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Alumni Association Update

By Alumni Association President – Jeff Nelson

Thank you all so much for answering the call to support our academic chapter members and the upkeep of our chapter house. Last spring, we embarked upon a very challenging goal of raising \$250K by end of calendar year 2014; to date, we've seen 66 of our alumni brothers answer the call through 102 unique donations, \$400 on average (some as little as \$50, some as large as \$2500) totaling \$40.1K. Also, Brother Duane Littlejohn has pledged \$10K personally and is working the mechanics of this significant donation with the House Corporation treasurer, Jim Schnack. We can't thank each and every one of our gracious sustaining members enough for your generosity!

The donated funds have been used to pay down the House Corporation's outstanding debt (carry over from flood, furnaces and recent bathroom remodeling) from ~\$135K to ~\$125K, with more down payments planned for the near future. Also, the donated funds have enabled fixing of many issues that our aging house had been suffering from. And, we have been able to build a more conservative reserve account savings fund with these donations.

We are ~16% of the way to our goal right now. We have a ways to go, and we may not meet the goal by the end of this calendar year. But, we will not give up. We will reach this goal, gentlemen. We ask that you continue to consider providing financial support, as you're able, wherever you are in your personal financial situation. All donations are important and help us reach our goal.

Some brothers have also been donating to the Lambda Chi Alpha Scholarship Fund maintained by the UND Alumni Association; which is managed by the chapter.

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This is another great way of supporting our chapter (and this, unlike regular donations, is tax-deductible) – thank you to those of you who have donated to scholarships. I urge all of you to also consider supporting this effort as well.

The main Alumni Association sponsored event this spring was the hockey weekend and it was a success. Please see Daryl's article on page 6 for more info. Parents and Founders Day formal is also just around the corner at the time of this writing. We have events planned for this summer including the inaugural Minneapolis golf tournament event and fundraiser in July and the back to school work weekend in August. In the fall, we will have homecoming weekend October 10–12 and fall ritual mid to late November. Watch for details of these events to follow.

Lastly, we continue to need more involvement, by our alumni brothers, and ask that you consider volunteering and getting involved. Any questions can be directed to me at email nelsonhq@cableone.net or voice phone 701.793.2385; please consider becoming a member of the Alumni Association.

House Corporation Update

By House Corp President – Kevin Till

At the end of last year Tom Anderson developed macular degeneration in his other eye (he already had it in one eye). Understandably, it is now very hard for Tom to see up-close – especially with emails, websites, etc. As such Tom decided to step down from the House Corporation President role but remain as active as possible on the House Corporation as a director. I have volunteered to fill this role for the foreseeable future and therefore I am happy to be writing to you as the new House Corporation President.

Our house at 515 Harvard St. continues to be a work in progress and is headed in the right direction in so many ways. Since Tom wrote you in the last EZ Reader, there have been a number of accomplishments. On the bathroom remodeling effort, there were a few loose ends from the work done last fall that have been completed such as additional cabinet and drawer work, trim work, CVT repair, etc. Also, we are in the process of replacing the doors and door hardware for both bathrooms and installing soap and paper towel dispensers. Those that have seen the bathrooms, especially this spring since the final touches have been put on, I believe, can definitely attest to their now impressive state!

For many years the coin op laundry equipment at the house had been owned and operated by a 3rd party. These machines had recently started to have functional issues and the company that owned them was not providing adequate service. This spring, the academic chapter and the House Corporation decided to split the cost of purchasing our own sets of basic, reliable washers and driers (with extended warranty plans). We also had a new laundry sink installed. Additionally, the academic chapter cleaned and organized the laundry room and repainted the walls. The laundry room looks the best that I have ever seen it (at least in the last 12 years)!



Upgraded laundry room

Also, a few thousand dollars' worth of overdue, miscellaneous maintenance and repair items have been completed this spring including one furnace blower, various plumbing, various electrical and kitchen equipment (oven, sanitizer), etc.

The rest of the required furnace repairs are still in progress and we are targeting completing this during the warmer months. Also, we are still in process with the water leakage problems in the basement white room and the needed foundation repair near the furnace intake area nearest the front door.

There are many other items on the to-do list, and we are trying to prioritize them as best we can. This list includes kitchen basic functionality to support a cook and full meal plan restarting next fall, bottom hallway to basement and back door staircases (North and South side) stair treads, dorm room maintenance/repairs/prep for further doubling up to support increasing live-in occupancy, etc.

Overall, our physical chapter house is in pretty good shape and continues to improve each semester! Big thanks to all of those who have donated time and treasure to help support this worthy cause. Chalepa Ta Kala.

