Alpha Rho Chi Letter

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Portland, Oregon - home to long beards, lots of flannel, and good coffee. For three days in March, Portland was also host to our 70th National Convention. With the Fraternity’s first venture to the Pacific Northwest came anticipation and excitement that was tangible as brothers began to arrive.

On Thursday, brothers had the opportunity to visit local architecture firms and tour the EcoTrust Building. The focus on sustainability in the Pacific Northwest was evident in Thursday’s tours: the EcoTrust building earned the first LEED Gold award as a historic redevelopment.

Thursday evening, Brother Catherine Berry hosted the Robert’s Rules Primer. The Primer is an opportunity for all the delegates to brush up their Robert’s Rules etiquette and get a feel for what the business sessions will be like, as well as an opportunity for those running for convention office to go through fictional motions with the delegates.

The annual welcome reception was held at Portland Center Stage at the Armory, an event space in a historic Armory building in downtown Portland. This year, we played an icebreaker bingo – each brother was given a card with attributes or characteristics, and had to match those to a new brother. For instance, one of squares was “Find a brother who is an only child,” or “Find a colonist.” This game got people moving and talking to everyone – it was a fun way to make new connections with active brothers, alumni, and colonists. Many brothers were excited about the photobooth that was set up, complete with silly mustaches and hats – a very cool Convention keepsake!

This year’s delegation was composed of representatives from 45 Chapters and active Alumni Associations – with representation from every active Alumni Association! Friday morning began as it always has, with the election of Convention President and Convention Secretary. The convention officers were: Emily Buckberg, President (OLYN), Kylie Miller, Secretary (PYTH), Moises Varcel, Sergeant at Arms (NICO), and Jessica Zamora, Parliamentarian (COSS).

The Grand Council Report gave all in attendance a better idea of what’s been going on behind the scenes in the Fraternity. Some highlights include officially welcoming the Agamedes and Theodorus chapters to their first convention, the introduction of Alumni Days, which took place in New York City, Chicago, San Francisco, and Houston last fall – with more to come in this year. WGE Emily Lewis gave a detailed report on the budget and the Fraternity’s spending.

The report from the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation gave an overview of the scholarships and grants the Foundation awarded last year, and the funds that the Foundation manages. Last year, $8,500 was awarded to student brothers.

Friday afternoon’s workshops included a host of topics: hosting a successful recruitment, preparing for The Ritual, maintaining social media accounts for your Chapter or Alumni Association, a panel discussion about volunteering with Alpha Rho Chi, presentations by JR Favor Insurance about Chapter Houses and sexual misconduct on campus, a presentation by an NCARB representative about the path to licensure in architecture, and a photography workshop with Daniel Terrell. As always, the workshops were informative, interesting, and lively.

We almost completed business Friday afternoon. As always, Brothers Catherine Berry and Rick Jenkins were ready to advise on Robert’s Rules of Order. Some highlights from this year’s motions include some syntax changes to the bylaws to clarify the election years voted on in Charlotte, the duty of the Worthy Grand Inspector, and changing the requirement of a unanimous vote to amend the ritual to a ¾ vote. Motion E, the motion to amend the By-Laws to only require a ¾ vote to amend The Ritual, sparked a lively conversation about how we can think progressively about our Fraternity’s traditions, and about how growth and change over time is crucial to the Fraternity’s longevity. In the end, the motion was amended to require a majority to amend the ritual.
Saturday’s business session began by unanimously accepting the petition from the Amenophis Colony to form a Chapter at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Following the small celebration, we moved on to elections. This year, the Grand Council positions up for election were: Worthy Grand Associate Architect, Worthy Grand Scribe, Worthy Grand Estimator, and Worthy Grand Inspector. The election for WGAA brought out a spirited discussion about Alumni engagement, with Brothers Hao Phung and John Conway each addressing questions from both active brothers and alumni brothers about how they planned to better engage alumni. Brother Phung was reelected WGAA, Brother Christina Anderson was reelected WGS, Brother Emily Lewis was reelected WGE, and Brother AJ Kessinger was reelected WGI.

The awards banquet this year was top-notch. The room was elegant, with two lounge areas at either side rather than a sea of tables. The food, as always, was delicious and varied. The photobooth made a comeback, giving brothers another opportunity to make more convention memories. The banquet began as it always does, with the Alpha Rho Chi Hymn, led this year by Evan Fraser of Daedalus. The Nicon chapter was presented with the George “So” Whitten Award for highest Chapter GPA. The Olynthius Chapter received the Community Service Award for their PB&J drive – they made almost 1,000 sandwiches to donate to local food pantries! The foundation awarded scholarships to Emily Buckberg, OLYN, Kylie Miller, PYTH, and David Maples, HADR. This year’s convention also marked a milestone for Alpha Rho Chi. Elizabeth Danze, a professor at The University of Texas at Austin, was nominated by the Dinocrates Chapter for the Alpha Rho Chi Gold Medal. The Gold Medal is awarded to honor an outstanding practitioner of architecture or an allied art. Ms. Danze is the first woman to be awarded the Gold Medal. Congratulations to all the recipients of awards!

