

FALL RECRUITMENT

New Associate Members

David Debole	Noah Bale
Ken Barnes	Tyler Mitchell
Caleb Parker	Dominick Losparro
James Mullen	Zak Hermean
Arthur Papoutsis	Matt Jamieson
Will Valentine	Joe Accetta
Anders Spittal	Stephen Occtripinti
Joseph Gangi	
Danny Bruce	

VOLUNTEER

Wanted: Alumni Board Members

Next June, elections for new board members of the House Corporation and Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Association will take place. The current board members agree that it is time for a new board to take over. We're seeking interested individuals who can provide fresh perspectives and new energy and who have Theta-Pi's best interests at heart.

If you're interested in learning more and potentially running for a board position, please contact Alumni Association President **Dave Crumplar '06** at david.crumplar@gmail.com.

ALUMNI OFFICERS

Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Association

President
Davy Crumplar '06
Vice President
Brian Myers '03
Secretary
David Gibbons '06
Treasurer
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CHAPTER REPORT

Theta-Pi Welcomes 16 Associate Members

Fall Class is Largest in Several Years

Theta-Pi Chapter is winding down from a successful fall rush, welcoming 16 Associate Members. We haven't had a class this big since fall 2015, when there were 15 new AMs. We are already working diligently to gain the interest of many sophomores

who may not have had the opportunity to rush in the fall. We will be holding rush events for them at the end of the semester.

Brothers continue to give back to the community through solid service projects that benefit Feeding America and the Wounded Warrior Project. This semester, the brotherhood will contribute a collective 130 hours toward service project, and has already raised a few thousand dollars to benefit these charity efforts.



2017 Ruck March (co-sponsored with SAE)

Additionally, Lambda Chi brothers are working with non-Greek organizations to co-sponsor philanthropy events on campus. This year we will hold our annual 5K, Watermelon Bust, and Ruck March. We also contribute

to the college's life safety events, demonstrating safety procedures to students who live on campus (including fire extinguisher safety, kitchen safety, etc.). Every current Lambda Chi is involved in another organization on campus in addition to the fraternity--such as sports teams and other non-Greek clubs and organizations. This helps us to expand Lambda Chi's presence at the college and to maintain our reputation as being a diverse group of men with a wide variety of interests and background.

AT THE HOUSE

2nd Floor Bathrooms Get a Facelift



The second floor bathroom got a new look this summer! Gettysburg Construction Company did a great job, as they always have in the past. Thanks to their hard work and our generous annual fund donors who made it possible, we'll be able to showcase another great part of our Chapter House.

ALUMNI PROFILE

A Pioneer for Lambda Chi in 1968, and Today

SDSU Alum Hank Har '68 Joins Local Alumni Advisory Board to Mentor Theta-Pi Officers

Hank Har '68 is many miles, and many years, away from his Lambda Chi days at South Dakota State University. That hasn't stopped him, now a Pennsylvania resident, from joining the Alumni Advisory Board of his local chapter at Gettysburg College.

"The chapter members are transient," said Hank. "With the Alumni Advisory Board, we're hoping to bring some continuity through mentoring officers in a one-on-one relationship."

The Alumni Advisory Board is a new entity to the Theta-Pi chapter, but not new at all to Lambda Chi Alpha on a national level. In fact, the Fraternity offers an intensive two-and-a-half-day training for alumni who are interested in becoming board members. Hank attended this training along with 125 other alumni from across the country.

"I received a mailing saying that they were recruiting for the Alumni Advisory Board," said Hank. "Even though I didn't graduate from Gettysburg, I live nearby now. I saw it as a great way to help fellow brothers."

Hank says it's an important distinction to know that the Alumni Advisory Board is not the Alumni Association, and not the Housing Corp. Those are different entities with different functions.

The Board currently has four members and they are actively recruiting more. Members are matched with officers based on common interests. For example, a board member who is a certified public accountant might be paired with the Treasurer.



