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Photo of Phi Lambda (The Pennsylvania State University)'s porch.

Welcome to the latest edition of the Garnet & White!

We have adopted a new format as we continue to grow and expand our new brand presence as a Fraternity and Foundation. We have adopted a more traditional magazine layout with an electronic flip book format for ease of use.

In this edition we are featuring the cover artwork of Brothers Andre Bickley and Frederick Kinglee III from the Omega Phi Chapter (La Salle University).

Like what you see or have any suggestions? Drop a line to Staff at hq@alphachirho.org.

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Article Submission

At the Garnet & White, we are always looking for content from Graduate and Resident Brothers! Please send Chapter or individual news to editor@alphachirho.org so we can publish them in upcoming editions!

WHAT'S NEW: The Garnet & White

Brothers,

As the school year begins to wind down please do not forget to submit news to the Garnet & White or National Office to post online. If you post something in the Facebook group, then odds are it will appear in an e-publication. Below are some snapshots from the Conclave in February. We will be accepting advertisements, outlined on pg. 16, to help digitize editions in order to retain our history in this digital age.

Please join our Facebook group by clicking the below link! Also remember to follow the Fraternity on Twitter @AlphaChiRho.

In The Bond,

David Luckenbill
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Omega Phi (LaSalle University) '05
Editor, Graduate Councillor



From The President's Pen



The first weekend in February found the entire Fraternity convening in State College for the annual Conclave. All but a few Chapters were represented when the weekend started off with a pizza party and team building exercises. The rest of the Conclave was spent instilling leaderships skills and making suggestions on how to run a Chapter and a house better. What I took away from all this was the honesty and frankness of the discussions. Not too long ago, there was this Resident vs. National Office mentality. Recognizing this to be a recipe for disaster, the Council has focused on one-on-one relationship building, and I feel it is starting to reap benefits. Through the one-page fact sheet used for recruitment, the National Facebook page, several alumni groups continued involvement, housing corporations

interacting with each other for best practices and the National staff's hard work, we have established a cohesive set of expectations while continuing to foster a stronger sense of brotherhood. For far too long it was considered acceptable behavior among the residents to recruit new members and not expect them to pay initiation dues before initiating them. This pervasive attitude was allowed to fester without any ramifications resulting in severe financial strain for the rest of the National Fraternity. Eliminating the perception of non-payment of NIF as acceptable behavior is but one example of how this Council has changed things for the better. This could only have been achieved through frank discussions, clearly communicating expectations and, just as important, listening.

The work to improve the Fraternity and what it stands for is ongoing. I look forward to when we all come together again in Myrtle Beach for the 102nd National Convention, August 7 - 11. We are working towards record attendance, and I would like you to seriously consider attending, especially with your family. Aside from the business sessions of the Fraternity, there is plenty to do and we've established a schedule which allows plenty of free time to enjoy the beach and sites of Myrtle Beach. If you can't make it this year, then please consider a donation to sponsor awards, speakers or luncheons. Information on registration and sponsorship is included in this edition of the Garnet & White.

Congratulations go out to our new Chapters! Pace University is the newest Chapter on the roll and Stockton College has been re-chartered. I would like to say thank you to the National staff for their hard work in getting the Pace Chapter off the ground, and thank you to the graduate Brothers of Stockton College. Without their dedication and time, I'm not sure we would have these two new Chapters. Expansion efforts are ongoing, and we now have an interest group at Seton Hall University and are having discussions with several interest groups throughout the country.

I trust you are enjoying the new format of the Garnet & White and the Foundation Focus as digital flip books. More improvements are on the way, as well as a brand new website. We welcome your feedback and suggestions on improvements and look to continually improve. We are also looking for a full time Communications Committee to work with the National Editor. If you are interested, please contact us.

God Bless you and your families.

In the Bond of Brotherhood,
Vic Ramos
[@AXP_Vic](#)

A View From Neptune

By Scott Carlson, CPA, Pi Phi '82
CEO & National Secretary

Thoughts of spring are on most people's minds this first day of spring. Cold, damp with snow flurries, but that is New Jersey in late March. Most Chapters have enjoyed their spring break by now and are back and ready to finish the spring 2013 semester.

