

GAMMA CRESCENT

GAMMA CHAPTER OF ALPHA GAMMA RHO FRATERNITY AT PENN STATE | FALL 2018

(Front row) Jonathan Tabolt '06 (Γ1522), Arthur Ramicone '72 (Γ1014), Brian Sarris '69 (Γ960), Bob Storch '64 (Γ874), Al Daum '82 (Γ1173), Bill Nichol '50 (Γ603), Brian Dillehay, University of Maryland '98 (Γ1144), Jesse Hal-lowell '97 (Γ1392), Jon Schroer '90 (Γ1289), and Rob Wierman '09 (Γ1552) outside of the chapter house with ac-tive members.



TIME TO RECONNECT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CALLS FOR INCREASED ALUMNI SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT

Gamma had a small group of 10 alumni make their way back for Homecoming in October. Alumni had a great time visiting our old stomping grounds and attending the alumni song night. However, based on alumni feedback, it appears many alumni do not have the time to travel back to the house for such events. With this in mind, we would like to host a new event, but we need your help.

PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FOUNDER'S DAY

This spring, we are looking for a farm, barn, winery, brewery, event space, or even a nice property in Pennsylvania within two or three hours of the house to host Founder's Day. This event would be centered around what alumni naturally enjoy, such a barn party, bonfire, skeet shooting, attending a rodeo, barbecuing, four wheeling, and so on. If you have any suggestions or could host this event, please reach out as we are open to ideas. It was also discussed that we could start a list of possible locations and rotate every year. All suggestions or even pointing us toward a good contact helps tremendously.

RESTRUCTURING OUR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

We are in the process of restructuring our operations to create super small, bite-sized alumni roles. The responsibility and commitment in the past has been too much for alumni so we have made drastic changes for those who are interesting in getting involved but simply do not have the time to take on the work we previously asked of our association members. We want to make it much easier to volunteer, as a past grievance was that positions took up too much time and energy.

We understand your busy lifestyle and are working to make responsibilities limited in scope. For example, our alumni insurance chairman would review our insurance contracts annually, arrange a date for the inspector to meet the undergraduates, ensure we have the right level of coverage, and ensure the appropriate paperwork is completed. This is his entire role—nothing more than that.

Additional examples would include the song night chairman organizing a song night with the chapter each year, and our Ag Hill chairman would facilitate regular involvement from Ag Hill with the undergraduates. Our RV Trip chairman would plan an annual RV trip, and we are also looking to recruit alumni interested in serving as social chairmen for their respective cities.

By dividing up work into smaller tasks, we hope alumni positions become easier for all of us to help just a tiny bit, while still maintaining our full-time jobs, families, etc. If you are interested in getting involved, I invite you to reach out to me, so we can find the perfect position for you. Alumni positions are simple, straightforward, and extremely beneficial to the chapter's everyday operations.

HELP US MAINTAIN OUR DATABASE

Another way to get involved with Gamma is by visiting www.alphagammarho.org and updating your contact information. Select "Update Info" at the top on the page, and you will help us keep our database in tiptop shape.

THANKFUL FOR ALUMNI SUPPORT

We appreciate the brothers who have helped by either donating their time and contributing to our annual campaign—we simply could not progress without your help. There is potential in our active brothers, and more members are stepping up to bat as we educate them on best practices for how the chapter should operate. Your support through mentorship or momentary contributions ensures that we can keep this ship sailing smoothly.

Fraternally,
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Your Gifts Make a Difference

We are truly thankful to the 17 dedicated alumni who contributed \$2,145 to Gamma's annual campaign during the spring 2018. These brothers, along with our other generous alumni who have given since the beginning of our annual campaign in 2012, recognize the importance of securing Gamma's future. Although we have lost many of these brothers during those years, they understood the importance of brotherhood and ensuring that future members have the same opportunities that they were awarded during their time at Gamma.

Contributors are listed below in their cumulative giving level by initiation year. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift, please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661. Thank you for your continued support!

