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Photograph of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Brother Guernsey T. Cross of Phi Theta (Cornell University) in 1933.

Brother Cross (above) was elected six times to the New York State Assembly, and was personal secretary to President Roosevelt during his term as Governor of New York State. He also was appointed Assistant Solicitor General in the Department of Justice in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

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,

We are continuing to reach our deadlines of content and communication to the masses. If you have not noticed, the Fraternity and Foundation website look very differently than they did a few weeks ago! I would like to thank the entire Communication Committee for their time, input and work to date.

Due to the webpage layout migration, we are now able to move forward with digitalizing our past editions of the Garnet & White to be searchable and online for everyone's viewing pleasure. Currently, the timeframe for this to be implemented is to be determined with the service provider. We will keep everyone up to date with our progress. Our hope is to have most, if not all editions, in a digital format by Conclave. A good volume of our editions are old and fragile, so transporting and imaging them will take time. Interested in donating to help this cause to preserve our history? Please contact headquarters.

I would also like to personally thank Brothers Andre Bickley and Frederick Kinglee II (both from the Omega Phi Chapter at La Salle University) for supplying cover art again for the Garnet & White.

Finally, Convention is upon us! I hope to see many of you there, and exchange ideas and recruit volunteers at all levels.

In The Bond,

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

Please join our Facebook group by clicking the below link! Also remember to follow the Fraternity on Twitter @AlphaChiRho. The National Facebook group will become invite only around Convention, so please take advantage of our open status until then!



From The President's Pen



Although this is the last President's Pen before the 102nd National Convention, I expect you will hear from me some more as I have announced that I will stand for another two year term. Most of the officers have agreed to run again, which I consider fortunate for continuity's sake. I publicly stated that our objectives two years ago were to improve communications and improve the financial well being of the Fraternity. Although improving communications is difficult to measure, improving the financial well being of the Fraternity is easy to measure. On that front, we have been able to improve the balance sheet and the collection of dues has improved compared to years past. Although I consider that we've improved on these two stated goals, I leave you to be the final arbiter. If re-

elected, we will continue to improve on these two areas and will add a third leg to the stool so to speak, expansion. More on that later.

I'm proud to announce that in addition to the quarterly Garnet & White, the Alpha Chi Rho website has been revamped. We have listened to your complaints and criticisms and moved to address them. It is still in the construction stages, but check out the link www.alphachirho.org and give us some feedback. I would venture to say that we have simplified the website and tried to make it more user friendly and appealing. Let us know if there are features you'd like to see or if you have an idea to improve the site. One of my ideas is to have a link to all the Chapter Facebook pages. Also, please let us know if you'd like to volunteer your time in being on the Communications Committee or if you have expertise in the web design arena.

In order to improve our financial well being we have had to make tough decisions. I'm afraid we have more of these to come. Several Chapters have been identified as Chapters not pulling their weight financially and are being subsidized by the paying Chapters. This must and will stop. On this you have my word. Several council members deserve credit for spending many, many hours trying to assist financially delinquent Chapters. Part of the hard work comes from spending time on conference calls, coaching how to budget, volunteering as Chapter Advisors and traveling long distances to attend meetings with the resident members and interested graduate Brothers. These are just a few examples of the tremendous hours of volunteer time put in by this current council.

I mentioned expansion as the third leg of the stool. My vision of a thriving Fraternity is one that communicates effectively and shares best practices, one that is financially strong and one that considers expansion a priority. The current expansion model is being analyzed and revamped from the inside out. Keep in mind that what worked in 1990, or 1960 for that matter, doesn't necessarily work for the college student of today. We are adapting to the needs of today's college man. Our Landmarks are still what brings potential new Chapters to the table and interested to join AXP, but some of our models need to be tweaked to address the needs of today. One of the needs we've identified is regional advisors. If this is something you can see yourself doing as a way to keep your Fraternity strong, please let us know.

