



# THETA-PI NEWS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Gettysburg Reunion Weekend

May 31-June 3

Stay tuned to [www.lambdachigettersburg.com](http://www.lambdachigettersburg.com) for more information.

### 60th Anniversary of the Class of 1952

September 28-30

This event will be for the classes of '52-'58 September 29 weekend (Homecoming). We are holding the reunion to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the '52 class and to get the whole group together for one last time.

Class chairmen are: **Dave Forman '58, Len Rein '55, Emerson Tracy '56, George Tracy '59, Ed Klein '57.** Len is looking to find missing brothers to add to the invite list. Please take a moment to download the Lost Brother List at [www.lambdachigettersburg.com](http://www.lambdachigettersburg.com) to ensure we get maximum attendance from our era.

## ON THE WEB

### Do we have your email address?

If you haven't been receiving our monthly eLetter, please update your email address today! Your participation helps us to save money on paper and postage for some Theta-Pi communications.

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## MAKE A GIFT

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- Call 800-975-6699.
- Mail a check to the return address on this newsletter.

## ALUMNI REPORT

### Every Year ... We Need You!

#### Alumni Participation is Vital to Continued Success

By Mark Trudeau '92, President, Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Association

Another spring is here, meaning it's time once again for *Theta-Pi News* to hit mailboxes. As a new season begins, I am reminded of the continued legacy that Theta-Pi carries forth each and every year. In order to ensure our continued success for generations to come, we need your participation every year too.

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Pi through our newsletter, our web site and our monthly eLetters. And every year, we are counting on you to remain an active participant in our alumni relations program.

#### Here's how you can get involved:

- Become a registered, active user at [www.lambdachigettersburg.com](http://www.lambdachigettersburg.com).
- Submit a story, memory, update or photo to share in an upcoming publication.
- Ensure we have your email address on file to communicate more frequently and cost-effectively (send your email address to [feedback@affinityconnection.com](mailto:feedback@affinityconnection.com)).
- Call an old Lambda Chi friend to reminisce and share old stories.

I look forward to reconnecting with you this year ... and every year.

## REUNION UPDATE

### Lambda Chis Fishin' and Shootin'

**Sam Little '73** writes: "Last September, a bunch of us from the class of '73 got together to laugh and retell old stories while we did some fishin' and shootin'. We are getting ready to go shoot fish in Spruce Creek, Pa. (from left to right: Sam, my brother Bob, Roy, Kip and Bullis). We celebrated the fact that we have survived into our '60s!"

Have a story of a recent reunion with your Lambda Chi brothers or plans for an upcoming one? Share them at [www.lambdachigettersburg.com](http://www.lambdachigettersburg.com).



*We are on a mission to feature many more alumni stories and photos on our web site. Participate in this effort by sharing yours today!*

## Staying Involved With Gettysburg Years after Graduation

### Rob Blomberg '76 is Impressed with How Brothers Treat(ed) Each Other

Thank you to **Rob Blomberg '76** for participating in this Q&A...

**Why did you join Lambda Chi as an undergraduate?** Many of my freshman friends were interested in Lambda Chi, so I got to know many of the brothers well and liked them. Lambda Chi was rebuilding and I liked the idea of being part of a fraternity that was establishing a new identity.

**What is your most memorable moment from your Lambda Chi days?** That is probably winning the intramural soccer championship against TKE in the fall of 1975 during my senior year. The previous year we had lost to them in the finals in triple overtime in a heartbreaking game. We came back and beat them senior year for the championship.

**What is your fondest Lambda Chi**

**memory?** Probably the story I've told most often is the "Battlefield Tour," which no longer occurs. It brought our freshman class together as it did subsequent classes, plus it was a lot of fun.

**Have you visited Gettysburg since graduation?** I'm back frequently as I've coordinated my last three class reunions, am on the Parent's Advisory Board and currently have a sophomore at Gettysburg. I even played in the last Alumni Baseball game at Homecoming and pitched three innings against much younger competition.

**What about your membership in Lambda Chi makes you the most proud?** How well we treated each other as brothers and how we continue to get along well as alums.

**Where has life taken you since graduation? What's new in your life**

**today?** I've worked for Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. in its claims department for 35 years and live in Hingham, MA, (south of Boston). I am also married with two sons. In addition to my son at Gettysburg, my other son is a senior at Hingham High School. I coached both sons in soccer, basketball and baseball and stay involved in youth sports.

**Why would you encourage other brothers to engage with Lambda Chi in their alumni years?** It's important to stay involved and do what you can to help the current brothers find jobs or do career internships and externships.

**What is the best thing about your alumni experience?** Enjoying the perspective of Gettysburg after having graduated 35 years ago.

Connect with Rob at [rblomberg@comcast.net](mailto:rblomberg@comcast.net).

## Lambda Chi Feels Just Like Home

### Dan Selak '60 Explains How the Integrity and Characters of Brothers Makes Him Proud

Thank you to **Dan Selak '60** for participating in this Q&A...

**Why did you join Lambda Chi as an undergraduate?** It was an outstanding group of individuals and the one fraternity that I felt most compatible with at Gettysburg. I felt at home when I was there, and I still do to this day.

**What is the single fondest memory you have shared/will share with your children and grandchildren?** One of the things that I always enjoyed was the Christmas decorating contest. My senior year we did it with a chipmunk song, which hearing it over and over became quite annoying, but we won so it was worth it. It was a lot of fun and camaraderie. For the singing competition we did the Russian Volga Boat song and sang it in Russian and won.

**What about your membership in Lambda**

**Chi makes you the most proud?** The integrity that Lambda Chi brothers had and still have and the character of the people make me proud. At the time, we were one of the leaders when it came to volunteering and taking care of one another.

