



# THETA PI NEWS

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## IN YOUR WORDS

**What is your favorite Lambda Chi tradition?**

My favorite Lambda Chi tradition is the entire ritual weekend. The associate members are all very excited to finally become fully initiated brothers and it's a time to really connect as a fraternity and remember why we all joined in the first place.

- **Steven Papuchis '06**

**Did you meet your spouse or significant other thanks to Lambda Chi?**

"I married (and am still married to) the Crescent Girl – does that count? Beth (Karlip) Little and I met as RAs in 1986... the same year I became a brother. We dated throughout our years at Gettysburg (graduating in 1989). Beth was elected Crescent Girl in '88-'89, the same year that I was President (Alpha) of the chapter. We were married in 1990. Had a big wedding planned for September 1990, but I was notified that I was to be deployed to the Persian Gulf for Operation Desert Shield, so we got married early/quickly before I left (August 15). We have been married for 23 years. We have a son, Teddy (20). Beth is currently a reading aide for an elementary school. I am, once again, on active duty with the Army (currently a Lieutenant Colonel with the Pennsylvania National Guard). Our family has endured three deployments (Iraq twice, Bosnia once). When I am not being a soldier, I am a history teacher. Here is a recent picture – vacation to the Dominican Republic!! Beth and I have fond memories of our time at Lambda Chi, but we have not been good communicating with all – very busy.

- **Ted "Big" Little '89**

## IN YOUR WORDS

### Are Fraternities Still Relevant?

There have been many changes in the Greek system over the years, at both the local and national levels. With many chapters falling away from their nationals' values and ideals, and others being portrayed in negative headlines in the media, we posed the question: Is the fraternity experience still relevant for today's student?

**Woody Ryder '77** writes "I believe that the fraternity experience remains vibrant and relevant

*for today's college student as it helps them realize that persons of different ethnic, cultural, religious, or sexual orientations can co-exist in harmony and peace in what are often tight quarters at a frat house and, that as such, it mirrors the reality that persons sharing similar differences can co-exist in harmony and peace in the greater society in general when they are willing to compromise in civility; or in other words, conduct themselves as the polar opposites of members of Congress."*

*What are your thoughts? Share your opinions at [www.lambdachigettersburg.com](http://www.lambdachigettersburg.com).*

## ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

### Finding Strength in Numbers

#### Thank You for Helping Us Achieve Our Best Fundraising Year EVER!

They say there's strength in numbers. We'd like to celebrate the 100 alumni who helped us to have our best annual fundraising year EVER in 2011-12. Because of their support, we raised a record \$7,459 to our annual fund, enabling us to:

- Publish Theta-Pi News and other communications
- Maintain our web site, [www.lambdachigettersburg.com](http://www.lambdachigettersburg.com), and monthly eLetters
- Upkeep our database containing contact

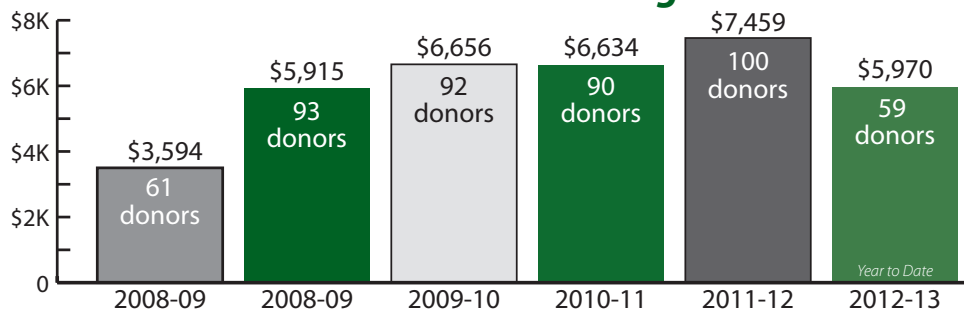
information for more than 1,000 living alumni

- Host frequent alumni events

To date in 2012-13, we have raised \$5,970 from 59 donors (see them recognized on page 2). Help us to shatter our record again this year by showing your participation. Contribute to our strength. Make your annual fund gift today.

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### Annual Fundraising



## ALUMNI PROFILE

### Richard Krause '89 on Lambda Chi Bonds, Getting Pinned on His Wedding Day, and the Friendships that Last a Lifetime

Thank you to **Richard Krause '89** for participating in this Q&A...

#### What is your favorite Lambda Chi tradition? Why?

There are so many that it's difficult to narrow it down! I really enjoyed being a part of the ritual, and I still remember how we practiced very hard to make it perfect. Another tradition I think back on is the Steppenwolf song "Magic Carpet Ride!" Brothers would gather in a circle, jump up and down, and sing this song at the top of our lungs. We even did it at my wedding!