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Lastly, it's been a pleasure to serve these last two years as your President and I look forward to serving you for another two.

In the Bond of Brotherhood,
Vic Ramos
Phi Lambda (The Pennsylvania State University), '91
[@AXP_Vic](#)

PS - You will find in this edition of the G & W a pledge form for this year's national philanthropy. Kindly consider a donation of \$25 or \$50. As a group we can make a tremendous difference to those in need. As our Ritual reminds us,

"Wherever society exists in any form, and community prevails in any degree, the truth becomes evident that unselfishness is the most reliable source of happiness."

Yes, I want to support our 2013 National Day of Service! I would like my contribution to be applied to the AXP National MPS Society fund. All proceeds will benefit the National MPS Society. MPS is a genetic Lysosomal storage disease that impacts the lives of young children.

Suggested contributions are \$1 to \$5 for each push up; \$5 to \$30 for each lap of swimming.

\$100 \$50 \$25 \$10 \$5 Other \$ _____

Check enclosed (Payable to AXPEF)

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please charge my VISA M/C American Express Discover

Account #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CSC Code: _____

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Phone (732) 988-0588 Fax (732) 988-5357

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https://www.formstack.com/forms/axp-untitled_profit_donation_form3

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Actions Speak Loudly

Alpha Chi Rho
Educational Foundation



Brother Spotlight: Ed Sieminski



Submitted by Br. Shane McGoey, Ph.D., National Director of Development

ED SIEMINSKI has lived most of his life in northeastern Pennsylvania; that is if you don't consider his 23 year military career with the Army. Ed retired from the United States Army as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1978 having served in command and staff assignments in the United States, Europe, and the Far East. Prior to joining the Army, Ed was born and raised in northeastern Pennsylvania and completed college at Scranton University after completing one semester at Penn State University. Upon graduating from Scranton University, Ed was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and was assigned to the Armor Branch and initially served at Fort Knox, Kentucky in July, 1955.

"My family had all served in the military and I was draft eligible at the time of the Korean War," Ed offers. "So I knew that if I was going to serve in the military, I wanted to be an officer." Thus, Ed enrolled in the ROTC program while attending Scranton University and served with distinction while a cadet.

Ed married his wife, Mary Jane, while a senior at Scranton and both began the life of a military family. "Mary Jane and I were able to see things throughout the world that we would not have been able to see otherwise," Ed states. "I played Army and she raised our 6 children and was a very supportive Army wife!" Playing Army included two tours in Vietnam; the first during 1963-64 where Ed served as an intelligence advisor to the South Vietnamese Army in the Mekong Delta. Ed served in this capacity to the Province Chief of Phong Dinh Province and later as the advisor to the 21st Vietnamese Division in Bac Lieu, which operated in the provinces south of the Mekong Delta. Ed returned to Vietnam in 1968-69 where he was assigned to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and served as executive officer of the 1st Squadron. Some may recall that the Regiment was commanded by then Colonel George S. Patton, III who coined the phrase "Find the bastards and pile on." It was during this time that Ed was selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel and was reassigned to advisory duty as the senior advisor to the 2nd Brigade, Vietnamese Airborne Division where he served with combat distinction earning the U.S. Legion of Merit award and the Vietnamese Cross for Gallantry.

After completing his tours in Vietnam, Ed traveled to Germany with his family to serve as liaison between the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command and the German Army Bureau of Technology and Development on the joint development of the main battle tank. "The main tank was the predecessor to the M-1 tank. The U.S. and the Germans decided to join forces to develop a state of the art tank, but differences in how to develop the tank persisted and the joint efforts were terminated. However, the research laid the groundwork which subsequently produced the M-1 Abrams Tank for the United States."

