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# The Escutcheon

Epsilon-Kappa Zeta's Newsletter



# LETTER FROM THE ACB

OUR REVERED CHAPTER ADVISOR SHARES HIS THOUGHTS AND AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE



Brothers,

I hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving and had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's celebration. I wanted to update you on the Chapter since the subject of my October 20th Letter to Alumni. Thirteen new members have associated, growing the Chapter's size to 44. Since recruitment, the Chapter has spent the fall term focused on internal development and member education. The Chapter will resume non-alcoholic socials in the winter term. I was thrilled to attend Omar's First Annual Thanksgiving Feast the weekend before the holiday. The buffet line was in the Chapter Room and a long dining table was setup from the far end of the Dining Room and stretched through the foyer. The members returned from Thanksgiving break for the Fall Educational Leadership Consultant visit with Alex Martens. The Chapter continues to achieve all 11 Operating Standards, one of only three chapters in Alex's approximately 30 chapter region. The Chapter also elected Will Pendergast as High Alpha Elect, taking office in spring 2018. Will will (pun intended) be attending the General Fraternity's January High Alpha Summit in Carmel, Indiana near Headquarters.

This reminds me that your donations to "Drexel, restricted to Lambda Chi Alpha Leadership Account" will help subsidize sending our members to the Summits, Stead Leadership Seminars and General Assemblies.

I would like to thank the alumni brothers that are serving with me on the Alumni Control Board; Nik Bournelis, Galen Breuninger, Steve Cohen, Dom DiGioia, Mike Elmer, Tom Hungerford, Matt Mazur and Keegan McHose. I also thank Chuck Persing for his help with the finances. If anyone would like to discuss advising opportunities, either local or remotely, please contact me at [markstitz@comcast.net](mailto:markstitz@comcast.net). I wish you and yours a healthy and successful 2018.

Yours in ZAX,

Mark Stitz  
High Pi & Alumni Control Board (ACB) Chairman

## ALUMNI OFFICERS

### Housing Board:

*Chairman:*  
Steve Cohen

*Treasurer:*  
Vacant

*House Manager:*  
Dennis Carr

*Directors:*  
Nik Bournelis  
Michael Elmer  
Ken Johnsen  
Theo Speedy  
Bobby Syperreck

### Alumni Control Board:

*Chairman:*  
Mark Stitz

*Members:*  
Nik Bournelis  
Galen Breuninger  
Steve Cohen  
Dom DiGioia  
Michael Elmer  
Tom Hungerford  
Matthew Mazur  
Keegan McHose

### Alumni Association:

*President:*  
Michael Elmer

*Secretary:*  
Chris Wozunk

*Treasurer:*  
Dom DiGioia

*Board Members:*  
Nik Bournelis  
John Delaney  
Ken Johnsen  
Ned Miller  
Chris Ozgar  
Andrew Villa



# STATE OF THE CHAPTER

OUR ESTEEMED UNDERGRADUATE PRESIDENT RECOUNTS THE RECENT SUCCESSES



Brothers,

It was only at the beginning of the term that I was appointed the position of High Alpha, and I can already see the Chapter growing and developing since then. If you keep up to date with chapter news, you are already aware that we encountered a few issues over the past year that led to a membership review over the summer. After our senior class graduated and a handful of members were removed or left by choice, we were entering the Fall term with a chapter of 30 members and an appointed, rather than elected, Zeta. This

did not sway our resolve though! Those who remain are only the truly dedicated Brothers who want to help us recover and rebuild.

The Brothers have pushed onward with high hopes and we rushed an Associate Member class of 13, bringing our total roster up to 43. Throughout the Fall, we have been primarily focused on rebuilding our core and strengthening our brotherly bonds through events such as our Brotherhood Friendsgiving, organized by our High Beta, Brother Omar Hayatt. At this event, we had all the members gather at the house and celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with three turkeys and a multitude of sides and goodies cooked by various members. Seeing that display of brotherhood made me proud to be the President of this chapter. Our GPA among IFC is currently ranked 5th for the term at an outstanding 3.41, and 4th for cumulative at 3.33. As always, our GPAs also far exceeded the All Men's Average at Drexel of 3.18 for the term and 3.27 for fraternities. As we push forward in our never-ending effort to strive for greatness, I see a bright future for our chapter in the shining faces of the young members who will soon grab the reigns and guide us into the next era of Lambda Chi Alpha, EKZ.