A SDSU grad, Hank Har comes home to help guide Theta-Pi

While the Board and its processes are still being finalized, members meet with their officers once or twice a month. The Alumni Advisory Board also plans to meet with one another regularly. The Chairman of the Board, also known as the High Pi, is **Bryant Pappas '95**.

"The chapter members today are a real fine group," said Hank. "They are high caliber individuals who show real dedication to getting back to the Lambda Chi concept."

Hank says that he's seen tremendous changes in fraternities since he was in school. What used to be a place for a "weekend keg party," today has become a sophisticated organization that provides brothers with leadership development opportunities,

exposure to philanthropy, and training for the real world.

"The guys in the Theta-Pi Chapter today are walking the walk and talking the talk," said Hank. "With just three short years as active members, there's a lot to learn. We are hoping to share what we've learned and bring some additional stability."

Hank was one of the original founders of Lambda Chi at South Dakota State University. In fact, when the fraternity was chartered in 1968, it was the first Greek fraternity on campus. Prior to that, the mainly agricultural school had agricultural fraternities, but no Greek fraternities. Unfortunately, after working with the other founders to establish the fraternity, he graduated one month after it was chartered.

Born in New Jersey and raised in Berwyn, Pa., Hank attended South Dakota State to study printing management, earning a degree that allowed him a long and successful career in the paper and business forms industry. Today, he is enjoying retirement and looks forward to growing the Theta-Pi Chapter's advisory board.

If you're interested in becoming an Alumni Advisory Board member you can visit the national website at www.lambdachi.org. Under "Fraternity" there is an "Alumni" section with more information. Hank is also happy to share his experiences. You can reach him at Hank.paper@comcast.net.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thank You, Donors!

Thank you to the following alumni who have made their annual fund donations to kick off the 2017-18 giving year, which began September 1.

Thomas R. Haddock	1953	Dennis Mark Bleile	1972
Kearney Y. Kuhlthau Jr.	1954	Samuel W. Little Jr.	1973
Dale F. Giese	1958	David Walter Dunn	1975
Michael B. Kitz-Miller	1962	Gary Drue Smethers MD	1975
James J. DAngelo	1963	John S. Stidman	1976
Lawrence E. Lees	1965	Steven R Walls	1985
Charles L. Frame	1968	Robert Michael Clontz II	2004

Your Gifts Support

- Our alumni communications program, including Theta-Pi News and our online community.
- Upkeep of our alumni database of nearly 900 active brothers.
- Hosting of frequent events, such as Homecoming and Reunion Weekend gatherings.
- Resources for and guidance of our active chapter.
- Improvement projects at the house. Currently, we're working to build a new bar in the basement.

ALUMNI PROFILES

“Supporting the Chapter Means that Theta-Pi Will Have a Better Chance On Campus”

Brian Sutton '80 On Generosity and the Importance of Giving Back

For some, investing in Theta-Pi is an emotional decision. For others, like **Brian Sutton '80**, there's a much simpler, straightforward reasoning that keeps them giving back.

“I like to be able to stop by the chapter house when I am around,” he explains, recognizing that it's a great place for alumni to reconnect. “I realize supporting the chapter means that Theta-Pi will have a better chance of remaining on campus. The chapter provides opportunities for current students to be in leadership roles and build relationships that will last a lifetime.”

In addition to passing the torch, Brian realizes that, in some small ways, LXA helped set him on the path to the life he leads today. Having served as treasurer for a year as an undergrad, Brian was steered towards his current career as a certified public accountant.

“The experience taught me a lot about managing a small business from an accountant's perspective,” he says. “I was leaning towards accounting, but my year as treasurer certainly helped me come to my decision.”

Though he didn't hold a specific leadership position, Brian also learned the importance



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of stepping up to the plate in a group. Even something as simple as taking the initiative to weed around the house is an important contribution.

Brian has always been proud of the active chapter, especially when they received the Grand High Alpha award in 2008. “When I was there, we won Grand High Alpha twice,” he recalls, “so I was proud to see they're doing well!”

During Brian's days at Gettysburg, **Josh Dare '79** was the president. Brian remembers him fondly, recalling, “He announced football games at school—he really had the voice for it. He was just a very witty person.”

