



Epsilon-Kappa Zeta

The Escutcheon

Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity
At Drexel University



Spring 2013

3401 Powelton Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19104

Inside This Issue:

<i>State of the Chapter</i>	2
<i>Community</i>	3
<i>Focus on Alumni</i>	4
<i>Philanthropy</i>	5
<i>New Officers</i>	6
<i>Railroad House</i>	6
<i>Thanks to Alumni</i>	7
<i>Atlantic Conclave</i>	8
<i>Upcoming Events</i>	9



Mid-Atlantic Conclave 2013

Drexel Lambda Chi Alpha, Epsilon-Kappa Zeta hosted it's first Mid-Atlantic conclave since 1986 this past Winter. Dave Huffine, Grand High Phi, was keynote speaker. Special thanks to Brother Adam Lynn for planning and executing the event. Both are pictured below. Read More Page 8.



Hurricane Sandy Relief Efforts

The undergraduates took part in helping those effected by Hurricane Sandy. Relief efforts are still on going but Drexel Lambda Chi was up to the challenge. The Brotherhood went to towns in need of the course of many weekends to lend a helping hand.



Relay for Life

The undergraduates participated in Drexel's Annual Relay for Life. Relay for life supports the fight against cancer. Lambda Chi participated with 62 teams from Drexel and raised the most of any team raising over \$4000.

State of the Chapter

Brothers,

Thus far, the chapter of Epsilon-Kappa Zeta has been doing very well. Everything isn't perfect but the important things are. Group unity and caring for one another are the characteristics that carry us as a chapter through the hard times and bring us closer together. Much has happened in the last six months that has continued the chapter's history of growth and development.

Epsilon-Kappa Zeta is now a 60+ man fraternity on Drexel's campus. The growth we have seen in the past 18 months has been tremendous as we have nearly doubled in size. One of the newest struggles we have encountered is keeping this vast pool of potential utilized. We want all members to help out in whatever way they can and so we developed a committee system where each officer has one committee under him that meets biweekly. We have been working with this system over the past four months and have seen some great results and brothers being more involved than ever before.

The chapter is planning an end-of-spring/start-of-summer recruitment that is different to see if it's more effective than the traditional means of recruiting. We are only having two events that we invite everyone to and are replacing the other events with time slots when members can meet up with potentials one-on-one and get to know them on a more personal level. We are hoping this is the first stepping stone towards 365 day recruiting and in revolutionizing the way recruitment is perceived. We are excited to implement this and to see how effective it is.

At the end of last term, the chapter had officer elections and many members stepped into new roles with a lot of new ideas and motivation. The energy is high in the officer meetings and significant progress is being made as a result.

I believe, as a chapter, we are on a good track and have great promise for the future. Our constant striving to become better and go the extra mile is the reason we are in the good position we are today, the reason we are going to be in good places in the future, and the reason I am proud to call myself a Lambda Chi.

Yours in ZAX,

Anthony Iacono

EK-1481

High Alpha

Brothers,

I am happy to share with you how the Chapter continues to grow in members, excel in community service and philanthropy and maintain great relations with the University and General Fraternity. After associating seven new members in the winter, the chapter has grown to 64 members, from 45 members this time last year, a 42% growth.

Last fall the chapter hosted a Smash Bash Fundraiser with teams of students competing in a variety of pumpkin smashing competitions. The effort raised \$4,000 for Philabundance and the North American Food Drive. During winter term Lambda Chi Alpha's Rich Felix was crowned Delta Phi Epsilon's "Deeper Dude" in the sorority's male beauty pageant. Rich raised an astounding \$4,600 for the benefit of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. These events have increased the exposure of Lambda Chi Alpha on campus while demonstrating the bond of brotherhood.

Last fall, the chapter successfully petitioned to host the Atlantic Conclave for the General Fraternity. Many of you can remember attending conclaves and even hosting conclaves before. I recall Epsilon Kappa hosted conclaves at Drexel in the 1960's and 1980's. They are terrific educational opportunities for the zetas to learn leadership and chapter management skills while exchanging what works and does not work at their chapters. Epsilon Kappa hosted nearly 100 Lambda Chi's, from 14 chapters, at the Spring 2013 Atlantic Conclave at Drexel from February 22nd through 24th. Attending were Grand High Phi David Huffine, Associate Director of Chapter Services Justin Fisher, Educational Foundation Associate Director of Alumni Relations Travis Smith, Educational Leadership Consultant Brian Watts and Master Stewards Scott Reikofski, George Taylor, Ed Keglovits and Michael Malter. Grand High Phi David Huffine provided an inspirational keynote address at the banquet, proved his expertise in Heraldry and encouraged all the undergraduates to return to their chapters as lions rampant, a symbol from our coat of arms. At the banquet, it was also determined that Ryan Pratt (EK-1489) will continue to serve as the Atlantic Conclave's representative to the Student Advisory Committee (SAC) through July of 2014. The weekend clearly showed the mutual respect between Epsilon Kappa and the General Fraternity.

