We Celebrated our 6th Centuplecite

LtoR: Anthony Richison (ΑΨ607), David Joseph Gillcrist (ΑΨ602), Trey Anglim (ΑΨ604), Marshall Beatty (ΑΨ606), Alfredo Martinez (ΑΨ603), Adam Jedlicka (ΑΨΑΨ605), John Miller (ΑΨ600), Seth Foster (ΑΨΑΨ601), and Justin Carollo (ΑΨ608). Our newest members of the Alpha Psi Chapter, it is truly an honor to call you all Brothers!

It's always an exciting initiation when we break another hundred Alpha Psi numbers. The fact that it would happen during the initiation ceremony of the largest pledge class in years made the atmosphere at the chapter house almost electric with excitement in the days leading up to the ceremony. Alpha Psi 600 wouldn't be one of the eight though; it would be a very special Honorary Initiate, who had been apart of Theta Xi since 2009.

In November 2009, while driving to his home in KC area for Thanksgiving Break, our own Gordon Robinson (ΑΨ6570) was killed in a car accident just weeks after his own initiation. Gordon's father, John Miller, had made a promise to Gordon when he signed Theta Xi that he would make a Walmart run to purchase enough groceries to stock our pantry and fridge before heading back home to KC. The Men of Theta Xi decided that initiating John as an Honorary Initiate was the best way to say 'Thank You' to John for his years of support and guidance. The fact that initiation fell on John's Birthday reinforced the decision and added an almost fated element to the gesture.

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Since Gordon's passing, John has continued to fulfill that commitment he made to Gordon. He keeps in touch with the members of the Active Chapter on social media. He makes annual trips with his family to the Chapter House in Rolla, MO to check on the well being of our Active Brothers. During these visits, he will make a Walmart run to purchase enough groceries to stock our pantry and fridge before heading back home to KC. The Men of Theta Xi decided that initiating John as an Honorary Initiate was the best way to say 'Thank You' to John for his years of support and guidance. The fact that initiation fell on John's Birthday reinforced the decision and added an almost fated element to the gesture.

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Brother John Miller's family made the trip with him from KC to show their support for his initiation into the Bonds of Theta Xi.

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SAVE THE DATES!!

Pro-Days
6 JUN 9 JUN
13 JUN 16 AUG

Now - End of Summer
Rush Events / Rush Interviews in KC, St. Louis, Springfield and Central MO regions
17-18 October *UPDATE*
Homecoming 2014 / ΑΨ 65th Anniversary

PUT THEM IN YOUR PHONES AND/OR ON YOUR CALENDARS!
In the spirit of Memorial Day we take a moment to remember our Alpha Psi brothers, who are no longer with us and have passed on to the Chapter Eternal. We may not know the circumstances of their passing, but we know they were Brothers in the Bonds and contributed to the success of Alpha Psi during their days as Associates, Actives, and Alumni. These Men stayed up with us all night hanging out, stood with us at our weddings, held our newborns hours after they were born, and shared our lives with us as Brothers in the Bonds. We miss them and will never forget them.

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Improving the House through investing in it...  

Is the Alpha Psi Chapter part of your Estate Plan? You can’t take it with you and Lord knows the Chapter House can use it. Did you just pay off a debt and free up some money? We have some great ideas to benefit the house for years.

House Improvement Projects - Summer 2014

As we’ve mentioned in the March Issue of the Newsletter, the Alumni Association wants to keep the momentum we’ve stirred up this past school year going by investing some of our Property Upkeep Committee (PUC) funds. Brother Lewis Buchanan (ĄΨ579) has identified and completed cost research for a list of projects he and the Actives feel will greatly improve how the house looks (and thus the impression our property makes on prospective members and their families during house tours).

These projects are classified as either Repair/Construction or Maintenance and are assigned a priority (currently from the Active perspective, but the Alumni Association will also conduct a priority assessment). Once a priority of projects is identified we will begin working on these projects as fast as we can with the hope that we will complete as many of them as we can before the Actives and Associates arrive in August for their own Work Week (4-8 August) before Orientation Week.

It would be GREAT if we could plan 2-5 Alumni Work Days/weekends this summer. Maybe your pledge class could plan a trip to Rolla over the summer knock out 2 or three of these projects and then do a float trip or head to the lake on Sunday for some R&R. Or perhaps a group of 5-10 of you live in the same area and can plan a weekend trip (or longer if you live outside of the Midwest).

Coordinate your trip with Brother Buchanan and he can help get members of the Actives to visit the chapter house at the same time and help out. He can also let you know what projects have been completed (or scheduled to be completed) and assist in getting the materials ordered and ensure they are ready and staged for you when you arrive at the Chapter house.

Examples of projects on the list:

- Replace wooden trim and steps in back yard with concrete
- Repair the deck on the campus side of the annex
- Power-wash and repaint front parking lot

The Active Chapter and the Alumni Association always need Alumni support - support in the form of guidance/mentorship/partnerships; in the form of expertise and skills and expertise participating in house improvement projects; and of course financial support in the form of donations. If you are willing and able, we invite you to become part of our alumni support mechanism. Contact your Alumni Association to collaborate on our efforts.