One of his favorite things to do was battlefield tours at night. “It was about a three-

quarter-mile hike from where we were,” he recalls. “It was always fun to go up there at night.”

Today, Brian is kept busy with his own accounting firm, but he is still able to find time to play soccer, which he participated in at Gettysburg.

“As an almost 59-year-old, I'm still playing,” he says, laughing. “I'm in a southern Connecticut over-40 soccer league.”

He's been back to Gettysburg numerous times, as his wife graduated from Gettysburg with him and their two children both graduated from Gettysburg. Most recently, he attended LXA's 100th anniversary last fall.

“I saw people I hadn't seen for years,” he says. “It was great to reconnect and catch up.”

Meanwhile, he's still trying to make a visit to **Artie Seibel '80**. “He bought a second home in Fort Myers, Fla.,” Brian says. “My parents have lived there for 40 years. I stopped by and saw his wife, Shearl, but Artie was stuck in a snow storm in Maryland, so I have yet to see him in Florida.”

Want to get in touch with Brian? Email him at brian@suttoncpa.com.

Giving Back for the Next Generation and for the Lifelong Experience

Ryan Taylor '13 Encourages Young Alumni to Stay Involved with Theta-Pi

Giving back to the chapter isn't always at the top of the priority list for younger alumni. They're paying off loans, trying hard to jumpstart their careers, and perhaps even starting their families. But **Ryan Taylor '13** is getting a head start, having already made a few modest gifts to Theta-Pi.

“I want the guys in the house to enjoy their time there as much as I did,” he explains, “and I want to be able to go back and be able to network with the active brothers when I have my reunions.”

Ryan's already learning that the LXA network is for life and places a great value on it.

“I made some of my best friends while in the fraternity, and have been introduced to alums who graduated before me who have been great to network with since I've graduated,” he says.

Now, Ryan is working for Liberty Mutual, where he started right out of Gettysburg,



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and is in his last year of three in the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School MBA program.

Living in Baltimore, he enjoys testing out new restaurants and attending Baltimore sporting events. He keeps in touch with a handful of brothers who live in the Baltimore/D.C. area. In fact, last fall, he was part of a group of brothers who had a fantasy football draft party at Top Golf in Alexandria, Va.

“Our spring formal was a blast,” he recalls. “The weather was great, Mike Bishop grilled

incredible steaks, and everyone was having a great time.”

Ryan also carries with him a few valuable lessons learned through his time at the chapter house.

“Although I had an awesome time at Lambda Chi, I had to deal with a lot of different people and opinions, especially when in a leadership role,” he says. “Our house was diverse in terms of interests and viewpoints, which was a great asset but could also be challenging.”

Today, he's stronger and more prepared to face the challenges life presents thanks to his Theta-Pi experience, and he's still proud to call himself a member of Lambda Chi.

“Lambda Chi has a long history at Gettysburg College,” he says, “and has continued to be involved in all different aspects of campus life, ranging from athletics to theater and everything in between.”



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From Gettysburg to South Dakota to Thailand, Theta-Pi Connections Span the Globe

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LIFELONG CONNECTIONS

Two Brothers Reunite On the Far Side of the World

This summer, former president **Loren Sweet '75** and **Tom "Wings" Ehrhart '77** met up far, far away on Tom's turf in Bangkok, Thailand. Loren was in the area for a business trip, so they met at Tom's favorite eatery. They were also joined by Loren's son.

"It was great getting together and definitely didn't seem as if 40-some years (and his grown son seated across the table) had ever occurred," Tom said.

How are you celebrating your lifelong Lambda Chi connections? Share your stories and photos at www.lambdachigetysburg.com or email them to alumninews@affinityconnection.com.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Can You Believe It's Been 25 Years?



Can any of the brothers pictured share the story behind this 1992 photo, found in the Spectrum?

We invite alumni from ALL eras to send in the best pictures, stories, and memories from their own fraternity days. You can submit your content online at www.lambdachigetysburg.com or by emailing alumninews@affinityconnection.com.