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GAMMA-RHO ZETA BREAKS GROUND

✚ *More Than 100 Alumni, Family, and Friends Gather to Celebrate Renovation*

✚ *\$370,000 Still Needed to Reach \$1.5 Million Goal*

More than 100 people gathered in Norman on Saturday, September 22, at 904 College around golden shovels to celebrate the groundbreaking of our much-anticipated renovation project. Alumni and undergraduate members alike were excited and inspired to witness this seminal moment in the history of Gamma-Rho Zeta. Attendees socialized and then listened as capital campaign board members described the effort it has taken to achieve this milestone and what more must be done.

Thus far, \$1,129,230 has been given. While this is a great number in itself, we must raise \$370,000 more to reach our \$1.5 million goal. With the cost of construction on the rise and an ever-changing economic environment, we must do everything we can to ensure Gamma-Rho Zeta is in the best financial position possible by the time we begin demolition in January. The figures are being calculated, and we will have our final project numbers outlined soon, so stay tuned.

We would like to thank the brothers who attended and all those who donated to the campaign to make the dream of a renovated house become a reality. It is so motivating to finally see our hard work and dedication pay off.

Many of you may have pondered pledges and perhaps have waited for the groundbreaking. As you can see, it is going to happen! If you have not yet donated to the campaign for Gamma-Rho Zeta, now is the time. Now that we have broken ground—and the project for AXA is a tangible reality, we hope every alumnus can feel confident to invest in the future of our Chapter.

Many campaign board members have decided to increase their pledge amounts, and we ask that every brother do the same. Please use the enclosed pledge card to extend your existing pledge, increase your gift to \$2,500, or make a contribution for the first time. We know you will not regret being a part of this extraordinary time in the history of Gamma-Rho Zeta at the University of Oklahoma.

In Z.A.X.,
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OUR TRADITION
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**Campaign Status
At-a-Glance**

Goal
\$1.5 Million

Total Raised as of
October 22, 2012
\$1,129,230

Number of Contributors
240

*Craig Parrish, GP 1541, Bob Canfield, GP 876, Raj Patel, GP 1120, Don Sherman, GP 374,
Carol Roberts, Chris Housley, GP 1424, and Rodger Lalli, GP 894.*



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THANK YOU, LOYAL DONORS

We are deeply grateful to the 240 donors listed below for committing \$1,129,230 to the *Building on Our Tradition of Excellence* capital campaign. This generosity demonstrates that these individuals recognize the importance of ensuring the future of the Gamma-Rho Zeta. Commitments are still needed from our alumni to achieve our goal and complete this major project. If an error has been made in recording your gift, we sincerely apologize. Please notify our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661.

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Groundbreaking Celebration



Banners were raised and golden shovels were used to celebrate the groundbreaking of the renovation project.



More than 100 family, friends, and alumni celebrated the groundbreaking.

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Bob Canfield, GP 876, Don Sherman, GP 374, Michael Nash, GP 2253, Courtlyn Shoate, GP 2260, and Rodger Lalli, GP 894, celebrate the groundbreaking.



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RAJ PATEL, GP 1120 GIVES BACK TO CAMPAIGN FOR GAMMA-RHO ZETA

Seeks Long-Term Sustainability and Excellence for Lambda Chi at OU

When **Raj Patel, GP 1120**, was just 16 years old, his family moved to Durant, Oklahoma from England. Raj's father used his entire life savings and bought a small Mom and Pop motel in October 1979. But Raj never pictured himself in the hotel industry. In fact, he really did not enjoy cleaning and renting rooms before going to school each day. He never envisioned owning 19 hotels with various brand affiliations (including Intercontinental Hotels Group, Hilton Hotels and Marriott International) or having more than 525 employees. Raj says he isn't certain he and his company would be where they are today if it wasn't for his Lambda Chi Alpha brothers.

Raj says he didn't know anything about fraternities when he came to OU, being that he emigrated from the UK. He met **Kevin Lowary, GP 1093**, who encouraged him to do some research on AXA. Raj's journey began with Gamma-Rho Zeta in 1982. "Once I became an associate, I had a huge sense of pride and belonging," Raj said. "From the membership, the fellowship and the friendships, being part of Lambda Chi gave me purpose and definition to life on campus."

After college, Raj began a commercial floor cleaning business, in which all the contracts ended abruptly in 1988. Raj moved to Dallas and found himself relying on Lambda Chi brother **Mark Wright, GP 1113**, who offered "stay with me as long as you need to," and Raj slept on his couch for several months.

In 1992 Raj and his wife, Mina, bought two hotels with the financial equity assistance of **James Roth, GP 1124**, and **Ron Page, GP 1119**, along

with **Ross Dewbre, GP 1114**, who provided countless hours of pro bono legal advice. Raj said, "Who knew back then that these guys would be my lifelong friends 30 years later."

