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Welcome to the Grand Council

I am thrilled to serve the fraternity as the new Worthy Grand Associate Architect! While I’ve met many brothers through various interactions, it is my goal as WGAA to both continue and start conversations regarding collaborative efforts for our fraternity. To start our conversation, I’d like to share my APX journey and the vision I have for the next few years.

I launched my journey as a third year architecture student at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Daedalus chapter. I began to comprehend the magnitude of brotherhood during my off-campus program in Washington, D.C. With the support of D.C. metro area alumni, I was encouraged to connect with six surrounding chapters. The experience of attending multiple installations and initiations within my year in D.C. exemplified the bond that unites us all. To this today, I believe the core strength of the fraternity belongs in what we all have undergone to become and serve as brother for life.

Upon graduation, I moved to Chicago where I am currently pursuing my architecture license while employed at Valerio Dewalt Train Associates. In addition to my professional architecture career, I was appointed and served as the Development Director of Alpha Rho Chi, prior to my role as WGAA. The position enhanced my opportunities to build relationships with fellow brothers and other industry professionals. With the guidance of out-going Worthy Grand Associate Architect Mara Braspenninx, I was able to provide professional programming for the Chicago and San Jose conventions. As WGAA, I plan on continuing to foster the professional relationships between Alpha Rho Chi and other industry organizations, such as AIA, IIDA, and others that may become partners for conferences, events, and other membership benefits.

In addition to professional developments, I was inspired by the APX DC metro group to focus on expanding metro groups around country. These include APX San Francisco Bay Area, APX Chicago, and APX New York City. With these 4 current groups, I will continue to collaborate and advocate for alumni outreach. Additional metro groups are in progress and I hope these groups continue to grow and serve brothers through social and professional activities.

I greatly value communication and participation. To those alumni who are looking for ways to reconnect, please reach out and I’ll find a way for you to get involved again. To those recent graduates who are transitioning into the professional world, please reach out and I’ll find professional and social resources to make it easier. And to those brothers who are still in school, I’ll look forward to assisting your APX journey.

It is my pleasure to serve as your new Worthy Grand Associate Architect. I look forward to the conversations and collaboration we will have in the coming years. Please share your APX journeys; I can’t wait to hear them!

Fraternally yours,

Hao Phung
Worthy Grand Associate Architect
Vice President
From a Tech Museum to fire pits, the 68th Annual National Convention in San Jose, California was one to remember!

Thursday tour options for early arrivers included stops at various local San Jose architecture firms and the Richard Meier-designed San Jose City Hall. Thursday evening everyone gathered at The Tech Museum of Innovation for the annual welcome reception. With private, after-hours access to museum exhibits, hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar, the reception was the perfect kick-off to a wonderful convention and displayed the pride of Silicon Valley.

Continuing with the theme of innovation, Dr. Leon Segal, founder of Innovationship and a former IDEO director, gave a Friday keynote presentation on innovation through design thinking. The weekend’s workshops included professional development, fraternal development, tours of San Jose, CEU presentations and a special DISC workshop presented by Brother Scott Swanson. As a bonus, business wrapped up before lunch on Saturday giving brothers the afternoon to enjoy San Jose and the hotel’s beautiful fire pit and swimming pool before the annual closing banquet.

CONVENTION BUSINESS REVIEW

Business began on March 20th. The Credentials committee reported 36 delegates as present and in good standing, with four delegates seated on special consideration. The addition of the delegate from the newly adopted Satyros Alumni Association, yielded a total of 41 seated delegates for the 68th National Convention.

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

Two Grand Council offices — Worthy Grand Associate Architect (WGAA) and Worthy Grand Estimator (WGE) — were up for election. Brother Emily K. Bowers was elected WGE for a second term. At the conclusion of business, a WGAA had not been elected. As a result, the office was left vacant, becoming the responsibility of the Grand Council to appoint the next Worthy Grand Associate Architect.

MOTIONS

Three motions were brought before the convention.

