



# THETA Pi NEWS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Reunion Weekend  
May 28-31, 2015

Theta-Pi 100th Anniversary  
Celebration  
September 23, 2016

## ALUMNI OFFICERS

### Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Association

President  
**Davy Crumplar '06**

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## IN MEMORY

We have recently learned of the passing of the following alumni...

**Roy Giese '73**  
**Mark McKendry '78**  
**Daniel Yaeger '81**

Theta-Pi mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

## ON THE WEB

Are you receiving our monthly eLetters? If not, make sure you're in the loop on the latest Theta-Pi news and event details from the alumni and active chapters by updating your email address. You can verify yours on the back of the enclosed form.

## ALUMNI PROFILE

### An Organization with Integrity

#### Marc Sorresso '05 Shares Why He Joined Lambda Chi After Initially Declining Bid

As we approach the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Theta Pi in 2016, we would like to recognize our brothers from all eras who have contributed to our chapter's rich history at Gettysburg. Thank you to **Marc Sorresso '05** for participating in this Q&A, and watch for more alumni profiles to be featured in our upcoming monthly eLetters.

#### *Why did you join Lambda Chi as an undergraduate?*

I joined Lambda Chi because the brothers exemplified the values that they preached in their actions. They worked hard. They had fun. And they truly cared for their brothers and the Gettysburg community. This was not the case at other fraternities on campus, so I wanted to be a part of an organization with such integrity.

#### *What is your best fraternity memory?*

I initially decided to decline my bid, and the brothers came over to just talk and ask about how I was doing. They were so genuine and showed that they cared about me as a person. They probably don't know it, but this display of care from one brother to another was a defining moment in my life. Thanks, **Nate Stazewski '03**.

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#### *You recently made your first gift to the annual fund. What prompted you to start supporting the chapter now, a decade after you graduated?*

I want young men who might have financial constraints that prevent them from joining to be supported by the chapter. I think our chap-

ter will only be better if we are able to include as many worthy individuals as possible, regardless of their ability to pay membership dues.

#### *Why is it important for alumni to financially support the alumni association and its efforts to preserve Lambda Chi at Gettysburg?*

We are all obligated to support Theta-Pi so that the experiences we had together in our house are able to be passed on to others.

#### *What are your hopes for Theta-Pi Chapter in the next century?*

That they continue to operate with integrity in all that they do and provide a place for young men to become members of worth in our society, and to have fun while doing it.

#### *Why would you encourage more support from your class/era?*

I'd like to see the brothers with whom I joined and those I looked up to restart the chapter get involved. Restarting was not enough if we truly want the values and reasons for restarting to be passed on to others. We also need to be models for current brothers to show what it means to be more than just a fraternity guy.

#### *Name 3 brothers you'd like to challenge to join you on the Honor Roll this year.*

**Jeremie Pettit, Chris Husko, and Kellen Dwyer.**

#### *What is the best part of the alumni experience?*

Hearing about traditions I remember starting that still continue.

#### *Please provide background on yourself.*

I am married and work in education reform in Newark, NJ. I currently live in Jersey City, close to **Paul Vnuczenski '05** and **Jeremie Pettit '06**.

## CHAPTER REPORT

### Giving Back to the Community

#### *Theta-Pi Contributes \$2,500 and 500 Pounds of Food to Local Charities, Achieves Top 3 GPA*

### Volunteer for the Centennial Committee

The Centennial Committee is planning a party 100 years in the making to allow us to celebrate in style. We're asking for your participation to commemorate this milestone event.

Please consider volunteering for the Centennial Committee to help plan our celebration event, which will be held during Reunion Weekend of 2016. We'll host a celebratory dinner, hear stories and remarks from alumni, and present the history of the chapter.

Contact **David Crumplar** at david.crumplar@gmail.com if you're interested in volunteering to help plan this special event.