Ed then served as professor of Military Science at the ROTC programs initially at Duquesne University, then Lafayette College. It was at Lafayette College that he was exposed to Alpha Chi Rho. "I had three men in the ROTC program who were Brothers in the local Chapter. The Chapter had fallen on hard times and was in need of a faculty advisor. I agreed to serve and mentioned to them that I had started to pledge a fraternity at Penn State but never completed the process because I transferred to Scranton. About a year later the men from the Chapter told me that they nominated me to become a Brother and wanted to initiate me into the Fraternity." Ed was initiated into the Fraternity shortly thereafter and served as faculty advisor for three years until he retired from the military and left Lafayette College.

But his life continued to take him on a journey that included serving the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as an elected member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, a political appointee under Governor Thornburg's administration first in the Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs and then as Deputy Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. Later, Ed returned to work in higher education as the Director of the Small Business Development Center at Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

While Ed finally retired in 1993, he is a licensed insurance agent for the D.H. Switch Insurance Agency in White Haven, Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, Mary Jane passed away in 1992 after battling cancer, but Ed was fortunate to find another partner who shared his interests. "Sharon and I enjoy life," Ed states, "She's a doctor who I met locally and we shared the same outlook on life. I spend time with my 13 grandchildren, Sharon and I travel a great deal now, and I enjoy volunteering with the Rotary Club."

Ed and Sharon reside in Mountaintop, Pennsylvania, where he is involved in the local VFW Post, the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Knights of Columbus, and the Military Officers Association. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Senior Parachutist Badge and numerous other medals and recognition.

Treasurer's Report

Time, Talent, and Treasury – I am sure you have heard or seen that line written over the years, a simple four words that ask you to choose one or more of the options and make the decision about how to participate in a given activity or organization. Alpha Chi Rho is no different. Our five paid staff members rely heavily on volunteers to support their efforts, your donations to help pay our bills, and the efforts of those who manage our websites, create our marketing, advise active Chapters to move our Fraternity forward.

I know it seems odd that the National Treasurer would start off his report by sounding like the Development Officer but I felt it was important that you understand where we stand before I started sounding like the Treasurer again! Many of the Brothers that I speak with do not have a clear understanding of the financial expenditures and situation of our Fraternity. To keep things in perspective, we have made significant cuts in expenses including staffing, vendors, travel and many of the 'extra' services we offered in the past just to make sure we can keep staff members on the road visiting Chapters and active Chapters on the positive track.

A quick view of our Fraternity numbers show the following;

- 33 Active Chapters & 5 Colonies
- Average of 17 members per Chapter/Colony
- Over \$450,000 in operational expenses
- Insurance Coverage for Chapters and National Fraternity of appx. \$200,000
- \$600,000+ in Insurance, Assessments, & Initiation Fees that have gone unpaid to the National Fraternity
- \$200,000+ in Debts written off due to Chapter closures or good faith gestures by the National Fraternity

Our active Chapters are billed two assessments at the beginning of the Fall Semester – the first is for their insurance coverage the second is the annual Chapter Assessment. The purpose of the Chapter Assessment is to help fund the operations of the Fraternity including the Chapter Visitation program.

The plain facts are that as low as our fees are and as hard as we work to keep our expenditures in check, we still have to operate the Fraternity. With the National economy still teetering on the verge of a recession we know that it is not always possible to show your support financially – but you can do so through your time and your talents.

- Participate by advising a Chapter or Colony at a school near you.
- Join and actively participate in your Chapter's Alumni Board or Property Association.
- Volunteer on a National Fraternity or Educational Foundation committee.
- Write an article for the Garnet & White.

Remember, it is not just your dollars that make an impact, it is you who can make an even bigger one!