#### What do you miss most about living in Gettysburg?

When I was there, I remember saying that the best view of Gettysburg was through the rear view mirror as I was leaving! It's funny how time has changed my opinion on things. As a history major, I always loved the battlefield. I also enjoyed the campus architecture and landscaping. I remember taking walks across campus and listening to the bells of Glatfelter Hall and the Seminary Chapel. I also loved the openness of the area—especially a new snowfall and the green of the spring. I think back to living in the house and the closeness that I had with some of my fraternity brothers and how—even to this day—I still enjoy those friendships. How can any Lambda Chi

brother from my time not include the "High Roller" (**Mike Mahalage**) as a memory? What a character he was!

#### Did you meet your spouse or significant other thanks to your Lambda Chi membership? Tell us the story.

No, I did not. However, at my wedding my Lambda Chi brothers conducted our fraternity's "pinning" ceremony for my wife. That made our wedding day that much more special!

#### Tell us about date night when you were an undergrad.

Best date night that I had was when I drove to Penn State to see James Taylor in concert. Also, I really enjoyed the formals that we had—especially one we had in Baltimore. I also think back to the other parties that we had at the house. Most of our parties were kind of like a date night. I can remember the house being shoulder-to-shoulder with people because we had a DJ for dancing on the first floor and brother **John Wagner's** band downstairs playing some great music. Very fun times and memories that will last forever!

#### In what way is the fraternity experience still a relevant one for today's young adult?

I think today's fraternity experience is still a great way to develop friendships that will last

a lifetime. I have a bond with my Lambda Chi brothers that those who are not in my fraternity will never have. Lambda Chi taught me leadership skills, how to solve problems "outside the box," and how to deal with a wide variety of people in all sorts of situations. I feel very fortunate to have been a Lambda Chi!

#### What's new in your life today?

I'm a Social Studies teacher at Haddon Heights Junior-Senior High School, where I've been for 22 years. I'm currently a mentor teacher for new teachers and have coached football, track, softball and baseball. I have been the Student Council advisor for 10 years, and now spend my winter months as the announcer for basketball games and pep rallies. I'd love to go back and complete my Master's degree and perhaps get into administration.

In addition to teaching, I am also a church organist and choir director at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Tabernacle, NJ. My Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings are mostly centered around the music ministry of the church. I really try to make the music fun as well as spiritual for everyone involved. I play two or three services each weekend, conduct a 18-member adult choir, lead a 12-member children's choir, work with instrumentalists and soloists, and assist our contemporary worship team.

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## 2012-13 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Thank you to the following alumni for their support so far this giving year...

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## ALUMNI UPDATES

### Luther Hocker '44

(501 N. Bethlehem Pike, Apt. 12H, Ambler, PA 19002-2511) I think it's appropriate to let you know that last February I was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. For some unknown reason, I'm getting around normally and have no abnormal symptoms. My wife died in July of 2009 and I'm living in a condo, where my sons live in the building right next to mine. My other three children are close by.

### Charles Batcheler '61

(7426 Kennedy Rd., Nokesville, VA 20181-5841; clanebatch@verizon.net) I remember the brotherhood mass serenading the girls' dorm or the coed newly "pinned" by a brother. Also there were "Desert" Dances at the house (i.e., different sorority or coeds from specific dorm floors). All the dates were fun, but we seldom had any money to spend. We had wonderful blanket parties in spring and fall. Reinforced dinner manners and etiquette in treatment of the fairer sex were taught by the Housemother. Dinner manners were ENFORCED by an upperclassman brother who ruled each table as "table head."

### Philip Mitman '66

(910 Paxinosa Ave., Easton, PA 18042-1309; philmitman@gmail.com) I was elected full-time mayor of our City of Easton, Pa., in 2003, a position I served in from 2004-08. Then I became president/CEO of Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corp (LVEDC), where I served until my retirement from there in May 2012. Now I'm working for a private economic development organization (EAILD) in Easton, focusing on helping businesses located in downtown and gap-financing for all three of these orgs. I'm on Google w/LVEDC. My wife Linda and I have four biological children (three families living in California) and seven grandchildren. I have six adult children total with Linda's son and daughter.

### Vernon Paulson '68

(51 Ivy Hill Rd., Red Bank, NJ 07701-5121; daddog30@aol.com) I have many fond memories of my time at Gettysburg: intramurals (which we won the IFC championship my sophomore year defeating the Indies), basketball intramurals (our team was so good that I could not make the starting lineup until my sophomore year), the TGIFs on Friday in the fall and the spring (great opportunity to meet the co-eds because we invited the sororities over and then we went out on the battle field and just partied, and the parties at Altlands.

*What I miss most about G-burg are the good friends that I made while I was there, both in and out of the fraternity house. Some of those friendships have stood the test of time, and I hope to rekindle some of them the end of May.* Meeting my wife Nancy was the best part about going to Gettysburg. She was a Alpha Xi Delta and math major. I met her at the beginning of my junior year. We have been happily married for over 43 years and have four boys and three granddaughters.