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Thomas Steinmeyer '65 (Γ890) with his brother, Rick Steinmeyer '69 (Γ968).

LIVING OUR PROMISE

Rick Steinmeyer '69 (Γ968) on Life as an AFP

The freedom, responsibility, discipline, camaraderie, learning, and lifelong friendships of membership in a professional college fraternity **make better men**. Gamma's chapter house burned in the summer of 1966, and brothers saved the clock that was in the house. The following year, the brothers lived in army barracks and only initiated one new member. The chapter eventually moved back into the house with only 26 brothers, but we did not give up. There were a number of bomb scares and riots during the spring of 1970, but brothers were safe at the house.

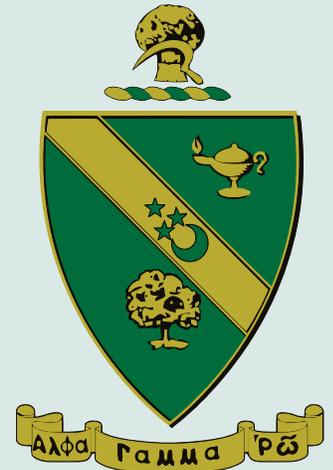
I married Gamma little sister, Roberta Zigler, in December 1970, and brothers gifted us a bed, which we were most thankful for. I graduated from Penn State in 1972 and went to work for SAGA Food Service. Things happened, and our marriage ended in 1976 without children. I moved to Florida in 1980 to work in the housing industry. I am now retired but volunteer for the city church and neighborhood association. Life is good because of the foundation I was able to build because of Gamma. Strength through fellowship and love, and live Alpha Gamma Rho.

Fraternally,
Rick Steinmeyer '69 (Γ968)

Lessons in Learning

JEFF KRANTZ '73 (Γ1026) SHARES BEST PRACTICES TO ADOPT BEFORE STARTING A JOB SEARCH

The harsh reality is that no one will hire you just because you want a job. Rather, people will hire you because you can solve their problems. How best to show what you can do? Document, document, and document—it is important to archive all of your accomplishments, whether they are academic, athletic, interpersonal, club, team, religious, scouts, or work-related, volunteer positions, and the list goes on.



Think in terms of numbers: number of people, number of dollars, and number of units sold/transacted/shipped. Think about change: real number, percentages, incremental change, and aggregate change—document now. In a week or a month or a year, you may not have the necessary access to numbers that might potentially benefit you when you are applying for positions or are trying to sell that you are, in fact, the right person to solve their problems.

Fraternally,
Jeff Krantz '73 (Γ1026)



(Front row) Warren Mathias '58 (Γ769), Ken Soergel '60 (Γ787), and Ed Frayer '59 (Γ779), (back row) Steve Witmer '61 (Γ812), Sam Spencer '59 (Γ761), Bill Paules '59 (Γ775), John Stephens '58 (Γ744), Jack Denlinger '59 (Γ760), Rick Carpenter '59 (Γ774), Mike Matsko '59 (Γ772), Fred Meckley '59 (Γ764), Duane Mattocks '59 (Γ771), Les Myers '59 (Γ762), and Jerry Lyter '59 (Γ763) celebrate 60 years of brotherhood this August outside of Jerry's home in Millerstown, Pa.

A CELEBRATION 60 YEARS IN THE MAKING

Fourteen members from the 1958-60 pledge and initiation classes gathered at the home of Jerry Lyter '59 (Γ763) and his wife, Betsy, in Millerstown, Pa., on August 1 to commemorate the class's 60th year reunion. It was a great opportunity for brothers and their spouses to reconnect after many years apart. Thirty members were initiated in 1958, eight of which are now deceased. A special thanks to everyone who attended, and congratulations to the class of 1958 for reaching such an extraordinary milestone.



Gamma undergraduates at ATP's 65th National Convention in New Orleans this August.

