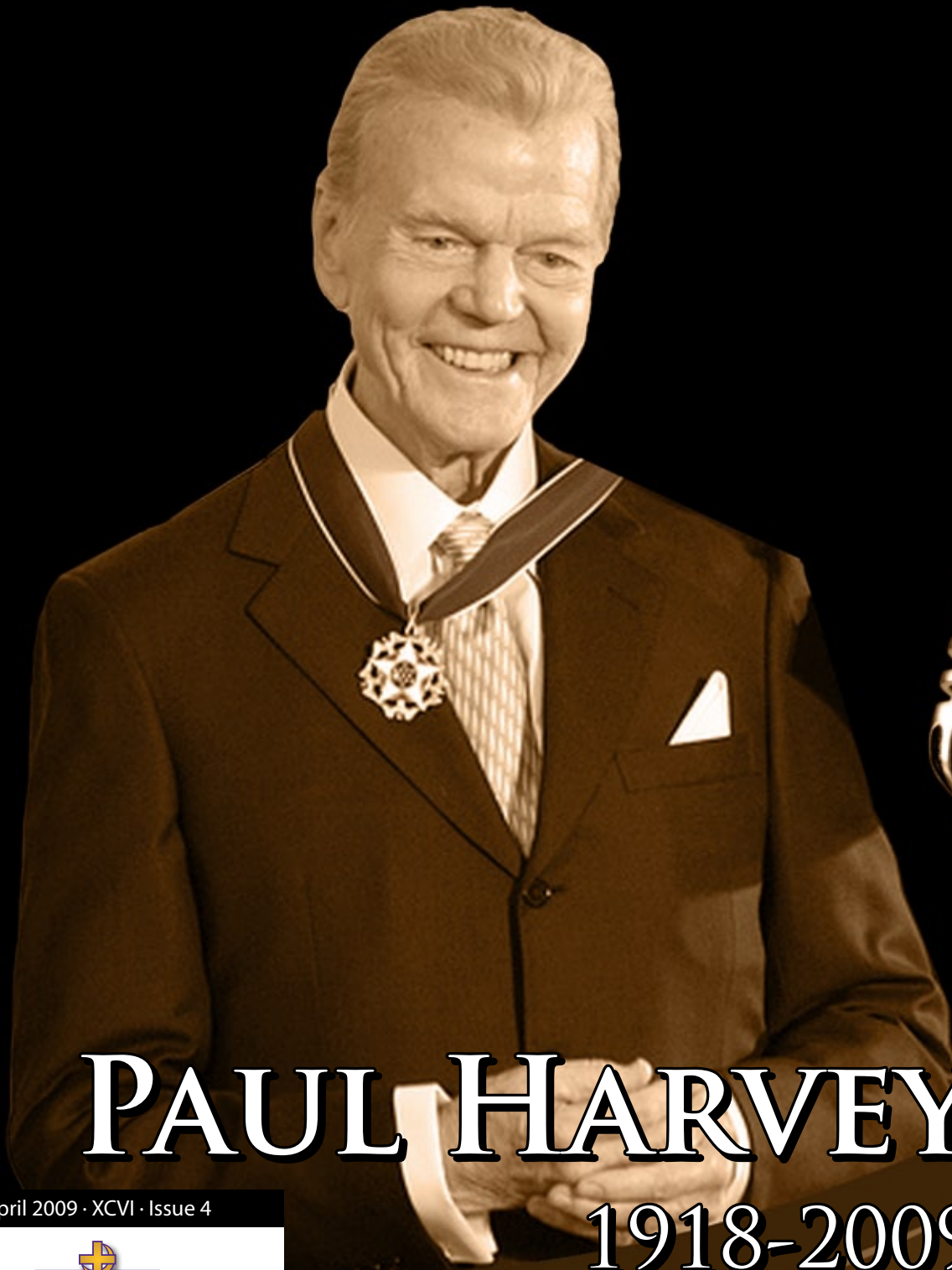




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### PAUL HARVEY SIGNS OFF

A 1952 honorary brother from Culver Stockton, he died February 27, 2009, at the age of 90. A news commentator and talk-radio pioneer, his staccato style made him one of the nation's most familiar voices.

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# Chapter News

Chapter news, alumni news, and reports of death

## Akron (Gamma-Alpha)

The chapter held its 10th Annual Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Reverse Raffle on February 27, 2009, to raise money for the House Renovation Fund and to support several undergraduate brothers. The event was the largest ever and raised more than \$7000.

At the 2008 Greek Leadership Awards, the chapter won the Interfraternal Award, Member Development Award, the New Member Development Award, Risk Management Award, and the Dean's Cup (most outstanding fraternity).

## Angelo State (Beta-Alpha)

Chapter brothers traveled to Kingsland, Texas, for their annual Brother Retreat.

Chapter brothers collected food for the North American Food Drive.

Chapter brothers held a mixer with the Sigma Kappa-Zeta Kappa chapter called the "Twist and Tangle Mixer."

## Arkansas (Gamma-Chi)

Clyde C. Treece (1930) died February 1, 2003. During the Great Depression, he worked for the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey in Little Rock, Arkansas, and the Soil Erosion Service in Conway, Arkansas, until 1934. In 1937, Treece began his career with Ebasco Services, Inc., a consulting engineering firm in New York City where he was supervisor of engineering design of electrical power plants, substations, and transmission lines. He remained with Ebasco Services for 26 years. In 1963, he became lead engineer, in charge of electrical engineering and design, for Stone and Webster Engineering Corp. in Boston, deciding to retire in 1967.

## Atlantic Conclave

Hosted by the Saint Joseph's University chapter, more than 90 brothers from 12 chapters attended the Atlantic Conclave held on March 27-28, 2009. The conclave was organized by Saint Joseph's Brendan Ledwith (Saint Joseph's). Chapters attending the event included Villanova University, University of Pennsylvania, Lycoming College, Saint Joseph's University, Penn State University, Gettysburg College, Millersville University, Shepherd University, George Washington University, University of Maryland, Towson University, and University of Maryland-Baltimore County. Also, there were six chapter advisers and more than five additional alumni from

surrounding chapters. Grand High Phi Jim Bond (Central Missouri 1978) was the special guest and keynote speaker.

## Bluegrass Conclave

Hosted by the Vanderbilt University chapter, more than 100 brothers from 12 chapters attended the Bluegrass Conclave held March 27-28, 2009. The conclave was organized by Vanderbilt's Jeremy Sandler and Cole Carlson. Chapters attending the event came from across Kentucky and Tennessee. Four chapter advisers and additional alumni brothers also attended. Board Member Fletcher McElreath (Mercer 1987) was the special guest and keynote speaker, and conclave programming included Cole Recruitment, Call to Brotherhood, Fraternity Education, Exoteric Mysteries, Harm Reduction, Budgeting, Initiation Ritual History, and an exciting ZAX Jeopardy session.

## Butler (Alpha-Alpha)

The chapter held its 29th annual Teeter-Totter Marathon for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The Teeter Totter is a week-long event in which all the brothers and associate members ride the teeter-totter 24 hours a day for the entire week, regardless of the weather. Chapter Vice President Casey Foster was interviewed by two local TV stations, ABC 6 and Fox 59. CNN also aired a news segment and a local radio station broadcast from the site. The chapter expects to raise about \$10,000, and other publicity events ranged from a free cookout for 300 people, a free concert featuring four bands (two of which have signed record deals), to Butler President Dr. Bobby Fong putting on the official Teeter-Totter T-shirt with the slogan "Beating Cancer Up and Down" and riding the Teeter Totter with other students who came to witness the spectacle.

Dick Dullaghan (1966), who won eight state titles and more than 300 games in 31 years as an Indianapolis area football coach before retiring after the 2003 season, will be inducted into the National Federation of State High School Association's National High School Hall of Fame. He will be among a group of 12 coaches, athletes, administrators, and officials honored July 1, 2009, in Chicago.

## California-San Diego (Pi-Beta)

The chapter will conduct an Initiation Ritual ceremony for 25 associate members from the California-Los Angeles colony on April 3, 2009. In addition, five associate members from the chapter also will be initiated.