Joshua Brodsky
Mu Chi Phi (The State University of New York at Albany), '93
National Treasurer

A VIEW FROM THE ROAD



By Brother Ryan Thomas, Beta Phi (Rutgers University) '12
National Leadership Consultant

Larry and I recently attended FRMT risk management school out in Indianapolis, Indiana. We left from Philadelphia early on Monday morning and after a quick layover in Detroit, we arrived in Indianapolis by mid-afternoon. The conference was being held at the Hyatt Regency, which is in downtown Indianapolis. The hotel is part of the mall and is absolutely gorgeous. From the main lobby, you can see all the way up to the twentieth floor. After checking in, Larry and I went to find our room, which happened to be the last room at the end of the hall on the twentieth floor. Once we settled in, we went out to take in the city since we had some down time on the first day. We walked around the city until it was time to meet up with the rest of our group for a meet and greet for dinner. As we ate our dinner, we watched Game 6 of the Stanley Cup finals. It was fun to watch the game out there in Indianapolis because most of the people that were at the restaurant were Chicago Blackhawks fans. It was really exciting when the Blackhawks came back to win the game in the end.

Day two began with the first seminar session, which focused on risk management. Larry and I had been through the same class the summer before, but it was pretty cool to see how my perspective has changed after being on the job for a year. The first year I was just listening because I did not know what to expect. But this time around I was able to participate and find solutions to some of the issues that I faced throughout my first year. I found the info sessions very informative and the speaker always does a fantastic job of keeping everyone entertained and interested. After having been through the class for the second time, I wish that it would focus more on the gray areas of risk management and how to deal with issues that are borderline questionable risk practices. I find that the FRMT school tends to use the most dramatic and extreme examples to prove a point, where the behavior being described is a clear violation of policy. I would have liked to have them spend more time on examples that were questionable, but would be open to interpretation. Overall, the sessions are very informative and it was a nice refresher course on what the FRMT rules and policies are.

The second session, which began after lunch, focused specifically on hazing. Obviously, this is something that needs to be hammered home constantly and monitored closely. The speaker for this session was also very good and the thing that I liked most about it was how she explained that the context of every situation and action is what determines if something is considered hazing. She then showed us how changing the context of a situation just by giving a few tweaks to certain actions can make an action that would have previously been seen as hazing, perfectly acceptable. They really stressed the importance of being on the lookout for hazing while visiting Chapters, as the effects can be devastating and could even result in the loss of life. This seminar was also the same as the one that we had attended in the previous year, but my perspective on the issues was completely different this year now that I had experience on the job. The FRMT was a great experience and it really helped me to refocus on the aspects of Fraternity life that I should be directing my efforts. I look forward to getting back out on the road in the upcoming fall semester so that I can continue with the work that I began a year ago and watch the men in each Chapter thrive.

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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A VIEW FROM THE ROAD

By Brother Larry Sarver, Phi Kappa Lambda
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National Leadership Consultant

Virtual Consulting

The school year has come to a close and the National Staff of Alpha Chi Rho is tying up loose ends and getting ready for the fall semester. Returning as Consultants for the 2013-2014 school year, Ryan and I are excited to utilize new methods to get our Chapters ready to return to campus. There have been a few ideas put into action so far to address Chapter needs for the year. The plan includes a few routes of communication, including Webinars and Skype meetings with HQ.

The Educational Foundation has decided to create a series of short videos to post to the website for undergraduates to access and learn from. Some of the topics to be addressed are: Budgeting Principles, Structuring a Meeting, Officer Transitioning, and a few others.

Chapter Budgeting is pretty straight forward. Once it is clearly explained and shown, it's easy to organize finances to pay bills and save money during the year. The Webinar will show not only the Treasurer but the entire Chapter how to manage money and plan for future, present, and past expenses.

Proper meeting structure is important to running a successful meeting. Our Webinar will teach you how to maintain order and run an organized and formal meeting for your Chapter. Learning the proper structure will not only help you to be more effective, but it can help to reduce distractions and improve the behavior of Brothers.

Being an Officer is a constant learning process. A number of our Chapters hold their elections in the spring, which can make it difficult for a new Officer to know what is expected of them for the fall term. A lot of work gets done by your Officers under the radar and we hope to guide them through this semester in our Officer Transitioning Webinar.

Chapters should benefit more from face-to-face interaction and training for their specific issues. These new communication methods will make it easy for us and the undergraduates to call in to each other and talk about how to improve Chapters and the Brotherhood.