There are different ways to make financial donations in support of the house and thanks to recent developments all of them should be 100% tax deductible. The first way is to write a personal check and send it to us in the mail. Please write your preference for specific designation of the funds if applicable on the memo line (i.e. Rush, Property Upkeep, St. Pats).

Make checks out to THETA XI FRATERNITY and mail them to:

Alpha Psi Alumni Association
1605 Pine Street
Rolla, MO 65401

OR

Alpha Psi Alumni Association
1751 Chestnut Farms Court
Fenton, MO 63026

The second way is to make a secure donation online to the Alumni Association Paypal account.


Username: alphapsi Password: puresoul

Select the donate button and fill out the information fields to send your secure donation to the Alumni Association today. Currently all donations online default to the PUC account, so if you prefer to designate it for something else please email us (info@alphapsialumni.org or alphapsithetaxi@gmail.com) and let us know what that designation is. For your convenience, you can sign up for automatic withdrawals for monthly donations and provide financial support the house every month without thinking about it.

The next ways are to invest in the educational and professional development of our undergraduate brothers through donations to either the Theta Xi Foundation or the Miner Alumni Association. Donations through both of these means have always been 100% tax deductible and must be designated specifically to our chapter/fraternity when filling out the donation forms (online or hardcopy). Donations to the Theta Xi Foundation can help pay for actives to attend leadership development seminars sponsored by National Headquarters or fund scholarships for undergraduates of our chapter. Go to www.thetaxi.org and click see the Foundation drop down menu for more information.

Don’t forget to designate you donation for the Alpha Psi Chapter when giving. Donations to the Miner Alumni Association fund a scholarship to an undergraduate member in good standing selected by the Active chapter each semester. The amount is equivalent to 2.5% of the account balance, which currently equates to a $500 scholarship each semester. Click here to be directed to the Miner Alumni Association website. Don’t forget to designate it for Theta Xi Fraternity Scholarship when making your donations. Brother Nick Ereckson (ĄΨ494) is very familiar with giving through this method if you should have any questions or concerns.
QUICKNOTES

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National Headquarters organized main elements
of the nights program - including a special tribute
video discussing the legacy we have helped to leave
in our near 65 years of the 150 year history of Theta Xi.
Some locations were even privileged with key-
note speakers who are direct descendants of our
eight founding fathers. The seven venues selected
for the regional celebrations are listed below.

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New Orleans, LA - Le Pavillon Hotel
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At least seven different chapters of Theta Xi were
represented at the St. Louis Celebration hosted by
the men of the Iota Chapter. Brothers John Meyer
(AV433) and Drew Davids (AV440) had the privile-
ge to meet one Charlie McGehee (I506) pictured
in the lower right corner. Brother McGehee was on
the board that helped draft the original charter of
the Alpha Psi Chapter with our 29 charter members.
At 91 years old he still bleeds blue and silver and
speaks fondly of Brothers Toomey, Ferguson, and
Church.
It was a great night of brotherhood celebrating the
legacy of Theta Xi. Here’s to another 150 years!

Brothers Getting Together Across Missouri

Actives organized a rush event at the Cardinals-Pirates
Game on 25 April 2014. Prospective members, Alumni
and their families joined the Actives and their guest for
the game. The Cardinals won a sleeper 1-0, but the
memories created will not be forgotten.
Chris Foeller (AV534) and his better half Lindsey took in
the game with our boys.
Brothers Dylan Stevens (AV571) and Andrew Castillo
(AV592) show off their Theta Xi pride.
Alex Schlemeier (son of our own Mark Schlemeier,
AV372) and another Prospective member show their
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At least seven different chapters of Theta Xi were
represented at the St. Louis Celebration hosted by
the men of the Iota Chapter. Brothers John Meyer
(AV433) and Drew Davids (AV440) had the privile-
ge to meet one Charlie McGehee (I506) pictured
in the lower right corner. Brother McGehee was on
the board that helped draft the original charter of
the Alpha Psi Chapter with our 29 charter members.
At 91 years old he still bleeds blue and silver and
speaks fondly of Brothers Toomey, Ferguson, and
Church.
It was a great night of brotherhood celebrating the
legacy of Theta Xi. Here’s to another 150 years!

Brothers Getting Together Across Missouri

Actives organized a rush event at the Cardinals-Pirates
Game on 25 April 2014. Prospective members, Alumni
and their families joined the Actives and their guest for
the game. The Cardinals won a sleeper 1-0, but the
memories created will not be forgotten.
Chris Foeller (AV534) and his better half Lindsey took in
the game with our boys.
Brothers Dylan Stevens (AV571) and Andrew Castillo
(AV592) show off their Theta Xi pride.
Alex Schlemeier (son of our own Mark Schlemeier,
AV372) and another Prospective member show their
Theta Xi pride. On our way to 20!

Brother Brian Miles (AV293) came back home to the KC area and some Thetas got together to hang out with
him and his wife Sandy at the 810 Zone in Leawood, KS. Many stories were told and great memories were
made. It was so funny to hear that now matter our age, we all did stupid stuff as Actives. We are the Men of
Theta Xi!