## Colonial Conclave

Hosted by the University of North Carolina–Greensboro chapter brothers, more than 60 Brothers from 11 chapters attended the Colonial Conclave from February 27-28, 2009. The conclave was organized by High Point Chapter Adviser and Master Steward Todd Shoemaker (High Point 1993) and host chapter's Vice President Jeromy Forshee (North Carolina-Greensboro 2009). Chapters attending the event included Hampden-Sydney College, Old Dominion University, High Point University, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina–Charlotte, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill, University of South Carolina–Aiken, University of North Carolina A&T, East Carolina University, Western Carolina University, and Elon University. Director of Chapter Services John Holloway (High Point 1994) was the special guest and keynote speaker.

## Dallas/Ft. Worth Area Alumni Association

Chuck Chambers (Texas A&M 1981) was elected president of the Dallas/Ft. Worth area Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Association. Upcoming alumni association events include attending a Texas Rangers baseball game in an office suite by 3rd base on June 18, 2009, as well as social and charity functions. The alumni association has group pages on both Facebook and LinkedIn. Additionally, Greg Coon (North Texas 1989) is in charge of communications to the group. To receive upcoming event notifications, send an email to [greg@eyeconvideo.com](mailto:greg@eyeconvideo.com).

## DePauw (Xi)

Dr. David L. Buckles (1940) died March 20, 2009. He was a captain in the U.S. Army and the first pathologist in Anderson, Indiana, and established the pathology lab at St. John's Hospital. He was past chairman of the board of the Central Indiana Regional Blood Bank, member of the US Power Squadron, life member of the Elks, member of Anderson Country Club, and past president of the Madison County Medical Society.

## Eastern Illinois (Phi-Alpha)

The chapter held its first Lambda Chi Car Smash on March 11, 2009, to raise money for the local Coles County Animal Shelter. Brian Bates donated a 1981 BMW for the event.

## Florida (Epsilon-Mu)

Theodore E. Mischuck (1942) died March 4, 2009. He worked as an investment banker for many years prior to his retirement. He was also past president of Orlando Jaycees, Kiwanis Club of Orlando, Kiwanis Foundation, and Rollins College Alumni Association, and a past director for the Central Florida Fair and the United Way.

## Florida State (Zeta-Rho)

The chapter added 10 new associate members this spring and initiated 42 new brothers during the fall semester.

Chapter members participated in their annual Dance Marathon to benefit needy children from February 14-1, 2009, raising more than \$375,000. All of the proceeds will go to Children's Miracle Network at Shands Hospital and the FSU College of Medicine's Pediatric Outreach Program.

FSU's swim team has received a big boost from the men of Lambda Chi Alpha. Matt Shead (2011) and Robby Hayes (2011) competed for the Seminoles at the ACC championships. Shead, a sophomore from Welling, Kent, in England, swims the 100 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke, 100 butterfly, and 200 individual medley. He also has competed in the Olympic trials for the British swim team. Hayes, a sophomore from Alpharetta, Georgia, set the school record in the 200 IM with a time of 1:47.84 at U.S. Nationals earlier this year. He also swims the 200 butterfly, 100 freestyle, and 100 butterfly. Steven Pendleton, from Chicago, also is a varsity swimmer, a three-time state champion in Illinois, and competes for FSU in freestyle.

Chapter brothers won the tennis and the 3-on-3 basketball intramural competitions. The tennis team, comprised of Chandler French, Mike Simmons, Justin Parham, Chris Slade, won both the Fraternity and All-Campus Championships. The 3-on-3 basketball team, comprised of Boomer Hart, Jordan Bolton, Trevor Hart, Mike Speicher-Harris, and Sid Clark, captured the Fraternity Championship in a game played at the Civic Center following the FSU Varsity game.

## Gettysburg (Theta-Pi)

Larry Saylor (1968) died.

## Great Lakes Conclave

Hosted by the University of Akron chapter from March 27-29, 2009, the Great Lakes Conclave was attended by more than 50 brothers from 16 chapters. The event was organized by Conclave Chairman Chris Casteel (Akron) with help from his chapter brothers and brothers of the General Fraternity staff. At the Great Lakes Conclave, undergraduates received training on Harm Reduction, the Cole Recruitment Institute, the Call to Brotherhood, budgeting, and reporting, while others completed the Faithful Steward stage of the True Leader Program. Chapters in the Great Lakes Conclave include Akron, Bowling Green, Case Western, Central Michigan, Denison, Eastern Michigan, Edinboro, Ferris State, Kent State, Kettering A&B, Marietta, Miami (OH), Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio, Ohio State, Pittsburgh, Toronto, Western Michigan, Western Ontario, Wilmington, and Wittenburg.

## Great Plains Conclave

Hosted by the brothers at Simpson College, 10 Zetas totaling more than 90 brothers came together at the Great Plains Conclave from March 20-22, 2009. This conclave was organized by Simpson Chapter Adviser and Master Steward Mike Kellar (Simpson 1991) and Simpson Conclave Committee Chairman Sam Swalwell (Simpson 2009). Chapters attending the event included Coe College, University of Iowa, Iowa State University, University of Nebraska-

Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Omaha, University of South Dakota, Kansas State University, Minnesota State-Mankato, Culver-Stockton College and of course Simpson College. During the closing banquet, Dr. Robert Larsen (Simpson 1956) was awarded the Order of Achievement for his over 50 years of dedication to the music department at Simpson College and the Des Moines Opera. Board Member Lynn Chipperfield (Drury 1973) was the special guest and keynote speaker. Conclave awards included: Chapter Spirit, Nebraska-Omaha; Recruitment, Coe; Retention, Coe, Iowa, and Minnesota State; Man-Miles, Minnesota State.

## Great South Conclave

On March 13, 2009, the Great South Conclave was held by the chapter brothers at Troy University. The conclave was organized by Troy Chapter Adviser Woods Culpepper (Troy 1979), Alumnus John Rogers (Troy 2001) and Troy Chapter Treasurer Tucker Sargent (Troy). More than 70 brothers and associate members came from the states of Alabama and Louisiana to make the conclave a great success. Board Chairman Ed Leonard (William Jewell 1979) was the special guest and keynote speaker. Master Stewards Jeff Steele (Washington 1964) and Mike Smith (Denver 1976) were also in attendance as facilitators and esteemed presenters. The brothers in attendance came together for Outer Circle programming, Initiation Ritual discussions, meals, and a ropes course.

## Illinois (Chi)

Michael L. Sullivan (1988) was appointed chair of Goldberg Kohn's Labor & Employment Group. He has 18 years of experience counseling employers and litigating virtually every type of labor and employment claim. He is also a principal in the firm's Litigation Group and has litigated all manner of complex commercial disputes, including class actions, bankruptcy issues and corporate governance battles.

## Illinois State (Beta-Omicron)

The chapter celebrated its 40th anniversary with a Founders Day celebration on March 21, 2009. Lambda Chi Alpha was the first Greek letter organization to appear on the Illinois State University campus on March 22, 1969.

## Kansas (Zeta-Iota)

The chapter will hold a Spring Alumni Day on April 26, 2009, which will include alumni awards, scholarship presentation, and a KU-Nebraska baseball game.

The Kansas chapter has a brand new website .

Hunter Hess was elected to the Student Senate.

Jimmy Goff, Dylan Long, and Nick Fuston have joined the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lawrence, Kansas.

Martin Huggard (Cincinnati) was elected president of the Parents' Club. He is the father of the chapter's Fraternity Educator Chris Huggard.

## Los Angeles Area Alumni Association

Scott Seward (Cal State-Northridge 1990) hosted the Los Angeles Area Centennial reception in his North Hollywood office on February 19, 2009. More than 40 brothers and guests were in attendance. A few reception highlights included Board Member Lynn Chipperfield's State of the Fraternity address and the attendance of a dozen new colony founding fathers from the University of California-Los Angeles and the University of California-Santa Barbara. Additionally, Order of Merit recipients Howard Brightman (California-Los Angeles 1967) and Tom Lawrence (Northwestern 1956) attended the celebration.

## Louisville (Zeta-Sigma)

Chapter President William Norton Jr. received the University of Louisville's Greek Man of the Year Award. He has served as chapter president for two consecutive years, previously serving as chapter treasurer and standards chair.

The chapter has refurbished its chapter room using generous contributions from its House Corporation.

## Miami-OH (Zeta-Upsilon)

Chuck Wilson (1966) is CEO of Nashville Wraps, Wholesale Gift and Gourmet Packaging of Nashville, Tennessee. Chuck was active in NROTC while at the University.

Phil VonFossen, with Michael Berson of the University of South Florida, is the co-editor of the new book, *The Electronic Republic: The Impact of Technology on Citizenship Education*.