HONORING THE SICKLE AND SHEAF

GAMMA MEMBERS ATTEND 2018 ATP NATIONAL CONVENTION IN LOUISIANA

The 65th ATP National Convention was hosted August 2-5 in New Orleans and was the second most attended convention with 552 participants. It was an amazing opportunity for Gamma members to engage with undergraduates and alumni from across the country and learn new techniques and how to strengthen their leadership abilities. Many younger Gamma members look forward to attending ATP's 66th convention in 2020.

Helping Hands

Chapter Focuses on Philanthropy and Assisting Those in Need

This semester, the brothers of Gamma Chapter have done a fantastic job at giving back to the state college community. At our annual Day of Service, we built, painted, and donated more than 15 bookshelves to local churches and daycares that expressed a need for them. The Penn State community was very grateful as well for our generous contributions to the IFC Thanksgiving Basket and the IFC Book Drive. We also had a guest speaker from Stand for State come to the house and present on how everyone can become a better leader. Along with the sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma, we have had tremendous success fundraising for THON through corporate sponsors, ribboning trips, and an ATP date auction.

Fraternally,
Nate Beauregard '17 (Γ1755)
 VNR Planning

A Successful Homecoming

Homecoming at Gamma this fall was a huge success, and we had the largest alumni turnout in recent years. Alumni and active members spent the day watching the football, playing games, and making new relationships. The night concluded with a spirited song night that reminded all what being a Gamma man truly means.

Fraternally,
Nick Litak '17 (Γ1759) • VNR Alumni Relations

FINANCIALLY SOUND

Things are heading in the right direction for Gamma Chapter financially. We switched over to OmegaFi for billing this semester, and it has been a very smooth transition so far. It is very easy to use the website, and our adviser has been a huge help whenever I have questions or concerns. We are also up to date with all bills and alumni rent for the semester, and I will continue to be on top of this making sure we don't fall behind.

Fraternally,
Chad Steinberg '16 (Γ1744) • VNR Finance



A throwback to the fall issue of the Gamma Crescent, which featured members such as Bill Kincaid '51 (Γ662) as well as the late Chuck Rightmire '50 (Γ600) and Ken Thomlinson '50 (Γ604) outside of the chapter house.

MAKING BETTER MEN

We welcomed 16 new members to Gamma Chapter this semester. Many are majoring in different types of engineering and business, as well as economics and nursing. This semester, a few alumni stayed after Homecoming to host a song night with our new members. Alumni **Brian “Greek” Sarris ’69 (Γ960)** and **Jesse Hallowell ’97 (Γ1392)** shared songs and games from their time here at Gamma Chapter. Everyone had a great time, and we hope to do more events like this in the future to bring the undergraduates and the alumni closer together.

Fraternally,
Chase Robina ’17 (Γ1758)
VNR Membership Development



Chad Steinberg ’16 (Γ1744), Evan Martin ’17 (Γ1760), Patrick Nolan ’17 (Γ1756), Nate Beauregard ’17 (Γ1755), Andrew Richey ’16 (Γ1750), Justin Connors ’18 (Γ1797), and David Gold ’17 (Γ1768) after winning Penn State’s Intramural Ultimate Frisbee Tournament this fall.



Undergraduates keep the chapter house in tiptop shape.



Former Alumni Board President Bill Nichol ’50 (Γ603) converses with Advisor Brian Dillehay while Tom Conroy ’16 (Γ1730) looks on.



Cole Swackhammer ’15 (Γ1727) with his trophy buck after a trip bow hunting this fall.



Noble Ruler Jack Franz ’16 (Γ1746), VNR Scholarship Michael DiMarino ’17 (Γ1745), Jon Schroer ’90 (Γ1289), and Brian “The Greek” Sarris ’69 (Γ960) congratulate the two winners of Gamma’s Freshman Agriculture Scholarship this fall.



Undergraduates play volleyball outside of the chapter house.

