Cossutius Chapter
History in the Making

California College of the Arts, San Francisco

Our fraternity’s history records 2008 as the establishment of the Cossutius Chapter, but in fact the story begins in 2004 with another name. To history’s credit, it shows that determination and perseverance makes the difference between “what might have been” and Alpha Rho Chi’s newest chapter.

In the summer of 2004, a colony was formed at CCA with the name Amenophis. However with students split between two campuses, the colony seemed unable to secure a closer fellowship among its members. Frustrated at the lack of progress, the Grand Council dissolved the colony in March 2006. Never saying never, WGA Greg Pelley noted in his announcement, “There are a handful of colonists who are determining if they wish to reorganize and re-petition the Grand Council for colony status.”

Three of the former Amenophis pledges determined to take the offer as a challenge. Dedicated by the ideal of brotherhood and led by their new president, Chad “Zee” Metheny, the group grew to eight over the summer and worked with regional director Ryan Rosen to actively recruit new students in the fall. The quick rebirth caught much of the fraternity by surprise that October when a visiting alumna brother saw a poster for an upcoming building tour sponsored by the APX interest group and posted her sighting on the fraternity’s online messageboards.

With a revived purpose and a new name, the Cossutius Colony visited their sponsoring chapter Daedalus in San Luis Obispo on March 3, 2007 for their formal pledge ceremony. The colony kept busy over the following months with their pledge education, conducting firm tours, and organizing CCA’s first ever Club Fair highlighting all of the college’s student organizations. Alpha Rho Chi occupies an unique position on campus as the college’s only Greek-letter organization.

Years in the making, all of Region 8 gathered in Los Angeles to usher in the new chapter on January 20, 2008. With Daedalus as sponsor, Andronicus as host, and the support of Satyros and a multitude of alumni, Grand Lecturer Christine Brazill formally installed the Cossutius Chapter and its new brothers to Alpha Rho Chi.

Once last thing about history, it is correct in calling 2008 only the beginning of APX at California College of the Arts.

About Cossutius
A Roman architect, Decimus Cossutius was employed by the king Antiochus IV in 174 B.C. to redesign the Olympieion – or Temple of the Olympian Zeus – in Athens. Cossutius reconceived the earlier unfinished Doric temple of limestone as an temple of the Corinthian order built entirely of Pentelic marble. Each of the 104 columns of this colossal temple were 55.5 feet high and 6.5 feet in diameter. Work continued on the temple until Antiochus’ death in 164 B.C. The great Hellenistic temple was left unfinished nearly two centuries until 132 A.D when it was completed following Cossutius’ design and formally dedicated by the Roman emperor Hadrian.
Sostratus Colony  
Washington State University, Pullman

On Saturday February 23, Worthy Grand Associate Architect Laura Schmidt, Expansion Director Chooch Pickard and Regional Director Dana Hennis traveled to Pullman, Washington to meet fifteen students from Washington State University. By the end of the day each student received a pledge pin when the Sostratus Colony of Alpha Rho Chi was declared to be in session.

This group of organized and diligent students caught the Grand Council off-guard when they submitted a complete petition to organize their colony in mid-January. Easily the most remote colony in recent history, the fraternity had not appointed a regional director for that region for several years. However Brother Hennis, a dedicated Daedalus alumnus and Idaho resident, quickly accepted the appointment to that position.

The three alumni brothers were invited to join the leaders of the forming colony for lunch, to get to know each other a little better. They were joined by their faculty advisor, Washington State University Professor Ken Carper. The colony’s pledge ceremony was performed inside Carpenter Hall, a beautiful brick structure that houses the School of Architecture and Construction Management at the university. Later that evening, the newly pinned colonists invited their three visitors to dinner at Pullman local favorite, Basilio’s Italian Café, where they celebrated over pasta and calzones.

Pytheos Chapter Honors Alumna with “Pop Ely” Award

On April 12, 2008 the Pytheos Chapter celebrated Founders’ Day by organizing an event for all of Region 6 in Kansas City, Missouri. Held in the Buca di Beppo restaurant in the historic Country Club Plaza, the event drew alumni from the surrounding area as well as National Director Scott Swanson, who flew in for the festivities.

