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CALLING ALUMNI FOR SERVICE

“Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves.” - Horace Mann

Having a chapter that excels like Gamma-Rho does at OU is not a coincidence. It takes coordinated efforts by both our actives and alumni. Of course the active Chapter, through its officers, is responsible for managing itself on campus to achieve excellence in grades, community support, individual and Chapter activities, intramurals, and participation in university events. The key to this is ongoing recruitment of men of good character and giving them the opportunities to maximize their college experiences.

However, the best group of men cannot rise to their potential without dedicated alumni who volunteer their time to create the best possible environment for the Chapter to flourish. We achieve this through our two alumni boards: the housing corporation and the alumni association.

The housing corporation (Sigma Phi) is responsible for maintaining the Chapter House, conducting annual summer cleanup and repairs, and assessing costs against the security deposit insurance fund. Sigma Phi also manages annual and capital fundraising to support the Chapter House.

The Gamma-Rho Alumni Association (GRAA) is responsible for maintaining alumni contact through this newsletter and our website and social media pages. GRAA is responsible for organizing alumni events, including tailgates at football games, and the Loyd Harris Alumni Golf Tournament. The GRAA also serves in an advisory role for the Chapter, coordinating with Chapter officers during the school year on scholarship

administration, budgeting, the ritual, and more.

These two boards do not have permanent memberships. We always have turnover, requiring new board members to step in and make their own contribution. Recently, **Don Sherman, GP 364**, longtime Chapter advisor and Sigma Phi president and treasurer, retired after 40 years of service. We are also looking at impending retirements for some other board officers as well.

This is a call to our alumni for service. All are welcome. All are needed. Our meetings are held in Norman at the Chapter House, so while this commitment may seem a better fit for those who live in the Oklahoma City/Norman area, we do have board members who contribute remotely from outside Oklahoma. Therefore, please do not let distance prevent you from joining to support the Chapter that formed the foundation for each of our lives. Please take time to consider service to help maintain our Chapter as one of the best at OU and in Lambda Chi Alpha. You can contact our Chapter adviser, **Rodger Lalli, GP 1894**, at lallirodger@gmail.com, the GRAA president, **Brian Ringer, GP 1296**, at brianringer1@gmail.com, or me.

In Z.A.X.,

Bob Canfield GP 876

Sigma Phi President

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Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for members of the S.P. Holding Company and the Gamma Rho Alumni Association, non-profit Oklahoma corporations, will be Sunday, November 13, at 3:30 p.m. at the Chapter House (904 College, Norman, Oklahoma).

The meeting will be convened for the following purposes:

- To elect officers and directors to serve for the ensuing year until the next annual meeting of members.
- 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, GP 876

President, S.P. Holding Company



Austin Casillas, GP 2656, Dane Powell, GP 2666, Colt Standefer, GP 2688, Jack Arthur, GP 2681, Kent Clark, GP 2612, Connor Houston, GP 2655, Danny Hoyt, GP 2676, Luke Phillips, GP 2630, and Jacob Karl, GP 2613 in Stillwater, Okla., after winning the Red Bull football championship.

RAISE MORE THAN \$6,000

In spring 2016, alumni generously responded to our call for supporting Gamma-Rho Zeta and gave \$6,025 to Lambda Chi at the University of Oklahoma. These funds will be used to provide scholarships and leadership opportunities to deserving undergraduate members, reduce our debt load that was incurred during the capital campaign, and strengthen our alumni relations programs and other vital alumni operations. These projects allow our members to grow as leaders on campus and will enable generations of Lambda Chi members to remain connected to the brotherhood we all cherish. Supporting these opportunities helps us continue Gamma-Rho Zeta's legacy at the University of Oklahoma. The accomplishments and success enjoyed by our undergraduates are directly attributed to the ongoing and loyal support from our alumni.

Capital Campaign

Room Naming Level

(\$25,000 and Above)

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Greg A. Vlahos, GP 972

Dr. Adam B. Smith, GP 1013

Gregory N. Tomlinson, GP 1226

* This donation was counted toward our capital campaign.

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Congratulations to Our Spring 2016 Scholarship Winners!

Malone Scholarship

Briek Pauwels, GP 2542

James Rowe, GP 2588

Nicholas Creedon, GP 2598

Brett Fene, GP 2604

Tave Wise, GP 2645

Zach Schuermann, GP 2649

Winton Scholarship

Edward Arnold, GP 2647

Alexander Berney, GP 2658

Corbin King, GP 2659



Luke Williams, GP 2747, Paxton Pennington, GP 2714, Corbin King, GP 4511, and Joe Wheeler, GP 2713 with Mom Roberts.

Pastor Continues Gamma-Rho Friendships through Ministry

During his undergraduate years, **Richard Mark Robinson, GP 1534** had hands-on experience leading outreaches and bible studies for the brothers of Gamma-Rho Zeta. This opportunity and the ability to interact with people from a wide variety of backgrounds helped prepare him for his career as a pastor at Wildwood Community Church in Norman, Oklahoma. "God used my time at AXA to help prepare me for a lifetime of serving Him," Mark said. "Gamma-Rho provided me with lifelong friends and great memories, as well as an outstanding opportunity to minister for Christ while in college."