## Midwestern Conclave

Over the weekend of March 27-29, 2009, brothers from across the states of Indiana and Illinois came together for the Midwestern Centennial Conclave. Hosted by the brothers at Purdue University, more than 90 brothers came together from 15 chapters in a very successful conclave event that was organized through the dedicated efforts of Purdue Conclave Committee Chairman Zach Stewart (Purdue) and Purdue Chapter Adviser Ted Luce (Michigan State). Chapters attending the event included Northwestern University, Lake Forest College, Elmhurst College, Eastern Illinois University, Eureka College, Bradley University, University of Illinois, Valparaiso University, Hanover College, Indiana University, Wabash College, Butler University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and Purdue University. Board Member Drew Hunter (Denver 1984) was the special guest and keynote speaker. Conclave programming included Cole Recruitment, Call to Brotherhood Fraternity Education, Exoteric Mysteries, Harm Reduction, Lambda Chi Alpha History and an exciting ZAX session covering the origins of our Initiation Ritual.

## Minnesota State (Lambda-Delta)

A chapter founder, Patrick Garofalo is a state Republican Representative in Minnesota.

## Murray State (Lambda-Eta)

Tyler Holloway became the 34<sup>th</sup> player to score 1,000 points in his basketball career at Murray State University

Holloway, Jarad Key, and Bryce Dalrymple were all honored on Senior Night for their contributions to the men's basketball team at Murray State.

## Naples Area Alumni Association

Two dozen brothers and guests attended a luncheon on March 12, 2009, at the Collier Athletic Club in Naples, Florida. All those in attendance heard from Executive Vice President Emeritus George Spasyk (Michigan 1949) as he recalled the last 70 years of Lambda Chi Alpha in Florida. George installed almost all of the Florida chapters during his time on the Fraternity staff.

## Newport Beach Area Alumni Association

Ryan Kelly (California–Santa Barbara 1986) hosted the Orange County Area Centennial Reception at the Pacific Club on February 18, 2009. A large contingent of brothers initiated in the 1930s and 1940s were present, including our oldest brother Bob Sinclair (Alfred 1943). Board Member Lynn Chipperfield (Drury 1973) gave a state of the fraternity address and expressed excitement for the upcoming International Centennial Celebration taking place this summer in Indianapolis.

## Northeast Conclave

Hosted by chapter brothers at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, more than 60 brothers and associate members from seven chapters attended the Northeast Centennial Conclave from March 27-28, 2009. The conclave was organized by Master Stewards Ray Lutzky (RPI 2002) and Roger Grice (Polytechnic 1964) and undergraduates Nick Chivattoni (RPI) and Stephen Lazos (RPI). Chapters attending the event included Boston University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, University of New Hampshire, Cornell University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, University of Maine, and Polytechnic Institute. The chapters were able to participate in such programming as Cole Recruitment led by Ray Lutzky, True Leader led by Eric Berger (Boston 1985), and Outer Circle and Inner Circle training led by Fraternity staff. Special guest Board Member Ralph Wilhelm (Cornell 1967) was in attendance. Former Board Member John Minasian (WPI 1972) was the keynote speaker.

## North Texas (Iota-Zeta)

Chapter brothers received three awards at the annual Greek Awards ceremony, including Intramural Champions (for the fourth year in a row), Most Improved Grades, and runner-up for Chapter of the Year.

The chapter partnered with Delta Gamma sorority to enter the CAN-struction competition, a university-wide initiative to raise food for the Denton Food Center. Within two days the Lambda Chis and the Delta Gammas collected more than 600 cans, placing third in the competition.

## Oklahoma (Gamma-Rho)

Under the direction of chapter Treasurer Courtlyn Shoate, chapter brothers put on the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Miss White Rose OU Pageant on March 3, 2009. The pageant included contestants from 11 sororities who were judged in four categories: Interview, Sports Wear, Talent, and Evening Wear. Awards were given for the overall winner, first runner-up, second runner-up, talent, and crowd favorite.

The pageant is a philanthropy for Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the 500 members in the audience were presented with an overview of the program and given an opportunity to become involved with BBBS by Diane Murphree the program's executive director. During breaks in the competition the audience was entertained by last year's winner and by the brothers of Gamma-Rho.

At the end of the pageant Brother Shoate presented Ms Murphree with a check to Big Brothers Big Sisters in the amount of \$4,000. In addition to financial support, it is also important for brothers to be involved in the lives of the boys and girls that need big brothers. Currently 58 brothers of Gamma-Rho serve as Big Brothers.

## Orlando Area Alumni Association

More than 40 brothers, guests, and undergraduates attended the Orlando Area Alumni Association Centennial Celebration reception held at the Marriott Downtown. Brothers enjoyed hearing Executive Vice President Emeritus George Spasyk (Michigan 1949) speak as he reminisced about Florida and all the changes that have taken place throughout the 100 years of Lambda Chi Alpha. Attendees also were encouraged to stay in touch with area brothers through the Central Florida Area Alumni Association (<http://www.cfxa.com/>).

## Ozark Conclave

On March 27-29, 2009, brothers from more than 13 chapters gathered at Arkansas State University for a variety of activities and educational programs at the Ozark Conclave. Chapters attending included Arkansas State, University of Arkansas, Culver-Stockton, Central Missouri, Drury, Missouri S&T, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Oklahoma City, Pittsburg State, St. Louis College of Pharmacy, Truman State, Tulsa, and William Jewell. Prestigious alumni brother H.T. Moore (Arkansas State 1969) was the keynote speaker. Brothers and associate members from all over the conclave drove countless hours to attend the event, with the associate members from Cameron University (Colony 291) driving nine and a half hours to attend. The event was coordinated by the chapter's High Pi Jacob Hampton and undergraduate member Chris Young (Arkansas State).

## Pacific Southwest Conclave

Hosted by the brothers of California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California, close to 50 brothers attended the Pacific Southwest Conclave during the weekend of March 6-8, 2009. Overseeing the planning and operations were Chapter Risk Manager Bryan Jorgenson (Cal Poly) and James Shimamoto (Cal Poly). Also

present were Master Steward and USD High Pi Ken Greenman (USC 1965), Board Member Bob Koch (Cal Berkeley 1971), and Board Member Tom Cochrun (Ball State 1968), who was also the keynote speaker. Chapters attending included the University of San Diego, University of California-San Diego, University of Southern California, University of California-Los Angeles, California State University-Northridge, University of California-Riverside, and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. The final banquet was highlighted by a presentation from the brothers of Cal Poly regarding their new sustainable housing project, the first of its kind at Cal Poly, scheduled for construction in the coming months.

### Peninsula Conclave

Hosted by Florida Southern College, more than 50 brothers from five chapters attended the Peninsula Centennial Conclave on March 21, 2009. The conclave was organized by Master Steward Mike Crawford (Florida Southern 1986) and Brett Erwin (Florida Southern). Chapters attending included the University of Florida, University of Central Florida, Florida Southern College, Florida Institute of Technology, and Florida International University. Master Steward Bill Mercer (Mercer 1994) and Master Steward Mike Saunders (Central Florida 1975) were in attendance. Board Member Greg Smith (Washington 1965) was the special guest and keynote speaker.

### Penn State (Zeta)

Chapter brothers participated in THON (<http://thon.org/>), the world's largest philanthropy. This organization raises money for the Four Diamonds Fund in Hershey, Pennsylvania, to help conquer childhood cancer. Every year the brothers, along with a partner sorority, go canning four weekends a year to raise money for this cause. This year the entire THON total was \$7,490,133.87, the largest total ever. The chapter brothers raised \$186,641 through their hard efforts. This represents the fifth largest total raised by a Greek organization on our expansive campus. For more information about THON and how to help not only our brothers but much more importantly children it benefits, visit [Thon.org](http://Thon.org)

### Pittsburg (Lambda-Chi)

The chapter is now part of Beautify America-Kansas, and has a two-mile section of Highway 69 north of Pittsburg, Kansas.

At Pittsburg State University, coordination of crisis response falls on the shoulders of Howard W. Smith (1975), who serves as assistant to the president, legislative liaison and also professor. He was selected to join university presidents and leadership teams from across the world to attend the inaugural Crisis Leadership in Higher Education conference at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education. The program is designed to help "higher education leaders develop skills needed to respond to and manage crises effectively."

