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ALUMNI PROFILES

Class of '76 Shares Lambda Chi Memories

Memories of Pranks Between Brothers Ensure One Alum Always Keeps His Car Locked

The Class of 1976 celebrated their 40th anniversary this year, and we recently asked a couple members to share their favorite memories from their Lambda Chi Alpha days.

"Life has sent us in different directions, but we will always have that common bond."
– Joe Neidinger '76

Rob Bloomberg '76

Rob said that he joined Lambda Chi because the majority of his closest friends were pledging. "I liked the brothers already in the house and was especially close with a number of brothers from the class of 1975," he said. "I also liked that Lambda Chi was liked by other fraternities on campus and wasn't nearly as 'pigeon holed' as many of the other fraternities were at the time."

Overall, his membership to Lambda Chi was an important part of his experience at Gettysburg College. "The fraternity allowed us to come together as brothers but also be individuals outside of the house. That was important to me," he said.

Rob even keeps in touch with several of his brothers from the class of 1976 today, including **Kevin Carson '76**, with whom he worked at Liberty Mutual for 38 years, and **Tom Brenneman '76**.

Joe Neidinger '76

Joe said that he rushed a couple other fraternities before he came to Lambda Chi, but he chose it because of the brothers. "They were the most irreverent group of guys I had ever met. They were truly wild and crazy!" he said.

Although the friendships he developed as a Lambda Chi were great, one of Joe's favorite memories from the house was the food. "I was fortunate to be a member when Amos Glass was still our cook. He made the best breakfasts ever! Those 'lead cakes' would stay with you all day," he said.

Because of all the great memories at the house, Joe says that his life would certainly not be the same without Lambda Chi. "Because of Lambda Chi, I am more self-confident, can see humor in every situation, and am able to laugh off any obstacle," he said. "I also would not have a fear of leaving my car unlocked! At the 'burg, any brother leaving their car unlocked could be assured it would not be there when they returned. They could find it inside the soccer goal, the center of Stine Lake, the garage of President Hanson, or filled with leaves," he said.

Today, Joe still tries to keep in touch with many of the guys from the class of 1976. "Life has sent us in different directions, but we will always have that common bond," he said.

Are you a member of the class of 1976? Share your favorite Lambda Chi stories by submitting an update on our website (lambdachigettsburg.com).



Lambda Chi Alpha class of 1976 (photo from Gettysburg College yearbook)

Alumni Share Updates and Reflect on How Lambda Chi Alpha Changed Their Lives

Richard A. Mitchell '62 (1695 Village Ave., Garnet Valley, PA 19061-6805; ramitchell@mttlawpa.com) I think that my skills, socially and “business-wise,” would have been much different without Lambda Chi Alpha. My four years in the fraternity at Gettysburg taught me a lot both socially and professionally. I went on to be a partner at a law firm, own a law firm, and mentor associates and partners. The skills that I learned from my brothers also became invaluable in my five years in the military and during law school. Lambda Chi Alpha was a positive part of my four years at Gettysburg, notice I did not say my “studies” at Gettysburg! I’m pretty much retired now from practicing law. I have brought my two associates in as partners so they can do the law work. I

the best health possible and the greatest life we could imagine. Several wonderful brothers from 1956 have changed my life. I am now teaching others to play trumpets and trombones from all over the world on Skype. I have thousands of them. I’m the luckiest man in the world.



Dave Sheetz

John Chain '93 (784 Maule Lane, West Chester, PA 19382-5247; jackchain71@gmail.com) My life at Lambda Chi had me taking on administrative and managerial tasks at a relatively naïve age. The skills I learned through leadership positions, with real consequences for failure, helped me be the stronger leader I am today in my current profession, as well as in my personal life. As a house manager, I learned quickly that it takes real managerial skill and organization to maintain a property with 30 people. As the alumni representa-

probably not be nearly as nice as the brothers I gained through Lambda Chi.

Phil Mitman '66 (910 Paxinosa Ave., Easton, PA 18042; philmitman@gmail.com) I have no idea where I would be without Lambda Chi. What I do know is



Phil Mitman and his wife

that I created many wonderful memories during my time as an undergraduate. I give back what I feel I can to the college and some occasional contributions to the fraternity. Through Lambda Chi, I learned the importance of friendships, trusting my fraternity brothers and leadership skills that have served me well. I have formed lasting friendships through the years and had terrific fun this year co-chairing our 50th reunion and connecting with fellow brothers and their spouses/significant others. A highlight from my summer was a fun weekend spent in New Jersey during Beach Week with my four children and their families. Most of us all stayed in one big Victorian house. The beach, cooking, art shows, laughs, love, fun, ice cream, family photos, etc. Cannot beat that!

Dennis Sholl '72 (303 Royal Road, Jamestown, NC 27282; loh11351@aol.com) Not joining Lambda Chi would have changed my life starting with my four years at Gettysburg. I played varsity football and could have joined one of the “jock” houses on campus. But, not wanting to be stereotyped, I joined Lambda Chi because it offered a very diverse group of guys to experience college with. Several of the guys in my pledge class, **Jay Espenlaub '72, Rich Straub '72, David Thompson '72, Rob Botti '72, Bob**

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– Woody Ryder '77

do the admin work for the firm and volunteer work for my bar association. This allows my wife, Joyce, and I to visit the five grandchildren more often and travel. We just came back from a four day trip to Pinehurst for a member-guest golf tournament. I’m also going to Hilton Head soon for a week of golf. Did I mention that I like to play golf?



