



30 Years of Phi Iota Chi at Central Michigan

More than 100 Brothers and their guests celebrated 30 years of Phi Iota Chi at Central Michigan University, in November 2010, at the Chapter's Founder's Day celebration. Brothers flew in from all over the country to enjoy the celebration, from as far away as Brother Major Khalil Karadshi ('88) who had just returned from a 10 year tour of duty in Germany, to Arizona to all of the far-reaching areas of the state of Michigan. Alpha Chi Rho staff member



Ryan Barck ('10), a Phi Iota Chi alumni, and current Leadership Consultant with the National Fraternity, joined the group as a guest speaker with current president Andrew Ramirez ('11) and treasurer Daniel Leonard ('11) serving as the master of ceremonies.

The weekend began on Friday with the Chapter opening up the recently renovated house for a meet and greet with current Brothers and alumni. At this time the current postulant class revealed their house project, which was a wooden commemorative plaque in honor of Phi Iota Chi's most popular alumni Joe Hoffman ('84). Also during the meet and greet a movie featuring pictures taken over the decades was shown at the house on the new projector screen for entertainment purposes.

On Saturday, the undergraduate Brothers hosted a ritual meeting to commemorate fallen Brothers known as the pre-close of the lintel. After which all of the 50+ brothers present sang the Fraternity song Amici. Following the ritual, Brothers were then escorted to Centennial Hall in downtown Mt. Pleasant where the graduate and undergraduate brothers were strategically seated with members of their family tree. After a dinner of delicious chicken parmesan, the current Undergraduate president announced an award given to alumni Joe Hoffman ('84) for his almost 30 years of dedicated service to the Chapter. Since his initiation in April of 1982 Brother Hoffman has only missed one initiation and three homecomings, which shows his dedication to the Fraternity. He is also very well known for taking an interest in telling stories and mentoring the postulants on every visit, and bringing his infamous white AXP hats. Following the trophy presentation, the current president Andrew Ramirez ('11) said a few words on what it means to be an Alpha Chi Rho Brother and how the Fraternity has shaped him into a better man. He then opened the floor to any Brother to say their piece about their experiences or tell stories about times past. Many Brothers told their stories and how they want to be in attendance at the 50th anniversary. Then Alumni Brother Ryan Barck ('10) made his announcement to start an undergraduate scholarship for new members and current Brothers to help offset the cost of being a Brother since he valued his experience as an Alpha Chi Rho Brother and knows that sometimes the financial obligations become trying, and see the importance of maintaining a high GPA and should be rewarded for their achievements. After the announcement of the scholarship Brother Steven Grimes ('89) pledged \$500 dollars to help get the scholarship started. After the presentations all of the Brothers gathered for a group picture.

On Sunday all of the Brothers were invited to the Alpha Chi Rho house for a light brunch and an alumni retreat hosted by the current treasurer Daniel Leonard ('11). Many alumni attended, including chapter founding father Kevin Dacey. Many topics were discussed during the retreat including the Chapter Housing Corporation, the future of the Brotherhood, recruitment strategies, and traditions.

The weekend's events exemplified Alpha Chi Rho's motto of "Be Men" and proved that being in Alpha Chi Rho is "not for college days alone."