It's been a busy semester at Theta-Pi. Brothers participated in a variety of philanthropy events to benefit organizations in our local community. We raised \$2,200 through the For Jake's Sake 5K to benefit the Ronald McDonald House, donated 500 pounds of food to the Gettysburg SCCAP via the North American Food Drive, and contributed \$300 worth of school supplies to El Centro following a drive with Chi Omega. In the coming year our goal is to encourage more of the campus community to get involved with each of these events, increasing the amount of money we are able to donate to charity.

Academically, Lambda Chi holds a cumulative GPA of 3.02, ranking third out of nine fraternities. This is higher than the all-men's GPA of 2.99. Nine brothers were named to the Dean's list or Dean's commendation list: **Blake Chiapetta, Connor Rose, Mike DiCandia, Frank Arigo, Harry Fones, Tyler Leard, Jared McCulloch, Kyle Nichols, and John Hacking.** In order to maintain our high academic standing, especially with our new members, we institute mandatory study hours

every week. The scholarship chair also reviews grade reports with active brothers to make sure they are maintaining high grades.

Following two main rush events this semester, a dodgeball tournament and an interview night, we have two associate members this spring: **Tyler Chatfield** of Ridgewood, NJ and **Christopher Donovan** of Manhasset, NY. This class is smaller than others in the past, but combined with our previous AM classes, our numbers are comparable to other classes we've seen in recent years.

At the house, we've had a number of improvements. The shower was remodeled over winter break, a very beneficial upgrade for those who use the 2nd floor bathroom. Much of the interior of the house was repainted, and the fire doors were fixed. There are major plans for more improvements this summer.

The chapter looks forward to celebrating our 100th anniversary next year, and continuing the strong legacy set forth by our alumni brothers.

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## ALUMNI UPDATES

### Richard Buss '66

(2132 Emerson St, Berkeley, CA 94705; bbasf01@aol.com) I'm still alive and living the good life in Berkeley/Beserkeley, California. Anyone in area or coming through, let me know.

### Bruce Braunewell '87

(194 Fairway Road, Ambler, PA 19002-1172; withamla@yahoo.com) I have been working for CliftonLarsonAllen in some form or another for 25+ years. My wife Liz and I will have been married for 25 years in August 2015. My son Stephen is finishing up his senior year at Wake Forest (pre-med with a lot of medical school applications out there) – he is very happy that Danny Manning is the new Demon Deacon basketball coach. My daughter Emily is off to the University of Richmond next year (field hockey goalie). It's a good thing that Richmond has a liberal arts base because Emily has no idea what she wants to do...sound familiar?

### Theodore Helwig '87

(130 Morning Walk Dr., Warrington, PA 18976-1659; lhelwig@verizon.net) I am married to Laura Harris '87 (LXA/crescent girl). I live in Warrington, Pa. and have worked at Reimbursement Technologies, Inc. in Conshohocken for past 18 years. Our son Zach is attending Lafayette College in Easton, and our son Dean is a freshman attending Gettysburg College, living on the second floor of Stein Hall and planning on a Computer Science major. He's interested in joining a fraternity and "Lambda" (no longer referred to as Lambda Chi) is on his short list. Dean plays "club" Ultimate Frisbee for the college team. Says Servo food sucks and that Pizza House is still the late night food choice. Our third son Jake is in 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

During Family Weekend in early November at Gettysburg, we chatted with **Brad Ebright** and family (he has a sophomore son at Lambda Chi) and spent time cracking beers with **Mark Burton** at the house. Mark also has son who is a senior at Theta-Pi.

### Paul Vnuczenski '05

(52 Marian Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601-5030; vnucpa01@gmail.com) I recently completed my fifth year as a firefighter with the Yonkers Fire Department. On April 12, 2014, I married fellow '05 Gettysburg alum Jessica Majestic. We're expecting our first child in May 2015.

