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Fifth winner in Chapter history



STATE OF THE CHAPTER

OUR REVERED CHAPTER ADVISOR RECOUNTS THE RECENT SUCCESSES



I am pleased to share with you recent news for Epsilon Kappa Zeta.

The chapter continues to grow with a 20% increase in members for the last year.

Philanthropy remains a strong value of the Chapter. The Chapter raised over \$5,000 at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life held recently in the Drexel Armory. The Lambda Chi team led the 40 teams entered by raising more than 15% 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 Leadership, Service to the Community and Brotherhood. Two Brothers hold Inter Fraternity Council office. John Delaney is the Community Service Chairman and Anand Patel is the Scholarship Chairman.

At the General Fraternity level, the Chapter continues to earn excellent ratings from the Educational Leadership Consultants during their visits. The chapter's harm reduction efforts have been rewarded with low Risk Management Assessments for insurance. Twelve undergraduates attended the Atlantic Conclave at Delaware and were recognized for the largest delegation. Your donations help subsidize the costs and allow many of our members to attend Conclaves, Leadership Seminars and General Assemblies. The Give 10 campaign has earned the Chapter a scholarship to this year's General Assembly in Phoenix. Ryan Pratt is completing his second term as the Atlantic Conclave Student Advisory Committee Member.

Your continued support of the chapter, whether it be time, talent or treasure, is much appreciated and I hope to see many of you at the upcoming events.

[ALUMNI OFFICERS]

Chapter Advisory Board Chairman

Mark Stitz

Housing Board President

Steve Cohen

Housing Board Treasurer

Charles "Beak" Persing

Housing Board Emeritus

John McGarrigle

Housing Board Director

Dennis Carr

Anthony Iacono

Ken Johnson

George Montgomery

Kyle Musal

Theodore Speedy

Chapter Advisory Board Members

Johnny Andrus

Jamal Atif

Nik Bournelis

Dominick DiGioia

Sean McGarrigle

Rich Sasin

Chris Wozunk

STATE OF THE CHAPTER

OUR ESTEEMED UNDERGRADUATE PRESIDENT WEIGHS IN



The chapter of Epsilon-Kappa Zeta has been overall in good shape. Unfortunately, over the past 6 months we have seen a decrease in member academics; however, we have remained strong in the realms of leadership, service to the community, fraternity education, and Greek-to-Greek relations.

In the last State of the Chapter, you were informed of our Fall Associates, and I am proud to say that in late January we initiated 17 men into the bond of Lambda Chi Alpha. As of now Epsilon-Kappa Zeta currently stands at 68 members, and we just recently initiated 4 new brothers into our bond.

Epsilon-Kappa Zeta has raised over \$5000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation via Delta Phi Epsilon's Deeper Dude competition, and over \$5000 for the American Cancer Society via Relay for Life.

At the end of last term, the chapter had officer elections and many new members stepped into positions. This new leadership is very promising, and I look forward to seeing what great things we can accomplish together.

Just recently one of our Crescent Girls, Andrea Messina, passed away. She was a very spirited young woman who greatly loved the chapter. The men were shocked to hear the news, and after some reflection, they have started to focus on the good times shared with Andrea and how to carry on her spirit within the chapter.

The chapter's goals for the upcoming year range across a variety of topics. One goal is to improve in our own philanthropic efforts, as we are now commencing planning of our 3rd annual philanthropic event Smash Bash. That is 6 months in advance, something we have not done in the past. We have high hopes for this year's event with hopefully an increase in attendance and funds raised. We also plan to address the issue with member academics, and thus improve our academic status amongst Greek life. In addition, over this summer term, we plan to hone our recruitment skills to prepare for the upcoming fall recruitment, as we will need to replace at least 8 spots, as we have 8 graduating seniors this year.

I believe as a chapter we are on the right track, we just need to put it in gear, and we can tackle these issues one by one, bringing us into a very promising future.

[UNDERGRADUATE OFFICERS]

High Alpha, Chapter President

Mike Elmer

High Beta, Internal VP

Tommy Neff

High Theta, External VP

Rich Felix

High Gamma, Secretary

Andrew Villa

High Tau, Treasurer

Ned Miller

High Iota, Risk Manager

Devin Jahnke

High Kappa, Fraternity Educator

Kevin New

High Delta, Recruitment

Chad Mehmel

High Phi, Ritualist

Brennan Connolly

High Sigma, Scholastic Chair

Michael Volpe

High Rho, Alumni Relations

Brian Blake

Standards Chairman

Dan Adams

Housing Manager

Steve DiPietro

Athletics Chairman

Lee Jacobs

Technology Chairman

Chris Ozgar

Inner Circle Steward

Andrew Villa

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



SEAN DOLAN

Sean Dolan, EK-1478, just recently graduated from Drexel with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. As an undergraduate he was part of the re-founding fathers when Epsilon-Kappa Zeta returned to Drexel in the fall of 2009. He plans to stay in the greater Philadelphia area and as an alumnus he hopes to remain active in the fraternity, stay close to the chapter, and help the chapter grow.

