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## Opening Comments from the

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Greetings Brothers, friends, and family,  
Thanks for taking the time to read this edition of the EZ Reader. We have good news to share from the active chapter and the alumni side and hope you will enjoy the updates.

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## Academic Chapter Update

By High Alpha - Mason Diehl

Greetings Brothers,

As the holiday season is upon us and the year comes to an end so do the duties of our current High Zeta officers. Now is good of a time as any to reflect on the success and failures that our chapter has had over the last year and celebrate our great brotherhood. The overall goal of any High Zeta administration is to ensure that they left the chapter better than they first found it, which I can proudly say has been achieved over the last year. To be able to gauge our success and failures I'll lay the groundwork for what goals and mindsets I set at the beginning of the year for our chapter and High Zeta officers. Overall, we wanted to maintain the current upward trend that EZZ has had in the last decade. The active chapter has heard me say and I will continue to repeat it, is that we do not have to reinvent the wheel when it comes to how we operate our fraternity. The adaptive business model we have used works. Rather than drastically change things I wanted my officers to focus on solidifying the traditions and ideals that were instilled upon us when we first joined as associates. A headstrong mindset that draws out hard work, passion and accountable men in order to maintain the ideology that started our chapter's successes long ago.

Now just because we did not want to reinvent the wheel does not mean the chapter didn't continue to strive. Being able to focus on what works well, the chapter was able to accomplish some fantastic feats this semester. To kick the year off, the chapter started behind the gun. During the first party of the year there was a domestic violence incident that led to a brother being arrested.

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Thanks to Tucker Schiele, (Iota) and his sober monitors the situation was contained and resolved until the police could get to the house and apprehend the individual.

From there the executive team had an emergency meeting and dropped the individual as the University did the same the following day. Incidents like these can be detrimental for any fraternity's reputation but thanks to quick action by Tucker and the executive committee we were able to have one hand on the wheel and steer the story. The incident occurred right before rush week so Dan Walsh (Delta) had his work cut out for him at the time. Dan did an excellent job in preparing the week to draw in as many potential new members as possible with daily events and fantastic food cooked by our very own Chandler Russel (Mental Health Chair). Overall, rush throughout the entire Greek community was down about 30% from past semesters but Dan was able to find 20 high quality young men who had the potential to become servant leaders of Lambda Chi Alpha.

After the 20 new associate members accepted their bids Carter Krenelka (Kappa) began the fraternity education process. With weekly Kappa sessions, Carter was straight forward with what it means to truly be a Lambda Chi by instilling our traditions, principles and ideals. Carter and the brothers shared examples when our seven core values were implemented and when they were not. Carter did an excellent job preparing the associates to become initiated brothers. From there Ethan Borgen (Phi) did the rest. Ethan organized another extremely successful initiation week where he made it abundantly clear to the associates on just how important the week is. Ethan showed his passion for our ritual and its teachings which in turn rubbed off on the associates and they were able to express that same passion back.

To finish painting the picture of our semester the last goal that we needed to maintain was our philanthropic contributions to the Greater Grand Forks Community. As we all know we would not be able to be a fraternity if it was not for our efforts to help better the community in which we have all called home at one point. Paul Grainger (Theta) took on a challenge of exceeding last year's contributions head on. Paul began the semester by organizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Watermelon Bust philanthropy that involved a fun day of competition. Sororities competed for points through multiple events like Watermelon carving, smash, toss, bocce ball and a scavenger hunt throughout the chapter house. The event raised \$1400 for UND's student food pantry. Also, this semester Paul and his team put together the biggest philanthropy of the year, our annual food drive. By passing out bigger bags and having an organized bag recall team, the EZZ chapter raised 12,081 pounds of food and clothing to donate to St Joseph's food pantry. Combining the spring contributions to the UND food pantry and the fall contributions to St Joes over the year our chapter raised just over 15,000 pounds of food and clothes for the community.

Now as my two years of administrative duties to this chapter finally start to come to a close, I am starting to reflect on how special the Epsilon-Zeta Zeta chapter truly is. On a more personal note, when I was first elected President of our 109-member fraternity I did not want the responsibility at all. I did not want the extra stress and drainage on me on top of my already busy school and work load, but I could not have been more wrong. This chapter and every brother in it have made me stronger, more patient, more caring and now equipped to tackle anything that life will throw my way. A debt I will never be able to repay. I learned that our bond makes our brothers lives better than before. It is place for men, both alumni and undergraduate to be a part of something so much bigger than themselves. If it makes just one of our brother's lives just a little bit better than before, the time, donations, stress and brotherly love make EZZ invaluable.