I'm sure there is still plenty to keep Alpha Chi Rho men busy. Chapter members have been busy with community service so far. Geneseo held their deep freeze for the American Cancer Society. This is the twelfth year and this year they raised five thousand eight hundred dollars during the event! The Brothers at Drexel for the past ten years have held a Polar Bear Dive into the Atlantic Ocean; this year about thirty Brothers took the plunge in the cold Atlantic to raise about three thousand dollars for one of their favorite charities, The American Cancer Society!

This semester new member rush results have been coming in. Final numbers are being tabulated and will be published. Remember to report new members at the start of the education process through the web site. If you need instructions, call 732-869-1895 or email HQ@alphachirho.org.

Convention registration is open on line at the web site. Each active Chapter can have up to four delegates at voting time. Two undergraduate and two graduate members can represent your respective Chapter at the 102nd National Convention. You may ask what the specifics are.

- **WHEN:** August 7th – 11th, 2013
 - **WHERE:** Myrtle Beach, SC
 - **WHAT hotel:** The Hilton Resort at Kingston Plantation
- Visit the National Web site for more information and registration links.
www.AlphaChiRho.org

Scholarship Season is here! The Alpha Chi Rho Education Foundational annually awards scholarships to members of the Fraternity, both resident members and graduates. Application deadline is April 30th each year. Applications are available on the Fraternity main page www.alphachirho.org - just click on the Scholarship icon. You can also access the applications at www.AXPEF.org.



A VIEW FROM NEPTUNE (PT. 2)

I always encourage any member with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher to apply for scholarships. Student loans are available year round to juniors and seniors that have a 2.8 cumulative grade point average or above. Loans are currently one time only for a maximum of thirty five hundred dollars. Terms are presently set at five percent interest beginning one year after graduation. Graduate loan have different terms and interest begins one year after they receive the loan.

Expansion is on the agenda. We presently have an interest group at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ that has been given the green light to move forward toward colony status by their Administration and Greek community. Presentations with University officials at West Chester University are scheduled later this spring in hopes that we can restart the Phi Nu Chi Chapter in Pennsylvania. A presentation has been made at Utica College in an attempt to resurrect the Omicron Phi Chapter in New York.

Colonies presently open and moving toward full Chapter status are Queens College, California University of Pennsylvania and Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.



The Chapter at the State University of New York at Albany, Mu Chi Phi, celebrates twenty years of being a Chapter!

A VIEW FROM THE ROAD



By Brother Ryan Thomas, National Leadership Consultant

Following the coming of New Years, we got right back to work to get everything ready for the quickly approaching Spring Semester. Our time in the office was nice because it allowed me to regroup from a crazy semester of traveling. Just to put the amount of traveling done in perspective, I bought my car a few days before I hit the road with 10 miles on it. After New Years, the mileage on the car was over 8,000 miles. Although I do enjoy the traveling and the experiences that I am having while on the road, it was nice to be in one place for an extended amount of time. Our time in the office was spent getting our men registered for

our Conclave that was held at Penn State on February 2, filing new brother forms, updating the mailing lists, and getting prepared for the upcoming semester. Although I appreciated my time in the office, after being in New Jersey for two weeks, I was refreshed and ready to get back out on the road. I was excited to get back on the road because I was tasked with a few new responsibilities and because I knew what to expect going into this semester, or so I thought!