Mark has served a variety of roles in the church and has been the senior pastor since January. Throughout the years, he has continued to connect with brothers through the church. Mark has used **Brad Lomenick, GP 1461** as a personal consultant and ministry coach, **David Ridgway, GP 1544** is an elder with Mark at Wildwood Church, and **Rennie Cook, GP 1547** is helping coordinate connections between Norman pastors. Various Gamma-Rho brothers are members of the church as well. "The relationships I made during my time in Lambda Chi Alpha continue to help me in ministry today."

Outside of church, Mark stays in touch with many of his brothers on a regular basis, whether

it's a text message to friends in other states, like **Dr. Charles T. Woodward, GP 2562**, or meeting up for lunches with David, Rennie, **Craig Parrish, GP 1541**, **Nathan Lockhart, GP 1518**, and other Gamma-Rho's in the area.

"I have been blessed by the decision to join AXA for the past 24 years now. My relationships with the men of Gamma-Rho have continued to this day and I'm honored to be a part of this crew."

Some of Mark's favorite memories from his undergraduate years were playing tip-ten on the basketball court, watching late-night SportsCenter, and enjoying Mom Roberts' Lambda spread during finals week; but it is the friendships that he remembers most. Mark visits the Chapter House occasionally, and is impressed by the remodel. He advises the active brothers to make the most of their college years, because even if they're brief, they're important.

"Dive into your relationships with other men in the Chapter House, and seek to make a difference for Christ while you are on campus. God can work both in and through you in your time at OU," he said.

Mark, his wife, Kimberly, and their son, Josh, live in Norman. Mark can be reached at markrobinson@wildwoodchurch.org.

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Prescott Cowley, GP 2590



Gamma-Rho brothers at Lambda Chi's annual pumpkin carving event for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma.

Lambda Chi Alpha Continues to Build History Members Balance Academics, Philanthropy, and Community Involvement

As we near our 90-year anniversary as a chartered fraternity at the University of Oklahoma, our 218 active brothers are working hard to continue building on the rich history here at Gamma-Rho Zeta. Driven toward outstanding academic performance, campus leadership, and extracurricular involvement, the men of Gamma-Rho are continuing to set an example of leadership for our peers, prospective students, and surrounding community.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2015-16 academic year was highlighted by many accomplishments for the men of the Gamma-Rho Zeta. As a culmination of the hard work and dedication of all of our active brothers, the Chapter was awarded runner-up in the President's Trophy competition. Below are highlights from the past year.

- In the community, our members logged more than 3,500 volunteer hours, compared to the previous years' 2,600 hours.
- In the classroom, our average member GPA was a 3.2; .05 points above the IFC average.
- In what sports analysts across the country deemed a "rebuilding year" for the men at 904 College Avenue, skeptics were turned believers as Lambda Chi secured its 23rd University of Oklahoma intramural championship.
- Lambda Chi members continued to hold some of the highest leadership positions on campus, including Relay for Life chairman, vice chairman for HSLC, vice chairman of College Bowl, men's lacrosse president, and a voting member of the IFC executive board.

INCREASING ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT

It's an exciting time for our chapter in terms of alumni engagement. After the growth in alumni involvement that we experienced this past year, we have set out to continue creating opportunities for alumni to reengage with the Gamma-Rho Chapter. To stay up to date on game day tailgating information, alumni events, networking opportunities, and other events with the Chapter, please:

- Join our Facebook page "OU Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni"
- Join our LinkedIn page by searching "Lambda Chi Alpha - University of Oklahoma"
- Update your contact information at www.oulambda.com through the alumni tab on the home page
- Contact our High Rho, **Josh Cardosi, GP 2710**, at joshuacardosi@gmail.com

The men of Gamma-Rho are proud to continue adding to the rich history here at 904 College Avenue. By striking a balance between academic success, philanthropy, and social involvement, our active members are leaving a lasting impact on Greek life, on campus, and in the surrounding community for years to come.

A special thank-you to Mom Roberts, **Rodger Lalli, GP 1894**, **Don Sherman, GP 364**, Ms. Mike, the Gamma-Rho Alumni Association, and all others who played a role in our Chapter's success this past year.



In Z.A.X.,
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SAVE THE DATE FOR ALUMNI FOOTBALL TAILGATES

The Gamma-Rho Alumni Association is planning to host tailgates before home football games, depending on start times. Save the dates for these games:

September 17 vs. Ohio State
October 15 vs. Kansas State
October 29 vs. Kansas*
November 12 vs. Baylor**
December 3 vs. OSU

*Homecoming

** Dad's Day

Times for tailgates will be communicated through e-mail blasts and on our website, so make sure you visit www.oulambda.com and register your contact information.
 Boomer Sooner!



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Alumni, Join Gamma-Rho's Memorial Walk

The alumni association has partnered with the ΛΧΑ parent's club to offer alumni the opportunity to purchase a memorial brick paver to add to our Gamma-Rho memorial walkway. The walkway will line the paths to our Chapter House at 904 College Avenue, and for \$500 alumni can purchase a brick paver with their name and initiation number on it to add to the walkway. For another \$250, alumni can purchase a commemorative brick to memorialize a brother no longer with us. This can be a founder, relative, roommate, or big brother who has passed. Please cut out the order form below and return it with payment in the return envelope included in this edition of the *Gamma Rho*. You can also order online at www.oulambda.com.



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