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Edward McMillin '48 (Γ554) entered Chapter Eternal on March 22 at age 92. In 1970, Edward started McMillin & Company in North East, Pa., a commercial bakery that produced lunch box pies. He sold the company in 1985 and moved to Winter Park, Fla. For more than 30 years he could be found every day working outside at Winter Pines Golf Club, a public course that he purchased in 1982. Ed was preceded in death by his parents and wife. He is survived by his daughter, Jamie; sons, Jon and Jeff; grandsons, Christopher and Matthew; granddaughter, Natalie; and his sister, Kate. Ed was a hardworking and dedicated family man who touched many people with his generosity and kindness.

Edwin Sherman '75 (Γ1072) entered Chapter Eternal on October 28 at the age of 62 at his home in New Carlisle. He married Mary on October 11, 1980, and had three daughters: Amy, Beth, and Meghan. Ed enjoyed being active around his home and would go out of his way to help those in need.

ALUMNI NEWS

William Nichol '50 (Γ603) was awarded the Holstein Association USA's 2018 Distinguished Leadership Award, which recognizes an individual who has made a career of providing outstanding and unselfish leadership for the betterment of the dairy industry. He is a tireless promoter of Registered Holstein cattle and has developed ideas that have contributed positively to the industry.

For nearly 40 years, William was at the helm of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association. As executive director, he spearheaded the state's organization, and initiated programs and services to benefit Holstein breeders. During his career, he coordinated the activities of 50 county clubs, and increased membership to more than 6,300 members statewide. After retiring in 1997, he received the lifetime title of executive director emeritus.

Under his leadership, the Pennsylvania Holstein Association grew to the point that a 125-acre farm was purchased to accommodate the shipment of cattle for export to more than 50 countries. William even flew with the cattle to help buyers in other countries with herd management techniques. Leading the dairy industry forward for decades, William created a lifetime legacy. He has devoted his life to providing outstanding and unselfish leadership for the betterment of the dairy industry and the Registered Holstein cow. E-mail: wcnichol@prodigy.net

Bill Kincaid '51 (Γ662) wrote in response to the fall 2017 *Gamma Crescent* that the top left picture on page 7, which can be seen on page 4 of the current issue, shows members from 1952. The picture caught his eye, because he was on



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the far right with a white, long-sleeved shirt. The brother standing on the far left is the late **Chuck Rightmire '50 (Γ600)**, who originally encouraged Bill to join AGP. Center in a bow tie is the late **Ken Thomlinson '50 (Γ604)**, who was Bill's big brother. "I am fortunate to have known these men." E-mail: dkincaid@comcast.net

Rick Steinmeyer '69 (Γ968) stays busy with a lot of year-round landscaping work, golf course maintenance, and taking care of a number of oak trees. He lives in the fast-growing city of Bonita Springs, Fla. E-mail: ricksteinmeyer@yahoo.com

Arthur Ramicone '72 (Γ1014) was presented with the University of Pittsburgh's Career Achievement Award for his work as the school's CFO. He retired earlier this year after his 30-year career with the university. E-mail: aramicone@cfo.pitt.edu

Stephen Jacobs '76 (Γ1080) expressed how much he would miss Gamma's red oak tree after reading the fall 2017 issue of the *Gamma Crescent*. He shared some insightful history of the tree. "It was deer season in 1977 and about a dozen brothers went deer hunting. It turned out to be a good day as five or six of the brothers bagged their deer. We got back to the house late, and it was colder than usual for that time of year.

It was decided to hang the deer up in the oak tree until we could arrange a butcher. The deer were hoisted up into the heights of the tree for the night.

The following morning two state police officers knocked on the front door to investigate a complaint. It seems the Phi Psis in the house behind us saw the deer and called the police. They thought it was some weird prank, and after an inspection, the deer was ordered to be removed by end of day—we enjoyed venison and deer baloney all winter." Email: ebtjake@gmail.com



Bob Laufer, Penrose Hollowell Sr. '48 (Γ571), Penrose Hollowell Jr. '73 (Γ1030), and Jesse Hollowell '97 (Γ1392) deep sea fish at Point Pleasant, N.J., in August.