*I took many things from my fraternity experience at Lambda Chi but the one thing that helped me in my business career at AXA/Equitable was the ability to work with groups of people to achieve common goals. I am still working as an agent because I have so many clients. Even to this day, I have to work with many people in order to get things done and see all my clients. I learned that you are only as good as your weakest link.* I have been very fortunate and much of my success has come from Gettysburg College, Lambda Chi Alpha, and the great brothers that I had in all classes at G-burg. I often think of the wonderful times that both my wife and I enjoyed, in very turbulent times.

In 1968 when I graduated, you only had four years to complete school. If you flunked out, you were immediately drafted. We were all faced with going to Vietnam, so we made the most of our college experience. I did go

to Vietnam and ended up seeing at least 14 people from my ROTC class at Gettysburg. Those were different times. That is why Gettysburg College and especially Lambda Chi Alpha hold a special place in my heart... because they both played such a big role in my life.

### Edward Ryder '77

(4 Browning Drive, Greenlawn, NY 11740; eryder@mpihq.com) At the time I attended G-burg, my favorite Lambda Chi activity was ordering breakfast from the house cook, Mary Wasko. My other favorite fraternity activity was simply enjoying the fellowship of my fellow Chis. What I miss most about living at Gettysburg was the somewhat burden free lifestyle that being a college student afforded me in comparison to current spousal and parental responsibilities. I also miss the country-like setting of Gettysburg, as compared to living now in the metro-NY area out here on Long Island.

### Matthew Denholtz '05

(524 El Azul Cir, Oak Park, CA 91377-3718; matthew.denholtz@gmail.com) Right now I'm living in Los Angeles. I'll be finishing my PhD in Molecular Biology this spring at UCLA. I married Peggy Vorwald in the fall of 2011, we have no children and one fat, lazy dog. We're hoping to move back to the mid-Atlantic region in the fall where we will continue to not have children, but likely acquire another equally fat and lazy dog.

### Steven Papuchis

(papust01@gettysburg.edu) I moved to Bradenton, Fla. two years ago to attend medical school at LECOM-Bradenton. I am currently on rotations and graduate in 2014. I hope to pursue a career in the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation focusing on interventional sport and spine injuries and cancer rehabilitation.

## ALUMNI PROFILE... CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

My wife Kim and I have been blessed with four wonderful children: Becky (12), Caroline (9), Emily (8) and Drew (7). We live in an older home (built 1893), which we have slowly been working to remodel and restore. As one can imagine, having four children has slowed many projects down, but we have still

completed a number of projects in recent years. In the summer, we spend a lot of time outdoors. We had a pool installed three years ago and I built the deck for it. We're looking to add an addition to the house in the near future.

Overall, I feel very blessed and fortunate to

be in the position I am in today.

**Reconnect with Rick at [3rick@comcast.net](mailto:3rick@comcast.net). Read more news from him and other brothers in the alumni updates section at [www.lambdachigettsburg.com/](http://www.lambdachigettsburg.com/)**



## ON THE WEB

### Lost Email List

We need your help! There are currently more than 600 Theta-Pi brothers on our lost email list, including **Rob Haas '05, John Chain '93, Lincoln Thompson '88, Dennis Bloom '71 and Larry Petersen '62.**

This means we don't have valid email addresses on file for them to receive our eLetter and other electronic communications. Please help us to reach more alumni brothers more frequently and cost effectively by reviewing our lost email list at

[www.lambdachigettersburg.com](http://www.lambdachigettersburg.com). If you recognize any of the brothers on the list, or see your name among the lost, simply click them to send an email to our alumni relations firm with their updated contact information. Our email database is used solely for chapter communications.

### What You're Missing

If we don't have your email address on file, you're missing out on the following important chapter communications:

- Our alumni eLetter, distributed on the fourth Tuesday of each month
- Opportunities to have your news, stories and photos published in our newsletter
- Details of chapter and alumni events
- The latest Theta-Pi news
- And much more!

Update your email address at [www.lambdachigettersburg.com](http://www.lambdachigettersburg.com) or by emailing it to our alumni relations office at [feedback@affinityconnection.com](mailto:feedback@affinityconnection.com).

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### Wanted: Old Pictures from YOUR Era

Theta Pi's history is filled with countless moments that have been captured on film. We want to know where to find them! If we were able to secure this photo of the 1951 pledge class, we know that we can encourage some of you to send us your best Lambda Chi pictures for our chapter archives. C'mon guys, this is the digital age!

Take some time in the coming weeks to peruse your collection (besides, won't it be fun to take a trip down memory lane?). Send the best shots (and the stories behind them) to our editors at [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com). You can also mail them to the return address on this newsletter, or upload them directly to [www.lambdachigettersburg.com](http://www.lambdachigettersburg.com). Be sure to mention "Theta Pi of Lambda Chi Alpha" on your correspondence.

Thank you to **Emerson Tracy '56** for sharing this photo in our archives.



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