Motion 68-01 moved to clarify the definition of “non-graduate member”. The motion as presented did not pass, however a committee was appointed to review all membership classifications and report to the fraternity prior to the 69th Convention.

Motion 68-02 was made to revise our governing documents to align with the State of Illinois compiled statutes for non-profit corporations. With the passing of this motion, notice of National and Special Conventions will be issued to the membership no less than twenty (20) and no more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the Convention.

Motion 68-03 addressed the process of chapter and alumni association voting to remove the certified mail requirement. The motion passed, and the Grand Council is exploring opportunities to create an electronic voting process.
69th National Convention
Charlotte, North Carolina – March 17-20, 2016

70th National Convention
Portland, Oregon – March 23-26, 2017
Chapter Highlights

SATYROS CHAPTER: THE SHADE HOUSE
by: Elena Koep

The SHADE house is a solar decathlon project that currently sits on a pop-up site of Keep Phoenix Beautiful. The Satyros chapter has been working with their faculty advisor to do maintenance on the house, including hanging lights and fixing siding panels, as well as volunteering time with Keep Phoenix Beautiful through a planting project. The chapter was able to obtain 25 donated plants and spent an afternoon installing them around the house. All of their student members participated and it was a great way to introduce the newest members to their faculty advisor who was on site for the day. With this planting they also helped clean up the area around the house in preparation for the site’s Earth Day celebration.

The Satyros chapter plans to continue volunteering with Keep Phoenix Beautiful and is currently organizing a design project with them. This project will include the design and construction of several benches and a shade structure for the site’s water tank. Led by their faculty advisor, both students and alumni are contributing to the project. Final installation of these elements is set for November 2015.
APOLLODORUS CHAPTER: GRACE MARKETPLACE SHELTER

by: Roxana Hazrati

The Apollodorus Chapter recently had the opportunity to help design and build a homeless shelter through Grace Marketplace, a local non-profit organization dedicated to providing a single locale to meet the needs of the local homeless population. Services including meals, storage, counseling, and a place to sleep, get mail and make phone calls are provided. Just outside of Grace Marketplace is Dignity Village, a self-sustained area where the homeless people have set up a tent city and where Apollodorus found the opportunity to provide support.

Through the manager of Grace Marketplace, Jon [last name withheld], and the Director of the University of Florida School of Architecture, Jason Alread, Alpha Rho Chi and Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity became involved in this project. Using mostly donated and recycled materials, they were able to design and build a shelter to house one or two of the homeless people in Dignity Village, with the goal of a replicable model. As of this spring, the project is currently in production.

“The challenge is really to make a thing that people want to live in but not one that people will fight over or want to stay in forever. The goal is to get people off the streets, not keep them in Dignity Village,” explained Alread at the design meeting. Combining a practiced architect’s experience with the students’ multidisciplinary ideas towards a real life problem highlights unique issues previously unexplored by most students.

The hope is that this collaboration of students, faculty and non-profit for the benefit of the local homeless population will create a replicable solution for more stable shelter as a way to reintegrate people into society and off the streets. Says Kirsten Evans, Apollodorus WAA “It’s been very exciting to have the opportunity to work with Alpha Phi Omega students on a project benefitting our community. I’m really looking forward to seeing the completed project!”
Welcome New Brothers!

ANDRONICUS
Alberto Altamirano
Garrett Collins
Victoria Cuenca
Duke Dunham
Andrew Fabry
David Garey
Lyla Mercado
Jessica Miksanek
Mariuska Stepenka
Alexander Weisfeld
Willy Cao
Nate Mollway
Christine Turek

ANTHEMIOS
Jinfan Bai
Yazmine Carbajal
Alice Fang
Nicole Flores
Mollie Karasch

CALLIMACHUS
Vanessa Donasco
Steven Huang
Joan Kang
Avani Kanoria
Yanghe Liu
Echo Liu
Renee Yuen

CLEISTHENES
Kayla Armitage
Joshua Contreras
Gabriela Landers
April Martinez
Maria Martinez