Yours in ZAX,

Connor Fink  
EK 1572  
High Alpha

## [UNDERGRADUATE OFFICERS]

High Alpha, President  
Connor Fink

High Beta, Internal VP  
Omar Hayatt

High Theta, External VP  
James Tracy

High Gamma, Secretary  
Anthony Cotignola

High Tau, Treasurer  
Will Pendergast

High Iota, Risk Manager  
Kevin Begaj

High Rho, Alumni Relations  
Nima Eskandary

High Kappa, Fraternity Educator  
Frank Cullen

High Delta, Recruitment Chair  
Aengus Walker

High Phi, Ritualist  
Gabe LeVee

High Sigma, Scholastic Chair  
Ted Lewis

High Epsilon, Social Chair  
Dave Fishkind

Standards Chairman  
Ian Lempitsky

House Manager  
Scott Matsutsuyu

Athletics Chairman  
Mike Kelly

Technology Chairman  
Keefer Bibby

Inner Circle Steward  
Chris Kwockza

# PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE



Throughout this past fall term, Lambda Chi, both alumni and undergraduate, have striven not only to improve ourselves, but also Greek life as a whole, our local community, the city of Philadelphia, and even our own hometown communities.

The undergraduates woke up early on a Sunday to volunteer at the Jack Daniel's Hot Toddy 5K (picture below), doing anything

from helping with registration, working at water stations, distributing food, and simply willing to provide help whenever needed.

On the philanthropy side, Lambda Chi strives to participate and show our support in all other organizations' events. The undergraduates participated in Alpha Sig's Dodge your ASA off (picture above), supporting Girls on the Run.



*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."*

-Mahatma Gandhi





# Alumni Continue to Answer the Call to Service



On December 14, 2017 Drexel hosted their 44th Annual Turkey Drive. The event was a great success, distributing approximately 1,400 turkeys.

Brothers Michael Elmer, Dave Miscavage, Chuck Persing, Kyle Musal, and Theo Speedy attended the event, continuing Lambda Chi's many years of devoted support of the Turkey Drive.

Brother Dan Quinn volunteered at this year's Preston and Steve Camp Out for Hunger, supporting Philabundance. The week-long initiative collected over 839 tons of food!





# Brotherhood Thanksgiving Feast



Brotherhood events are important for creating strong bonds inside a chapter, and this past fall EKZ hosted an event in American tradition, a Brotherhood Thanksgiving Feast! At college we are used to having simple meals, such as ramen, and then eating in solitude. I wanted to do something to switch that up, and bring the Brotherhood together.

The event started even before the feast. Coming up with a list of food items showcased member's culinary knowledge. With a list complete, we went down to the local grocery store trying to find the biggest turkeys and the freshest ingredients. It was fun going from aisle to aisle looking for items that would create a meal from scratch.

Defrosting the turkeys was very humorous. We had 5 members using blow dryers to get rid of the ice on the three 27-pound turkeys we had bought. We had all members of the Chapter helping out to cook dishes from stuffing to turkey pasta. It was a lot of food to be cooked, and the members did their part. For a first time in a while, the atmosphere was filled with joy and laughter. One by one, the dishes were done, and we began setting the tables. We started placing each food item on our very long feast table. When it was finally time to eat, we had three beautiful turkeys as center pieces. A tradition was started where the Hight Alpha would start the dinner by carving the turkey (in this case, the present and previous Alpha, due to the numerous number of turkeys.) This event had the most attendance in years, bringing everyone together.

This event made me proud to be High Beta. The house was alive with conversation. Thanksgiving is really fun with family, but to be a family is what brotherhood strives for. We might not be related by blood, but it doesn't mean we cannot be close as if we were. Alumni and AMs were a part of this wonderful experience, because brotherhood does not discriminate in age or time; it is for life.

Thank you, in ZAX,

Omar Hayatt, EK 1588  
High Beta





# LAMBDA CHI STRONG



Brother Kirpal Kochar ran the Philadelphia Half Marathon!



