Sostratus Takes Flight
by Laura Schmidt, Anthemios Alumna

In the early morning hours on April 19, 2009, Alpha Rho Chi welcomed the Sostratus Chapter into the arch. Thanks to the hospitality of the Andronicus Chapter, the installation was held at their chapter house adjacent to the USC Campus.

The 11 colonists began their journey from Washington State University in Pullman on Friday. Travelling 1,000 miles, they nearly doubled the previous installation distance record set by Apollodorus in 1986. Fortunately, the Sostratus colonists were able to fly and were spared an estimated 20-hour road trip.

When they arrived at Los Angeles International Airport on Friday evening, they had no way of knowing what would be bestowed upon them. A mere 36 hours later, they had earned the right to call themselves brothers of Alpha Rho Chi.

That evening, the colonists were welcomed with an impromptu gathering at the Andronicus Chapter house, hosted by the chapter’s actives and attended by nearly 70 brothers from around Los Angeles. For some it was a reunion, while for others the foundation for lasting friendships were laid.

However, the colonists were up early on Saturday for a walking tour of downtown Los Angeles led by our expert tour guide Eric Solis, Worthy Architect of Andronicus. The colonists were greeted upon their return with a tasty south-of-the-border style barbeque provided by the Andronicus Alumni Association.

After the meal, the colonists—namely Craig Pontius, Jamie Millard, Matt Van Gunda, Andrew Robertson, Josh Mantyla, Paul Ellis, Jesse Wolfe, Wellbe Bartsma, David Freeman, Emily Pinney and Mark Lo—entertained the attending brothers with top ten lists on such topics as “Sexiest cadency marks” and “Reasons to love being an architecture major”. Also, they continued an Andronicus tradition by planting a white rose bush in the front yard. But before they knew it, they were being whisked away for their adventure of a lifetime.

Nine chapters were represented during the initiation of these new brothers. Besides Andronicus, we were joined by brothers from Anthemios, Cossutius, Daedalus, Hadrian, Imhotep, Rabirius, Satyros, and Vitruvius. Grand Council members in attendance were Worthy Grand Scribe Chooch Pickard, Worthy Grand Associate Architect Laura Schmidt, and Grand Lecturer Christine Brazill.

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Think about the structure of our brotherhood. Imagine a great three-dimensional, structural space frame grid. The columns and beams next to you are your pledge brothers. You have a close and tight bond with these nearest members.

On the same level with you, are your chapter brothers from your time as an active, but only in one direction. Let’s call them your X-axis. Below on this frame are your chapter's brothers initiated before you. These brothers share your Z-axis. In another direction on your level are your contemporary brothers from other chapters. These brothers can be found looking along the Y-axis.

Each of the levels below you are also joined along their X- and Y-axes. The ZX plane includes your chapter’s older brothers and the ZY plane includes older brothers from other chapters you will find throughout the profession and the country. Some chapters, like my own, are missing a few levels but the overall frame continues around the missing elements.

The current level is under construction and is your design. Enjoy it. Explore it. Go in both the X and Y-axes. See what other chapters are doing to provide a strong foundation for the next level—our future brothers. Increase the bonds on your level. Increase its strength. When the future comes and the next level is being built, you will then become the support for that new level. As you find the Z levels building above you (time marches on) and you have moved you may find yourself at a different location on the Y-axis. As you fulfill your lifetime mentoring and brotherhood promise, it may be at a different chapter.

Explore the rest of the space frame. Go down several levels. See who is there. The framework that is our brotherhood gives you something in common to start a conversation. The conversation can lead to a stronger bond. Your brothers on the X-axis should share a close and strong bond. For the strength of the structure and your own growth, create X-Z bonds, Y-bonds, and Y-Z bonds. The framework exists and continues. What becomes of it is up to you.
APX Financial Update
by Erin Froschheiser, Worthy Grand Estimator

“Budget, I don’t want to talk about the budget. Do we have to talk about the budget?” Even though, I’ve only been WGE for a couple months, I’ve heard comments like these many times. Budgets don’t have to be a straight jacket. They are simply a tool to help you control money. Without one, you can’t possibly maximize your resources. Fortunately, the fraternity does operate on a budget and has managed their spending well for several years.

The fraternity ended its 2009 fiscal year on June 30 with a $5,720 deficit. However, there is a good explanation for the loss. Last year’s Grand Council approved a budget with a $4,683 deficit. The plan was to increase spending on outreach to chapters and alumni associations through increased leadership, education and professional programs. An increase in leadership conference attendance and Grand Council and national appointee visits to chapters and alumni associations proves this goal was indeed met. An additional initiative was a major upgrade to the APX website to move chapter reporting online. A substantial down payment of $6,030 was made for these services. Unfortunately, the economic climate forced the web design firm we contracted to downsize and back out of the project. The firm refunded the down payment in full at the beginning of FY2010. (If considered as part of FY2009, the year would show a small surplus.) The Grand Council intends to resume the project with a new programming team.