As the summer goes on, expect contact from Ryan and me. Let's keep each other on the same page so that when Fall Semester rolls around, we can hit the ground running.

As always, feel free to contact your Leadership Consultants and the rest of the National Staff with any questions. Have a great and productive summer!

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Chaplain's Corner



Dear Brothers of Alpha Chi Rho,

I encounter people who, when I invite them to come to a worship service at church, reply that they don't feel as though they have to do that to worship God. They tell me they can walk in field and pray to God (although I'm not sure how many actually do) or they can read the Bible at home (although I'm not sure how many actually do). They find all sorts of reasons to excuse themselves from public worship.

I am perplexed by this. While it is true that a person can worship God alone in a field, or understand God's word by reading it in the privacy of one's home, I am not sure why one would want to do either. If a person reads the Bible from the very beginning, that is the Book of Genesis, one learns that God said that it was not good for a person to be alone, so God created a second human and "community" was born. For me, that's what a worship service is all about – a sense of community, a sense of belonging to something bigger than me.

When I first got to college, I did not know anyone else on campus. I was pretty much alone. Fortunately, I was in the marching band, so I reported to school a week before regular freshman and had the chance to meet some terrific upper classmen and some really great freshmen. In that week of Band Camp, a community was established – I was but one music major in a community of many. As the fall semester played out, there were several rush activities on campus. I knew I wanted to be in a fraternity – my older brother Rick was a Crow at Dickinson, and he really enjoyed it. I was looking for a similar experience.

At the start of the spring semester, I pledged the Eta Phi Chapter (Gettysburg College) of Alpha Chi Rho. I was the only music major in my pledge class – I was the only music major in the house! So now I was a part of a new community, one that had Landmarks and academic goals and was working hard to be recognized as a vibrant force on the campus. I was in something bigger than myself.

Now, as the National Chaplain, I am preparing to go to another National Convention, this time in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. I've been to Boston, Williamsburg, Orlando, and Pittsburgh in the past. At each Convention, I have seen the power of one melding into many. Individual Brothers have been recognized for scholarship achievements – and they thank their Chapter Brothers for supporting them in those endeavors. I see Brothers from individual Chapters reaching out to greet Brothers from other Chapters, reminding us of our oneness in the Bond. I have watched the transition from one National President to another, and realized that each man has put the good of the Fraternity before their own needs. The National Convention has been a wonderful paradigm of unity and focus. As President Vic Ramos leads us into this next Convention, I expect to see the same. *(continued on next page)*

I do a lot of evangelism research for my congregation – how do we invite, how do we welcome, how do we assimilate, what is our core message and how do we convey it? As a member of the AXP National Council, I have also done research – who are we; how do we present ourselves to undergraduates, graduates and parents; what is our core message and how do we convey it? After more than a century of existence, our goal is still the same: “Be Men!” In this second century of our existence, we still strive to cultivate men of word and deed. We will gather in Myrtle Beach to celebrate our past and continue to develop skills for the challenges of the future. And we will do that as many coming together as one. We will sing once again “Our strong bands shall ne’er be broken formed in Alpha Chi”, and know that we add our voices to the Brothers of the past and the Brothers yet to be. Brothers in the Bond!

In peace,
The Rev. Dr. David B. Jost
AXP National Chaplain
Eta Phi (Gettysburg University), '75



Above photo submitted by Brother Ryan Barck, Phi Iota Chi (Central Michigan University) after an alumni golf outing.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION

Brothers –

I hope all is well when you read this. I am currently traveling to Colorado and am looking forward to August when I will meet with you at the 102nd Convention of Alpha Chi Rho. In this report I want to update you to the newest Society of Giving with the Educational Foundation. This giving society for **Graduates Of the Last Decade** is called the 1895 **GOLD** Society.