### Your Updates: The Best News We Publish!

You've told us time and time again that alumni updates are your favorite part of *Theta-Pi News*. We thank the brothers who submitted news for this issue, and encourage more of you to share your updates for future publication. Share your news, memories, stories, and photos at [www.lambdachigettersburg.com](http://www.lambdachigettersburg.com) or on the enclosed form.

### The Class of '87 Coaching Club

**Hey guys from '87, was there a secret kids' sports coach prep club at Gettysburg that we don't know about?**

#### Robert Palmer '87

(115 Cambria Ct., St. Davids, PA 19087-5135; rjp@springcap.com) My wife Sheila and I have 3 kids, Jack (17), Matt (15), and Elise (11). I work for CMS Mezzanine, and **spend my free time coaching soccer.**

#### Edward Partlow '87

(3105 Braeburn Pl, Littleton, CO 80126-7583; epartlow@att.com) Sherri and I live in Colorado with our two kids, Olivia (9) and Hud (7). I am in my 22nd year working at AT&T. Both of my kids love sports, and we like to whip Nerf Balls around the house (we have somehow not broken everything, yet). **I coach all of my kids' sports teams,** and I really don't know what I am doing other than yelling, "FOCUS" a lot. I don't think

they are really learning about sports as much as laughing with/at me as my faux exasperation belies my true exasperation.

#### David Richards '87

(208 E. Park Rd., Havertown, PA 19083-5422; davidrichards@richardsapex.com) I'm the COO of RichardsApex, Inc. in Philadelphia. I have been married to Janis (Vosburgh) Richards (Gettysburg '87) for 24 years. She is obviously an angel for putting up with me for all these years! We have two daughters: Cameryn (20), a sophomore at Drexel who was just named president of her co-ed music fraternity, and Brenna (17) a junior at Delaware County Christian School who participates in varsity soccer, lacrosse, and choral programs. **I coach Brenna's travel soccer team and referee both travel and high school soccer,** and still play hoops in an O45 league. I miss having Theo and Boo Boo feed me the ball, as well as Eddie P. and Bob to bang under the boards with.

#### Eric Toburen '87

(213 Candlewood Way, Harleysville, PA 19438-2992) I live in Harleysville, PA

with my three kids Ben (17), Erin (15) and Cory (12).

Ben is currently looking at colleges trying to figure out what he wants to do with his life. Erin is all soccer all the time! Cory just got his Black Belt in Karate, and also plays soccer and basketball. **I help coach his soccer team.**

Last summer, I broke away from the corporate world to start my own company (along with a business partner). It has been a great learning experience - something I have wanted to do for many years.

#### David Utley '87

(43445 Corte Barbaste, Temecula, CA 92592 United States; utley.dave@gmail.com) I've been married to Michelle for 10 years, and work for Trowbridge Taylor Sidoti, LLC. Tilly (18) is a freshman at the University of Scranton, Courtney (16) runs Cross Country and Track in high school and is causing much stress in the house learning how to drive, and Jake (10) plays baseball and basketball. He would play more sports if time allowed. In my spare time, **I am President of the Temecula Youth Basketball League.**

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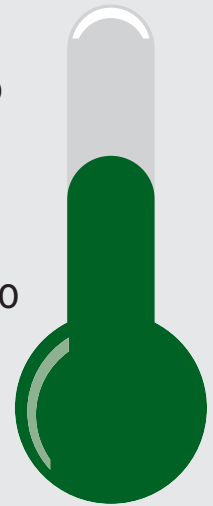
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- Return the enclosed form with your gift.
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*We're More than Halfway to Our Donor Goal!*

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## LOST LIST

### Help Us Find These Brothers Before the Centennial Celebration!

The following alumni are listed as "lost" in our database, meaning that we don't have current mailing addresses on file for them. If you're in touch with any brothers listed, please provide us with his updated contact information so we can keep them connected with important Theta-Pi communications regarding our centennial—including an invitation to the Centennial Celebration next fall.

You can send their contact information to us using the enclosed form or by emailing [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com).

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