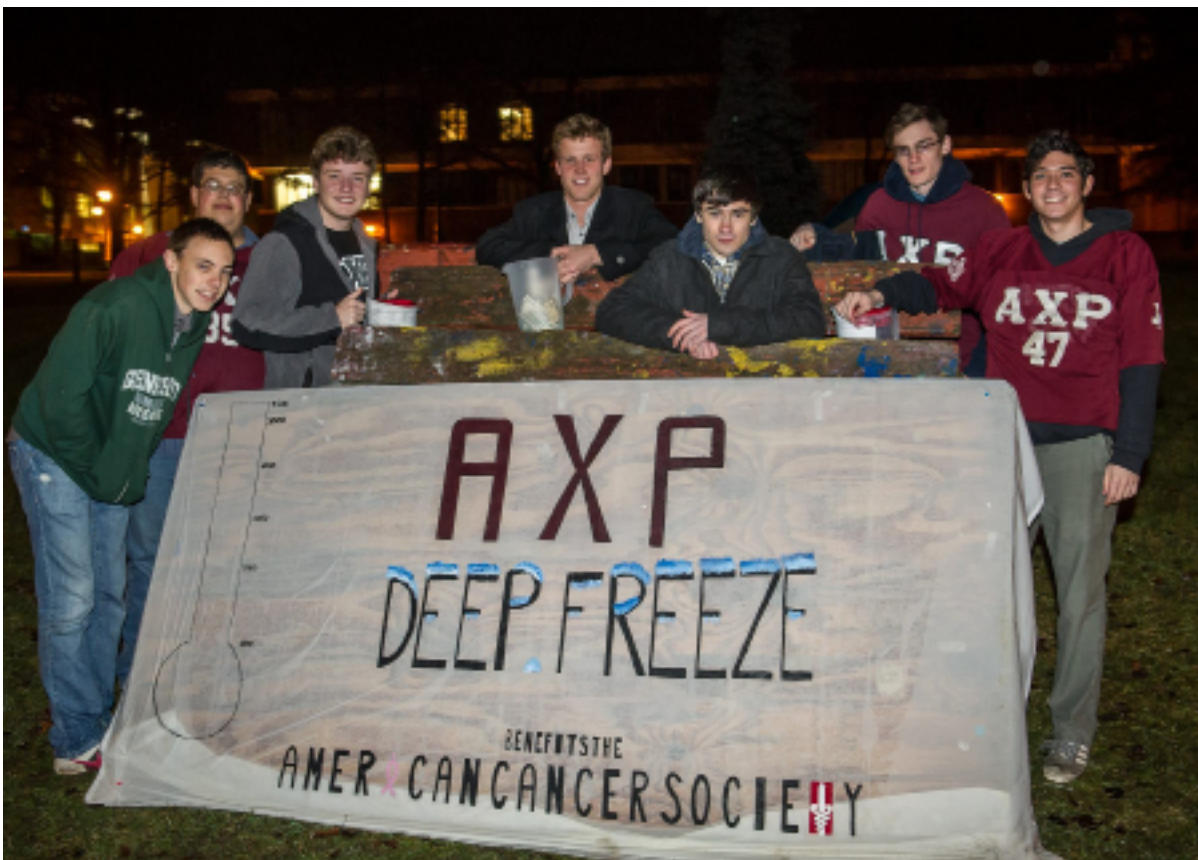
My first stop of the semester took me to Gettysburg, which is where I was to spend an extended amount of time and make it a sort of home base while on the road. The new responsibilities that I had mentioned earlier mainly have to do with the Eta Phi Chapter at Gettysburg, as I am overseeing a reorganization of the Chapter there. When I arrived at the school on January 19, there was a ton of work to be done, but the men were really enthusiastic and ready to jump right into the projects. The first order of business was to completely clean out the Chapter house. This task took some time, but with the help of all of the Brothers and the support of the school, we were able to get the job done before our deadline. After we cleaned out the house, we organized a schedule for the entire semester and the men are doing a fantastic job and are far exceeding expectations. The men have put an immense focus on academics and philanthropic work and it is already turning heads within the community. The level of support that I have received from the undergraduates, alumni, and school has been outstanding. I was welcomed into the campus community with open arms from the very start, which made the adjustment much easier for me. When I was given the task of reorganization, I really had no idea of what I should expect because I had never done anything like this before. It is great to see the men succeed in reaching their goals and I am confident that we will greatly exceed all of the expectations that anyone had for the group.

My first two weeks on the road were spent almost exclusively at Gettysburg. The first time I really began to travel was when I made the trip over to Penn State for Conclave on February 2. As a Leadership Consultant, Conclave is incredibly hectic and busy, but also an unbelievable experience. Seeing a room full of Brothers that represent every Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho is truly an awesome experience. The educational sessions were excellent and everyone that was in attendance really appreciated the lessons given by each speaker. The men were constantly asking questions and genuinely trying to find ways to improve each of their Chapters. It was especially neat that a lot of the guys came to hang out with Larry and me after the educational sessions. I got to know a lot of Brothers that I had never met before and I look forward to maintaining a relationship with each of them in future years!

A VIEW FROM THE ROAD (CONT.)