We are hoping that new graduates will want to get involved in the work of the Foundation by becoming a member of this Society, which has its roots in the past with the Founding of Alpha Chi Rho in 1895 but will continue the work of the Fraternity today! The funds collected will be earmarked for important work of the Foundation. First in the support of new graduates in networking with Brothers in their area, as well as on our website. Second, in the education of new graduates and undergraduates in the running of Chapter finances, as well as their own. If there are other funds available after addressing these two goals, we will use them for scholarship for newly graduated Brothers with the 1895 **GOLD** Society Scholarship. But that will come in the future. Currently, we will be trying to get these Brothers who are out of school just in the past ten years to get involved by giving and then by helping to get networks together in all areas of the country.

Become a part of the 1895 **GOLD** Society. If you have graduated in the past 3 years, the cost is \$18.95 bi-annually, \$37.90 a year, less than \$4 a month. If you are a recent grad in your 4th to 10th year, the dues are \$18.95 bi-monthly or \$113.70 a year. If we can get all of you to join, we can revive the graduate clubs, which have fallen by the wayside in recent years. Oh, and for Brothers who have been out of school more than 10 years, we have a new Society coming for you as well. It will allow us to continue our work of reviving silent Chapters and continue the networking and other requests you have asked of us.

Remember, "**Actions Speak Loudly**" and new graduates your Foundation and Fraternity is not just "four years". It is for life. If you get involved, we can be a much bigger help to you than you think. Look for the invitation to join the 1895 **GOLD** Society in the next few weeks. You can be a part of moving the Foundation, Fraternity, your Chapter and Yourself by becoming a member!

Fraternally,
Gary DelPiano, AXPEF President
Sigma Phi (Southern Connecticut State University), '77

Graduation is exciting! Yet, as a Brother of **Alpha Chi Rho**, leaving your Brothers is a difficult time. As a new **GOLD SOCIETY** Brother (Graduate Of Last Decade), you can stay connected. Join the **1895 GOLD SOCIETY!**



1895 GOLD SOCIETY

Tradition! As the Labarum represents the past, you, as a recent graduate, represent Alpha Chi Rho's future. Undergraduate Brothers make an impact on their college campus every day. You participated in class, you socialized with your friends, you were involved in campus activities and organizations, and you were there for your Fraternity! Now as a Graduate Brother, it's time to act and make a mark in your career and as an alumnus. Stay involved with your **Alpha Chi Rho Brothers** by joining the **1895 GOLD SOCIETY**. Start a new Tradition! Help us continue to create men of word and deed!

JOIN HERE: AXPEF.ORG | 732-988-0588

Actions Speak Loudly

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WHAT IS IT?

A continued giving program, which builds your legacy through the years and supports the Fraternity and Foundation.

WHY?

- Fund Leadership Institute and Conclaves
- Support new and re colonization efforts
- Support Foundation work
- Build camaraderie between Chapters and Brothers.

HOW?

- **New Grad 1-3 yrs**
\$18.95 Biannually - Less than \$4 a month
- **Grad 4-10 yrs**
\$18.95 Bimonthly - Less than \$10 a month

RECOGNITION

- All members will be listed on the AXPEF website
- New Graduate donations will be listed by Chapter amounts
- Recognition pins will be given to all who give at suggested or higher levels.

**1895 GOLD
SOCIETY**

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE

Pi Phi (Robert Morris University)

NOTICE

Crowball (Basketball) 2013 has been cancelled this year. This will also be noted in the Upcoming Events section and on our website. Please spread the word to avoid confusion.

Below are some photos provided by Brother Ken Chapel from the AXP/RMU Night at the Park held at PNC Park in Pittsburgh, PA on July 13, 2013.



Phi Sigma Tau (Kutztown University)

To the Garnet and White,

This is Phi Sigma Tau reporting in from Kutztown University to give you an update of where we have been in this past year and where we are headed. Our Chapter likes to keep a big emphasis on being



involved locally, through both Kutztown University and the town of Kutztown. To start off the year, we all volunteered to help the freshman move into their dorms. All the Brothers enjoyed it and we talked with a lot of the freshman about their future experiences at Kutztown and how to make the best out of their next four years. (Below is a picture of some of the Brothers on move in day.)