Brother Anand Patel ran the Rocky Run!



Brother Dan Sager ran the Philadelphia Marathon!!



Brothers Adam Lynn and Michael Elmer ran the Baltimore Half Marathon!



Brothers Declan and Jason ran the Philadelphia Half Marathon!



Brother Connor Fink ran the Freedom Fighter's Half Marathon!

If you want to be featured in our new Lambda Chi STRONG section, please email [ekzalumniassociation@gmail.com](mailto:ekzalumniassociation@gmail.com) with a picture and a description of your phenomenal accomplishment!



# Welcome our Newest Alumni Brothers: Class of 2017

EK 1534 Brennan Connelly, BS Architectural Engineering  
EK 1535 Dalton Eggles, BS Mechanical Engineering  
EK 1536 Daniel Finnegan, BS Biomedical Engineering  
EK 1537 Andrew Garber, BS Mechanical Engineering  
EK 1539 Joshua Hrynda, BS Construction Management  
EK 1540 Chad Mehmel, BS Mechanical Engineering  
EK 1543 Zachary Reiziss, BS Mechanical Engineering  
EK 1544 Phillip Ryan, BS Computer Science  
EK 1545 Michael Volpe, BS Civil Engineering  
EK 1549 Anand Patel, BS Computer Engineering  
EK 1551 Zachary Tomlinson, BS Sports Management  
EK 1552 Andrew Villa, BS/MS Electrical and Computer Engineering  
EK 1553 Alexander Yang, BS Information Technology  
EK 1556 John Delaney III, BS Business Law  
EK 1557 Trey Harper, BS Computer Engineering  
EK 1558 Nobel Heard, BS Accounting, Legal Studies, and International Business  
EK 1562 Nicholas Kilkenny, BS Psychology  
EK 1565 Ned Miller, Civil Engineering  
EK 1567 Christopher Ozgar, BS Information Technology / MS Cybersecurity  
EK 1568 Daniel Sager, BS/MS Mechanical Engineering  
EK 1573 Cameron Petersen, BS Geological and Earth Sciences / Geosciences  
EK 1574 Allan Xu, BS Business Marketing and Legal Studies  
EK 1548 Vincent Laudicina, BS Business Administration and Finance