### San Diego Area Alumni Association

On February 17, 2009, more than 30 brothers, guests, and friends enjoyed one another's fellowship at the San Diego Area Centennial

reception. The keynote fraternity speaker was Board Member Lynn Chipperfield (Drury 1973). During the reception, Board Member Tom Cochrun (Ball State 1968) presented the Order of Achievement award to Oliver Smoot (Massachusetts Institute of Technology 1962). Smoot became the 105th inductee into the Order of Achievement, recognizing his contributions to the world in the field of standardization.

### San Diego State (Zeta-Pi)

Chad Nell (1990) published a book under the pen name "Max Deale" called SOLD OUT SO WHAT!, a guide for fans of live events on how to beat the system set up by the ticket brokers and scalpers.

### San Francisco Area Alumni Association

Approximately 30 brothers and guests attended the Bay Area Centennial reception held on March 24, 2009, at the City Club of San Francisco. Former broadcasting voice for Central Indiana and current Board Member Tom Cochrun (Ball State 1968) gave an update on the state of the fraternity. Former staff brothers in attendance included Jeff Fenton (California-Santa Barbara 1977), Jim McCabe (California-Santa Barbara 1978), Mike Brown (San Diego State 1989), and Paul Ginocchio (North Carolina State 1992). Order of Merit recipient John Gezelius (California 1978) also was present.

### San Jose Area Alumni Association

More than two dozen brothers gathered to celebrate Lambda Chi Alpha's 100th anniversary with a dinner at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose on March 25, 2009. Foundation Board Secretary Mark Hoag (Michigan State 1972) spoke about the duties of the Educational Foundation during the Centennial year and gave an update about the General Fraternity. Michael Colocado (Oregon State 1994) and Jim LeCussan (Cal State-Fresno 1962) were the two former staff brothers in attendance.

### Shippensburg (Phi-Tau)

Robert Sammartino (1993) died February 24, 2009. An Eagle Scout, he joined Intel Corp. after graduation. After eight years at Intel, he decided to take a year and travel the world, before returning to Intel.

### Simpson (Theta-Lambda)

John Norris (1981) and his wife, Jackie, were featured in The Washington Post as one of D.C.'s "power couples." He is the chief of staff for Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and she is chief of staff for First Lady Michelle Obama.

### **Southeast Missouri (Delta-Phi)**

Chapter members participated in Dance Marathon, winning the Matt Williams Spirit Award for making the largest group contribution financially to the event and for being the most spirited.

Joe Gholson (2006) has been accepted into Harvard University Medical School.

### **Southern California (Zeta-Delta)**

Authorities are appealing for public help in finding the hit-and-run driver and a passenger involved in a crash near the University of Southern California that killed Adrianna Bachan, a freshman and a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority, and critically injured Marcus Garfinkle (2012), a freshman from Scottsdale, Arizona. The mothers, chapter brothers, and sorority sisters of two USC students struck by a hit-and-run driver near the campus packed Los Angeles City Hall on April 1, 2009, to ask for the public's help in finding the motorist, whose capture could bring a hefty reward. The Los Angeles City Council approved a \$75,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest and conviction in the case, and USC's vice president of student affairs, Michael Jackson, announced that the university would put up \$50,000. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a \$10,000 reward on Tuesday, bringing the total amount to \$135,000.

### **Southern Methodist (Gamma-Sigma)**

Charles Bacarisse (1986) was appointed vice president for advancement at Houston Baptist University. He will oversee alumni affairs, church and community relations, development, and university communications. He previously served as Harris County District Clerk, providing vision and leadership that transformed the agency to a results-oriented, customer-driven model of efficiency and effectiveness. He also raised millions in private and foundation dollars towards a historic court documents project that preserved Harris County's historic court records.

Joseph G. Rollins, Jr. (1941) died November 2, 2008.

### **Stetson (Zeta-Tau)**

Ernest H. Cowley (1953) died December 2008.

### **Texas-Austin (Alpha-Mu)**

William B. Davis (1980) died March 5, 2009. He was an investment banker in Texas and California until moving to Tennessee in 2001 to partner with his father in the nursing homes field. He was an innovator in high technology and founded ventures including a computer broadband Internet service company and a buried asset technologies company, both located in Franklin County, Tennessee. He also owned a restaurant in Wisconsin where he maintained a vacation home. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Masons and a founding director of the Franklin County Drug Court. Donations in his honor may be made to either The Franklin County Drug Court or the Lambda Chi Alpha Educational Foundation.

### **Texas Tech (Sigma-Nu)**

Chris Rohland (1990) is the general manager of Clear Channel Taxi Media in Boston. He also joined the board of directors for The Boston Advertising Club and was selected for the 2009 class of the Boston Future Leaders Program through the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

### **Vincennes (Sigma-Alpha)**

After 15 years as road manager for comedian Carrot Top, Eric Godfrey (1990) has accepted a position teaching chemistry and physics at St. Cloud High School in St. Cloud, Florida.

### **Western Kentucky (Lambda-Lambda)**

Chapter President Wellington Gunn (2010) was chosen as Southeastern Interfraternity Conference's Area IV vice president. He was chosen from a pool of five candidates from Area IV for the position. As SEIFC Area IV vice president, Gunn will represent Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia at the SEIFC conference in 2010.

### **Wilmington (Colony 288)**

John Creech (2010) was highlighted in the March 9, 2009, edition of Sports Illustrated as part of the Faces in the Crowd section for accomplishing a three-peat in the 200-yard butterfly. Alongside Creech's photo is a brief bio that documents his record-setting performance at the OAC Championship — an effort that made him the first Wilmington swimmer to win an OAC event three times. Nominated by Kevin Colson, Creech either owns or is part of four school records.

# Bradley Chapter Visits International Headquarters

Newly chartered Bradley enjoys brotherhood retreat in Indianapolis. **By Jeff De Chavez (Bradley)**

The brothers of Kappa-Upsilon Zeta of Bradley University visited the International Headquarters of Lambda Chi Alpha in Indianapolis on March 6–7, 2009, as a celebration of their newly acquired charter.

Twenty-four men, both brothers and associate members, entered the doors of the International Headquarters to be welcomed by Director of Chapter Services **John “Biff” Holloway (High Point)**, along with Associate Director of Chapter Services **Brett Baker** and Associate Director of Chapter Services **Matt Roy**.

The brothers were given a tour of the building and were then educated in some history of the Fraternity by Holloway.

Brother, and High Sigma of Kappa-Upsilon, **Bobby Lucia**, said that he had a great time listening to Holloway read about Lambda Chi Alpha.

“I thought it was fun to reconnect with the Fraternity’s roots and to show the new associates what we are all about,” he said. “Listening to Biff talk about the history of the fraternity was awesome.”

After learning about the path that **Jack Mason** and **Warren Cole** laid out for the future of Lambda Chi Alpha, the brothers were allowed to go freely through all the documentation and historical artifacts to discover the history, controversy, successes, and the trials and tribulations that the Fraternity had experienced in its earlier days.

Brother, and High Kappa of Kappa-Upsilon, **Ben Koch**, said he found many interesting things in the documents.

“The most interesting documents I found were ‘confidential’ Theta Kappa Nu memos discussing the petitioning of Bradley students to become a Theta Kappa Nu chapter,” he said. “I felt that the values they initially saw in the men mirror the same values we stand for today.”

Koch also said that he enjoyed reading notes that Mason wrote regarding the creation of our current Initiation Ritual and his comments on the Cole ritual.

Once the brothers and associates had finished searching through documents and artifacts, they came together in the common room and discussed the history of Theta Kappa Nu, and the merger in the late thirties with Lambda Chi Alpha. They also discussed the history of the ritual and its influences, as well as the major characters and politics behind the writing.

The night continued on with bonding, stories, and detective work to see if the International Headquarters was as haunted as Holloway had said.

After all was said and done, all 24 members took out their sleeping bags and slept on floor of the second level.

The next morning the brothers were greeted by Director of Risk Management **Aaron Parker (Hanover)** with breakfast and then went right to work on a risk management exercise that allowed the group to better understand the difference between risk management and harm reduction.

Through team work and elaborate discussion, Kappa-Upsilon was able to write up a social contract and developed for themselves a set of guidelines for the future.

Associate member **Kenton Kammer** said it was beneficial for the group to have the risk management session.

“I think the harm reduction session showed us how much work goes into trying to get a large group with so many different ideas to come to a consensus,” he said.

Koch said he agreed with Kammer and said it was helpful to the chapter as well. “I thought the presentation and the group activities helped prepare me and my brothers to act like gentlemen and be safe in every situation,” he said.