The fraternity’s fiscal year 2010 budget anticipates revenues of $120,768 and expenditures of $121,852 – excluding convention, which is self sustaining. This is effectively a balanced budget.

The budget also allows for our regional directors to visit chapters and alumni associations, so invite them to your next event or request a planning workshop.

Regarding alumni dues, we are slightly behind where we were for 2008. I fear part of this is due to a glitch in the system for online dues payments. Unfortunately, when changing servers in May a few connections were lost. Coincidentally, this occurred approximately the same time the alumni dues reminders were sent. Timing is everything. Consequently, alumni who may have attempted to pay online between the end of May and beginning of August were unable to do so. Ding dong, the glitch is dead! If you were unable to pay your 2009 alumni dues online due to this technical difficulty, please try again. I extend sincere apologies for the inconvenience.

Once again, the outlook is good and our future is definitely promising. Our fraternity does manage its budget closely and is planning for continued success.

Budget for Fiscal Year 2010

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The Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity recognizes the alumni who have made dues contributions as of August 15, 2009.

* Special thanks go those who have contributed regularly for the past five years or more
** or for 10 or more years!
∞ Contributing Life Members
Brothers listed in italics participate in the automatic monthly dues payment program.

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Lannis Kirkland*  
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Brendan Goggins  
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Bianca Pagnucci  
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Kyle Rendall  
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Thomas L. Jenkins*  
Susan Karageorges*  
Sharlee LeBrecque
As the night wore on, snacks were provided by the newly-minted Cossutius Alumni Association. It is believed that because of their gracious snacks, the initiation stayed on schedule. The initiation and installation was completed around 2:00 am. Once Andrew Robertson, Worthy Architect of the new Sostratus Chapter, was handed his gavel, a gift from the Grand Council, a grand celebration ensued.

It can safely be said that everyone in attendance could have used that morning to sleep in, but the brand new chapter was awake and ready to go by 11:00 am on Sunday, thanks to a lovely breakfast provided by the Satyros Alumni Association.

As soon as it began, the installation was over. The new actives were returned to the airport with heads full of fantastic, wistful memories, and bellies full of pineapple.

About Sostratus

Sostratus of Cnidus, an architect from the region of Caria in Asia Minor, was architect of the Pharos of Alexandria. Built in the third century B.C., the tower served a day beacon to assist ships in locating the harbor along Egypt’s mostly featureless coast. In the later Roman era, the addition of beacon fires and reflecting mirrors turned the Pharos into a lighthouse. One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Pharos had a height estimated at over 400 feet and world’s third tallest structure after the Great Pyramids of Khufu and Khafre. The chapter’s cadency mark, a beacon, is based on the Lighthouse of Alexandria.

According to Lucian, Ptolemy I of Egypt refused to allow Sostratus to mark his work and instead demanded that the credit go to himself. Sostratus, however, had the stone inscribed “Sostratus of Cnidus, son of Dexiphanes, to the Devine Saviors, for sake of them that sail the sea.” This was plastered over and an inscription honoring Ptolemy chiseled into the plaster. Over time, the plaster fell away, revealing Sostratus’ original inscription.

In addition to the Pharos of Alexandria, Sostratus is credited with the design of the Clubhouse of the Cnidians at Delphi, the Suspended Pleasure Gardens in Cnidus, and Tetra Stadium in Alexandria. As a military engineer, he reputed to have built canals to temporarily drain the Nile at Memphis in order to allow Ptolemy II to capture the besieged city.
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New Colony at Kent State University

The Grand Council has accepted the petition from students at Kent State in Ohio to form a colony of Alpha Rho Chi. Plans are being finalized to formally pledge the colonists from Severus Colony in early autumn.

In addition, the fraternity continues to pursue interest expressed by students at University of Arkansas (Daphnis), Northeastern University, and Howard University. APX’s expansion director, Mara Braspenninx, welcomes additional leads or inquiries via email at expansion@alpharhochi.org.

Cleisthenes Alumni

The Cleisthenes Alumni Association has gained official recognition by the Grand Council. Plans for the year include a business meeting in January to coincide with the chapter’s initiation activities. More information, contact Adriana Esquivel at aeesquiv@yahoo.com.

Handbook for Members

The Grand Council is making the final touches on a newly revised Handbook for Members. This is the first edition to be recompiled since 1986. Copies will be distributed to chapters this fall and available through our the fraternity’s website, alpharhochi.org.

The handbook is a manual to the operations of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity. It is a resource with guidelines, standards, and tips for successful chapters and alumni associations. It also explains the workings of the national fraternity, including the Grand Council and appointees, and the National Convention.

Vitruvius Claws Sharpened

The modern drawings of APX cadency marks debuted on the cover of the October 1962 Archi, including a particularly rampant lion. Over the years, copy degradation would wear down the lion’s claws and teeth. Thanks to modern technology, the lion’s youthful appearance has been restored.

Jazmin Smith (Hadrian), Stephen Laico (Anthemios) and Aaron Feldman (Vitruvius) play a game of bocce.
APX Letter, Fall 2009

Leadership Conference
Newark, New Jersey
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