The highlight of the dinner was when the Pytheos Chapter surprised alumna Erin Froscheiser with the Dwight Palmer “Pop” Ely Award, honoring her for her service and dedication to the fraternity. Since graduating with a Master of Architecture from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln in 2003, she has served for several years as regional director and as president of the Pytheos Alumni Association. Alpha Rho Chi congratulates Erin for earning this national award.
Brother Chooch Pickard was featured in the Spring 2008 issue of Memphis Business Quarterly for his building preservation work as executive architect of the Court Center Square project in downtown Memphis, Tennessee.

You can read the article in full at alpharhochi.org.

Other National Awards

These winners of APX national awards were announced at this year’s awards banquet at the 61st National Convention in Reno, Nevada.

- **George “So” Whitten Scholastic Achievement Award**
  - Dinocrates Chapter, University of Texas, Austin

- **John Ross Scholarship**
  - Anthony DeLaPaz, Anthemios Chapter, University of Illinois

- **Alumni Association of the Year**
  - Anthemios Alumni Association

In Other Papers...

Other National Awards

Accidents and medical emergencies can occur at any time. In an effort to better prepare our brothers to respond, Alpha Rho Chi is providing tuition reimbursement for members obtaining certification in first aid and/or CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation)/AED (Automated External Defibrillator). Courses may be taken from any authorized provider that provides American Red Cross or American Heart Association certified training.

This program is designed to encourage chapters to have multiple brothers at every event with the skills and confidence to respond in an emergency situation. Recognizing the role they play, Alumni are also eligible for this benefit through the auspices of their alumni association or active chapter.

**How to take advantage of the program**

- **Find a training provider.** Training must be obtained from an authorized provider and certified by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association. An authorized provider is any group or individual certified to instruct courses in first-aid and/or CPR/AED by either of these two organizations. Some common training providers include:
  - local Red Cross chapters
  - your university
  - community education courses
  - local fire departments

- **Recruit some brothers to join you.** Like most things, it’s fun with a few friends. Use the chapter or alumni association to organize those with the time or interest.

- **Get reimbursement preapproved through APX.** Contact the National Director (nd@alpharhochi.org) with the following information:
  - your contact information, including chapter or alumni association
  - the training course and who’s providing it
  - number of brothers taking the training
  - expected tuition costs

**Preapproval is crucial and will help avoid potential surprises and disappointments. This program is limited, so we will reserve funds on a first-come, first-served basis.** The National Director will also make sure you have the right forms to get prompt reimbursement.

**After the training is completed**

Once the training has been successfully completed, submit the S-4 First Aid/CPR Training Reimbursement form to the WGE. The form documents the training and must be accompanied with:

- Tuition receipts for the training
- Copies of completion cards/certificates for each person

The course(s) must be completed and the chapter/association must pay all costs before receiving reimbursement. Advances are not available for this program.

Reimbursement will cover the cost of the course only. Members are responsible for any additional logistical costs such as travel, lodging, gas, or food.
The 61st National Convention held March 13-16, 2008 at Harrah’s Resort and Casino in downtown Reno, Nevada was a huge success. Despite the seemingly remote location, over 160 brothers flew or braved icy mountainous drives to attend.

A welcome reception at Reno’s National Bowling Stadium started Convention on the right foot, Alpha Rho Chi was given 20 lanes for unlimited bowling. Whether throwing strikes or just spectating, it was an excellent opportunity to mingle and meet new brothers from across the country.

The biggest Little Convention in APX History

The business meetings started bright and early Friday morning, with the election of Alberto Lopez (Andronicus alumnus) as Convention President and Lannis Kirkland (Cleisthenes faculty) as Convention Secretary. Our Convention leaders were so efficient that a majority of the Convention’s business was resolved on that first day!

After the first business session, attendees were treated to workshop on professionalism and etiquette, presented by Aaron Feldman (Vitruvius alumnus) and Adrianna Esquivel (Cleisthenes alumna). Those in attendance gained insights on handling themselves appropriately in business and social situations. The workshop was accompanied by a clever booklet which is also available at alpharhocchi.org/convention.

For the second year in a row, a hospitality suite provided a place for convention-goers to gather after hours. The space, which came to be known as “The Hobby Lobby” was the place to be for late night revelry, card games and passionate discussions about our beloved fraternity.

Saturday morning’s business session quickly handled the remaining motions followed by elections. Although Vicki Horton (Xenocles alumna) ran unopposed for a second term as Worthy Grand Architect, the race for Worthy Grand Scribe was competitive with two outstanding candidates: Amber Ford (Apollodorus alumna)
and Charles “Chooch” Pickard (Anthemios alumnus). After the votes were counted, Brother Pickard carried the day.