## Food Drive Update

By Max Larson-High Rho

This fall we organized our annual Food Drive philanthropy and it was a major success. From about Tuesday to Friday, we dropped off bags at the doorsteps of homes in Grand Forks, and on Sunday, we picked them all up again.

The numbers from St. Joseph's Food Pantry are in, **and we collected an astonishing 12,066 lbs. of food items!** To put numbers into perspective, last year we accounted for 7,150 lbs. of food, and our goal for this year was 8,000 lbs. of food, so it's safe to say we absolutely crushed those numbers.

As always, I'd like to congratulate our High Theta Paul Grainger and his committee for all the hard work they put in this week, without them none of this would've been achievable. Please enjoy the pictures of the annual food drive.



## 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning

By Chase Madsen

The planning for the celebration of our 95th anniversary on campus is underway and there is a change to the date previously announced in the last EZ Reader. Due to scheduling conflicts at The Betty, the Saturday banquet event will be held **September 30th, 2023**. The committee expects this to be the largest gathering in our fraternity's history!

The Friday (9/29) festivities will be hosted at the chapter house with food catered. The committee is still working on Saturday afternoon activities before the banquet at The Betty, which will begin at 5:30 with a reception, buffet dinner, and ceremonies.

Please update the poll on the EZZ – All Members Facebook group so we can gauge the interest for attendance for this special weekend in our fraternity's history. If anyone has interest in joining the committee, reach out to me at 218-791-2421. The committee looks forward to a fun weekend filled with camaraderie and new memories!

## Gerald VandeWalle retirement

In November 2022, Brother Gerald VandeWalle announced his upcoming retirement date of Jan 31, 2023 as a Supreme Court Justice for the State of North Dakota. This includes 44 years on the Supreme Court and 27 years as Chief Justice. The UND Law School posted the below message on their UND blog website. Congrats Brother VandeWalle and enjoy your retirement!

North Dakota Supreme Court Justice and alumnus Gerald W. VandeWalle, '55,'58, epitomized what it means to be a leader in action long before UND coined the phrase to sum up the spirit of the University and its people. Justice VandeWalle has served the people of North Dakota with his legal knowledge and skills on the State's highest court since 1978, spending 26 of those years as Chief Justice -- the longest tenure of any Chief Justice in the country. The University of North Dakota's School of Law, on the occasion of his announced retirement date of Jan. 31, 2023, would like to express our sincere and humble thanks to Justice VandeWalle and acknowledge the debt of gratitude we and the entire State owe him for his legacy of service.

Justice VandeWalle has never forgotten his roots and has spent his life and career giving back. His devotion to the Law School is vast, and his presence with our students in our classrooms, over the years, has been numerous. His generous contributions of time and talent during these visits and as a role model while serving in Bismarck, as well as his importance in educating our future lawyers and judges, should never be understated.

We are extremely proud that Justice VandeWalle's name graces our soon-to-be renovated courtroom on the Law School's third floor. It's a recognition and an honor befitting a man who, above all else, exemplifies service to others.

<https://blogs.und.edu/ndlaw/2022/11/justice-gerald-w-vandewalle-announces-retirement/>

## In Memoriam

The Brothers of Epsilon-Zeta Zeta are saddened to learn of the deaths of two brothers since the last EZ reader was published.

- Dean Brown, EZZ 620. Passed away on October 22, 2022 at the age of 72. Brother Brown had a successful career in the food industry, owning two cafes, a catering company and a food truck.
- Douglas Daugs, EZZ 713. Passed away on November 6, 2022 at the age of 65. Brother Daugs spent most of his career as a farmer and also ran for the North Dakota House of Representatives.

## In Celebration

Epsilon-Zeta Zeta celebrated three brothers who got married this summer/fall.

- Ryan Keller (EZZ 1161) and Ashkey got married on Aug 13, 2022.
- Patrick Sewich (EZZ 1128) and McKenzie got married on Aug 19, 2022.
- Mitchell Mader (EZZ 1183) and Dillon to be married on Dec 31, 2022.



## Pictures from Hall of Fame Game in Las Vegas.

On the weekend of October 29<sup>th</sup>, UND and Arizona State played in the Hockey Hall of Fame game in Las Vegas. The city was flooded with UND supporters from the Strip to Fremont Street.

A group of brothers from the 2000s and 2010s met up to reminisce and cheer on the team. The game unfortunately did not go UND's way but the weekend was memorable for all.



## Fundraising Update

The House Corp loan taken out in 2019 is now down to \$72,000 after starting out at \$250,000. We appreciate all the donations to this cause and are hoping to retire the loan in September 2023 at the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary banquet.

The chapter is now accepting donations via the Venmo app for those who prefer to donate that way.