Fundraising Status

Epsilon-Zeta is presently in need of financial assistance from our gracious alumni to keep the dream alive at 515 Harvard St. Specifically, at present we are raising funds for: on-going maintenance and bringing chapter house up to date after many years of use and deterioration, paying down outstanding debts (late '90's flood repairs – furnaces, recent bathroom remodeling) and scholarships. The Alumni Association has set a goal of raising \$250k by the end of 2014 to propel our chapter to new heights in the coming years and ensure our long-term success. 2013 and 2014 YTD fundraising is at ~\$40.1k as of this writing. Find out how to donate here: www.ndlxa.org/documents/donate.html. Thank you so much to our gracious alumni who have donated thus far!!! We can't thank you enough. Here are the donation recognition levels 2013 and 2014 YTD:



Fundraising status graphic

Black (\$100–\$299)	Denis Politano	Allen Olson	Robert P Johnson
Tom Anderson	Mike Purrington	Tom Olson	Rick Boyd Lafleur
Bruce Bartl	Pat Thibert	Ray Parks	Jack Marcil
Dean Berger	Gregory W. Tschider	Dan Ruebke	William Marcil
Dean Brown	Norman Vietz	Glenn Schumacher	Kevin Mell
Mark Doctor	Earl Webber	TJ Serr	Gary Banker Nelson
Robert Dunbar	Owen Webster	Keith Sethen	Brian Pedersen
John Gezelius	Rodney Wilson	Ron Sitzler	Terrance Severson
Raymond Herman	Carl L Wysocki	RD Slotsve	Gerald W. Vandewalle
Marvin Hodny		Kevin Till	Tom Wade
Darold Johnson	Purple (\$300–\$999)	A.R. Timm	David Wright
MD Johnson	Dave Arneson	Jeffrey Ulness	Jason Ziemer
Nathan Kenner	RJ Graveline	Sam Vaagan	
Dennis Kost	Jody Gunlock		Gold (\$3,000–\$9,999)
Jason Lancot	Dave Hillesland	Green (\$1,000–\$2,999)	Garrett Mills
Andrew Lendway	Brian Horvath	Loren Anderson	Randy Ritterman
Joseph J Mastascusa	Kenneth Johnson	Daryl Evenson	
Gary McFarlen	Jeff Nelson	Eugene Fuchs	White (\$10,000+)
Mark Monette	Lauren Nelson	Bruce Heen	Duane Littlejohn (pledged)

I'M A LAMBDA CHI BECAUSE I NEEDED A HOME AWAY FROM HOME + BECAUSE NOTHING IN THE WORLD CAN BE COMPARED TO THE FEELING OF BEING SURROUNDED BY LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE + BECAUSE THEY HELD ME ACCOUNTABLE FOR MY ACTIONS + BECAUSE IT'S MY LEGACY + BECAUSE HELPING OTHERS IS IMPORTANT TO ME + BECAUSE I'M STRONGER ON A TEAM THAN AS AN INDIVIDUAL + BECAUSE I WANTED TO HAVE THE TIME OF MY LIFE IN COLLEGE.

I'M A LAMBDA CHI BECAUSE VALUES ARE IMPORTANT TO ME.

Upcoming Alumni Events

- Summer Golf Tournament Event and Fundraiser – July 19th (see page 7 for more details)
- Back-to-School Work Weekend – August 15th–17th
- Homecoming – October 6th – 11th
- Fall Ritual – TBD (usually mid to late November)
- More info here: www.ndlxa.org/documents/upcomingeventsalumni.html

Officer Installation Ceremony Recap

On January 19th, our new High Pi, Randy Ritterman, conducted the Officer Installation Ceremony for the newly elected academic chapter officers. Before the ceremony, Randy cooked a formal meal for the academic chapter members – which was said to be very delicious. After the ceremony, a fireside was held to empower the brotherhood and launch the new officers towards success in their endeavors.

The new officers are: Alpha – Dan Frank, Beta – Hunter Halonen, Theta – Shane Schuster, Gamma – Zachary Skorczewski, Tau – Sawyer Falcon, Iota – Paul Carlson, Kappa – Vinny Herelle, Delta – Jordan Vinger, Phi – John Mitzel, Sigma – Joe Price, Epsilon – Kyle Perry, and Rho – Jimmy Vejr.

As taken from the Officer Installation Ceremony:

The exalted stations to which these men have been raised by the chapter's will and choice involve great responsibilities, and the manner in which they carry out the duties entrusted to them will determine whether this chapter will flourish or fade into insignificance.