Your continued support of the chapter, whether it be time, talent or treasure, is much appreciated.

Yours in ZAX,

Mark Stitz

EK-906

High Pi

Community Service



Penn Vet Working Dog Center

The Undergraduates have been volunteering regularly at the Pennsylvania Vet Working Dog Center which serves as a training facility. Penn Vet as we have all known to call it, a non profit organization trains K-9s that are used during tragedies and natural disasters for search and rescue.

Over the course of the last 6 months we have assisted Penn Vet in the upkeep of their facilities. The undergraduates also took part in a weekend long project along with Home Depot to build a dog training obstacle course used in training the K-9s to rescue people during different scenarios and crisis situations.

The undergraduates have made good relations with Penn Vet and continue to assist them moving forward.


PennVet
 Working Dog Center

3401 Grays Ferry Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19146
 Phone: 215-898-2200 Fax: 215-463-3870
 Email: workingdoginfo@pennvetwdc.org

Staying Connected: Focus on Alumni



Pictured Above (from left to right): Brothers Jack Falkenbach, Rich Sasin, and John McGarrigle (and Chuck "Beak" Persing in center)



Brothers for Life

In the fall of 2011 three LXA Brothers and their wives took a cruise of Scandinavia from Oslo Norway to St Petersburg, Russia. We have been Fraternity Brothers for forty seven years.



Pictured Above: Brother John McGarrigle and wife in St. Petersburg

Pictured to left: Jack emerging from his favorite spot of a tour bus, the bathroom

Undergraduates and Alumni at Alumni Open House in Winter Term



Philanthropy



On February 2nd, 2013, Drexel's own Delta Phi Epsilon held their 9th annual Deepher Dude competition. The purpose of this event each year is to raise money for their philanthropy which is the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF). Deepher Dude is an all-male beauty pageant in which the contestants are one member from each fraternity (there is also a representative from the wrestling team). This past year, my brothers chose me to represent them in the competition.

Preparation for the event was the biggest part. While the event itself is a fun time, the main goal is to raise the most money of all the contestants. That also played a large part in whether you were victorious in the end. After I was selected for the competition and given a sister from DPhiE to serve as my escort I immediately began preparations to raise money. The brothers of Lambda Chi were behind me every step of the way. We used every opportunity we could to raise money for the event. We held Friday Night cookouts, sold t-shirts, etc. I even drank an entire tray of bleu cheese in 3 minutes for two hundred dollars (there is a video if you're skeptical). The alumni also got involved making donations online which in total amounted to almost one thousand dollars!

The night of the event arrived and spirits were definitely high in our brotherhood. Deepher Dude is a pretty big deal on our campus as it attracts over 1,000 spectators. The Brothers of Lambda Chi came to support me in almost its entirety. It definitely was an amazing feeling to see all of them cheering from the stage. The competition consisted of a swimsuit competition, a talent component and a formalwear component. In the end (after much anticipation due to giving out raffle prizes for about an hour), I was crowned the 2013 Deepher Dude. I raised \$4,600 in total for cystic fibrosis. This dollar amount is the most ever raised by a contestant. I still remember the Lambda Chi section erupting in cheers following the announcement and it remains as one of the greatest feelings I've had as a brother.

While I received all the recognition, I definitely could not have accomplished this without the full support of my Brothers. It takes chapter unity to win an event of this nature. The benefits also go a lot deeper than my increased popularity on campus and a place on DPhiE's composite. This event solidified to our Lambda Chi chapter that given a cause, we can do great things for the community as long as we stick together. We look to use some of the techniques we used for Deepher Dude towards our own philanthropy. The event also did not hurt towards our public relations. We fraternized with DPhiE before the event very minimally but, they recently just made a very big showing at our pasta dinner. There are definitely connections being made in our relationship for future events together. Winning the event filled me with great pride. Especially for the fact that I was the first Lambda Chi brother to win it here on our Drexel campus. I feel like I have opened the door to other brothers in the fraternity to advance the prowess of Lambda Chi Alpha Epsilon-Kappa Zeta.