It is always nice for me to be back in Philadelphia, since I grew up right outside of the city in South Jersey. Despite the fact that I grew up in the area, I am not sure that I will ever get used to the parking in the city. For some reason I am always paranoid the entire trip that I parked in a permit only area and I end up asking the Brothers a million times to check and see if where I parked is ok. Although I am not a fan of the parking in Philadelphia, I have figured out when the best times are for me to show up at each of the schools so that most students have left for the day and the parking options are more plentiful. Aside from my city parking paranoia, the visits I had at Temple and UPenn were excellent. The men at both of the Chapters are always very hospitable and all of the Brothers make an overwhelming effort to ask me questions about any and everything. I really enjoy it when I am able to help the men and give them new and fresh ideas.

Once I left Philadelphia, I headed back out to Gettysburg to check on the progress of the men out there. They continue to do a fantastic job and complete all of the tasks that I ask of them. I was able to make it back for one of the rush events where we went to a laser tag arena. I was cracking up when we walked into the place because we walked in with 20+ grown men and there was not a single person older than the age of 8 in the rest of the place. Needless to say, we had a blast and I'm sure the men will continue to use this event in the future. I stuck around in the Gettysburg area for about a week and a half before I headed out to Pittsburgh and the rest of the Chapters in the Midwest. I am really looking forward to seeing everyone at all of the schools out there and the new experiences that await me! I am just praying that there is not too much cold and snow waiting to meet me out there!



The Phi Zeta Chi Chapter at the State University of New York - Geneseo holding a "Deep Freeze" fundraiser for American Cancer Society.

A VIEW FROM THE ROAD

By Brother Larry Sarver, National Leadership Consultant

This semester has been a bit different than my first trip through the east coast. With all the knowledge learned from my first semester, it's easier to know what I'm getting into at each Chapter. Finding the houses and Greek Advisor's offices is finally not a problem. It's nice to see everyone I met last semester and find out how their year has been going. Sometimes it would be nice to stay at Chapters longer, but a consultant's life is a busy one.

Conclave 2013 at Penn State was a blast. It was great to have so many Crows on one campus at a Big Ten school for the weekend. There were many great speakers and the representatives from each Chapter were very attentive and willing to learn. The hotel was really nice and in a great location to get around everywhere we needed to. Overall, I think it was a great experience for everyone involved and I look forward to Convention in Myrtle Beach this summer!

This semester I also had the pleasure of watching the re-chartering of Richard Stockton College in New Jersey. The men there are very deserving to be a Chapter and are off to a good start on campus. The re-chartering weekend was great. Some Brothers from the WPI Chapter came down, along with one of our past consultants. Chartering events are always a great way to get Brothers together to celebrate the beginning of a new Chapter.

As for my travels, they have been going great. Many of my recommendations from last semester have been followed through on and there has been improvement in a lot of areas. Being used to my job has helped me a lot with making suggestions for Chapters; and knowing more about each campus helps me know what's relevant when making recommendations.

Aside from the occasional blizzard in northern New York and spring breaks during the whole month, my travels for the month of March have been a pleasure. I'm looking forward to my remaining visits and I'm ready for summertime in Neptune, New Jersey!



Brothers of the Phi Eta Chi Chapter, Richard Stockton College, pose for a photo after their Greek Week Basketball championship victory.

Chaplain's Corner



It's spring, and with the arrival of spring comes signs that everything is made new once again. My wife has a favorite weeping willow tree, and when it starts to sprout buds, her anticipation of the arrival of spring is heightened. In both the Jewish faith and the Christian faith, there is that sense of casting off the old and facing the new; leaving slavery and going to the Promised Land for the former; leaving death behind for new life for the latter. Spring reminds everyone of the continuation of life, or, as they sing in "The Lion King": "The Circle of Life".

Spring is also the time when many of our Chapters offer rush activities, looking forward to welcoming a new cadre of faithful Brothers in Alpha Chi Rho. Rush and postulant education remind us that the cycle of our Fraternity, going strong for over 100 years, will continue into the future. There is a sense of newness with each new postulant class, but they are not launched into the Fraternity without some sense of where we have all come from. While it is good to celebrate the new, it's always good to be reminded of the roots from which the newness sprang.

