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ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

6 Great Reasons to Renew Your Participation with Theta-Pi This Year

In case you weren't aware, we have an enhanced alumni program, which is driven by monthly publication of eLetters, print editions of Theta Pi News and our online community, www.lambdachigettsburg.com. We are counting on you to make our program a continued success

There are plenty of reasons to maintain your connections with the Theta-Pi Chapter after graduation, and we thank the alumni who have remained active. For those of you who may have fallen away from the fraternity, we've compiled 6 great reasons to make this the year you renew your commitment to Lambda Chi Alpha.

- 1. We are the backbone for our future active chapter.** It is critical that we bond together to form a unified, solid base for Theta-Pi for the remainder of 2018 and beyond. The newest members of our fraternity will look to us to set an example of what it means to be a True Gentleman.
- 2. The Lambda Chi Alpha experience doesn't end with graduation.** Membership in Lambda Chi Alpha is for life, and there are plenty of ways to stay involved: through alumni events, volunteering, participating in our alumni program, and, most importantly, by providing financial support to the annual fund.
- 3. We have a unique legacy to maintain.** We are fortunate to have a rich history and special traditions that span across two organizations. If you were a member of Theta-Pi



during your college years you are part of a single brotherhood that is bonded together by a core set of values and principles.

4. We developed a way for you to connect throughout the year. Check out our alumni web site, www.lambdachigettsburg.com,

where you can read the latest chapter news, find event details, and reconnect with old friends. Be sure to sign up for our monthly eLetter!

- 5. You have a lifelong network of brothers 875 strong.** Find contact information for your Gamma Upsilon brothers at www.lambdachigettsburg.com, and connect with them for job networking opportunities, to renew old friendships, to find brothers in your area, and more.
- 6. You're the key to our past and the link to our future.** As a thriving alumni association 875 strong, we boast generations of brothers that have contributed to our rich history. We have collectively preserved traditions, enriched lives of young men, and kept a thriving organization going strong at Gettysburg for years. You have a unique place in that history, and are asked to maintain your connections to pay it forward to future generations.

We have lots of reasons to maintain our connections to Theta-Pi in our alumni years. If you haven't been involved recently, we personally invite you to renew your participation this year. As you can see, there's no reason not to.

Follow Your Stomach and Find Life-long Friends

David Dunn '75 ended up at Lambda Chi in a not-so-typical fashion. Not necessarily looking for a Greek experience in college from the start, he was more-so just looking for a good meal.

“The dining service the college offered was terrible,” he laughs. “My roommate Denny had gone over to Lambda Chi and pledged and he invited me to come along with him for a dinner, which was really good! Basically, I followed my stomach.”

Over time, he got to know the brothers and found it was a really good house and group of individuals. Due to a recent split, the number of brothers was low when Dunn pledged – 27 pledges to only 18 other brothers. “We kind of took over the house!” he says.

Early on in his fraternity experience, Dunn and his brothers held a party and, when cleaning up afterward, one unlucky brother broke a water fountain pipe in the dining room. “I said ‘oh, I can fix it’ and they looked at me like I was from another planet!” Dunn recounts. “So guess who got to be house manager for three years?” It was an enjoyable experience for Dunn, giving him a chance to fix up the house and finish a few projects, keeping the house well maintained.

One of his house manager duties? Inflicting \$2 fines when a brother didn't complete his assigned chores. “One of my responsibilities as house manager was to assign duties – clean the restrooms, mop the dining room floor...If you didn't do it, you got a \$2 fine. Even back then, \$2 wasn't a whole lot of money. In today's world, it's even less. But I rarely had to fine people for not doing their duties at that point.”



The sense of brotherhood was strong at Lambda Chi, thanks in part to the mix of individuals living in the fraternity house. Dunn notes that many Gettysburg fraternities at the time were made up of an entire sports team, but at Lambda Chi, there was a “real good mix of people – sports, academics, music, drama; everyone was there, interacting, and it was a good group of guys to be around.”

This group made “a lifelong impression” on how Dunn says he interacts with others, stating Lambda Chi “absolutely impacted [his]

career path.” Growing up in a rural area, he met a new caliber of people at Lambda Chi, giving him the confidence to move forward with his career and accept positions with increasing responsibility.

Dunn's work has certainly been impressive. Starting out as an intern at the Historical Society of York County, he moved on to work at the Packwood House Museum; the Somerset Historical Center; the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania; the Bureau of the State Museum of Pennsylvania; and, now, the Bureau of Historic Sites and Museums.