When the session was over, the brothers gathered up their things, said goodbye, and headed for Butler University to visit fellow brothers, who gave them a tour of one of the oldest Lambda Chi houses still standing today.

Kammer said he enjoyed the retreat and is eager to learn more about the Fraternity.

“As an associate member, there was a lot that was ‘off limits’ to me,” he said. “It was just a little frustrating that I couldn’t get involved in some parts of the retreat.”

Lucia claimed that he had a good time attending International Headquarters but got lost along the way.

“Other than the poorly labeled streets, I thought it was a great opportunity to get off of campus and hang out with the brothers,” he said.

# Pittsburg Celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

More than 100 brothers attended Pittsburg State's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

By Tom Earp (Pittsburg)



For the brothers of the Lambda-Chi Zeta (<http://lcz40th.myevent.com/>) at Pittsburg State University, located in Pittsburg, Kansas, the events that took place on February 27-28, 2009, will be remembered and cherished for decades to come.

More than 100 alumni brothers, as well as the members of the active chapter and four new associate members, all came together to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the chapter receiving its charter in February 1969. Low temperatures, snow and blustery winds could not keep this hearty band of brothers from enjoying a weekend that was packed with special events.

The chapter traces its roots back to September 1965 when a group of brothers led by **Tom Earp**, **Larry Randolph**, and **Alan Davis** formed a small local fraternity known as Beta Chi. On May 6, 1966, the chapter was colonized, and after meeting the General Fraternity's stringent membership requirements was awarded, in February 1969, the only charter to be granted that year.

As anticipated, the Pittsburg State chapter received the much coveted Lambda-Chi zeta designation.

### Enduring Hard Times

In recent years, the Pittsburg chapter has endured some hard times, with membership at one point down to one active member. However, with recruitment help from the International Headquarters and a new house built by Brother **Tom Roche**, under the supervision of Brother **Paul Chappell**, the chapter was able to rise again, and now has a stable membership base that continues to grow.

In addition to brothers Earp and Randolph, many of the original Beta Chi members, including **Jerry Malan**, **Gerald Niedens**, **Dennis Johnson**, **Ron Peterson**, **Dan Hauser**, and **Robert Estes**, were in attendance for the historic weekend that kicked off Friday evening with an informal event at the Lamplighter Inn in Pittsburg, Kansas.

This was an opportunity for brothers — some who hadn't seen each other in more than 35 years — to get together in a casual setting to get reacquainted and relive old memories, as well as meet brothers from across the 40-year spectrum of the chapter's history.

As brothers from multiple generations mixed and mingled, more than one alumni brother was heard to comment on the high quality of men currently involved with the active chapter.

Saturday morning began with an Associate Member Ceremony welcoming the chapter's four newest associate members. This was followed by a stirring ceremony conducted by the chapter's Fraternity Educator **Mitch Bringle** at Pittsburg State Veterans Memorial, in which the military service of the chapter's many veterans was honored.

After braving the elements at the outdoor memorial, the assembled brothers returned to the chapter house for a barbecue provided by the members of the active chapter. For many alumni, this was their first opportunity to see the chapter's new house, undoubtedly one of the finest from among Pittsburg State's Greek community. Again, stories were shared and new friendships were begun.

The highlight of the weekend's events was the formal banquet, again held at the Lamplighter Inn later that evening. Brother Tom Pavay served as the master of ceremonies for the assembled group, which represented the largest gathering of chapter members in one place in the history of the chapter.

Awards for both active and alumni members were presented by the chapter's President **Tyler Newsome**, with special acknowledgement given to brothers **Ken Smart** and **Paul Chappell** for lifetime achievement. The chapter also applauded Smart for his role in coordinating the events of the historic weekend that culminated in Saturday night's banquet.

### **Spasyk Delivers Keynote**

The guest speaker was Lambda Chi Alpha's own Executive Director Emeritus **George Spasyk** (Michigan 1949). An icon both within our Fraternity and throughout the entire inter-fraternity community, Brother Spasyk demonstrated the skill developed throughout

his many years of public speaking by providing an address to the assembled members, spouses and guests that was not only inspirational,

but highly entertaining as well. Throughout the remainder of the evening, Spasyk was sought out by many brothers both young and old for photo opportunities.

As brothers headed home on Sunday morning, it was evident to all who had attended that the bond of brotherhood that is membership in Lambda Chi Alpha remains strong and vibrant. Despite the disparity in age, brothers from all the generations of the chapter were united in their love for Lambda Chi Alpha and all that it represents.

While the weekend may have been a celebration of the past, clearly the future bodes well for the brothers of Lambda-Chi Zeta at Pittsburg State.



## Delaware Brothers Rescue Woman

Brothers remove woman from car moments before train crash. **By Tad Lichtenauer (Denison 1987)**

Core Values form the foundation of Lambda Chi Alpha's approach to brotherhood. As a part of the True Brother Initiative, our Seven Core Values — Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Service and Stewardship, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage — once learned and internalized, equip each Lambda Chi Alpha undergraduate brother member with a clear moral compass, always orienting him, no matter the environment or consequences, toward making ethical decisions.

For Lambda Chi Alpha, it is not enough simply to know how to do things the right way; more importantly, it is to do the right things, for brotherhood and leadership are ultimately about action, about doing.

### Core Values in Action: Duty and Personal Courage

On the evening of March 26, 2009, in Newark, Delaware, a woman was pulled to safety by a group of University of Delaware students after her car became stuck on railroad tracks near the west end of Main Street and was struck by a train Wednesday night, police said.

The driver, Anne J. Griffith, 60, of Newark, was not injured.

Newark Police said the crash occurred shortly after 9 p.m. when Griffith was driving a Pontiac Grand Am north on New London Road near the West Main Street intersection. She accidentally turned onto the CSX railroad tracks, mistaking them for a road, and her car became stuck, police said.



The five

students — Alex Crespo (Delaware), Tommy Stackhouse (Delaware), Brian DelGuercio (Delaware), Eric Cirulli (Delaware), and Frank DiPetrapaul (Delaware) — were members of the nearby Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and were walking home from studying at Trabant University Center when they spotted the car and, with another passer-by, tried to help.

The group pushed and lifted the car, with the driver still inside, to try to dislodge it from the tracks. After about two minutes, Crespo said, the crossing signals began to warn that a train was approaching. The

“One young man had me under my arm here, and another had me under my arm here, and they literally drug me across the street,” Griffith said afterwards.  
“Thank God.”

“My reason being, it was simply our duty. This is why I am quick to claim that duty is the Core Value we exhibited the most in our act.”

rescuers immediately helped Griffith out of the car and walked her to safety, seconds before an eastbound CSX train crashed into the vehicle.

As soon as the warning sounded, Crespo said, “We quickly switched gears into getting [Griffith] out of the car as soon as possible. We probably had around 30 seconds from the time we heard the train to get her out. In the heat of the moment, none of us were really panicking, [and] every one of us stayed calm and did our part to make sure that nobody got hurt.”

The train pushed the car about 100 feet before it was thrown from the tracks behind the Deer Park Tavern, police said. The train stopped before reaching the crossing at North College Avenue, and CSX traffic was delayed for three hours while the crash was investigated. No one was reported injured.

Crespo said the other students who helped rescue Griffith were freshman Frank DiPietrapaul, junior Brian Del Guercio and sophomores Tommy Stackhouse and Eric Cirulli.

The following day, the five brothers were kept busy with interview requests from numerous reporters with area media. Crespo said they only gradually came to fully realize what a close call had occurred and how fortunate it was that Griffith was unharmed.

“We were the only ones there who could have made a difference,” he said of the circumstances preceding the crash. “We were in the right place at the right time.”

“We had to pull her out of the car because she was panicking. She kind of froze up,” DiPietrapaul said.

“One young man had me under my arm here, and another had me under my arm here, and they literally drug me across the street,”

Griffith said afterwards. “Thank God.”

Once Griffith was out of the car they, and horrified onlookers, could only watch as the train approached.

That was the moment the freight train smashed into Griffith’s stopped car.

“The crash was loud, the glass... You could hear the glass shatter, sparks flew,” said Crespo.

#### **Living the Core Values**

After reflecting about the events and trying to make meaning, Stackhouse had this to say:

“Two days following the wreck that changed many of our lives, the brothers of our chapter have witnessed firsthand how we can apply our fraternity’s Core Values to our lives,” he says. “As we continue to live our lives, we’ve all been confronted with the understandable question, ‘Weren’t you scared?’. And well sure we all may have been scared, but when I think about the Core Value that comes to my mind — personal courage — and being scared doesn’t even enter into the equation.”