At the recent Leadership Conclave, one of the speakers (a collegiate administrator) was horrified to learn that many of the fraternities on his campus, during postulant training, put more of an emphasis on learning the Greek alphabet, or memorizing the birthdate of every Brother than they did on teaching the ideals of the fraternity to which the postulants were pledging. The speaker was impressed with our Landmarks and how they challenge each and every one of us to "Be Men" - not just for the four years of college, but for an entire lifetime. He encouraged all the Chapter leaders gathered there that morning to think about what was being required in postulant education on their campus. Wouldn't it be better for a new Brother to know the Landmarks and our goals as a Fraternity than to know the names of all the girlfriends in the Chapter? Especially, he said, when the information was as meaningful and life-shaping as our Landmarks are.

If you have been doing rush and postulant training the "same old same old" for too many years, maybe it's time to think about something new. If you are a graduate Brother or a graduate Chapter officer, perhaps you don't want to teach today's Brothers how to do things the "way it's always been done". Perhaps for all of us, this spring can be a time of taking a second look at the way we do things, and think about how to do new things in a new way.

Pastor David Jost
AXP National Chaplain

Volunteer Interest Profile

Actions Speak Loudly

Share your skills, gain practical experience, build your contacts while giving back to your Fraternity! Get involved in a Graduate Club, a Fraternity or Foundation Committee, or assisting an Undergraduate Chapter near where you live. Those are just three examples of ways to volunteer. There are many other volunteer roles you can take advantage of with Alpha Chi Rho. **Actions Speak Loudly** and you taking the time to complete this Interest Profile is letting us know you care and want to help. We are not asking for a huge time commitment. We would like to know when to call on you, what interest you have in volunteering, and where you feel your efforts can best help Alpha Chi Rho.

Graduates and undergraduates are helping to grow the Brotherhood now because of the time and knowledge that is being volunteered. When you choose to volunteer, you can make a difference as well and make Alpha Chi Rho, its Foundation, Chapters and Brotherhood stronger.

Tell us how you would like to get involved.

Name _____ Chapter _____
 Email _____
 Phones H _____ C _____

AXPEF Leadership Opportunities

Trustees are the Board of Directors of the Foundation. We are always looking for individuals who want to get involved on a national level, helping to achieve goals. Generally speaking Trustees have been involved in the Fraternity or Foundation in other capacities and must be willing to participate in meetings, conference calls and e-mail communications. Trustees are elected at the annual membership meeting held in the spring and must be a Brother in good standing.

<u>AXPEF Positions</u>	<u>within 2 years</u>	<u>within 5 years</u>
Trustee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Standing Committee member		
Events and Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Finance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Governance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programs & Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Ad Hoc Committees		
Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
File updating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reconnection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Project Based Volunteer Activities

Engage in activities as your schedule permits, there are a variety of opportunities, including one day speaking engagements, writing stories for the Garnet and White or Foundation Focus, answering questions of or helping Brothers with particular topics. Some activities may require travel and in-person meetings.

- Garnet & White Contributor –writing about AXP Past and Present
- Foundation Focus Contributor-editing and writing news
- Helping/advising a local chapter
- Attending Alumni events in your area
- Hosting National Alumni events in your area
- Speaker at Educational Student programs
- Producing programs for electronic distribution to undergrads
- Financial literacy speaker for student programs
- Contact me about any other project-based volunteer activities that develop
- Other Volunteerism

If there is anything not on this page which you can help us with, skills or knowledge you have to share, you can write it on the back or email or call your President of the Foundation.

Actions Speak Loudly

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CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE

Pi Phi (Robert Morris University)

Mark your Calendars!

The Brothers of the Pi Phi chapter are proud to announce that they will be hosting Crowball this upcoming fall at Robert Morris University! The Alpha Chi Rho Pi Phi Chapter has had a strong presence on campus since May 16th, 1970 when they were first founded and has continued to grow ever since their re-chartering on April 16th, 2011.

The event will begin on the evening of October 25th with a welcoming ceremony. The basketball tournament will be held on October 26th. Informational packets will be sent out over summer including detailed agendas, registration forms, and any other information a participating Chapter would need to know. The Brothers of the Pi Phi Chapter are very excited to be holding the annual Crowball event and are looking forward to your arrival this fall!