Out of his career, Dunn notes two highlights: “...as the director of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, that's where I was really most happy and accomplished quite a bit, raising several million dollars for additions to the buildings...The other was being director of the State Museum of Pennsylvania for several years in Harrisburg, working with a really good staff and several governors and their wives.”

However, at this point, Dunn says he's putting family first, over his career, as he balances spending time with his grandchildren. He still keeps in touch with some of his brothers, emailing back and forth. Many gathered after the funeral of a brother in August 2015, and Dunn says it was instantly “just like old times.”

As for a shout-out to his brothers, he says “hi to all the guys out there. I appreciate their friendship.” His wife, Louisa (Dunn's high school sweetheart who many of his brothers will know from the fraternity), extends her regards as well.

LOST LIST

Help Get These Brothers Reconnected



How would *you* feel if you were left out of the loop about Lambda Chi Alpha?

Of our 875 active alumni members, we have just 624 email addresses. That means 29% of our alumni aren't receiving our emails—and therefore are left completely out of the loop.

With one simple action, you can make sure your brothers are receiving news about events (like homecoming) and where other alumni are today

(like **Bill Fleischman '60**, **Michael Eckhardt '79** and **Enzo Pinga '11**.)

Please take a few minutes to review our lost list. If you have a valid email for any of these brothers, simply click their name. An email will pop up for you to type in the email address. Then click send! We'll then add them to our email list.

**Rest assured that your information is stored in a secure database and is never sold or traded.*

Joe Accetta '20 Follows His Father's Path

Though many years and miles separate Joe Accetta's Lambda Chi undergrad experience from his father's, the similarity is striking.

Joe's dad, David, is a Lambda Chi from the University of Rhode Island. When Joe came to Gettysburg, he joined the Army ROTC, following in his father's footsteps, but had no intentions of joining a fraternity. However, it wasn't long before he found his way to the chapter.

"After my first semester, I became much more familiar with the social life on campus and the Greek life atmosphere and I was drawn to Lambda Chi," Joe explains. "Two of my fellow Army ROTC cadets were in the fraternity and I realized it was the same one my dad was in. During the rush process, the brothers' attitudes and their view on the Greek experience really resonated with me, and I knew then that I would fit in better at Lambda than any other fraternity on campus. My dad has always been one of my biggest role models, so it feels great to be a part of the same brotherhood."

Joe is still an associate member, but his dad could be prouder.

"I am very proud of Joseph and all he has accomplished," he says. "I am happy that he has chosen both the Army/ROTC path and the Lambda Chi Alpha path, but I would still love him just the same if he had made different decisions. I didn't push



Joe Accetta, with his father, on the day he contracted into the United States Army and awarded his three-year full tuition scholarship

him to either, or make him chose those experiences, but I think he learned from me, my Army buddies, and LXA brothers the value of being a part of those two respected institutions."

Among the many reasons for David's support of LXA is the fraternity's no hazing policy.

"As an undergrad, I had friends in other fraternities and was amazed by the stupid

things their fraternity brothers did to them or made them do to join," he explains. "My dorm roommate actually got arrested during a pledge scavenger hunt for his fraternity. I wasn't going to put up with things like that or any hazing. [At Lambda Chi Alpha], they treated everyone in the house with respect and dignity—'Every man a man.'"

Now, he's glad to see Joe joining a fraternity he feels comfortable with, that boasts a good group of brothers, and is well respected.

"As a parent, I [feel reassured that they] will treat him well," he says.

Today, David is still close friends with many of his brothers from the Eta Zeta Chapter. They get together frequently for URI football games and events at the House. The chapter even proved to be a loyal support system during David's 20-year career in the Army, which included serving in Operations Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom, and Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. When David was in Iraq during Desert Storm in 1991, the brothers sent him care packages and a signed LXA Crest.

"Being a brother at LXA gave me lifelong friends and a network of people I can rely on and stay in touch with, much like the Army did for me," David says. He hopes that Joe will gain similar lifelong support and friendship.

Though Joe is relatively new to the fraternity, he has big aspirations. He hopes to run for High Sigma or High Rho next spring, but more importantly, he shares his brothers' desire to improve the fraternity's reputation at Gettysburg.

"Lambda occupies such a unique position among the Greek community," he says. "We are a very diverse organization, with many different types of students from all walks of life, but we all form a very close bond. I truly believe that we are headed toward an even brighter future [despite some rough times] in the recent past. My class is one of the biggest in recent years, and we are really motivated to improve the fraternity's standing on campus."