“While many people are quick to call our act heroic, I want to be the first to say that we just did what any other person would’ve done had they been in the same situation,” he says. “My reason being, it was simply our duty. This is why I am quick to claim that duty is the Core Value we exhibited the most in our act. In all of our minds, it was our duty to help the lady when she was in need and leaving her behind was simply never a question.”

# Time to Register!

## Don't miss this summer's International Centennial Celebration & Stead Leadership Seminar.

By Tad Lichtenauer (Denison 1987)

A two-day International Centennial Celebration for undergraduate and alumni brothers will take place from July 31-Aug. 1, 2009, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral and Butler University campus in Indianapolis.

In addition, a three-day Stead Leadership Seminar for undergraduate brothers will precede the Centennial Celebration and take place from July 29-Aug 1, 2009, on the Butler University campus.

### Registration Options

**Undergraduate Stead Leadership Seminar & Centennial Celebration w/ A/C - \$550**

Includes lodging at Butler University in an air conditioned dormitory with semi-private bathrooms and meals Wednesday - Saturday

**Undergraduate Stead Leadership Seminar & Centennial Celebration w/o A/C - \$475**

Includes lodging at Butler University in a non-air conditioned dormitory and meals Wednesday - Saturday

Each chapter is invited to bring four undergraduate representatives of their subordinate zeta to the Stead Leadership Seminar and Centennial Celebration. Registration and full payment must be completed no later than May 1, 2009. In the event a chapter does not claim its reserve with complete registration and full payment, the General Fraternity will utilize a wait list for redistribution of unclaimed reservations.

If you would like to register more brothers than the standard chapter allocation, we ask you to email [cole@lambdachi.org](mailto:cole@lambdachi.org), and this will place you on the waiting list. Brothers on the wait list will be expected to register and pay within 72 hours of notification. The General Fraternity will utilize a first-come, first-serve policy in managing the wait list process.

### Alumni Stead Leadership Seminar - \$350

Programming includes the Neville Advisers College

Alumni participating the Neville Advisers College will be housed at Butler University for the duration of their stay in Indianapolis. This does not include participation in the Centennial Celebration events. Full scholarships are available for first-time Neville Advisers College participants

### Alumni Centennial Celebration - \$350

Includes Centennial Celebration events on Friday and Saturday. Attendees must provide your own lodging (see below).

### Centennial Celebration Guest - \$350

Includes Centennial Celebration events on Friday and Saturday. Attendees must provide your own lodging (see below).

### Schedule of Events

#### Wednesday, July 29, 2009 (Optional for Alumni)

- Welcome / Kickoff – Our Executive Vice President Bill Farkas welcomes us to Indianapolis
- Sex Signals – Brother Christian Murphy's improvised educational hit, Sex Signals, explores the male / female dynamic on college campuses
- History Panel Discussion – The Paed comes to life in this incredible dialogue of between our wisest alumni brothers, moderated by Grand High Epsilon Tom Cochrun

#### Thursday, July 30, 2009 (Optional for Alumni)

- Neville Advisers College Track – Training for High Pi's and chapter advisers
- Outer Circle Programming Track – Cole Recruitment (LCA's recruitment program), \*Call to Brotherhood (LCA's associate member education program), and Exoteric Mysteries (LCA's pre-initiation program)
- Inner Circle Programming Track – For new chapters approved to begin this programming and chapters already implementing Inner Circle programming
- Ritual Gone Wild – The ultimate "Closed ZAX" workshop

#### Friday, July 31, 2009

- True Leader Track – Level I (Faithful Steward) and Level II (Servant Leader) for brothers that want to begin or continue their progress through Lambda Chi Alpha's Leadership Development program (**Optional for Alumni**)
- Chapter Programming Track – Budget & Finances, Accountability, Brotherhood Events, and more... (**Optional for Alumni**)
- Headquarters Tours – Shuttles to 8741 Founders Rd. to see & explore the official International Headquarters
- Friday Dinner – Centennial Celebration kickoff dinner at Scottish Rite Cathedral
- Initiation Ritual Exemplification – Centennial International Ritual Team exemplifies the Initiation Ritual at the Scottish Rite Cathedral

**Saturday, August 1, 2009**

- Centennial Assembly – Commemorating 100 years, all subordinate Zetas in our history participate and roll is taken
- Centennial Banquet – Climax of the Centennial Events at the Scottish Rite Cathedral
- Post-Banquet Gala – Brothers celebrate our 100th anniversary at the ultimate Lambda Chi Alpha reception

**Alumni Hotel Accommodations**

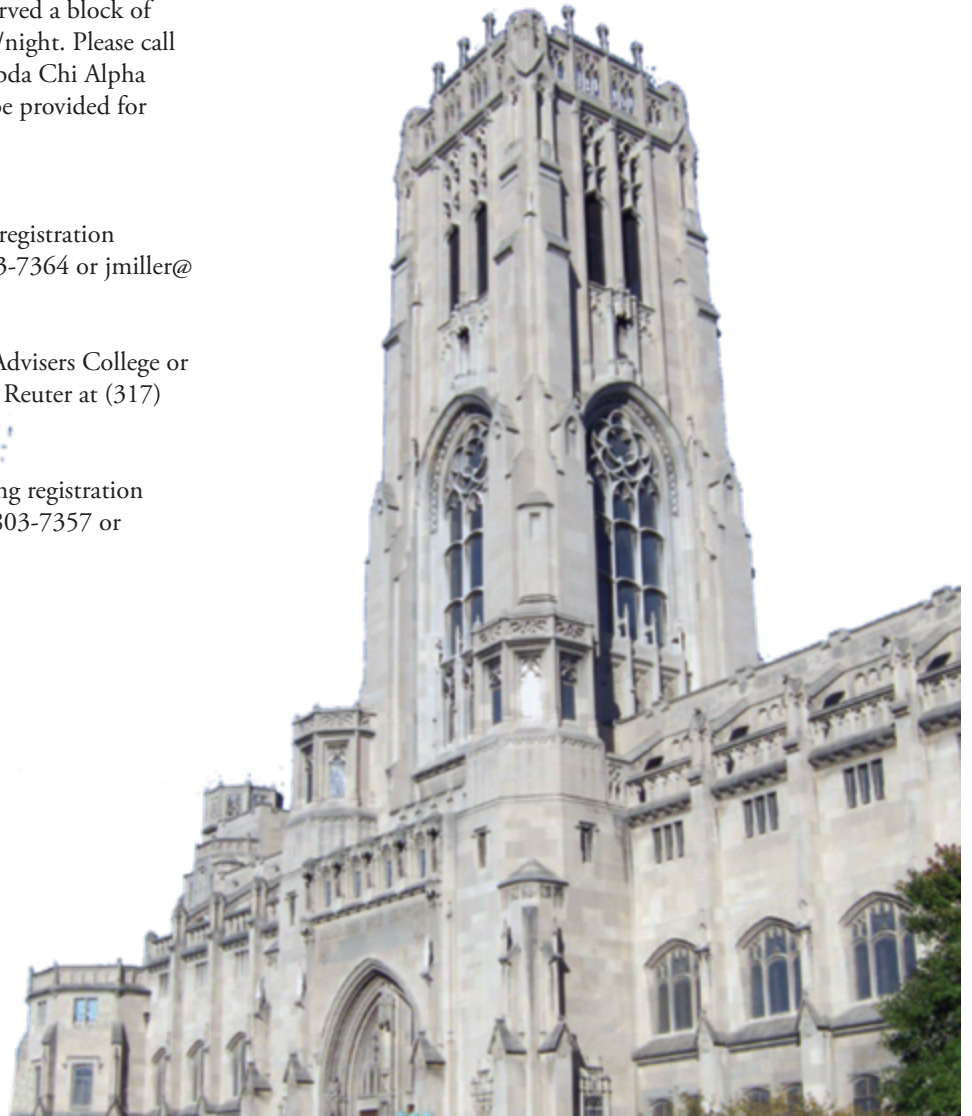
Alumni brothers and guests are encouraged to make reservations at Sheraton at Keystone at the Crossing. We have reserved a block of standard rooms for \$115/night and suites for \$155/night. Please call the Sheraton at (317) 846-2700 and mention Lambda Chi Alpha Centennial to book your room. Shuttle buses will be provided for Centennial Celebration events from the Sheraton.