In ZAX,

Richard Felix

EK 1523

Congratulations to our Newly Elected Officers

High Alpha, Chapter President - Anthony Iacono

High Theta, External Vice President - Adam Lynn

High Tau, Treasurer - Michael Elmer

High Kappa, Fraternity Educator - Tevin Hill

High Sigma, Scholastic Chair - Daniel Finnegan

High Rho, Alumni Relations - Ryan Pratt

Athletics Chairman, Sebastian Zawlocki

High Beta, Internal Vice President - Sunil Verma

High Gamma, Secretary - Christopher Seidl

High Iota, Risk Manager - Alexander Davie

High Phi, Ritualist - Nicholas Christman

High Epsilon, Social Chair - Jonathan Bean

Standards Chairman, Edward Hopper

Housing Manager, Alexander Abadiotakis/Richard Felix

Jimmy G's Railroad House

Jimmy G's Railroad House, although only 5 years old, was talked about since the late 70's by its founder James "Aby" Giuffrida EK 805. Aby often spoke (usually when he was under grade pressure) of his father's bar and his goal to have a bar when he retired (or flunked out). Fast forward to 2007, after taking early retirement at Carpenter Technologies Jim dives full bore in to opening a bar.

As an accountant who deals with bankruptcies Jim's desire to open a bar, to me, was a way to end up back in the workforce and heavily in debt, and likely divorced.

First Aby purchases a bar (including real estate) that has been closed for at least 10 years, and all but rebuilds it over the next year. After remodeling the place, he purchased 10 to 15 flat screen TVs when they were expensive. He hired an advertising firm to design a logo and on top of that he purchased a metal sign with the logo to hang out front of the bar. He had a bar hand built to make more room for seating and customers. To finance these excesses he took funds from his savings and retirement accounts, remortgaged his home, maxed out every credit card he could use and borrowed money from his dad.

I remember thinking that I would soon receive a call to help Aby file bankruptcy! When I did not hear from him I would routinely call Aby before he opened the bar and grill him on costs, break even analysis, the dangers of over leverage and the high failure rate of bars and restaurants, not to mention once opened employee theft, no shows and customers who would sooner rip him off than pay. Later Aby admitted he just yes'ed me to death to get me off the phone. Well the big day came he opens the bar and Aby has not looked back since.

Jim and April now have the best bar in town. He has expanded and improved it from day one, never resting. Each time I would call him he would say he purchased this, replaced that, opened a deck bar, heated the deck bar, enclosed the deck bar, built a porch bar, paved the lot, put up a fence, bought the property next to the bar, started live entertainment and so on. Each time I am there I am amazed as Aby seems to be at home and ease, he knows his customers by name, cares about them and runs a tight ship! April never seems to be able to socialize with the fraternity brothers who visit (some things never change) when we come, but Aby is no dummy, his wife April who has not aged a bit, is the hostess and runs the dining floor!

Thank god I was wrong about Aby's chances for success, for two reasons, Aby and April are good people and more importantly I put the arm on Aby each year for a donation to the fraternity, which after abusing me (some things never change) he generously makes.

Small groups of us have made periodic road trips to the Railroad House and have formalized an annual August road trip. Join us for the Alumni Road Trip to Jim Giuffrida's (EK 855) Railroad House - Saturday, August 24, 2013!