DAEDEALUS
Ethan Michael
Austin Rees
Jennifer Sanchez
Clarize Smit
Mary Toombs
Joaquin Viera
Brittany Warren

HADRIAN
Alicia Carr
Shirley (Dongwei) Chen
Kay Curtis
Alyson Demskie
Tim Dimmock
Bayley Elenzweig
Maria Espinoza
Kendale Mundy
Erica Perine
Elle Reynolds
Bradley Rubenstein
Victoria Shchepetyeva
Jordan Tavan
Jack Tufts

HEMIUNU
Natasha Graves
Samuel Guydide-Bisase
Kelsi Howard
Kanishia Satterwhite
Christopher Yancy

HEMENES
Bruce Knepper
Ben Lindau
Eric Lipschutz
Eugene McHugh
Henry Shuster
Phillip Templeton
John Thaler

DINOCRATES
Jessica Fleming

DOMITIAN
Rosanna Bowen
Collars
Michael Marvin
Gregory Moormann
Kyle Rendall
Thomas Sutton II

HADRIAN
Steve Baker
Mihae Dobre
Matthew Pugh
Amber Stewart

HEMIUNI
Ashlie Bird
Priscilla Richards

HERACLEIDES
Steve Patmon

IKTINOS
Roy Albert
Veronica Bauman
Richard L Bond
James R Bowers
Mara Braspeninx
R James Bryden
Michael Gordon
Peter Haddix
Evelyn Janick
Devon Kinney
Michael Lawrence
George Lilly

METAGENES
Hugo Santiago Contreras
Jacob Getzler
Judith Johnson
Kelly McConnell
Sean McGillcuddy
Mark Meardon
Alexis Michael
Avalon Roche

MNESICLES
Lucia Cai
Carl Corbett
Anna Dunn
Ryan Green
Jaegeng Guo
Julia Holmes
Kailin Hurinenko
Ryan Kramer
Mackenzie Kusler
Mikayla Livingston
Rayna Malcomson
Macalester Orchard

DEMETERS
Bryan Hicks
Austin Hogans
John Knauft
Nathan Liesch
McKenna Martin
Peter Meehan
Molly Meyer
Harry Osborne
Kathryn Reese
Jenny Scarborough
Lizzie Wallace
Margaret Woolf
These are the new initiates that have been reported to the Grand Council between September 2014 through May 2015. Is your name missing? Please contact your Worthy Architect.
Metro Groups Celebrate Founder’s Day

Metro Groups across the country held local events this April to celebrate our fraternity’s 101st Founder’s Day, bringing together brothers from multiple chapters.

APX SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

For the first time, APX SF proudly held a Founder’s Day celebration picnic at Dolores Park in San Francisco for all student and alumni brothers in the Bay Area, co-hosted by local chapters Callimachus and Cossutius. The picnic was a huge success, with over 20 brothers representing four chapters in attendance. Brothers spent the day hanging out over food and games and enjoying the beautiful San Francisco spring weather. The success of the picnic was a result of strategic planning of Brothers Tommy Muchnick, Callimachus, Tony Palmes, Numisius, and Alexandre Silveira, Cossutius.

APX CHICAGO

One of our longest standing metro groups, APX Chicago invited local brothers and friends to an afternoon of Whirlyball — an insane game of lacrosse in bumper cars — to celebrate Founder’s Day. The competition was rather fierce as brothers, representing six chapters, competed for bragging rights. After the friendly competition, brothers convened for pizza and gelato on a sunny Chicago afternoon.

APX DENVER

For Founder’s Day, APX Denver celebrated Alpha Rho Chi’s 101st year at a bowling alley. Brothers in attendance represented alumni from four chapters in the Denver area. Kudos to Brother Danielle Swanson, Anthemios, for championing the APX Denver Metro Group!