**Contact Information**

Undergraduate brothers with questions or needing registration assistance, please contact Jordan Miller at (317) 803-7364 or [jmiller@lambdachi.org](mailto:jmiller@lambdachi.org).

Alumni brothers with questions about the Neville Advisers College or first-time attendee scholarships, please contact Tim Reuter at (317) 803-7324 or [treuter@lambdachi.org](mailto:treuter@lambdachi.org).

Alumni brothers with any other questions or needing registration assistance, please contact Dan Hartmann at (317) 803-7357 or [dhartmann@lambdachi.org](mailto:dhartmann@lambdachi.org).



# Celebrating Lambda Chi's Legends & Leaders

As part of a 12-month series, our fifth month pays tribute to Ernst J.C. Fischer.

By Sean Cox (Butler 2009)

**Editor's Note: The following contains excerpts from the December 1978 *Cross & Crescent*.**

## Of Things Remembered

By George W. Spasyk

Brother Ernst J.C. Fischer, Cornell, '10, Grand High Alpha from 1920 to 1930 died on August 23, 1978 at the age of 91 in Pennsylvania.

Brother Lewis A. Plourd, Butler, '49, Grand High Alpha from 1970 to 1974, died on August 29, 1978 at the age of 53 in California.

Born in different centuries, widely separated in age, a continent apart in geographic location; such were the insignificant differences between two fraternal giants, the loss of whom, within a week of each other, Lambda Chi Alpha and the fraternity world continue to mourn.

But the similarities in these two good brothers are so abundant that, in writing a eulogy for one, the words apply equally to the other: dedicated, enthusiastic, loving, energetic, dynamic, inspiring, idealistic, brilliant, humorous, self-sacrificing, impressive, exuberant. To know one was to know the other.

Similarly, Fisch, as he was called by everyone who knew him, and Lew were both great leaders during difficult and turbulent times. Fisch took over as president in the early years, right after World War I, when complete reorganization was essential if the young fraternity was to survive. Lew served during the Vietnam era, when society was questioning the relevance of all established institutions, including fraternities.

That we not only survived these troubled periods, but came out of them with new directions and stronger than ever, is eloquent testimony of their ability to lead and to inspire others to lead, seemingly beyond their capabilities.

As we pay tribute to those brothers whom we have loved, we recognize that no eulogy is really necessary. Every person writes his own eulogy by the way he lives. But there are many among us who knew Fisch and Lew well, who worked with them as they labored so long for Lambda Chi Alpha, and we are privileged to have a few of them share with us their remembrances of Fisch and Lew. Of Ernst J.C. Fischer...

By Rev. S. George Dirghalli,

To my son and daughter, Ernst J.C. Fischer was "Grandpa Fisch!" How they loved to be with him, bouncing upon his knees and kept spellbound by his many colorful and entertaining stories of "the days gone by" in Daddy's Fraternity.

To me, Fisch was the living embodiment of our fraternity, not merely its senior statesman, the senior Grand High Alpha Emeritus, or the oldest Lambda Chi. In him, the whole of our fraternity's history was caught, alive and instantly retrievable; a living and walking history!

But of course he was more. He played a significant role in the important 1919-1920 General Assembly (perhaps the most important of all General Assemblies), helping lay the basic foundation of our fraternity's ideals and objectives upon its early beginnings. He virtually was the central office in that year when he became Grand High Alpha, a position he held for an unparalleled ten years.

A capable executive professionally as well as in the fraternity, he contributed much to the stability and growth of Lambda Chi Alpha.

How blessed and thankful we are in Lambda Chi Alpha to have had him and his wit for so long – nearly a century! There is scarcely a milestone within our history or a list of accomplishments that in some way does not reflect his insight, counsel, and inspiration.

How fortunate we have been and how treasured are our memories of him. Dead, he dies not as do the lights of mortality! Alive in the spirit of his Lord, he lives eternally. Thanks be to God! Amen.



*By Linn C. Lightner, Franklin & Marshall 1918*

Ernst J.C. Fisher must be regarded as one of the great builders of Lambda Chi Alpha by any standards we choose to set.

His service as Grand High Alpha in a "make or break" decade (1920-1929) must be regarded as a major contribution (possibly the greatest in a similar period) to the greatness the fraternity was destined to achieve.

Fisch came to the fraternity's highest office at the historic reorganization assembly December 30, 1919 – January 2, 1920 in the not yet complete Michigan Union at Ann Arbor. Lambda Chi Alpha was literally penniless and was little more than a loose federation of 53 chapters, more than half of which were three years old or less. When he laid down the reins as chief executive on December 31, 1929, there were 79 functioning chapters, two locals to be installed a few months later, finances in good shape, and sound and progressive systems firmly installed.

Lambda Chi Alpha never had a more enthusiastic, more indefatigable member than Fisch. Many of us feel that his business interests suffered because of his intense devotion to his fraternity.

One thing for which Fisch will be remembered was his early insistence on creation and maintenance of sound business methods. He brought order out of chaos. He was quick to ferret out the most practical fraternal practices and put them into effect. He was an extrovert of the first order; his friendship among top men in the leading fraternities was widely known and was of extreme benefit to Lambda Chi Alpha. He was always alert to the best and newest practices in other fraternities, analyzing them to see if they might benefit Lambda Chi Alpha. In many cases he was ahead of the field in sensing helpful procedures. A case in point is *The Paedagogus*, our membership training manual.

Just who was the first to propose such a publication probably never can be fully determined. One story that I have heard, and it very well may be the most accurate, was that the matter was discussed in a preliminary fashion by Fisch and the renowned Jack Mason in a compartment on a Pennsylvania Railroad train traveling to Philadelphia after the December 1925 convention in Cleveland. The story goes that a rough outline of such a publication was developed that night. Bruce H. McIntosh, then administrative secretary, an idealist, and a gifted writer, soon became a part of the triumvirate largely responsible for developing what soon proved to be an outstanding manual. The new work was not exactly a thing of printing beauty, for funds even then were somewhat limited. The new publication quickly made major impact, for it was one of the two or three first pledge manuals. One major fraternity quickly sought, and was given, permission to lift bodily major sections of our manual, in which instance they were presented in genuine printing elegance. Illustration after illustration might be cited to support our claim that Ernst Fischer was one of our great builders. However, there seems to be little point in attempting to catalogue his achievements. His efforts, particularly in the '20s, must always be regarded as possibly the greatest contribution to the sound foundation that was so essential to the advances to be made by the fraternity in later years.



*By Dr. Houston T. Karnes,*

Several of our writers have remarked concerning the outstanding quality of men attracted to Lambda Chi Alpha in the early years of the founding of the fraternity. These were the men who gave us the fundamental organization which we have today. They were not older men in their forties or fifties, but young men in their twenties; most remarkable.

E.J.C. Fischer was a member of this group, becoming Grand High Pi in 1914. He was the second president, and his term was the second longest. During his administration, the business phases of the fraternity were greatly improved, put on a sound basis similar to the work that Jack Mason had done earlier in the area of ritualism. Ernst Fischer did much to preserve and establish the Lambda Chi Alpha we know today, even to the point of nurturing the organization in his own home until a headquarters could be secured.

After he left the office of Grand High Alpha, Brother Fischer continued to serve the fraternity in many ways, reducing assignments as he grew older. One assignment, however, was never reduced. This was perhaps his most important activity in the post-Grand High Alpha years, and one of untold wealth to the Fraternity.

At all General Assemblies and other functions where Fisch was in attendance, he could be found with a group of active members or young alumni wherein he would be telling them the Lambda Chi Alpha Story. He would do this in such a manner that increased interest and enthusiasm would be generated for the fraternity; yes, carrying over to chapter activities.