High Pi and new academic chapter officers

Academic Chapter Update

By High Alpha – Dan Frank

I don't know if I can describe the amount of positive progress our chapter has made the past year in just a small article. The semester began with anticipation for the renovations of the bathrooms. The renovation would not have been possible without your support! It's the best feeling being able to show off our bathrooms during house tours rather than cringing to the reaction of guests seeing the old bathrooms. The academic chapter cannot thank you more for the support and hard work that has been donated to provide us with the bathrooms.

The academic chapter consists of 44 brothers. That number is in thanks to such a successful fall rush! Epsilon-Zeta also had two Brothers from the University of Nevada and a Brother from the University of Central Florida transfer to UND and to our chapter. These three members had new ideas for recruitment and were a big part to the successful fall rush.

Academics have taken on a renewed focus this past semester. We went from second-to-last on the spring Fraternity academic report to second best on the fall Fraternity academic report. Brother David DuSchane can be thanked for his diligent work to draft such an efficient academic policy. Our chapter's academic success was so highly rated by the Greek community that multiple other Fraternities and Sororities requested copies of our policy. The academic policy gave the chapter direction academically but the hard work and long nights studying by our brothers is what led to our academic success this past fall and that must be recognized.

Brother Ross Lien was deployed to Afghanistan in February and will return home in November. Brother Lien is serving with the North Dakota Army National Guard. This was a hard blow for us all but his absence is only making us work harder to make sure when he arrives home there are twenty-five plus new faces and a better looking house than when he left!

Graduating Seniors

This Spring/Summer there is one member of our bond who is graduating and moving proudly from the academic chapter realm into alumni status. Brother Alex Chaput, EZZ 1098, is graduating in August with a degree in Psychology, and a minor in Biology. He is from Hallock, Minnesota. Brother Chaput has applied for a pilot spot with the US Air Force. If he does not get the spot, he will apply to grad school for clinical psychology at UND.



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May you cherish the lessons you have learned in Lambda Chi Alpha and use them to build strong foundations for your future life, knowing, that by doing so, you remain a true Brother of Zeta Alpha Chi. To denote your new alumni status we use a symbolic collar trimmed in gold. Suspended from the collar is a pendant bearing the Cross and Crescent emblem. The white collar represents the purity of brotherly love, while the gold trim symbolizes our steadfast loyalty to Lambda Chi Alpha. In the center of the pendant is the Cross and Crescent emblem, the symbol of this ceremony. It serves to remind us that high ideals are nothing more than hollow platitudes if not transformed into good works. For John Mason, the Cross and Crescent was one of our most important symbols, as evidenced by his placement of it at the very apex of our coat-of-arms and directly beneath the open motto, Per Crucem Crescens. Let the Cross and Crescent symbol be a constant source of inspiration, leading you, in Mason's words, to "turn ideals into action." As you venture forth, you must continue implementing the teachings of Lambda Chi Alpha in your daily life...in the hours, days, weeks, and years ahead...in thought, in word, and in deed. Congratulations on your graduation and welcome to your new role as an alumni brother of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Fall 2013 Academic All-Stars

A new tradition has been started at Epsilon-Zeta. In January at the officer installation ceremony, High Pi Randy Ritterman awarded 12 of the academic chapter members with the prestigious academic all-stars t-shirts for their Fall 2013 academic performance. Each of these academic chapter members achieved a semester GPA of at least 3.50.

The t-shirts were designed and donated by brothers Randy Ritterman and Kevin Till and brothers Ray Parks, Brian Horvath, Jeff Nelson, Aaron Roberts, Jody Gunlock and Brent Skjerseth donated to the cause as well which provided almost \$500 in extra funds for the House Corporation.



Fall 2013 Academic All-Stars

Good work gentlemen!

Hockey Weekend Recap

By Daryl Evenson

Over March 7th–9th, the Alumni Association, held the annual Alumni Hockey weekend at the chapter house. This event was designed to be a “scaled down” version of the 2013 event, with an emphasis on time for “mini-reunions” to take place within the overall event and then just time to socialize with alumni and academic chapter members together. That’s just how it played out...a group of early EZ 600’s set up camp at Darcy’s Café and I know a group of EZ 900s–1000’s set up camp downtown at Joe Blacks.

This made for a very quiet house around 2:30 Saturday afternoon...I had no solid headcount for the meal, so we just “winged it”. By 4 pm, the dining room was full of probably 25 alumni and 25 academic chapter members. Kevin Till greeted the crowd and gave an update from the House Corporation. Randy Ritterman gave an update as High Pi. Dan Frank, High Alpha, gave an update on the status of the academic chapter. We had some unsold tickets to the evening’s hockey game versus Western Michigan, and it was decided that we would give those tickets to the academic chapter members.

