Happy 65th Birthday Alpha Psi Chapter!!

Brothers and esteemed guests gathered at the Chapter House on 18 October to celebrate our 65th Anniversary. Former Executive Director, Ron Trucks, even joined us for the sit down dinner and shared his personal thoughts and observations during his keynote address to the Chapter. To show our appreciation, we presented him with a chilled Crown Royal gift set (shown being presented to Brother Trucks by our newly elected Alumni Association President, Drew Davids).

Alumni catching up with each other and reminiscing about the “Good Old Days”.

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The key to chapter success is consistency—consistent leadership, consistent recruitment, consistent scholarship, and consistent brotherhood. Ron Trucks, keynote speaker.
Note from the President

Happy Holidays Brothers! I have had the privilege to engage directly with many of you as I lead the effort to reconnect with our Alumni through the tasks of updating our contact roster and publishing this Newsletter. Some of you I have conversed with over the phone, some of you I have exchanged emails with, and some of you I got the esteemed privilege to visit with in person at events at the Chapter house or the many we have had in the KC, MO area. Regardless of the medium of communication, many of you expressed your sincere appreciation of the efforts put forth to reconnect with our Alumni Brethren and inform of the state of Alpha Psi of Theta Xi Fraternity, what we are working on, and where we project our next efforts to be. Personally, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to visit with so many of you when the opportunity presented itself, and hope to continue to do so at upcoming events all over Missouri.

It is very exciting to hear Alumni share with me their ideas for House improvement—especially when those ideas are accompanied by a desire to help support the implementation of those ideas through personal involvement and/or financial support! So many of you want to help support the house and the Active Chapter and the Alumni Association can’t express how much we appreciate your support over the last 18 months or so.

At the 65th Anniversary Celebration, I was humbled to be elected the President of our Alumni Association and I don’t take the charge lightly. It has been a remarkable season of change and improvement at Alpha Psi of Theta Xi and we are by no means done. HVAC replacement, electrical re-wiring, and continuing efforts to improve curb appeal are still on our short list of major projects we would like completed in the next 18 months and keep the fraternity on this trajectory of improved academic performance, improved recruiting, improved financial strength and stability and building relationships between the Active and Alumni Chapters of our beloved Theta Xi. We’re not going to be the biggest house on campus, we’re not going to be the smartest house on campus, but we are going to be the best overall house on campus and we need your help to do it. Partner with us for the next ten years and help us to build the a sustainable Chapter House to celebrate our 75th Anniversary in!

Yours Forever in the Bonds

Drew Davids, AΨ440—President/Secretary Alumni Association

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**Tool Drive:** We are collecting tools for the Active Chapter to use throughout the year. If you have tools you don’t use or are going to have replaced, please consider donating them to the Active Chapter! Contact the House Manager Today!
$SS$ SHOW ME THE MONEY $SS$  

Due to the increased levels of financial support we have seen since the summer of 2013 (~$20K!!), we thought it was time to provide a report on our financial standing.

Account Balances
- Checking Account Balance: $11,989.05
- Property Upkeep (PUC) Balance: $2,702.18
- New House Savings Balance: $13,043.03
- PayPal Account Balance (to go to PUC): $6,265.47
- Theta Xi Foundation Balance: $4,506.74
- MST Alumni Association Scholarship Account Balance: $31,779.00

Recent Expenses
- Emergency Repairs Minimum Balance Desired: $50,000
- Replacement of Doors: $8,500
- Painting interior and exterior: $1,500
- Repair Storm Drain Plumbing Issues: $2,000
- New House Renovation: $12,000
- Risk Management Insurance Premiums: $3,000
- Real Estate Taxes: $2,053
- Work Weekend Materials: $2,000

Projected Costs for upcoming/potential Projects
- HVAC Installation (Spring 2015): ~$20,000-$25,000
- Rewiring Electrical in Annex (including basement): ~$10,000
- Replace Gutters: ~$7,000
- Replace Windows (Summer/Fall 2015): ~30,000
- Annual Property Maintenance: ~$10,000

Projected Spring 2015 Semester Rent Due: $19,800
- Fall 2014 Semester Rent Due from Active Chapter: $6,000 paid of $23,600 due ($16,600 balance due)

Rent Income
- Projected Spring 2015 Semester Rent Due: $19,800-$27,500 (18-25 members in-house)

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You have helped us to invest almost $25K towards improvement projects since July 2013! You all know that doesn’t even put a dent into what the house requires, but we have finally transitioned out of “Turd Polishing” to House Improvement. The Actives have really stepped up and been good stewards of the Alumni Investments and Alumni who have visited the House have taken notice. Keep sending the support!!

To sustain this momentum we need to sustain or increase our sources of support. Thanks to those of you who have either sent in donations or supported the house through your participation. We are much stronger than we were at this time last year. YITB- AΨΘΞ

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The Ups & Downs of Recruitment

“Membership is cyclical.” We’ve all heard it, and many of us have even said it. The graph even supports such a claim. There may be little we can do to avoid it all together, but we can do something to prevent catastrophic level dips which threaten our ability to operate. The most important factor in recruitment is attitude - towards each other, towards the fraternity, towards the Greek Community, and towards National Headquarters. What is our perception of our self? What is our perception of our Brothers in the Bonds? What is our perception of Alpha Psi? What is our perception of Theta Xi? Do we even think about those questions any more? How do we find the balance between holding Actives accountable to expectations and being critical? How do we continue to build them up while at the same time fostering the sense of responsibility we expect of them?

We are on a significant up-swing in membership numbers (18 new initiates in 3 semesters) and goals for next year are comparable to our recent achievements. Our numbers are the highest in over a decade! Maintaining our momentum is critical in our efforts to continue to build strength - strength in brotherhood, strength in finances and strength of Alumni engagement. We can push the medium of our cycle up an order of magnitude and help make sure that downturn is short-lived.

The Active Chapter and the Alumni Association always need Alumni support - support in the form of guidance/mentorship/partnerships; in the form of specific 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 structure. Contact your Alumni Association to collaborate on our efforts.

There are different ways to make financial donations in support of the house. 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 OR Alpha Psi Alumni Association
Rolla, MO 65401 1751 Chestnut Farms Court
Rolla, MO 65401 Fenton, MO 63026

The second way is to make a secure donation online to the Alumni Association Paypal account. http://www.alphapsialumni.org.

Username: alphapsi Password: pure soul

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 alphapsthetaxi@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 automatically.

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 the Foundation drop down menu for more information. Don’t forget to designate your 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 Erecson (ΑΨΘΞ49) is very familiar with giving through this method if you should have any questions or concerns.

Help is always needed and support in any form is appreciated. It’d be great to see any of you at upcoming events. YITB - ΑΨΘΞ

MEET OUR ALUMNI

ΑΨ82 - Watson G. Rasey
DOB: 9 October 1934 - Initiated: 18 January 1953

Brother Watson Rasey began his journey with Theta Xi in the Fall of 1952. When he arrived in Rolla, his plans for lodging centered on the dorms at MSM. However, he quickly realized that the dorm life wasn’t for him and began looking at other options.

It didn’t take him long to find a connection with the Men of Theta Xi Fraternity. When we asked him to pledge, he was happy to oblige!

BS Mining Engineering-Missouri School of Mines

Brother Rasey is enjoying the retired life from his home on the East Coast. He enjoys Traveling, Woodworking and Photography.

Children: Jeffery W. Rasey and Vicki R. Malone

Lives in Hagerstown, MD

Meet Our Alumni