Andy Soltis

Art Galletta

Barry Rubenstein

Bill Watts

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Brian Gleason

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Chuck Persing

David Young

Dennis Carr

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Mark Stitz

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- ♦ 1/25/14—Initiation
- ♦ 1/24-26/14—Drexel Homecoming
- ♦ 5/2-3/14—Drexel Alumni Weekend
- ♦ 5/3/14—EKZ Annual Alumni Meeting
- ♦ 8/23/14—Annual Trip to Jimmy G's Roadhouse

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