Sean had the opportunity to work for three unique companies during his co-op experience: Boeing, the Philadelphia International Airport, and STV. For his senior design project, he created and developed an automated furnace cleaning apparatus.

Sean can be reached at smd332@drexel.edu or 610-937-9325.

LAMBDA CHI MENTORSHIP ACADEMY HELD AT DREXEL

BY: THEODORE SPEEDY, EK-1493

Drexel University's campus was host to the Lambda Chi Alpha Mentorship Academy on April 5th, 2014. This event was the second Mentorship Academy held this year organized by the National Fraternity to support a greater connection between Alumni and Undergraduate brothers. Twenty-eight Philadelphia area brothers from a diverse mix of chapters were in attendance.

During the event, training was conducted on what it means to be a mentor, why mentorship is important, and how mentorship works between people who are different ages and may not be able to see each other on a daily or even monthly basis. Also, a contest was held to see which Mentor-Mentee team could 'place a styrofoam cup as high in the room as possible' using only a box of spaghetti, a short length of masking tape, and of course the spaghetti itself. Many tried. Mr. Anthony Iacono's (EK-1481) tower was the tallest, but the winner was Mr. Chuck Persing's (EK-903) team, who creatively twisted the rules and placed the cup on a fire exit sign, making it 'the highest in the room.'

The point: mentorship is important. It is one of the greatest benefits of membership in the fraternity. It allows undergraduates to talk with and learn from the exploits of an older brother. The mentorship pairs made during the academy session were linked by their specific answers to a short questionnaire of personal values.

The stressed purposes of mentorship from the meeting were that a true mentor does not lecture, he listens. He does not direct, he guides. A young man will make some trips along the way while walking along his road of life, that is inevitable, and necessary to learn and grow, but perhaps his fall can be softened with some good advice from someone who has fallen before him.

I would encourage all alumni brothers who are interested in giving some time mentoring a younger brother to email Mr. Allen Horton who directs the Mentorship program here: ahorton@lambdachi.org

Theodore Speedy is current serving in the US Navy in Norfolk, Virginia as a LTJG. He is also a Director on the EKZ Alumni Board.

UPDATE ON UNDERGRADUATE PHILANTHROPIC EFFORTS

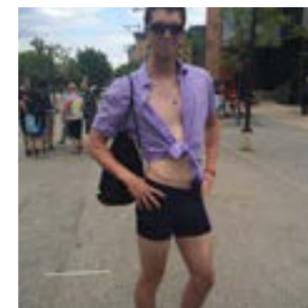


ST. BALDRICK'S FOUNDATION

Brothers Nick Kilkenny and John Delaney shaved their heads for Sigma Phi Epsilon's St. Baldrick's philanthropy, and the chapter raised \$750 for childhood cancer research.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Pi Kappa Alpha hosts an annual event for the American Cancer Society called Relay for Life. This is a cause that is very important and personal to many of our brothers, and the chapter banded together to win first place, raising over **\$5,000**.



CIRCLE OF SISTERHOOD FOUNDATION

Brothers Aengus Walker and Charlie Kaye participated in Panhellenic Council's High Heel Derby. Aengus won first place in the "strut" division. Proceeds went to the Circle of Sisterhood Foundation, which works internationally to make education more accessible to women.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION

Brother Jon Bean represented us in Delta Phi Epsilon's Deeper Dude competition. Deeper Dude is a male beauty pageant in which contestants compete to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Jon led our chapter in raising **\$5,200** for the cause.



FEEDING AMERICA

In March, Epsilon-Kappa Zeta hosted its second annual Spike and Strike volleyball tournament, which benefits our own philanthropy, Feeding America. Together, we raised over **\$1,300** and three hundred pounds of food for families living in poverty.



Mark Stitz
EKZ'S NEWEST ORDER
OF MERIT RECIPIENT

ABOUT MARK STITZ

WRITTEN BY: CHARLES "BEAK" PERSING , EK-903



I am pleased to report that Brother Mark Stitz '81 received the Order of Merit award in July at the 55th General Assembly this year.