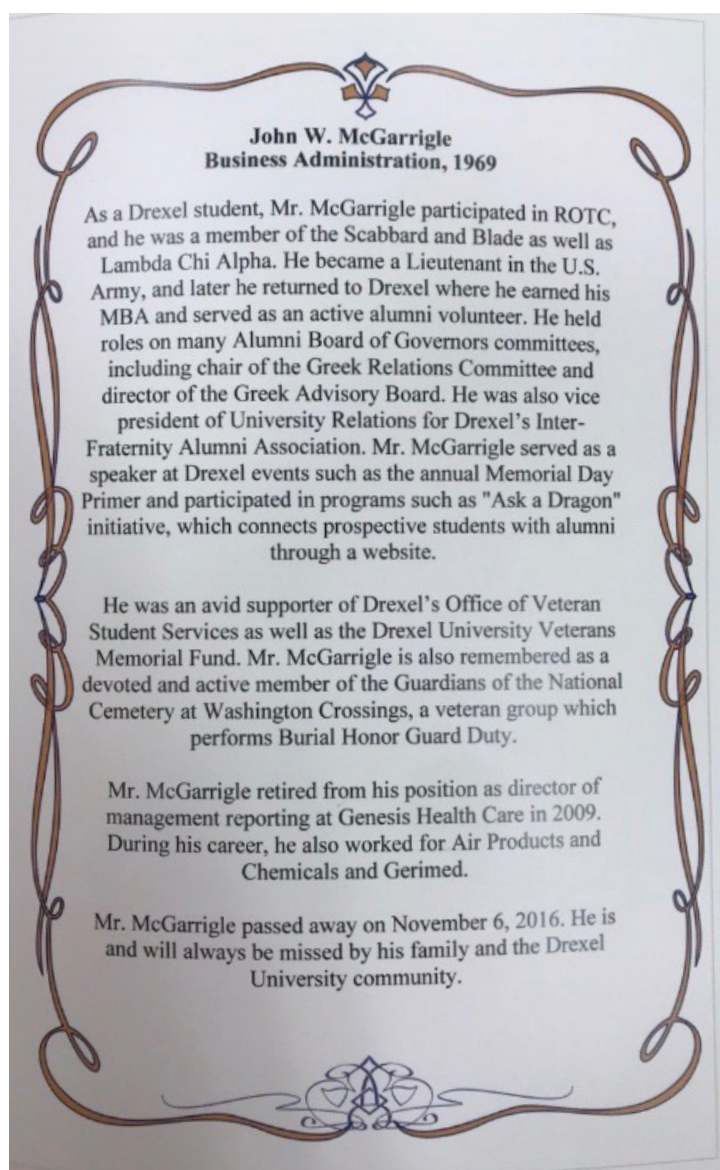


# Drexel ROTC Hall of Fame Induction of John McGarrigle

On November 9th, John W. McGarrigle EK 635 was posthumously inducted into the Drexel ROTC Hall of Fame. His son, Sean McGarrigle EK 1349, was present to accept the award and speak on his behalf.

John may have passed away, but his legacy lives on.

As we all know, John was very instrumental in Lambda Chi, but as you can see he was also very involved in the ROTC program and Veterans Affairs. He left the mark of a great role model and strong leader and we can all proudly celebrate and honor his life and achievements along with his family, the Drexel ROTC program, and the Drexel community as a whole.







# Annual Alumni Softball Game

On August 26th, the alumni played a friendly but competitive game of softball against one another. The game was held in Fairmount Park on a beautiful, nice cool summer day.

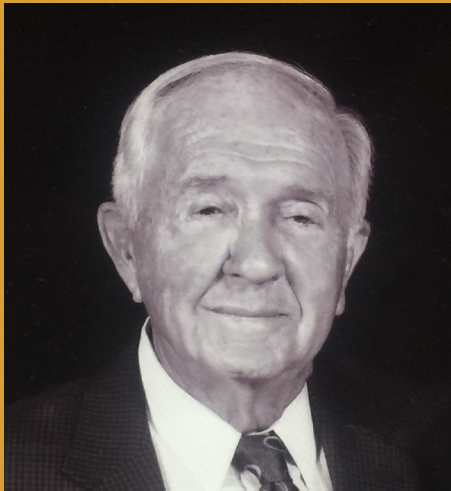
At least 15 alumni were in attendance, with EKs ranging from Dennis Carr EK 1017 to Chris Ozgar EK 1567!

The game was fun and exciting for all who participated! Each left looking forward to next year.

Start practicing for next year, as we hope to add some new faces to the mix.







## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### BILL BERGMAN

Bill Bergman, EK 274, graduated from Drexel in 1954 from the College of Business Administration. His Fraternity Life as a Lambda Chi began as a freshman at the 3507 Baring St house in 1949. He served as Rush Chair, Treasurer, and High Alpha. He expressed how the Fraternity provided him with a wonderful experience in leadership, consensus building, persistence, and the importance of the bond of brotherhood.

Bill's Drexel experience was a pivotal point in his life. At Drexel is where Bill met his wife of 61 years, Donna, a Tri-Sig, and where he landed his first co-op job that led to a career of forty years with RVI, which became part of P&G in 1985. Bill retired in 1990 as President of Richardson-Vicks and a P&G Vice-President.

His business experiences led him through all parts of the business spectrum, ranging from accounting and finance, to marketing, and then general management, which included assignments in Philadelphia, New York, Paris, and lastly in Connecticut, the RVI headquarters. The experiences were varied and many, all making him appreciate how important his time at Drexel was.

He and his wife finally settled fulltime in their vacation state of Arizona, but will always consider themselves as easterners. Their four children and nine grandchildren continue to keep them busy.