Later in the semester we got involved with a community service event called "KU CARES", where organizations sign up to help clean up around the streets of Kutztown. Each organization was assigned a block to clean up. We threw on some work gloves, grabbed some trash bags, and made sure our block was the cleanest in Kutztown. The local residents of Kutztown are always very appreciative of any community service that comes from the school. Several of the elderly residents took the time to come out of their homes and thank us for our efforts.

Most recently, our Chapter got involved with something that really hits close to home for Greek life at Kutztown. A girl named Jean in Zeta Tau Alpha was recently diagnosed with a rare form of stage 4 Liver Cancer. The Greek life community has all been pitching in to do whatever we can to help out. This past Saturday on March, 9th, from eight in the morning till 4 in the afternoon, the Brothers of Phi Sigma Tau were out in the streets of Reading canning and collecting donations to be donated towards this rare form of liver cancer. It was really special to see so many fraternities and sororities coming together on a Saturday to unite and fight for a common goal.

As our Chapter wants to continue to do our part in helping with this unfortunate situation, we are hosting an iPad raffle in the upcoming weeks upon our return from Spring Break. We are going to sell tickets throughout the University and community as we will be doing our best to help out Jean and her tough battle against cancer. Proceeds will be donated to her family specifically; and if the raffle is as successful as we hope, we will be giving Jean her very own iPad as well!

Yours in the bond,
The Brothers of Phi Sigma Tau

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE

Eta Phi (Gettysburg College)

Chris Weyant, Eta Phi (1989), Gettysburg College



If you were asked the question “What do you want to be when you grow up?” You probably would never say a world-renowned cartoonist for *The New Yorker* magazine. Of course, not many people would even think about drawing cartoons for a living.

Chris Weyant certainly did not start out with that career aspiration. “When I was at Gettysburg, my major was Political Science and Economics. I wanted to be an attorney, but every attorney I met left me wondering if that was a sound career to pursue. Most of them were miserable guys and I thought this isn’t for me,” offered Chris. “I went to Berlin, Germany, after graduating and when I returned I didn’t know what I wanted to do. So I took a job in New York at the Council on Foreign Relations, an international policy think tank. I eventually worked my way up to become the Advertising Manager for their

magazine, *Foreign Affairs*. It was interesting work and still kept me connected to politics, which I loved. Then one day I got a call from my brother who worked for a newspaper in West Chester County, New York. They were looking for a part-time cartoonist and I thought this would be something interesting to try. I moonlighted as their cartoonist while working at the think tank for a few years.”

The pay wasn’t great, as Chris can attest, but it gave him some valuable skills and he soon learned that he absolutely loved it. Two years later, Chris quit his job with the think tank and started out on his own as a cartoonist. “If you think about it, you don’t need to cover much overhead to be a cartoonist,” Chris offers. “All you need is a pencil and paper, scanner/fax machine and a telephone. I saved enough money working at the think tank to get me started.” Soon Chris was working for NBC and CNN doing political cartoons for their web-based media.

In 1998, Chris also began doing gag cartoons to expand his portfolio and published his first cartoon in *The New Yorker* magazine. Eventually, Chris’ work was syndicated to over 800 newspapers and people throughout the world began to experience Chris’ picture commentary on things both political and social. “Cartoons evoke emotional response. It’s really cool to hear from someone across the world who has seen my work and reaches out to me to comment; sometimes the feedback is negative, but it’s amazing to me that I can make an impact with others. I always enjoy hearing from politicians, too. They usually have a surprisingly great sense of humor about themselves and a love for political cartoons.”