**How would your life be different today if you had never joined Lambda Chi?** It's difficult to say because college and Lambda Chi are all rolled into one, but a combination of the two gave me the confidence to spread my wings and develop. I came from a humble background with little money so I had to work my way through college, often holding multiple jobs at a time which gave me the back bone I needed to have success in life. It was an invaluable lesson for a young man.

**Where has life taken you since graduation? What's new in your life today?** When I graduated from college in 1960, I volunteered for the Navy and became

a carrier pilot and flew for seven years. Then I became a flight instructor. After that I moved to Los Angeles as a Continental pilot and ended up becoming a stock broker becoming an assistant manager, then manager, then complex manager in several different offices. My biggest office was in Beverly Hills with Smith Barney, but I also had my own clientele. I retired at age 66 and became a financial consultant for attorneys on securities cases as an expert witness. I still consult, relying on my 40 plus years of experience and testify in court.

**Why would you encourage other brothers to engage with Lambda Chi in their alumni years?** It adds richness to life. It's not advisable for people just to go to college, graduate and forget about your surroundings and brothers.

Reconnect with Dan at [rdselak@gmail.com](mailto:rdselak@gmail.com).

# UNDERGRADUATE Q&AS

## Active Brothers Share Their Words on the Current State of Theta-Pi

Stay tuned to [www.lambdachigettsburg.com](http://www.lambdachigettsburg.com) throughout the year for Q&As with our undergraduate brothers. Below are excerpts from a few profiles previously published...

### John Carney '12

#### Why did you join Lambda Chi?

I joined Lambda Chi because of the outstanding reputation that the fraternity has on the Gettysburg campus and because of the Associate Member process, knowing that this was one of the features that really set Lambda Chi apart from other Greek organizations.

#### What are your hopes for the future of Lambda Chi?

My hopes for the future of Lambda Chi are for the fraternity to continue to grow and flourish and live up to the highest expectations and ideals inherent in our founding. Furthermore, I hope that Lambda Chi continues to set an example for all other Greek organizations. We may not be the oldest fraternity around, being founded

recently, relatively speaking, in comparison to other fraternities. But we have so much to offer and teach.

### Brencis Navia '13

#### What is your vision for the house while you are in leadership roles/an undergraduate?

Our chapter has only been on campus for 10 years since its revival in 2001. Currently, we're seeing a lot more interest in our house from a wide range of students, such as musical students, athletes from different sports, and even students who would typically consider other fraternities but yet are drawn to us for our simplicity and ability to lay back and form common bonds. I would personally like to see our house continue this development, and hopefully when I come back to visit our house will be more special than ever. Regarding my own position as the Sigma, our house is on its way back to having the top GPA on campus, and I would love to see the completion of such a task by the end of this semester.

#### What do you like about Lambda Chi?

I love our ability to both perform well academically, yet know how to kick back and have fun. Many houses on our campus are incapable of accomplishing both of these feats as a whole. Of course, every house has a special individual who can, but generally this is not seen as a whole.

#### How would you like to better connect with alumni?

I would love to see more alumni come back more often or unannounced, especially our two prominent alumni, **Ron Paul** (congressman running for President now) and **Michael Bishop** (who won the Nobel Prize for cancer research). Besides those two, if more alumni could come back to the house and help us polish resumes or give us any advice for our transition into the working world, that would come as a great luxury to all of us.

## 2011-12 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

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*Reflects gifts received as of March 9, 2012.*

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### '60s

#### Michael Kitzmiller '62

(4637 Southwood Ter., Salisbury, MD 21804-9288; scoutmbk@comcast.net) I've had the chance to finally make contact with my big brother **Bob Herr '61** and with **Charles Batcheler '61**. It's been close to 50 years, but was great catching up with them. Charles spent a couple years in a tank battalion, his wife telling him it's affected his hearing. Bob spent three years on the USS Enterprise, which I remember coming under the great Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. The bridge had antennae that were so high they could only come in at low tide. For me, I was a recon and paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division with a jump into Iran in spring of 1964. I'm hoping the three of us can make a Homecoming to drink a few and tell war stories.

#### Michael McArdle '79

(13405 Youngwood Turnpike, Bowie, MD 20715; mpaulmcardle@aol.com) I have great memories from spring break '76, when six

Chis jumped into a brand new VW van, fully loaded, property of the parents of **Joe Neidinger '76**, and headed to Ft. Lauderdale, where we had no hotel and camped out in Port Everglades. **Mike Falco '79** got so badly sunburned we found him at 3:30 a.m. curled up in a Howard Johnson's ice filled salad bar with the salad trays removed and on the floor. The van did not have that "new car" smell when it was returned to Mr. and Mrs. Neidinger weeks later.

#### Brian Sutton '80

(9 Musket Ln., Darien, CT 06820; brian@suttoncpa.com) I joined Lambda Chi because of all the great people who were already members and held various positions across campus. We won the intramural title among fraternities at least three years while I was a member.

I visited **Wes Jones '80** on his 50th birthday at his home in Tulsa, Ok. Wes was from Oklahoma, and was my freshman year roommate and fellow varsity soccer player. We joined Lambda Chi together in February 1977. Wes has four children, a couple of ex Mrs. Jones and a current Mrs. Jones.

### Share Your Stories!

We want to feature many more updates, stories and photos in the next *Theta-Pi News* and on our web site. Share yours today!

#### Ideas include:

- ✓ News of weddings, babies, new jobs, new homes, etc.
- ✓ The funniest or fondest memories from your Lambda Chi days
- ✓ Stories and photos of recent reunions with other brothers
- ✓ The best pictures from your college years

#### You can make your submissions by:

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- Emailing our editors at [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com)
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