That Saturday afternoon, over 40 Archis climbed aboard a bus to tour the McCarran Ranch to tour the Nature Conservancy’s project to restore the natural wetlands of the Truckee River watershed. Though it was cold upon their arrival, the sun came out in time to provide a pleasant outing for those who risked the weather.

The conclusion of Convention was the annual awards banquet hosted by Worthy Grand Associate Architect Laura Schmidt. Following the dinner, presentation of awards, and moving remarks from our WGA, a live band performed before an active dance floor.

Grand Advisor Steve Janick declared the 61st “The Best Convention Ever.” Although his declaration has become an annual tradition it is no less true. The fraternity thanks our convention director, Lori Beth Wilson (Rabirus alumna), for consistently making this an event that brothers don’t want to miss.

The Biggest Little Convention in APX History

Meet me in St. Louis
March 19–22, 2009

Congratulations to Adam Michalak, Anthemios Alumnus. As winner of this year’s convention logo competition he will receive a complementary registration to the 62nd National Convention in St. Louis.

Summary of Convention Business

61-01 Motion to amend Art. V §06 of the APX Constitution to eliminate the Grand Council vote at Convention. Final vote: Passed

61-02 Motion to fix cross-reference in Art. III §02 of the APX Constitution. Final vote: Passed

61-03 Motion to fix cross-reference in Art. V §02 of the APX Constitution. Final vote: Passed

61-04 Motion to amend the APX By-Laws to add a new cause for suspending a chapter or alumni association. Final vote: Failed to pass

61-05 Motion to amend the APX By-Laws (Art. XXI §02) to clarify the keeper of the seals of alumni associations. Final vote: Passed

61-06 Motion to amend APX By-Laws to issue copies of The Ritual to alumni associations. Final vote: Failed to pass

61-07 Motion to require an electronic survey prior to any future alumni dues increase. Final vote: Failed to pass

61-08 Motion to extend the Lecture Circuit Committee for another year. Final vote: Passed

61-09 Motion to extend the Branding Committee for another year. Final vote: Passed

61-10 Motion to designate the Rhoecus Chapter as no longer active until the chapter can be reestablished. Final vote: Passed

61-11 Motion directing the Grand Council acquire a fraternity standard (flag) for display at future Conventions. Final vote: Passed

Elections

Vicki Horton (WGS, Xenocles) was reelected as Worthy Grand Architect.

Charles “Chooch” Pickard (Anthemios) was elected as the next Worthy Grand Scribe.
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Endowing the Future
The Iktinos Chapter hosted Alpha Rho Chi’s tenth Leadership Conference at the University of Michigan on October 19-20, 2007. This year’s event in Ann Arbor was far removed from the modest one-day “WA Conference” held outside Chicago in 1998, but it follows in the original’s vision of providing leadership training and the exchange of ideas across our chapters nationwide.

Those arriving early on Thursday were treated to a visit to the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. The visit included a tour of the Cranbrook House, designed by Albert Kahn, and its gardens. More significantly for Archis, the group had the opportunity to walk through the campus designed by Alpha Rho Chi Master Architect Eliel Saarinen (Iktinos 1942). Saarinen became the first president of Cranbrook Academy of Art in 1932 and remained at the school until his death in 1950.

The work of the leadership conference took all day Friday and Saturday. Past WGA Greg Pelley led the sessions with titles such as Molassochism, Accelery Ghotischmuckenfreude, and Struggligagliastology. The topics covered in these sessions were more familiar and dealt with issues of responsibility, servant leadership, and continual commitment to goals. Brother Pelley’s thought-provoking sessions were interspersed with workshops designed to help actives and alumni share ideas and approaches to common challenges.

A highlight of the weekend was Saturday’s closing dinner attended by APX alumni from the Ann Arbor area. Richard Cain, former Iktinos Alumni Association president, came down from distant Traverse City, MI to attend. Iktinos alumna Linda Lilly was another special guest at the dinner. Brother Lilly’s initiation in 1967 marked the beginning of Alpha Rho Chi as a co-educational fraternity.

Alpha Rho Chi would thanks the Iktinos Chapter for their hospitality as well as the efforts of Mara Braspenninx, Stephen P. Janick, Greg Pelley, and our new Leadership Conference Director, Andrea Hauber in making this year’s event a success. The Alpha Rho Chi Foundation generously underwrote the costs related to the Cranbrook tour as well as speaker expenses.

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