As it turned out, everyone who wished to go, got a ticket. The Red Pepper and Poppalino’s catered the grinders and pizza...the grinders tasted exactly the same as if we were eating them at the original University Avenue site. We had just enough food to have “seconds” after the game was over. A free will offering was held and even though we gave away 20 tickets, the total raised from food, beverages and hockey tickets was about \$300 after expenses.

Although this event was smaller than last years, it was successful...all those who took part had an enjoyable time and over \$16,000 in donations was pledged. It was great to see the bathrooms repaired...it was fun to meet and visit with alumni brothers from different decades, and it was great to learn about the resurgence of our chapter on the UND campus. There are some fine young men in the brotherhood now and they are being led by some outstanding officers. As alumni, I hope that we will support the House Corporation so we can assist them and continue to make needed repairs and improvements to the house itself.



Alumni and academic chapter members at Hockey Weekend

High Pi Update

By High Pi – Randy Ritterman

The Lambda Chi Alpha's primary alumni advisor is the High Pi. The brother that fills this role is voted on and approved by the Executive Committee, affirmed by Chapter vote and officially appointed by the General Fraternity. The office requires keen insight and pragmatism, as well as an impartial and deliberate perspective on chapter affairs.

It is the responsibility of the High Pi to be familiar with all aspects of a situation before acting, and then be candid yet diplomatic when providing advice. In order to be familiar with the workings of the chapter the High Pi is expected to build a strong relationship with the chapter officers, academic chapter members and alumni by attending Executive Committee meetings, academic chapter functions and meetings as well as alumni meetings.

All steps have been completed for me to assume the role of High Pi for the Epsilon-Zeta Chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha at the University of North Dakota. The interesting aspect of this appointment is that I live in Minneapolis – roughly a five hour drive from Grand Forks. This distance has not diminished the effectiveness of my office thanks to the technological advances of the 21st century; the Executive Committee, academic chapter members and alumni have made excellent use of social media such as Facebook, FaceTime, Skype, texting and cell phone calls. In fact, I was even able to join the March 31 Executive Committee meeting remotely from Aruba using Apple FaceTime! In addition I have been able to attend many of the major chapter events in person – Officer Installation, Member Initiation, Alumni Activities, Parent and Founders Day, etc.

The idea of a remote High Pi is relatively new to Lambda Chi Alpha but with the support and innovativeness of the academic chapter and alumni, we will make this a successful example for other chapters to build upon.

Summer Golf Tournament Event and Fundraiser

Saturday, July 19th join your academic chapter and alumni brothers in St. Paul for the Inaugural Epsilon-Zeta golf tournament event and fundraiser. For more details and for registration, please see flier on this page and also visit www.ndlxa.org/documents/golf_form.html. This is destined to be a great time! Hope to see you there!

Date & Time
Saturday
July 19, 2014
11:30 AM

Location
Como Golf Course
1431 N. Lexington Pkwy
St. Paul, MN 55103

Entry Fees
\$75 Per Player by July 4th
Includes Lunch, Golf, & Cart
\$40 for Event Polo

Format
4 Man Scramble
All Skill Levels

Reception
Brother Ritterman's Home
Following Event
Details on Course

Registration
www.ndlxa.org
Alumni Page
Due July 4

Sponsorships
Brotherhood Sponsor \$1000
Entry for One Team & 4 Polos
Recognition in Event Program,
on Website, and at Reception

Associate Sponsor \$500
Entry for Two Players with Polos
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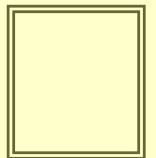
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High Rho Closing Comments

By High Rho - Jimmy Vejr

On behalf of the academic chapter and myself, words cannot describe how excited we are as a chapter and how ecstatic I am to have taken on the office of High Rho. Being the High Rho is a great position because I am able to interact with the great alumni that we have across the country. It's been an honor to work with our newly elected High Pi, Randy Ritterman, as well as Daryl Evenson and Kevin Till for the hockey event. Officer installation was also a highlight of the semester and a debt of gratitude is owed to both Randy Ritterman as well as Jeff Nelson who helped with and attended the installation. I am looking forward to working closely with as many alumni as I can to continue growing the support base. I'm very excited for the next semester and I know being High Rho will be a highlight of the next chapter of my life. We are all excited for what the next semester has in store for us and we wouldn't be able to be in the position we are in today without the help of all the amazing alumni support. We owe everyone who has donated money and/or their time to supporting the house a debt of gratitude. We all know that some may not be able to donate money but your time and donations and roles as alumni are still greatly appreciated!!

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