Each year Chris adds a new experience so that he may stay current with trends. “I just completed a children’s book with my wife (she’s a screenwriter). The book will be released in the Fall of 2014 and it is entitled *You Are (Not) Small*.” Recently, Chris has served as a special “Daily Cartoonist” for *The New Yorker* magazine’s website. “They ask cartoonists to do a two month gig with them, usually. I’m on my third month and have completed 63 consecutive cartoons during my run. I’m ready for a break!”

When asked how he is able to find the subject matter for his cartoons he exclaims, "A lot of coffee! I read 5 to 6 newspapers each day to see what's going on in the world and then I pivot between topics that would be appropriate for social and political cartoons. I always ask the question – What's coming up? Does it have longevity? For political cartoons I find the injustice or inequity of power; for non-political cartoons I look for where we are as a country socially." Chris pauses for a moment, "You know, right now I've been doing a lot on Snowden and where he is. The undercurrent of the story is the US hasn't been able to get him. Here's this big government who supposedly is really good at spying but can't get their hands on this guy."

Chris continues to explain that a good cartoonist takes large amounts of information and pares it down to a small thought. "And if you can make it funny, all the better."

Due to the changes occurring in print media, Chris stays as diverse as possible. "Cartoons need to be fast, quick, easy to digest." As the business model changes from print media to web-based, cartoons will play an interesting role. "The question then becomes, how do we pay for it?"

As the interview comes to a close, we ask Chris three questions. First, how did being in the Fraternity help you grow and develop? "Alpha Chi Rho helped me to be creatively free; to do crazy stuff and learn from it. I still keep in touch with many of my Brothers."

Second, what advice would you give recent graduates who may be thinking about becoming a cartoonist? "It's very easy to enter this field. You can do the job from anywhere. It takes a long time to establish your style and you really have to hustle to stay on top of it all. And, of course, you have to be good at nothing else."

Finally, which cartoons do you enjoy doing most – political or social? "Oh, good question. I would say I love both types of cartoons, but political cartoons I really love because it matters; there's a consequence. I get more feedback from people about my political cartoons rather than my social ones. Plus, I like to make fun of people with power!"

Chris lives in New Jersey with his wife and children.



"Sometimes employment skips a generation."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CONVENTION 2013

Wednesday, August 7 through
Sunday, August 11, 2013

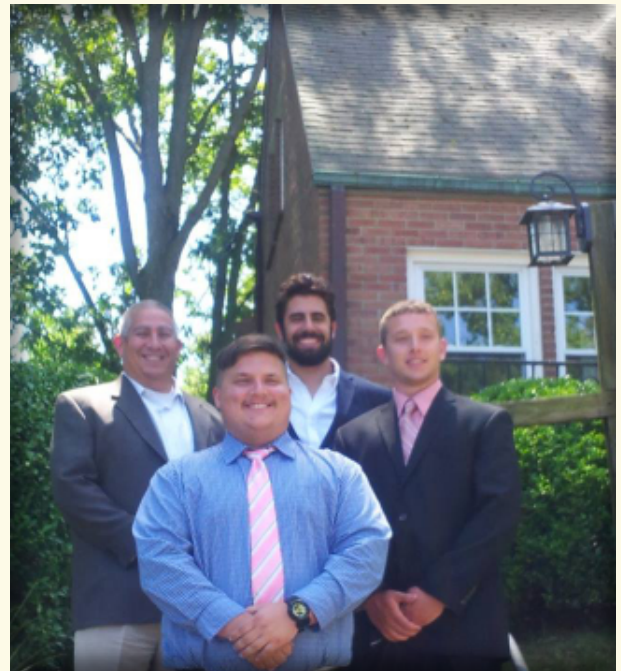
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Crowball (Basketball) - Event Cancelled

More Upcoming Events!

Right: Utica College granted Colony Status on June 1, 2013 at R.B. Stewart National Headquarters.

Below: Robert Morris University Greek Life visits HQ while working with Habitat for Humanity at the Jersey Shore.



CONVENTION 2013 SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

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

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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