**Venmo @lcaezz**

## High Pi Update

By High Pi – Randy Ritterman

As we close out 2022, I reflect on my nine years serving as High Pi for the Epsilon Zeta Chapter. During this time, I've watched the members of Lambda Chi dramatically transform this house, taking what was once a fading group that only graduated five active brothers a year to the most active fraternity on campus that now graduates as many as twenty.

I've watched these young men go through their own personal transformations while in the house—starting out as young adults who are fumbling, uncertain, and naïve, and leaving as men with confidence, skills, and maturity to make their mark on the world. Some go on to law school, med school, or graduate engineering programs; some become optometrists, physical therapists, or airline pilots. All of them enter Lambda Chi as individuals, then graduate as members of a brotherhood.

I've watched our brothers go through life. I've shared their excitement as they move into their careers. I've attended their weddings—usually accompanied by a lineup of fellow Lambda Chi's. I've reveled in their joy as they started their own families. And I've shared their grief as they lost friends, family, and even alumni.

All this drives home the message that while it's important that you go to college to get your degree, it's just as important to forge good friendships and social networks, and to develop wisdom, self-discipline and maturity. A classroom can give you knowledge; a fraternity can give you character. And as this year's class continues to transform Lambda Chi, they will find themselves transformed as well.

## New High Zeta officers

The new high Zeta officers were elected in November for the 2023 calendar year. The new officers are:

- High Alpha: Skyler Strand
- High Beta: Tucker Schiele
- High Theta: Quinn Rosten
- High Tau: Matthew Nathe
- High Gamma: Jon Lafleur
- High Iota: Ian Stumbo
- High Rho: Carson Miller
- High Kappa: Tanner Schaff
- High Phi: Jeb Kaelberer
- High Sigma: Lucas Weigel
- High Delta: Tayte Joblonski
- High Epsilon: Lorenzo Palacios
- Standards officer: Konnor Nelson
- House Manager: Grant Declusion
- Executive committee: Cayden Sorge, Wyatt Bell, Caleb Flanagan,
- Historian: Ian Forbes

## Graduating Seniors

The Epsilon-Zeta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha has eight brothers graduating this fall. While we will miss their contributions to Lambda Chi Alpha during their undergraduate years, we are extremely proud of these brothers. We wish them the best going forward in their post-graduate endeavors.

### Fall 2022

- Will Ellingson, Business Management, EZZ 1262
- Tanner Ball, Computer Science, EZZ 1262
- Ethan Carlsrude, Commercial Aviation, EZZ 1276
- Mason Mauk, Commercial Aviation, EZZ 1284
- Quinn Weiner, Finance and Marketing, EZZ 1287
- Stoker Short, Marketing, EZZ 1293
- Ethan Borgen, Marketing and Professional Sales, EZZ 1322
- Dan Walsh, Political Science, EZZ 1334

### Some of the Fall 2022 Graduates





## Our Newest Brothers

This Fall the chapter recruited, retained, and initiated 20 men into our bond. The following is a list of the newest brothers along with their hometown.

Cayden Sorge, EZZ 1384, Bismarck, ND  
Jackson Hoffman, EZZ 1385, Bismarck, ND  
Ben Heilman, EZZ 1386, Devils Lake, ND  
Regam Schlosser, EZZ 1387, Mandan, ND  
Dawson Huber, EZZ 1388, Bismarck, ND  
Parker Nelson, EZZ 1389, West Fargo, ND  
Joseph Belton, EZZ 1390, Syracuse, NY  
Luke Schielke, EZZ 1391, Fargo, ND  
Kaeden Foucart, EZZ 1392, Irvine, CA  
Seth Koskela, EZZ 1393, Fargo, ND

Carter Danielson, EZZ 1394, Mankato, MN  
Jack Weikum, EZZ 1395, Bismarck, ND  
Grant Vatnsdal EZZ 1396, Grand Forks, ND  
Alakai Victorino, EZZ 1397, Kapolei, HI  
Luke Pengilly, EZZ 1398, Bismarck, ND  
Spencer Sproule, EZZ 1399, Grand Forks, ND  
Adam Schmidt, EZZ 1400, Bismarck, ND  
Carter Flor, EZZ 1401, Princeton, MN  
Brett Hansen, EZZ 1402, Morris, MN  
Aaron Grubb, EZZ 1403, Mandan, ND

Congrats to all the new brothers of Epsilon-Zeta!

The Fall 2022 Initiates



## Debt Retirement Letter

With a nod to Lewis Carroll—"The time has come the Walrus said, to speak of many things..."

The first of those many things is the upcoming 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Epsilon-Zeta Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha on the campus off UND. No matter if the fraternity was centered at 303 Oxford or at 515 Harvard, we all have very special memories of Lambda Chi.

