

Central Michigan Gets Organized

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In the fall of 2011, the Phi Iota Chi Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho at Central Michigan University was closed. Accusations of hazing contributed to the Chapter closing, but in truth the real cause ran much deeper. For almost ten years, the Chapter did not have a fully functioning alumni board. One graduate Brother took care of the Chapter house. Without alumni guidance and support, the resident Chapter strayed from our values. Inevitably, it traveled down the slippery slope that ended up being the death of the resident Chapter.

Over the last few months many alumni, ranging from recent graduates to those that go back almost 30 years, have stepped up. They have reorganized the Building Corporation and the Graduate Chapter. They are focusing their sights on re-colonizing the Chapter – hoping to bring it back to the active roll within three years.



This communication and progress could not have happened without the assistance of the National Fraternity. They have helped locate Brothers who have fallen out of touch with the local Chapter. The Building Corporation now has a functioning executive board. They are in the process of developing a long term plan to fundraise and manage the Fraternity house until the return can take place. It is encouraging to hear how, even in the face of

adversity, Alpha Chi Rho men of the past and present are able to come together and have loyalty to a common cause.

I hope that this serves as a point of hope for those Chapters that are inactive – encouraging them to organize and once again return to the active chapter roll. Don't forget the resources that are available from the National Fraternity. They can assist you in organizing alumni and finding lost Brothers. Finally, I look at this situation and am humbled because the future looks bright. I leave you with these simple words that define Alpha Chi Rho even after you leave the Chapter hall as an undergraduate . . . from the National Chaplain, Pastor David Jost, "Once a Crow, Always a Crow."