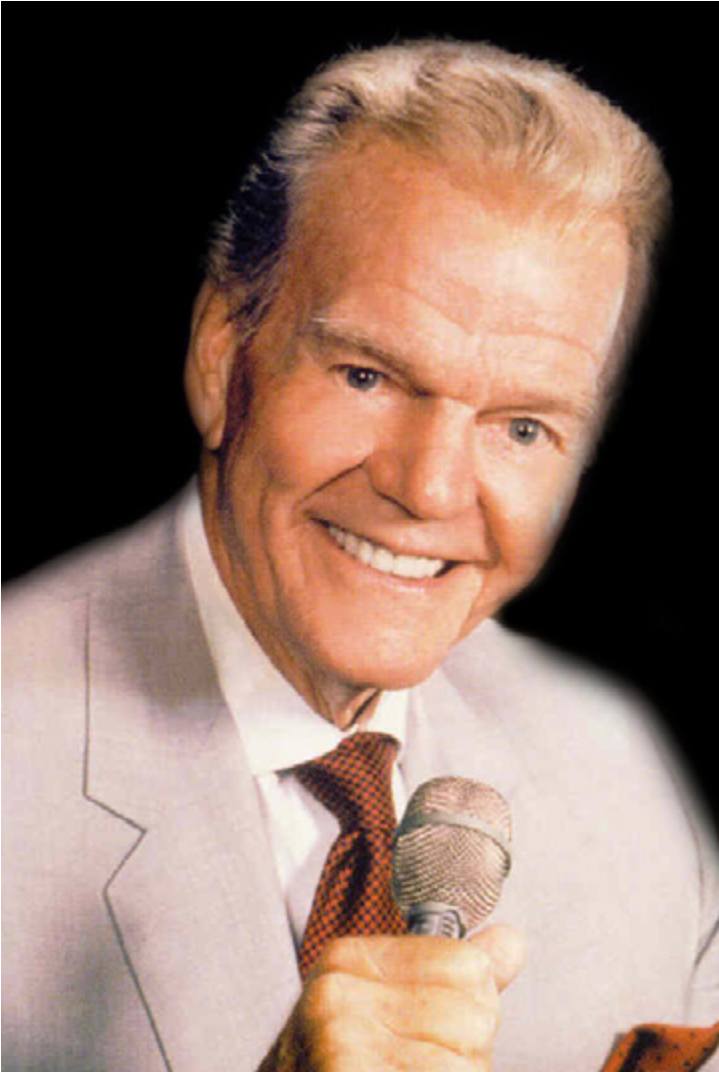
Although I knew the name E.J.C. Fischer (he signed my membership certificate), I never saw him until the first Grove Park Inn Assembly. I never really got to know him until the period 1946-1950. This was at the annual meetings of the National Interfraternity Conference. Until I became involved with the politics of NIC, I would spend my evenings in one of our rooms, along with others listening to Fisch. These evenings, plus a few other occasions when I was privileged to be with him, benefited me greatly for those years following the 1950 Assembly.

Most of us today know only Ernst Fischer ranging from forty years ago to the present. In some respects, we have known him when he was giving some of his most valuable service to the fraternity. None of us will ever forget those few moments, as the clock was approaching noon, while we were assembled at Tan-Tar-A on August 16, 1978, when Brother Fischer gave us his farewell. We knew he had lived a long time and he was not too well, but we did not really expect this to be his denouement. Those moments are now even more precious.

## Paul Harvey Signs Off

A 1952 honorary brother from Culver Stockton, he died February 27, 2009, at the age of 90.

By Tad Lichtenauer (Denison 1987)



**Paul Harvey (Culver-Stockton HON)**, the news commentator and talk-radio pioneer whose staccato style made him one of the nation's most familiar voices, died February 28, 2009, in Arizona. He was 90.

Harvey died surrounded by family at a hospital in Phoenix, where he had a winter home, according to a spokesman for ABC Radio Networks, where Harvey worked for more than 50 years.

Harvey had been forced off the air for several months in 2001 because of a virus that weakened a vocal cord. But he returned to work in Chicago and was still active as he passed his 90th birthday. His death

comes less than a year after that of his wife and longtime producer, Lynne.

"My father and mother created from thin air what one day became radio and television news," their only child, Paul Harvey Jr., said in a statement. "So in the past year, an industry has lost its godparents, and today millions have lost a friend."

Known for his resonant voice and his trademark radio feature called "The Rest of the Story," Harvey had been heard nationally since 1951, when he began his "News and Comment" feature for ABC Radio Networks.

He became a heartland icon, delivering news and commentary with a distinctive Midwestern flavor. "Stand by for news!" he would tell listeners.

"Paul Harvey was one of the most gifted and beloved broadcasters in our nation's history," James M. Robinson, president of ABC Radio Networks, said in a statement. "We will miss our dear friend tremendously and are grateful for the many years we were so fortunate to have known him."

In 2005, Harvey was one of 14 people chosen to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He also was inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame, as was his wife.

The award was bestowed on him in a ceremony at the White House. President Bush had the following words to say about Harvey:

Paul has insisted, "I'm not a hero. I'm simply a man who made a decision to hold on to my family, my life, and my beliefs until the end." But the world came to know the story, and people everywhere can recognize heroism. And we're so honored that Paul is with us here today. This morning, across the United States, millions of Americans started their day listening to Paul Harvey. People everywhere feel like they know the man, and his wife, Angel, too. And for so many Americans, no morning, Monday through Saturday, is quite complete without Paul Harvey News and Comment. This tireless broadcaster is up every day before the sun, writing his own scripts and ad copy for an audience tuning in to more than 1,200 radio stations and the American Forces Network. He first went on the air in 1933, and he's been heard nationwide for 54 years. Americans like the sound of his voice. His friend, Danny Thomas, once said to him, "You'd better be right, because you sound like God." And over the decades we have

come to recognize in that voice some of the finest qualities of our country: the patriotism, the good humor, the kindness and common sense of Americans. It's always a pleasure to listen to Paul Harvey, and it's a real joy this afternoon to honor him, as well.

At the time, Havey insisted, "I'm not a hero. I'm simply a man who made a decision to hold on to my family, my life, and my beliefs until the end."

**The Rest of the Story**

Harvey was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His father, a police officer, was killed when he was a toddler. A high school teacher took note of his distinctive voice and started him on a broadcast career.

He first went on the air in 1933, and he's been heard nationwide for 54 years. Americans like the sound of his voice.

His smooth baritone voice and mastery of dramatic pause earned him quick advancement for bigger radio gigs across Kansas and Missouri.

Harvey moved to Hawaii in 1940 to cover the U.S. Navy as it began to concentrate its fleet in the Pacific. He was returning to the United States from that assignment when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. A patriot, Harvey enlisted into the Army Air Corps, where he served until 1944.

Upon return, Harvey began a daily newscast in Chicago. By 1951, his syndicated commentaries aired nationally when he began his coast-to-coast News and Comment on the ABC Radio Networks.

He composed his twice-daily news commentaries from an office in downtown Chicago.

At the peak of his career, Mr. Harvey reached more than 24 million listeners on more than 1,200 radio stations and charged \$30,000 to give a speech. His syndicated column was carried by 300 newspapers.

**Harvey's Honorary Initiation Ceremony**

Former chapter Treasurer **Harry Bentsen (Culver-Stockton 1954)** was one of the key chapter attendees at the Initiation Ceremony for **Paul Harvey (Culver-Stockton HON)** in May 1952.

"I was a part of the group who elected him into Lambda Chi Alpha," says Bentsen. "I can distinctly remember the ceremony because there was a fireplace on the north end of the living room (in the chapter house). The ceremony took place in front of the fireplace."

The story goes that the father of **Pete Kutza (Culver-Stockton 1953)**, who was from Chicago, knew Harvey and the suggested to University of Culver-Stockton President Leslie Ziegler that he invite Harvey to be the commencement speaker.

While Harvey was on campus for the commencement address, Kutza and the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha asked him to become a honorary brother of Lambda Chi Alpha.

"Of course, Paul Harvey and his wife had a summer home down in the Ozarks is the way I understand it," Bentsen says. "So it was very typical for them to motor from Chicago down to the Ozards and apparently they had stopped at Culver-Stockton more than once."

Bentsen remembers Harvey being gregarious and making a big deal at the time of the honorary Initiation.

The chapter president at the time was **Bill Drews (Culver-Stockton 1953)**, who later became the chapter adviser and died September 27, 2007.

The document is a 'REPORT OF PLEDGING' form for the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. At the top, it says 'Use Typewriter - Insert Half-carbons Between A-B-C' and '600 A'. The title is 'THE LAMBDA CHI ALPHA FRATERNITY REPORT OF PLEDGING'. The form is filled out for Harry Bentsen, a member of the chapter at Culver-Stockton. It includes fields for Name, Address, College, Date of Birth, Place of Birth, Religion, and other membership details. A section titled 'OBLIGATION' contains five numbered points regarding the responsibilities of a member. At the bottom, there is an 'ADMINISTRATION' section with questions about the pledging process, signed by Bill Drews, Chapter President, dated May 5, 1952.

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