Throughout the years, Raj has relied heavily on his fraternity brothers. It is because of their unending support and friendship that he decided to give back to the *Building on Our Tradition of Excellence* campaign. "My motivation for giving back was to see continued success," he said. "I want to see the house thrive. I want the sons of members from my era to be excited and engaged and I want there to be long-term sustainability and excellence."

Raj decided to give back to the campaign early on, but once his son, **Nik Patel, GP 2512**, joined the fraternity, Raj was even more determined to see *Building on Our Tradition of Excellence* through. "Nik has grown up around my Lamba Chi brothers," Raj said. "During rush I informed Nik that it was his decision as to which fraternity house to join, but reminded him about my experience with Lambda Chi. It was a great moment of pride for me when Nik was extended and accepted a bid from Lambda Chi."

This year, Raj and Mina celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary and have two sons, Nik and Neil. Neil is a freshman at Durant High School. Raj is the president and CEO of Premier Hospitality Management, Inc., in Durant, Oklahoma. He is a member of the North Texas Chapter of the Young Presidents Organization and recently was a 2010 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year finalist for the Southwest Area North Region. E-mail Raj at rpatel@phmi.us.

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Gamma-Rho Zeta Excels on University of Oklahoma Campus

Undergraduates Shine in Academics, Philanthropy Events

The spring semester was another success for the men of Lambda Chi. We continued our high marks in the classroom, dominance on the intramural field and grew in our excitement at the thought of a renovated house in our near future. The membership believes this renovation is critical and necessary to continue the dynasty at 904 College.

Chapter Succeeds in Academics

Last spring our Chapter finished with a 3.14 GPA, which was well above the IFC average of 3.083. We also won the top award for outstanding academics as the fraternity with the highest overall combined GPA. We know that with programming and incentives, we can continue to raise the bar of academic success at Lambda Chi.

Undergraduates Give Back to Community

During the spring, our Chapter was involved in multiple philanthropic opportunities. We hosted our annual Swishes for Wishes basketball tournament, as well as our White Rose Pageant. Due to excellent leadership and the foundation laid before us, these events were even more successful than they had been in the past and allowed us to raise more than \$11,000 for the Make-a-Wish Foundation and the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization. The members of Lambda Chi also paired with many local organizations this past year to accumulate more than 2,400 hours of community service.

New Members Continue Lambda Chi Legacy

This fall semester we welcomed 53 new members through a very successful fall recruitment. We are excited to welcome these men into our Chapter and know that you will be proud to call them brothers. We believe this class will carry on our legacy, while remaining successful in all aspects of what it means to be a Lambda Chi at the University of Oklahoma.

Actives Awarded President's Trophy

Lambda Chi maintained our tradition of excellence on campus last semester winning multiple campus awards both individually and as a Chapter. Our biggest achievement was winning our fifth President's Trophy. This trophy is presented annually by President David Boren to the most outstanding fraternity on campus. We have won this trophy more than any other fraternity, allowing us to call ourselves the most outstanding fraternity of all time at the University of Oklahoma.

Alumni Encouraged to Attend Events

On September 22, we hosted our first alumni/parent tailgate of the season. This day was very special in Lambda Chi history, as we also had a groundbreaking ceremony for the renovation of the Chapter House. This event was a great success, and we would like to thank the Parent's Club and Alumni Association for their hard work. We would also like to invite all alumni and families to future tailgates at 904 College. We are planning a tailgate for the weekend of November 10, which is the Parent's Weekend game against Baylor. We hope to see you there.

Lambda Chi has continued the great tradition that has been built over many years and is proud to say that the future is in good hands. We are looking forward to the remainder of this semester and fantastic accomplishments. We would like to extend an open invitation to all alumni and their families to make a visit to Gamma-Rho to meet our youngest brothers and see the Chapter House before its renovation.



In Z.A.X.,
Chris Housley, GP 2398
 High Alpha
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Last year Lambda Chi won the President's Trophy for the fifth time.



Members before a sorority date party.



Members support the Children's Miracle Network through a philanthropy event.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING TO ALL MEMBERS

The annual meeting for members of the S.P. Holding Company, a non-profit Oklahoma Corporation, will be **Sunday, December 2, at 3:30 p.m. at the Chapter House** (904 College, Norman, Oklahoma).

The meeting will be convened for the following purposes:

1. To elect officers and directors to serve for the ensuing year until the next annual meeting of members.
2. To act upon other matters as may properly be heard before the meeting.

This meeting is being held as specified in Section IV of the bylaws of the corporation.

By order of the Board of Directors,
Bob Canfield, TP 876
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