

Dear Alumni of Lambda Chi Alpha,

We are glad to be reconnecting with brothers who share the same bond that we are experiencing here at Kappa Upsilon Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha. We hope that you are all well and still living out our ritual. This year, recruitment was held from September 4th to the 12th. We had a very successful rush this year. In between the first two rounds of formal recruitment and the third round, there was an informal recruitment week where each chapter held events for potential new members to attend and get a better idea of the best fit for them. Some of the events we held were a basketball tournament, a barbeque, and a bowling night. This rush approach proved to be good for our chapter as we associated 22 new members into our brotherhood. In the few weeks following, we recruited two more bringing our total number of associate members to 28. With a chapter size of 37 before rush, this was a big class for us and almost every brother in the chapter has the challenge of acting as a big brother. We hope to continue with our year-round recruitment to continue adding good men to Lambda Chi.

To go along with our recruitment, our chapter has accomplished some great philanthropic endeavours. We have raised almost 10,000 lbs of food for the North American Food Drive since coming back to campus. We have raised thousands of dollars for Children's Hospitals of Illinois, plus thousands of dollars for Relay for Life and cancer research. We have some of the most popular philanthropy events on campus such as Watermelon Bash and our Crescent Girl Pageant. Our Crescent Girl Pageant won the award for best philanthropy on campus in 2008. We have held it every fall and it has been successful every year.

Over the summer, we sent four members of our chapter to Phoenix, Arizona for the 53rd General Assembly. It was a good opportunity for the brothers to branch out to other members of other chapters. As you may know, one of the highlights of going to General Assembly along with meeting other brothers, is the chance to have your chapter recognized and rewarded in a few different categories. We were especially happy with our trip because we attained three different awards during our visit. Our chapter was awarded with recognition of chapter involvement on campus and high GPA. The chapter involvement award was given to chapters who have 90% or higher involvement on campus. The GPA award was given to chapters who held one of the top three GPA's on their campus. We, as a chapter had a cumulative GPA of 3.24 last semester, which was the highest of all fourteen fraternities. The third award, and the one we are most proud of, was the Grand High Alpha Award. This is an award that can only be given to a chapter every three years and is based on overall chapter excellence in almost every aspect of Lambda Chi Alpha. Some of the areas that the award looks at include recruitment, philanthropy, academics, and chapter involvement. This year, only three chapters won this award and we were honored to be one of the selected. Even though we won such a prestigious award, we plan to never settle and continue to do our best in every area we can to continually become a better Lambda Chi Alpha chapter.

Although we have been fortunate to obtain many awards and acknowledgements, Kappa Upsilon Zeta realizes the need for continual growth. One goal that our Zeta has and will achieve is Inner Circle status. Inner Circle will help continue to motivate the brothers to learn the deeper mysteries within the fraternity. In order to achieve Inner Circle status we need to have full support from alumni. Not only is our chapter looking for an active High Pi to help kick off our Inner Circle petition, but any alumni support and input will only help the process. Not only will Inner Circle allow the brothers to learn more, but it also provides alumni the possibility to dive more into the mysteries of Lambda Chi Alpha. Although it may have been awhile since in touch with the fraternity and its ritual, this is a perfect time to start again. As you already know we are all lifetime brothers and if you are interested in seeing

our ritual again or helping with the Inner Circle process feel free to contact myself or Will Lopez, our High Phi.

Coming up in November, is our Ritual Exemplification for our Associate Members. I would like to invite you, if you can, to attend our initiation of our new members and use this time to meet the current members of our chapter. This time can also be a good time to catch up with some old brothers that you have not seen or heard from in quite some time. The date of Ritual is set for November 20th. We will be having a silent supper along with Ritual Exemplification at a local church in Peoria, IL. If you would be interested in attending, or have any other questions, please contact me by email at lcakurho@gmail.com no later than November 14th. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on the 20th.

Thank you for your future support, as we continue to live as great men under the bond of Lambda Chi Alpha.

In Zax,

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