Since 1935, Lambda Chi Alpha has recognized unusual, lengthy, and dedicated service — particularly at the local chapter level — with the Order of Merit. The medallion of the Order of Merit shows the cross and crescent as taken from the coat of arms of the Order of St. Mary Magdalen. 334 members have received the Order of Merit, and Drexel will join 18 other chapters with 5 or more Order of Merit recipients.

As an undergraduate, Mark played a big part in the success of EKZ and served in many positions, including House Manager, Steward, and High Alpha just to name a few. The offices were just a placeholder for his involvement and dedication. When something was going on, Mark was at the center of it.

As a board member he provides sound advice and guidance. He acts as the board's secretary, constitutional/bylaw scholar along with being Chairman of the Chapter Advisory Board and High Pi. On top of that he contributes more than his share to our fundraising efforts and is active with the general fraternity. Among the roles Mark has as an alumni and trusted advisor are as follows:

- High Pi 2011 to present
- Alumni Advisory Board 2006 to present
- House Corporation Director 2006 to present

Mark will be joining the ranks of other distinguished Drexel alumni:

- Harold M. Myers — 1960
- Thomas Murphy Jr.— 1968
- Frank E. Bockius — 1978
- John W. McGarrigle — 1988

Harold Myers

EK-14, ORDER OF MERIT 1960

A Drexel University administrator who was pulled out of retirement to serve as interim president of the university in the late 1980s, Harold began his 50-year career with Drexel Institute of Technology as an instructor in 1938 after graduating with a bachelor's degree in commerce and engineering and included his service as interim president from 1987-88. Dr. Myers received the Alumni Association's A.J. Drexel Paul Award in 1988 and was inducted into The Drexel 100 in 1992 for his professional accomplishments, public service and philanthropic activities.

He was president of the Union League, the Boy Scouts' Philadelphia council, and Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, and served on the boards of the Franklin Institute and University City Science Center.

Frank Bockius

EK-300, ORDER OF MERIT 1978

A long time member of the Alumni Board, Frank Bockius won the Order of Merit in 1978.

He was instrumental in a successful fund raising campaign to purchase and renovate 3401 Powelton for Epsilon Kappa Zeta in 1966.

He is also the owner of the Bedminister Financial Group

Tom Murphy

EK-87, ORDER OF MERIT 1968

Tom Murphy was the president of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants in 1975-76 and was a member of the Catholic Hospital Association.

In 1968, his college fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, gave him its Order of Merit. On May 2, 2009, Mr. Murphy was one of 14 people inducted into the group known as the Drexel 100.

Each year Drexel honors a student with the Thomas Murphy, Jr. Memorial Award.

John McGarrigle

EK-635, ORDER OF MERIT 1988

John McGarrigle joined the Alumni Board in 1972 and served as Chairman for over 25 years. He was instrumental in returning the chapter to good standing in 1986 and 2006.

John also chaired a fund raising campaign in 2000-2002 which raised \$550,000.

He is a member of the Drexel Greek Alumni Association and former member of the Drexel Alumni Board of Governors.

He is also a current member of Drexel's Veterans Association and a member of the Drexel Alumni Ambassador Program.

HOUSING PROJECTS

As a result of our partnership with Drexel, we have been working very hard on improving the house and planning for the future. Over the past few years we have made the following improvements:

- Replaced the old oil furnace with a gas powered efficient heater which has reduced our costs and efficiently heated the house without the use of space heaters
- Repairs to sidewalks, front steps and the stone wall
- Landscaping, including re-sodding the grounds, building a barbecue patio, replacing scrubs and installing a sprinkler system
- Time activated lighting for the front of the house
- Side and rear safety lighting - motion detector activated
- Cleared drains in stairwells leading to the basement and installed a sump pump in the French-drain in front of house
- Performed 10 man days of upper roof maintenance
- Fixed/replaced numerous windows on first and second floor
- Foyer & structural repair on the first floor, including refurbishing wood flooring
- Repair/replace gutters and down spouts to control water damage
- Made an opportunistic purchase of freezers and refrigerators for use by the Brothers and for the commercial kitchen
- Installed insulation, a drop ceiling and lighting in Library
- Re-furnished house including chapter room and dining room furniture, library, TV, and Pool Room.
- Security system replacing keys with Drexel ID swipe card system

We are embarking on further repairs as follows:

- New floor in the Chapter Room
- Painting all common areas and hallways
- Sealing and painting of exterior woodwork (doors, windows, back porch) to repair leaks
- Fire escape refurbishing
- Replace shingle roof on lower back porch and repair/replace supporting woodwork
- Repair/replace woodwork & spindles throughout house
- Repair damaged flooring throughout the Chapter House
- Insulate and install a drop ceiling in the back porch area
- Install motion detector lighting in all common areas including basement stairs
- Repair all electrical outlets and switches

In January of this year, we hired a cleaning service to maintain the house. This service is being funded by undergraduate chapter dues. The house is being well maintained and the brotherhood's pride and care for the house has risen to the challenge. This puts us on par

with other fraternity houses that have had cleaning services for the past few years. We are also engaging a grounds maintenance firm to not only maintain the beautiful landscaping, but to provide trash and grounds cleaning as well. As students and the Greek community pass by the house they will take notice of the way the house looks. This all goes a long way in making Lambda Chi Alpha a fraternity that attracts higher quality young men.