***Above: Photograph of the Pi Chi, Robert Morris University, Chapter (Alumni and Residents).
Below: Photographs of Robert Morris University Campus.***



Sigma Chi Phi (California University of Pennsylvania)

The Cal U Crows Work To Re-Charter



Early this year, after two semesters of recruiting, organizing, and development, a group of 15 men have brought the Crows back to California University of Pennsylvania. As a Colony, they have been working non stop to officially bring the Sigma Chi Phi Chapter back to Cal U. With the support of enthusiastic alumni behind the group, the Colony is involved with volunteer work and campus Greek Life events, while excelling academically. We salute you as you begin your journey into the Fraternity!

Phi Lambda (The Pennsylvania State University)

Below photograph provided by Brother Victor Ramos at the Blue & White game held on April 20, 2013.



CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE

Phi Rho Chi (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

The following is from Brother Jon Blumenthal in regards to his fundraising effort for St. Baldrick's day. The pictures below include Brother Blumenthal and his son, Ron.

Brothers,

I am following up on an inquiry I made in January regarding a possible donation to the St. Baldrick's foundation. The original inquiry is below:

Last May, Brother Evan Peterson of the Phi Rho Chi lost his battle with cancer. Evan had also battled cancer once before in the early 1990's when he was a still in high school. Evan was a friend and also a member of the same pledge class as I when (spring 1994) when we attended the University of Massachusetts.

This year, I have decided to honor Evan and others that have fought cancer by participating in a local St. Baldrick's. St. Baldrick's is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to finding a cure for childhood cancer. I am helping to raise money for the cause and will be shaving my head on March 3rd as part of this event to show my solidarity to others battling this terrible affliction.

I have reached out to many of our fellow brothers for contributions and to date have received close to \$200 from fellow Phi Rho Chi alum. I am now reaching out to our national leadership in search of increasing this number.

I was hoping that you can contribute to this cause by matching the donations made by our local alumni. I have no doubt that if you can make a donation in Brother Peterson's memory that this will further inspire more alumni to come forward and honor Evan.

I can be reached by e-mail at rongant74@gmail.com. Thank you for considering my request.

The event I participated in took place this past Sunday. In total, brothers of Phi Rho Chi contributed \$760 in memory of Evan. I was hoping that I could receive a matching donation for the St. Baldrick's fight against childhood cancer. Below is the link where a donation in any amount can be made:

<http://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/taxmangoesbald>



UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSIONS DUE

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Submit online or via mail for Alpha Chi Rho Educational Foundation Scholarships and Grants!

CONVENTION 2013

Wednesday, August 7 through
Sunday, August 11, 2013

Click [here](#) to register or view information on the upcoming Convention at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

More Upcoming Events!



Photographs provided by Brother Victor Ramos at the Blue & White game held on April 20, 2013 at The Pennsylvania State University.



CONVENTION 2013 SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

9 AM to Noon	National Staff finalize plans and setup for Convention
1 PM to 3 PM	National Council Meeting
2 PM to 5 PM	Registration: Undergraduates, Graduates, Officers & Trustees Arrive
7 PM to 9 PM	President's Reception for Convention Attendees and Guests
9 PM to 11 PM	Family Movie Night

Thursday, August 8, 2013

8 AM to 2 PM	Registration at the Fraternity Convention Office
9 AM to Noon	Educational Sessions for Undergraduate Brothers & Alumni Advisors
10AM to Noon	Foundation Board Meeting
Noon to 1:30 PM	Luncheon (Initial Awards Handed Out)
1:30 PM to 4 PM	Educational Sessions for Undergraduate Brothers & Alumni Advisors
4:30PM to End of Evening	Dinner On Your Own Check out Myrtle Beach Nightlife!

Friday, August 9, 2013

9 AM to 11 AM	Philanthropy - National Day of Service
11 AM to 1 PM	Brunch (Retirement Speaker Presentation)
1:30 PM to 4:30 PM	Convention Business Session Opens
5 PM to 8 PM	Reception & Scholarship Awards
8 PM to End of Evening	Free Time

Saturday, August 10, 2013

9 AM to Noon	Convention Business Sessions Lunch On Your Own
Noon to 5 PM	Free Time
5:30 PM to 6 PM	Reception
6 PM to 8:30 PM	Banquet (Chapter Awards)
9 PM to End of Evening	Free Time

Sunday, August 11, 2013

9 AM to 11 AM	National Council Meeting
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