While there are many more city centers for APX Metro Groups to grow and expand, these groups are only successful with your participation and energy. We welcome and encourage brothers to champion new Metro Groups. We believe brotherhood extends beyond college and well into our professional lives and adulthood. Let’s connect and collaborate! For more information on Metro Groups or how to participate, please email Brother Hao Phung at wgaa@alpharhochi.org.
Alpha Rho Chi Foundation

JOHN R. ROSS SCHOLARSHIPS

It is always rewarding to hear of the excellent service, academic achievements, and leadership of fellow brothers; it reminds us of some of the reasons we are proud to be brothers. Since 1995, the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation has recognized outstanding brothers with John R. Ross scholarships. With the successful completion of the Centennial Campaign, the scholarship fund is now endowed.

The Foundation is pleased to recognize three brothers this year who were awarded John R. Ross scholarships at the 68th Convention in San Jose. Named in honor of John R. Ross, Worthy Grand Architect of Alpha Rho Chi from 1981 to 1989, these scholarships were instituted to recognize brothers’ achievements in academics, service, and leadership.

The Alpha Rho Chi Foundation congratulates all three of this year’s winners as they join the distinguished list of forty-five previous winners of the John R. Ross scholarship.

$5,000 ANNA BARCHICK-SUTER, RABIRIUS
$2,500 PATRICIA HAZLE, IKTINOS
$1,000 KELSEY DRESSING, METAGENES

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FOUNDATION FACTS

49 Ross Scholarships Given ($45,500 total)
$15,500 Burchard Program Grants total given
73 Managed Fund Scholarships given ($19,250 total)
$112,750 given as grants or scholarships since inception
$493,000 total portfolio worth as of March 2015
95.3% donated goes directly to programs, scholarships or endowments for future grants
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John R Ross Scholarship Winners

Anna Barchick-Suter
Rabirius Chapter

Brother Barchick-Suter served Rabirius Chapter as Worthy Associate Architect and Worthy Architect. She helped coordinate the semester formal dinner and a meet-and-greet with faculty. As a resident advisor in the dorms, she encouraged residents to volunteer with community organizations. Impetus for that encouragement came from her own community involvement such as helping a nonprofit to restore a historic theater and assisting a neighborhood community council to bring a grocery co-op to the neighborhood. It is clear she has a passion for her studies and her career, and she is already putting this passion into practice.

I explored urban planning as an option and was drawn to the field. Cities will always be integral to human life and will always face various problems. As an urban planner, I could help be a part of the solutions to these problems.

It bodes well for the future that she hasn't waited to graduate to begin to put this into practice. Anna received a $5000 John R. Ross scholarship.

Patricia Hazle
Iktinos Chapter

Brother Hazle has served Iktinos Chapter as Worthy Scribe, Outreach Chair, and Publications Editor. She is interested in making connections with brothers and local architects, especially those with specialties such as historical preservation, LEED certification, interior design, or furniture production.

I strive to fill my world with other minds by engaging peers, and to color my understanding of architecture and community with as many outlooks as possible. In doing so, I hope to be an individual that is well informed, and thus effectively equipped for giving back to the community with rigor and excitement.

As Vice President of AIAS, she acted as a liaison between Alpha Rho Chi and AIAS to further the distinct opportunities of each, and she has organized social events between different architecture schools in Michigan to foster student communication and learning.

Patricia received a $2500 John R. Ross scholarship.

Kelsey Dressing
Metagenes Chapter

Brother Dressing has served Metagenes Chapter as Worthy Superintendent and Worthy Estimator.

Making a difference in the lives of others is a lifelong goal that motivates me to keep pushing boundaries and exploring possibilities in order to increase the knowledge I have to share.

She has served the university by teaching reading groups for University Honors, and has also used her teaching abilities to help elementary school students learn German. She intends to pursue teaching architecture where she hopes to use her passion and excitement for learning to inspire others.

Kelsey received a $1000 John R. Ross scholarship.
Up Next...

2015 Leadership Conference
St. Louis, Missouri – October 2-4, 2015

2015 Alumni Summit
Tucson, Arizona – October 9-11, 2015