We commissioned three studies to accomplish the following:

1. The first study was to design a concept for renovating the Carriage House for upper-class housing. This study was reviewed with the PVCA for their endorsement and the initial estimate priced the project at approximately \$1 million. Over the next few years, we will be fund a sinking fund for this project. If you are interested in taking a "lead funder" role please contact Chuck Persing.
2. The second study was commissioned to sure up the structural integrity of the Carriage House. As you may know, it has been deteriorating due to leaks in the roof and openings in the walls. Our plan is to repair/replace the roof, seal all window openings and pointing the outside walls. We will be going out to quote in the coming months for this project.
3. The third study was for the Lou Williams' Kitchen Project. This project will update the kitchen, remodel the laundry room and build a pantry. Yes, you heard right, Lou Williams he has agreed to return to Lambda Chi Alpha once the kitchen is completed. Lou is currently cooking at Pi Kappa Phi which provides our current meal service. We feel that an in-house meal plan provides an extra ability to rush and an opportunity to make a profit to fund operations.

Initial quotes priced this project at \$160,000. This estimate is based on bringing the kitchen up to code in a way that efficiently utilizes the space and enables us to have many options for services beyond normal meals. The study enabled us to get quotes on the following tasks:

- Rebuild the kitchen hood and fire suppression system, which was dismantled in 2006 as it was out of code
- Bring sinks, walls, flooring and plumbing up to code
- Replace kitchen appliances
- Build a new pantry
- Refurbish the laundry room

Over the last 5 years, alumni have contributed approximately \$91,000 to our construction fund, of which we have \$72,000 on hand (this will be deployed soon), and the chapter has spent \$341,000 since returning on repairs and furnishing the house and has reserves of approximately \$102,000 at June 30, 2014. The current project list will obviously cost substantially more than the balances in these two funds. The undergraduate operations provide a profit of about \$100,000 per year, after routine maintenance, which is also bring used to fund these projects.

Please see our Pledge Page to help fund these new and exciting projects that will ensure our Chapter House will remain a showplace for the next 75 years!

DONATIONS FOR THE FYE JUNE 30, 2009 TO 2014

On behalf of the Lambda Chi Alpha Epsilon-Kappa Zeta, we would like to thank all who have donated. We appreciate your continued support, and hope to see you at one of the upcoming Alumni-Undergrad events.

\$5,000 and above

Francis Dunleavy	Cal Parks	Charles Persing	Mark Stitz
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\$1,000 to \$4,999

William I. Bergman	Brian M. Doyle	Ben Kaplan	Bruce Stegman
Mark Brogan	William Fisher	George Montgomery	Ed Tappan
Wayne G. Campbell	Jim Giuffrida	Kyle Musal	Ron Vidal
Steve Cohen	George Glatts	Lewis E. Phillips	
James Crouthamel	Brian Gleason	Douglas Sensenig	
Steven Crutchfield	Ken Johnsen	Theodore T. Speedy	

\$500 to \$999

Richard C. Barbor	James C. Druecker	James P. McGoldrick	Michael Sheptak
Dennis M. Carr	Pat Gunshenan	John Rosecky	Andy Soltis
Jeffrey M. Dale	Craig Hidalgo	Richard Sasin	Richard A Swan
John Daniels	Albert M. Hill, Jr.	Kevin Schuster	Bill Watts
George M. Danko	James M. Lane	Phil Seufert	