What is truly important is that whichever fraternity house we remember as being the source of those memories, those physical structures were made possible because of the gifts given by previous brothers of the fraternity. You have received many pleadings for money over the years ranging from paying off bonds issued by the State of North Dakota so that we can own our fraternity house and the land it sits on, to repairing flood damage, to needed repairs and maintenance.

Most recently, you have received pleas for help to pay for the most recent and much needed refreshment of the interior of our house at 515 Harvard. Retirement of that debt was moving along quite well. Then COVID hit, disrupting all sorts of plans and giving. Certainly, the arrival of COVID and its disruptions forced the house corporation to adjust the payback plans. The plan was to pay off the loan in five years, thus avoiding the need to refinance the balance at a much higher interest rate.

Now it appears the pay back schedule is getting back on track. With the upcoming anniversary celebration in early planning stages, we brothers of Lambda Chi have a golden opportunity to come together and eliminate the remaining remodeling debt. As this goes to print, only about \$72,000 of the original \$250,000 remains to be paid.

Let all of us, from the lowest Zeta number to the highest come together and eliminate this debt! Let Epsilon-Zeta Zeta enter its 96<sup>th</sup> year of service to the University of North Dakota debt free!

Thank you in advance for what you can do for the place we all own.  
Yours in ZAX,

Robert (Bob) Graveline  
Dave Hillesland  
Randy Ritterman  
Ron Sitzer

Ways to donate:

- To pay electronically- use this line--<https://ndlxa.org/documents/donate.html>
- Checks can be mailed to: LCA PO BOX 13454, Grand Forks, ND 58208

## House Corporation Update

By House Corporation President – Dave Arneson

Brothers,

On behalf of the House Corp, I want to thank you for your generous financial support to the fraternity. The renovation note is now below \$75K from the original amount of about \$225K. There have been a few repairs to the house, but the reserve funds have been sufficient to take care of them. A couple of problem areas continue to exist that require our attention. Some of the plumbing has deteriorated over time, and leaks have caused damage to the downstairs shower. These showers have been repaired a couple of times, and we continue to keep an eye on them. The new furnaces and other renovation items are working well. We are also working with the fire department to bring the alarms up to code. The active chapter has done a good job taking care of the general day-to-day maintenance.

I want to extend a thank you to a few members of the House Corp who have given of their time to help oversee the well-being of the chapter. Randy Ritterman is our “boots on the ground” liaison as the chapter advisor. After years of service in this role, Randy has now formally been recognized with the Order of Merit from Lambda Chi Alpha National. Jim Schnack has been handling the financial duties for years, collecting and tracking donations, ensuring the bills are paid, and distributing the funds as needed. Andrew Lendway takes on the task of putting together the EZ Reader, and Chase Madsen has volunteered to organize the chapter’s upcoming 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There are several others, to include: Ron Sitzer, Jody Gunlock, Ben Frisvold and Bob Graveline, who give of their time to help guide the corporation. Several brothers step in when needed, and I just wanted to give a shout out to these alumni who continue their service for the fraternity.

There are also several alumni who have provided scholarships to members of the active chapter and offered internships in various fields to help these young men grow in their academic disciplines. I am proud to see the commitment these alums continue to give back to the fraternity. We have truly been blessed to have shared this bond with so many outstanding brothers.

Yours in ZAX,

Dave Arneson ([arneson898@gmail.com](mailto:arneson898@gmail.com))

## Upcoming Events

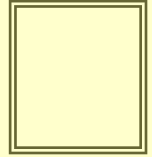
- 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet—Sep 29 and 30, 2023.

Please watch for further events and notices on the Facebook Group page.

*Editor’s note—please reach out via email if you don’t know how to find the Facebook group, need to know how to be added to the group, have trouble seeing the posts or any other issue staying up to date through social media.*

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## High Rho Closing Comments

By High Rho - Max Larson

The Fall semester of 2022 has been a great semester for the EZ chapter. We had a very successful 1-week initiating 20 young gentlemen into our special bond. With an addition of those 20 we now have a total of 93 active members and are in prime position for success.

A big highlight this semester was the food drive philanthropy, where we collected over 12,065.7 lbs. of food items and donated them to St. Joseph's Food Pantry. On top of that we were also able to host the second annual watermelon bust philanthropy with the funds raised donated to the UND food pantry.

As always, we continue to work hard to encourage any alumni participation because we find it valuable for our alumni to work with our chapter. Please keep watching the Facebook page for any updates about any alumni events in the near future. There is a lot to look forward to, but as always, we wouldn't be in this wonderful position we are, without our outstanding alumni support.