Bill can be contacted at [dkbwib@aol.com](mailto:dkbwib@aol.com)

## Alumni Association Financial Report

as of June 30, 2017

Cash	\$23,931.26
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$23,931.26</b>
Equity	
Transfer from House Corp	\$23,163.98
Net Income	\$767.28
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$23,931.26</b>

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## House Corporation Financial Report

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2017		Profit & Loss, FYE June 30, 2017	
Cash	\$122,159	Chapter House operations (net)	\$232,113
Drexel renovation account	\$155,372	Contributions	\$11,743
Drexel operating account (net)	\$206,249	Interest	\$549
Restricted cash	\$13,826		
Deposits and Reserve Fund	\$22,074	<b>Income</b>	<b>\$244,405</b>
Receivables and Pre-Paid	\$11,709		
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$531,389</b>	Donations	\$1,485
Deposits	\$7,700	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$242,920</b>
Reserve fund	\$16,136		
Total liabilities	\$23,836		
Equity	\$507,553		
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$531,389</b>		

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## How Much to Donate

Many of you may not know how much is appropriate and then decide not to make a contribution. No amount is too small; what you can give is appropriate. We have three levels of dues in addition to the larger donations through Drexel. We request that each brother consider one of them as follows:

### Alumni Association:

Base Dues level	\$50
Anniversary Dues level	\$76, will go up each year by \$1.
Young Alumni Dues level	\$25, graduated 2014-2017

### House Corporation:

Donations through Drexel	\$200 and up
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If all brothers donated, the Alumni Association could fund a great annual program including education/scholarships and events, and the House Corporation could fund necessary repairs/upgrades to the house.



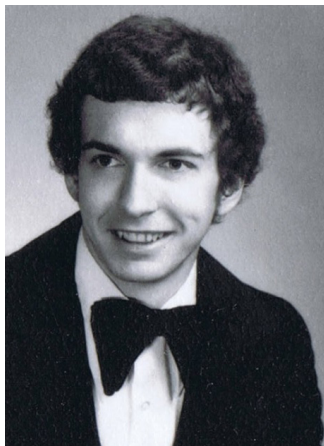
## Funds Contributed Through Drexel

When you donate to Drexel - restricted to Lambda Chi Alpha, your donation will be counted as a donation to Drexel. Your donation will be directed 100% to Epsilon-Kappa Zeta to fund repairs, renovations, and educational programming.

Since we returned to campus, we manage the fraternity house under an agreement with Drexel which requires us to contract our major repairs with Drexel approved vendors. Funds contributed through Drexel:

- a. Provide you a tax deduction
- b. Gives you credit with Drexel for donation,
  - i. Drexel counts this donation as a donation made directly to Drexel.
- c. Fund educational and capital projects.

If you have not donated lately we would much appreciate your participation!



**Brothers we remember. God bless them and their families.**

**Joseph Tribendis  
EK 843**

**Help us find Brothers we lost contact with. Please send us their email or mailing address.**

Full Name	EK #	Full Name	EK #	Full Name	EK #	Full Name	EK #
John Drumheller	105	James Thomas Young	382	Robert Smith	533	James Cabo	937
Joseph Murray	279	Edek Garbolewski	395	James Robson	561	Charles A. Schwabe	990
Michael Campbell	301	John B. Mullins	420	Albert Gaydos	608	Christopher Swan	1211
William F. Foran	304	Robert White	442	George Wagner	616	Michael Patrick O'Donnell	1338
Gilbert Alan Scott	305	Thomas Henry Gryzewski	457	Robert Barrett	678	Shane Malia	1448
Dr. Joseph F. Dienst	332	Gordon J. Kibbee	460	Edward Brucia	689		
Karl N. Schauer	357	David MacDonald	461	L. R. Fidler	701		
William Steele	362	William Prescott	465	Paul Walker	886		
Eugene John Brown	370	Michael Badders	518	David Podolsky	892		

### Announcements

Congratulations to the following Brothers for getting married!

Lou and Katie Schlecker  
Thomas and Devyn McGrew  
Kyle and Kayla Musal  
Christopher and Rita Wozunk  
Thomas and Kelcie Neff

Joe Hosey is participating in a donation of PS2 games and DVDs to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He wanted to share to see if anyone else wanted to contribute.

If interested please reach out to Joe at 215-290-2879 or [jtjhosey@gmail.com](mailto:jtjhosey@gmail.com).





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**Save the Date!**

**Drexel vs UNCW Men's Basketball Game on February 24, 2018**