Under \$500

Glen Arndt	Mark Fischer	Robert Lathlaen	Richard Russ
Larry G. Athens	Blair C. Forbes	Jason Lenox	Michael Casey Ryan
Jamal Atif	Jeff Fylstra	Donald L. Leonard	Dr. Richard Sasin
Philip Balas	Arthur Galletta	David Lewis	Louis Schlecker
Harold Barndt	Walter Gardiner	James Lewis	Richard R Schuyler
Taylor C. Bet	Robert G. Gazda	William H. Linton, Jr	Charles F. Schwender
John W. Braddock	Paul Geissler	Clarence D. Lutton, Jr.	John Shinskie Jr.
Donald Braun	Gale I. Giger	Louis S. Macknik	Raymond Siegel
Galen Breuninger	John C. Gilmore	Charles Marshall	Barry J. Skoras
Matthew S. Burkins	Kevin Gilmore	Joseph McAleer	Robert Snader
Matthew R. Cardillo	Todd Gross	Edward J. McCann	John W. Stout
James W. Carman	Douglas Guillen	John McGarrigle	Edward G. Tomlinson
Albert J. Chesavage	Douglas E. Haller	Sean McGarrigle	Thomas Trexler
Mike Cona	Gregory Hammer	Aaron P. Medeiros	Anthony F. Visco, Jr.
John Conaway	Ralph L. Holloway	Joseph A Miller	William T. Ward
Robert Cragg	Mark Issa	Kevin M. Miller	Nelson Wax
Gregory Davis	Robert O. Jarman	Ken Monoco	W. Richard Webster
Stephen Dean	Frank Johnson	Kevin F. Murphy	Gerald W. Wendrick
Scott Diamond	Paul W. Kaspar	W. Robert Niblock	J. Richard West
Henry C. Diener	Harold J. Kepler	Frank A Nibouar	John J. Whalen
Thomas S. Dix III	George V. King	Richard Park	Ken White
Robert H. Durian	Joseph G. Kopach	Robert Pennartz	Michael J. Witkowski
Todd Eisemann	Michael L. Koziel	Marc Plisko	David Young
Daniel J. Eline	William D. Kraft	Joseph Pullen	Frederick Zierle
Jack Falkenbach	Mike Krulikowski	Barry Rubenstein	Michael W. Zuvich

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA IS BRINGING BACK PLEDGES

DONATIONS THAT IS! MANY WAYS TO BECOME A PLEDGE

ALUMNI DUES - NON TAX DEDUCTABLE

Dues Pledge - I agree to send a check to "Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Association" for \$40.00 by September 30 of each year to fund alumni association events and programs

GENERAL RENOVATIONS - CONTRIBUTION TAX DEDUCTABLE

EK Pledge - I agree to send a check to "Drexel University, Restricted Lambda Chi Alpha" by December 31 of each year in the amount of my EK Number

Birthday Pledge - I agree to send a check to "Drexel University, Restricted Lambda Chi Alpha" on my birthday in the amount of my age

Brothers For Life Pledge - I agree to send a check to "Drexel University, Restricted Lambda Chi Alpha" by December 31 of each year in the amount of \$_____

LOU WILLIAMS' KITCHEN RENOVATION PROJECT - CONTRIBUTION TAX DEDUCTABLE

High Alpha Pledge - I agree to send a check to "Drexel University, Restricted Lambda Chi Alpha" by December 31 2014 in the amount of \$5,000 (Name - EK on plaque displayed in kitchen)

High Tau Pledge - I agree to send a check to "Drexel University, Restricted Lambda Chi Alpha" by December 31 2014 in the amount of \$2,500 (Name -EK on plaque displayed in kitchen)

Steward Pledge - I agree to send a check to "Drexel University, Restricted Lambda Chi Alpha" by December 31 2014 in the amount of \$1,000 (Name -EK on plaque displayed in kitchen)

Dishwasher Pledge - I agree to send a check to "Drexel University, Restricted Lambda Chi Alpha" by December 31 2014 in the amount of \$500 (Name -EK on plaque displayed in kitchen)

Patron Pledge - I agree to send a check to "Drexel University, Restricted Lambda Chi Alpha" by December 31 2014 in the amount of \$_____

EDUCATION INITIATIVE - CONTRIBUTION TAX DEDUCTABLE

Amounts to be used to pay for attendance costs (registration, transportation and hotel) at the annual Regional Conclave and General Assembly/Stead Leadership Seminar once for all Brothers who achieve GPA's equal to or higher than the IFC grade point average and are Brothers in good standing.

Education Pledge - I agree to send a check to "Drexel University, Restricted Lambda Chi Alpha" by March 31 of each year in the amount \$_____ to be used for funding the cost to send qualified Brothers to the annual conclave or leadership seminar.

To make a Pledge, please send this form and/or checks to Lambda Chi Alpha, c/o Charles "Beak" Persing at 55 Kinglet Drive South, Cranbury, NJ 08512

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

IF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION HAS CHANGED, OR IF YOU ARE FILLING OUT THE PLEDGE PAGE ON THE BACK, PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND MAIL IT TO:

*Lambda Chi Alpha, c/o Charles "Beak" Persing at
55 Kinglet Drive South, Cranbury, NJ 08512*

Name: _____

EK Number: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Comments: