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From the Top

Brothers,

We are close to starting to recolonize our chapter and need younger Brothers with more knowledge with Lambda Chi ways. Board elections are in 2020 and younger Brothers will help provide a smooth transition. Call or email me, or other Board members, so we can discuss how you can help. I can be reached at 540-738-2853 or fcbarry@gmail.com.

I am pleased to recognize the tremendous accomplishments of Dotson Cup recipient Sam Long and Sigma Beta Award recipients Mike Whaley and Tim McDermott. If you see them please shake their hands for their superlative efforts on our behalf.

We need all Alumni to help us move forward. Please strongly consider helping the Board now so we can have a great transition and re-colonization in 2021.

ΣΒ, ΖΑΧ.

Barry Buschow '72 ΣΛ25
President



60th Anniversary

Brothers,

Those of you that attended the 60th reunion are well aware of how nice it was. All of the functions, food, and lodging were first class. It was good that most people stayed at the Virginia Tech Inn.

The only thing missing were those of you that were not at the reunion. Hopefully there will be more of you at the next one. We especially hope more of the younger brothers will attend. You were missed.

There were some very well deserved awards given out to brothers that have helped the fraternity above and beyond. The Dotson Cup award went to Sam Long, for his work as our Treasurer, as well as all of his work towards the 60th reunion. Two life time achievement Sigma Beta Awards were presented to Tim McDermott and Mike Whaley. Tim first served on the Alumni



Money Matters

When I took over as treasurer, I never thought we would be without an active chapter, renovating our house and renting it to another fraternity until we could come back on campus.

This past year, the VT - ODU game alumni tailgate, Spring Picnic at Ginger and Louis Brookings farm, and the 60th reunion at the Inn at Virginia Tech were all subsidized by our Alumni Support Fund. We hope you will join us at alumni events so we will continue our brotherhood until we reopen OUR house at 413 East Roanoke Street.

With support from the Alumni Support Fund, this past year we were able to retire \$20,000 in debt on the house plus the normal principle pay down. I ask you to consider making your gift to the Alumni Support Fund so we can continue to provide support for alumni events, pay for our website, house insurance, and further reduce our house mortgage. We also have created a Recolonization Fund to allow us to actively recruit new members when our fraternity starts up again.

It has been an honor to serve as your treasurer the past two years and I hope to see each of you soon.

ΣB & Yours in ZAX,

Sam Long '73 ΣΛ12

60th Anniversary - continued

Board in 1981. He has spent a tremendous amount of time, and effort on behalf of the fraternity. Mike has been the guiding light for the actives, and has taken so much of his time to keep the house in order. Needless to say, he has kept the house going.

The time spent with all who were there was indeed fantastic. Everyone had a great time. Three of the Founding Brothers came to the reunion: Jim Dafnis, Nugget Dunn, and myself. I can assure you that none of us had any idea back then that we would be a part of what we have today. May I say, that it is very gratifying to all of the Founders to see that our fraternity continues to this day.

There will be another reunion. I trust that between now, and then, we will be able to convince many, many of our younger, and older, brothers to join us.

This 60th reunion was a big success. Let's make the next one even bigger, and better. Our fraternity was the best, is now the best, and will still be the best in the future.

Bill Thompson '61 ΣΩT

Founder



Brotherhood Business

Like many great organizations, there are key people that provide the framework to sustain and grow an organization. When I look back to 2017 when I was asked to join the LXA Alumni Board of Directors, I knew there would be work to do but did not realize that the Fraternity would be placed on a five year probation. This required the business of the Fraternity Board to not only do the traditional work such as planning various brotherhood get togethers, tailgates, 60th anniversary, and managing the house corporation, but to maintain the organization and its membership. There have been many meetings including a two day kickoff meeting in Richmond, a dozen or so conference calls and many one on one meetings and calls. All of these focused on providing the alumni brotherhood the best experience possible and setting the groundwork for recolonization.

I think all brothers can be proud that we have weathered the tough times of this transition and are ready to grow the organization by reestablishing a colony at Va Tech in the coming years and increasing involvement of more alumni. We are one of the most financially sound alumni organizations at Tech with a fabulous foundation of alumni brothers. I want to continue to help in any way possible and encourage you to join me along with the directors and advisors and many others in making a bright future for AXA at Virginia Tech.

Mike Moorefield '73 ΣΛ31
Secretary

SPRING PICNIC - JUNE 1

Join us for a great fraternity tradition at Louis & Ginger Brookings home - Brookmeade Sod Farm

- Date: Saturday, June 1
- Time: 2:00 - 6:00
- Location: Brookmeade Sod Farm, 14328 Medley Grove Lane, Doswell, VA 23047
- Register: vtlambdachi.org (we need a headcount for food)

Where in the world are my brothers?

Brothers,

Thinking back to your time in college what did your active years mean to you? To me, I think back to time in the chapter room and a statement that was made that while other fraternities may have more members or a bigger house, they might not even know each very well - never mind did they have the same level of brotherhood that we had. Beyond that bond of brotherhood, it was a chance to gain leadership experience through holding office or helping organize events. We were given that opportunity because of those that came before us. Last fall, we celebrated our 60th anniversary and as we began to take photos by decade it quickly became apparent that I was basically standing by myself.

We are at a crossroads with the fraternity!

As we think about recolonization, where we will be in another 60 years?

It will take a whole new generation of alumni to continue to move us forward and give those same opportunities we had to a new generation of undergrads. I implore you to reach out to me (Nathan.Yingling@gmail.com) or other board members to let us know what is needed to help bridge the gap to alumni from the 2000s and on.

We want this alumni organization to best serve your needs and help our fraternity to continue at Virginia Tech!

In ZAX,

"Nasty" Nate Yingling '07 ΣΛ521
Vice President

Doc Benoit Recognized

During the 60th Anniversary Dr. Robert E. Benoit was recognized for his service to the fraternity. Woody Kessler presented Doc with a special resolution signed by Governor Ralph Northam. Doc received a standing ovation following Woody's reading of the resolution.

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

Robert E. Benoit, Ph.D.

WHEREAS, Robert E. Benoit, Ph.D. joined the Virginia Tech faculty in 1962, was inducted into Tech's Academy of Teaching Excellence in 2002 as he received the William E. Wine Award, and was also recognized by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as Virginia Professor of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Benoit served as pre-med advisor, mentoring the next generation of scientists who have become distinguished teachers, researchers, physicians, dentists, pharmacists, veterinarians, and other health professionals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Benoit, joined Lambda Iota Society, the University of Vermont's first Greek community, as an undergraduate, forming a lifelong passion for the role fraternities play in the positive development of young men; and

WHEREAS, "Doc" Benoit became faculty advisor to Sigma Omega Tau in 1965 and guided its transition to Lambda Chi Alpha, remaining a role model and advisor for 53 years, guiding over 500 brothers to become contributing members of their communities in Virginia and across the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize Robert E. Benoit for his outstanding leadership and commitment to the brothers of Sigma Omega Tau and Lambda Chi Alpha, thereby improving the lives of Virginia Tech students in the COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Chapter at Virginia Tech Treasurer's Report

Alumni Support Fund - Hometown Bank

✓ \$7,029.49 as of 3/18/2019

House Corporation Fund - Hometown Bank Zeta House Fund

✓ \$6,684.55 as of 3/11/2019

Lambda Chi Alpha Recolonization Fund - Hometown Bank

✓ \$14,338.49 as of 3/11/2019

The above three accounts total \$28,052.53

413 East Roanoke Street Mortgage Loan

Original Loan was \$85,000 at 4.61% with a 10 year call over a 30 amortization

Monthly payment is \$657.98 per month

\$57,857.19 Loan Balance as of 3/4/2019

A monthly payment of \$657.98 will be made on 3/19/2019

Lease on 413 East Roanoke Street

Leased to Kappa Sigma fraternity for a 1 year term (August 2018 - July 2019) with two (2) 1 year options to renew. Lease rate is \$3,100 per month for this year and this increases \$100 per month for each option year.

Alumni Support Fund

In the past a number of brothers have supported the Alumni Support Fund. This fund is necessary for payment of insurance on the house, repairs and maintenance, support of the newsletter, support of alumni activities, cost of website and retirement of our debt. Please be sure to thank the brothers that helped for their support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SPRING PICNIC** Saturday, June 1, 2:00 - 6:00 Brookmeade Farm, Doswell
- Beach Bash Saturday, August 3, *TENTATIVE* 57th St. @ Oceanfront, Virginia Beach
➡ Check with Big E (eddie.holcombe@usi.com) to confirm details
- Homecoming Either 9/14 or 10/5 * Progressive Tailgate, Blacksburg

* Watch your email for survey, or click on the link from our website, below.

Alumni Support Fund 2019 Commitment Form

Name: _____ **Class Year** _____

Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Email Address: _____

I am pleased to make the following gift this year:

\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total Gift	Amount enclosed	Remaining Balance

_____	_____
Signature	Date

(Gifts are currently not tax deductible; however, we hope you will make a gift regardless.)

To make a gift online, please point your browser to: <https://squareup.com/market/lambda-chi-alpha-alumni-chapter-at-virginia-tech>

Home address: _____

Additional information:

Title: _____

Company: _____

Cups are no longer stored at the house. If you want your past cup, contact Mike Whaley at michael@topofthestairs.net and for \$20.00, he will mail it to you.

Please make checks payable to Lambda Chi Alpha - VT Alumni Chapter and return this form with your gift to:

Sam Long, Alumni Chapter Treasurer
Miller, Long & Associates, Inc.
2618 Colonial Ave. SW
Roanoke, VA 24015
540-345-3233 (work)

Scrapbook

for color photos, and Alumni Notes, please visit vtlambdachi.org



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See you in June at Spring Picnic!