Dave Sheetz's brothers from the '50s stand outside the chapter house

Dave Sheetz '56 (200 Surry Road, Gilsum, NH 03448-7304; dhsheetz@gmail.com) I’ve recently turned 83 and my wife, Debra, and I are enjoying

tive for the house, it allowed me to plan and organize events for returning alumni, as well as to develop methods of communicating with those alumni. These experiences, and many others, laid the foundation for developing my managerial style, as well as strengthening my organizational skills. These have both served me well in my career as an educator.



Jack Chain

Larry Snyder '79 (696 Kinderhaven Road, Arnold, MD 21210-1155; lsnyder@jlvalve.com) If I hadn’t joined Lambda Chi Alpha, I would be keeping in touch with a different set of fraternity brothers who would

ALUMNI UPDATES (cont.)

Kelley '72, and **Rick Owens '72** were my best friends in college and still are today, which is critical to my life quality. One other interesting highlight of my life is that, right out of college, I got a job working for Mack Trucks in Allentown. The HR person who hired me was a Lambda Chi from Penn State, and while I can't be certain, I

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– **John Chain '93**

believe that Lambda Chi played a role in me being hired. I just retired from Mack Trucks in December after 43.5 years. I think my life would be very different today had that hiring manager not decided to take a chance on a fellow Lambda Chi. My wife and I recently purchased an RV and are touring the country. We've gone to Georgia, Florida, South Carolina,

and North Carolina and just returned from a trip to Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Kentucky in August. We have one more trip planned for this year to the Civil War sites in Virginia and then plans to travel to New York, the Southwest, Midwest, and Northwest.

Thomas Ehrhart '77 (72/177, Soi 33, M. Benjalong, Ramkhamhaeng 178, Minburi, Bangkok 66291; tehrhart10510@yahoo.com) If it hadn't been for Lambda Chi Alpha, I don't know if I would have returned to Gettysburg after my junior year spent abroad.

Woody Ryder '77 (4 Browning Drive, Greenlawn, NY 11740; eryder@mpihq.com) Without Lambda Chi, my life would be profoundly emptier. I would not have the lifelong friends, whose presence near and far enriches my life with memories from those days in the '70s. My education at Gettysburg College would also have been incomplete, as partaking in the fraternity experience taught me many

integral lessons. Almost 40 years later, these memories still cause me to smile and the images in my mind of those days are still clear today, thankfully, as they were in the days of Poloroid cameras, 23 channel CB radios, and vinyl records.

Bryant Pappas '95 (25 Mcalpin Ave., Mahopac, NY 10541-2343; bryant_pappas@msn.com) I have many great memories from my Lambda Chi days. I'd love to meet at the house with my era alums for a work weekend. Stay at the house, paint, clean, and relive old times. It would also be great to reunite with **Chris Atlee '94**, **David Williams '97**, and **Dan McDevitt '96**.



Bryant Pappas during a boxing match

I haven't been able to track down Chris. Great guy. Because of the valuable lessons that I gained through the fraternity, I can't imagine life without it. Lambda Chi Alpha breeds leaders.

100TH ANNIVERSARY RECAP

100th Anniversary a Success

Alumnus Ron Paul '57 Joined in on the Celebration

Our 100th Anniversary event was held from Friday, September 30 to Saturday, October 1 and it was a tremendous success. The opening cocktail party at the alumni house drew in over 100 alumni. On Saturday, we held a luncheon at the house, which was held in the Attic and attracted over 200 attendees. That evening, we held dinner and a cocktail reception and had 170 in attendance. One of our notable alums in attendance was **Ron Paul '57**. We're pleased to announce that alumni from 1953 to 2016 were present for the festivities and helped us celebrate such a huge milestone. We were also joined by the president of the international fraternity.

Do you have any great photos from the event? Share them with us by visiting our website (lambdachigettsburg.com) and submitting an update.





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PHOTO FLASHBACK

Can You Caption This Photo?



We celebrated our centennial this year, which means there are 100 years worth of great Lambda Chi Alpha photos out there. We found this photo in our archives with the caption “Now we’re serenading the parking lot.” Do you know anything about this photo? Are you in it? Tell us about it by visiting our website (www.lambdachigettsburg.com) and submitting an update. While you’re at it, send us your own throwback photos from your Lambda Chi Alpha days so we can share them with your fellow brothers.

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Let us know!**

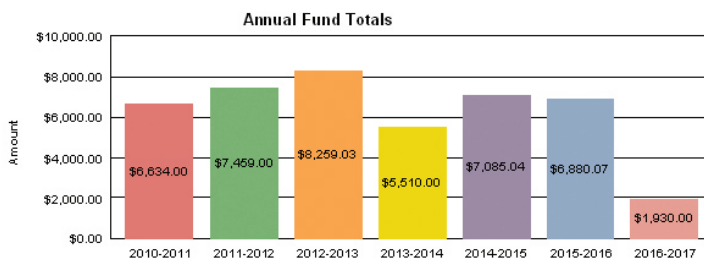
ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

What Do 24 of You Have in Common This Year?

Our 2016-17 giving year kicked off on September 1, 2016. So far, we’ve received 26 contributions for a total of \$1,930. We’re counting on your support to reach our goal of raising \$7,500 from 100 donors this year. Back in 2014, 90 brothers stepped up and contributed \$7,085 to the chapter. We are confident that, through strong alumni engagement, we can reach our

goal by August 31, 2017. Donating is easy! You can make your contribution in the following ways:

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The spirit of the Theta-Pi Chapter lives in all of you. We hope you’ll pass the torch by making a gift that will impact future generations of brothers.