ZAX
Chuck "Beak" Persing
EK 903, 1981

Thank you to Alumni for their Generous Contributions

Albert M. Hill, Jr.	Kenneth Johnsen
Albert J. Chesavage	Kerry DiBlasio
Andrew Soltis	Kevin M. Miller
Art Galletta	Kevin F. Murphy
Barry Rubenstein	Kevin Schuster
Bill Watts	Kyle Musal
Blair Forbes	Mark Brogan
Brian Doyle	Mark Fischer
Brian Gleason	Mark Issa
Charles F. Schwender	Mark Stitz
Charles Persing	Matthew Burkins
David Young	Matthew Cardillo
Dennis Carr	Michael Casey Ryan
Donald Braun	Michael Cona
Douglas Sensenig	Michael Sheptak
Dr. Richard Sasin	Paul Geissler
Frank Johnson	Philip Seufert
Frank Nibouar	Ralph L. Holloway
Francis Dunleavy	Richard A. Swan
Frederick Zierle	Richard Barbor
George King	Richard Sasin
George M. Danko	Robert H. Durian
George Montgomery	Robert Lathlaen
Greg Hammer	Robert O. Jarman
Gregory Davis	Robert Snader
Harold Kepler	Ron Vidal
Harold L. Barndt	Sarah Macknik IMO Louis S. Macknik
Henry Diener	Scott Diamond
James A. Crouthamel	Stephen Dean
James Druecker	Steve Cohen
James M. Lane	Steven Crutchfield
James McGoldrick	Suzanne Slegel IMO Raymond Slegel
Jeff Dale	Theodore Speedy
Jeff Fylstra	Thomas S. Dix III
Jim Giuffrida	Todd Eisemann
John Daniels	Todd Gross
John H. Conaway	Tony Hidaglo
John McGarrigle	W. Richard Webster
John Gilmore	Walter Gardiner
John Rosecky	Wayne Campbell
John Shinskie Jr.	William F. Fisher
John W. Braddock	William H. Linton, Jr.
John W. Stout	William R. Niblock
Joseph G. Kopach	William T. Ward
Ken Monaco	

Atlantic Conclave



On February 22, 2013 the Chapter hosted their first Atlantic Conclave since re-chartering. More than 19 chapters were represented from Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington D.C. The conclave lasted a total of 3 days with registration starting on Friday the 22nd and ending that Sunday the 24th. The events took place in Drexel's brand new facility The Papadakis Integrated Science Building where brothers and associates were in amazed with the living Bio-wall. Brothers learned more about affective recruitment, harm reduction, officer transition, how to plan fun and safe events, motivating brothers, and a TRUE ID: Sexual Orientation.

Brothers spending the night got the opportunity to stay at a few local chapters or to send the night at the Sheraton Hotel a block away from campus. Master Steward Scott Reikofski, FSL advisor at University of Pennsylvania, was in attendance to work on some of the workshops and to talk to brothers around the area about their goals and inspirations for their chapter along with our Education Leadership Consultant Brian Watts.

Some familiar faces; such as Travis Smith, were also in attendance to oversee the conclave and to see some of the re-founding brothers from our chapter. On Saturday evening the brothers, associates, and some local Alumni from the Philadelphia Area were treated to a banquet dinner in the Creese Student Building. The keynote speaker of the night was Dave Huffine, the Grand High Phi, who is currently the advisor for the VCU Colony. Dave's speech discussed about our rights of Associate members and how we all must be the Lion Rampant on our coat of arms. Brothers that are active and protective and not slacking and letting down our guard. Brothers and Associates were also given to option to take a trip to the Woodlands Cemetery right off of Woodland Ave. to visit our spiritual founders grave, John E. Mason. Many brothers were very pleased to have the opportunity to getting to visit the grave since for most it is a once in a lifetime event. By the end the brothers were prepared to go back to their chapters with tons of great advice and ideas to make their chapter the best at their institutions.

In ZAX,

Adam Lynn

EK 1525

Please visit our websites:

- ◆ **Housing Corporation:**
www.ekzalumni.org
- ◆ **Undergrad:** www.lambdachidrexel.com
- ◆ **Linked In Group:** Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Organization - EKZ, Drexel University (Now over 250 members. catch up with your brothers in this group)

The Escutcheon



Save the Dates!

- ◆ Alumni Happy Hour May 24th*
- ◆ Senior Sendoff June 8th*
- ◆ Alumni Barbeque Summer Term
- ◆ Alumni Road Trip to Jim Giuffrida's (EK 855) Railroad House - Saturday, August 24, 2013*

To receive current and timely updates go to the web site and add your email address or join the Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Organization - EKZ, Drexel University

* approximate date subject to change.

Additional Updates

Epsilon Kappa is proud to announce that Matt Mazur (EK-1484) has been selected for the International Ritual Team at this Summer's Stead Leadership Seminar in Memphis, TN



Mike Krulikowski (EK 957, 1983) has passed after a several year struggle with cancer

Drexel honors Frances Dunleavy (EK 867, 1977) as one of the Drexel 100

Chip Roman (EK 1327, 2002) named as one of the Drexel 40 under 40