After graduating from Gettysburg in the spring of 2020, Joe will commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

ON THE WEB



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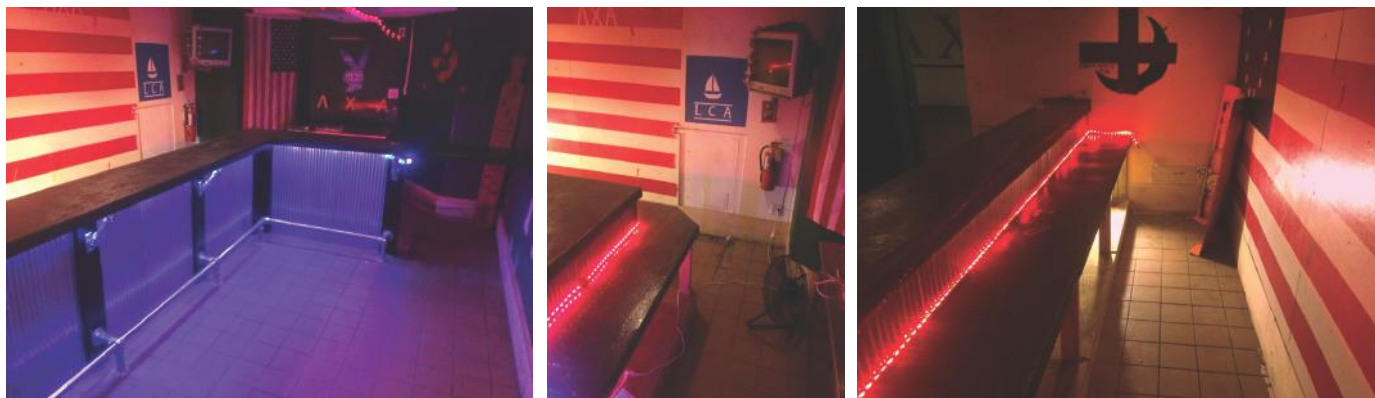
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- Our alumni communications program, including Theta-Pi News and our online community. This includes monthly eLetters, eBlasts, post cards and reminders.
- Upkeep of our alumni database of nearly 900 active brothers. Keeping this list current and clean is a constant process and we count on all of you to help us keep it up-to-date.
- Hosting of frequent events, such as Homecoming and Reunion Weekend gatherings. We love to see Theta-Pi brothers gather.
- Resources for and guidance of our active chapter. They are our future and we want to give them all the advantages and wisdom we can offer.
- Improvement projects at the house. Currently we are working to build a new bar in the basement.

CHAPTER UPDATE

Brothers Finish Work On New Bar

The Brothers of Theta-Pi recently worked together with a local contractor to finish work on their new bar for the Chapter house. They are looking forward to entertaining visiting alumni and guests very soon.



PHILANTHROPY UPDATE – ANTICA NAPOLI 5K

\$1,700 Raised in Weekend Pizza Run

On October 22nd, Lambda Chi Alpha (Theta Pi Zeta) at Gettysburg College organized a 5k pizza run to help raise money for Feeding America, Arthritis Foundation, and It's on Us.

The event was held on campus and was cosponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Chi Rho, and Antica Napoli Pizza.

We raised over \$1,700 from T-shirt sales and registration from over 100 members of campus as well as a few alumni. Half will go towards Feeding America, 25% towards Arthritis Foundation, and 25% towards It's on Us.

After every 2k, runners stopped to eat a half slice of pizza before continuing running. Runners were not required to eat pizza, but if they did not, they were penalized two minutes to keep the competition fair in terms of



placement at the finish.

The top 80 runners were given over \$100 in coupons to the Outlets in Gettysburg upon finishing the race. Additionally, the top 3 male and female runners were given medals. Winners of best costume, best socks, and most dramatic finish were given \$10 coupons to Antica Napoli Pizza.

The "Antica Napoli 5k" is something that we want to start as a tradition every year in the fall.

The manager of Antica Napoli, Ignazio Farina, stressed before the race that every year this event will get bigger to the point where it has national coverage. When our ELC, Nathan Schultz visited, brothers expressed that philanthropy was our strongest part of the house. This event was no different. All brothers were ready to set up by 7 AM that morning and wanted to make sure the event ran as smoothly as possible.

Feeding America has always been our main benefactor for our philanthropy events because we want to make sure that hunger is eradicated in America. If this event grows into something that gets national attention, the idea could hopefully spread to other chapters and raise even more money to help fulfill Feeding America's goal of eradicating U.S. hunger.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Can You Believe It's Been 48 Years?



Can any brothers in this picture from 1970 identify themselves? We want to hear your stories, see your pictures and share your memories about your fraternity days.

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