After the awards ceremony, brothers danced the night away and, as always, it was the best convention ever.
Welcome Theodorus

New chapters in Tennessee and Illinois
by John Conway, Vitruvius

Thanks to its ever expanding presence and influence, Alpha Rho Chi continues to grow both internally and on a national level. The colony team, consisting of the Worthy Grand Lecturer, Expansion Director, and Colony Director, has been hard at work speaking with interested student groups, reviewing applications, and working with colonies in completing the petition requirements needed to establish a chapter. In 2017 the fraternity added two new chapters, Theodorus at the University of Tennessee and Amenophis at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Theodorus

The Theodorus colony was first envisioned as a student group that would be able to extend their influence past the school of architecture. Mason Bolen, the founding colony president, recalls: “I envisioned us having the opportunity to create a new culture within our College of Architecture and Design, and eventually redefine what a fraternity is and does in the eyes of our university”. The Theodorus colony, composed of 25 architecture and interior design majors, was pinned in and founded on September 26, 2015 at the University of Tennessee with the assistance of the Metagenes chapter.

Incorporating the checkerboard as part of their cadency mark, the colony decided to pay homage to a familiar symbol of the university. First incorporated as an architectural detail of the historic Ayres Hall located on campus, the checkerboard pattern has inspired countless elements throughout the university: from Neyland Stadium’s endzones to various types of apparel.

The colonists of Theodorus were able to show off their creativity through the various events held to satisfy the petition requirements to become a chapter. A furniture design competition, art gala dinner fundraiser, and an Introduction to Design workshop for local children helped establish Theodorus’ place on campus as the newest student organization dedicated to promoting the mission and ideals of Alpha Rho Chi. A strong recruitment period brought forth 18 new colonists who were eager to help in completing the requirements needed to establish a chapter. The colony also used this time to get to know each other better, hosting monthly potlucks and a holiday party dubbed “APXmas”. There were even talks at one point of writing, recording, and producing a fraternal holiday mixtape, which still may become a reality despite Theodorus’ colony days being over.

With the lessons learned and experiences gained throughout the colonization process, a petition was put forth in November of 2016 and approved by the active chapters and alumni associations. The Theodorus chapter was installed on February 4, 2017 at Kennesaw State University with the assistance of the Polyidus and Hippodamus chapters. They were first seated at the 70th national convention with Nathaniel Nalley, the Worthy Architect at the time and former colony president, serving as their first ever delegate.
Amenophis

The Amenophis colony was the vision of roommates Brandon Kaczmarek and Brendon Bangert, who wanted to be part of a student organization that unified the various majors within their college. “We wanted Alpha Rho Chi to be here at our school to create that Brotherhood and bring Architecture and Allied Arts students closer together not just within school but outside of it as well”. Boasting 25 colonists composed of architecture, fashion design and merchandising, and interior design majors, the Amenophis colony was pinned in and founded on February 20, 2016 at Southern Illinois University Carbondale with the assistance of the Anthemios chapter.

Selecting the scarab as their cadency mark, the colony wanted to honor southern Illinois’ nickname of “Little Egypt” due its proximity to the Mississippi and Ohio River valleys - representative of the Nile River - and the area’s founding name in 1818 of Cairo.

The colony wasted no time in planning the ways they would be able to leave an impact on campus and within the community. A park cleanup effort and the construction of a pondside bench in a park that houses Buckminster Fuller’s Geodesic Dome was an opportunity for the colony to begin building a strong relationship with the community. The colonists were able to share their skills and knowledge with their peers through a series of visualization and modeling workshops. Fundraisers through local businesses, as well as studio trivia nights and a cardboard mini golf course, were organized to support the colony’s endeavors as well as send two colonists to convention.

Kaczmarek and then colony president Joshua Gavel attended the 70th national convention in Portland, Oregon to speak in support of their recently submitted petition, which was approved by the convention. The Amenophis chapter was installed at the Anthemios house in Champaign, Illinois on April 1, 2017 with the assistance of the Anthemios and Isidorus chapters.

Since their installations, Theodorus and Amenophis have been excited to begin their operations as chapters and gain further exposure to the national fraternity as a whole. As Kaczmarek states, “Watching this brotherhood grow and become stronger and smarter has been an amazing experience which I will remember for the rest of my life. I love Alpha Rho Chi for all the amazing people I can now call my brothers”.

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Alumni Updates

Alumni Associations and Chapters get together for weekends of fun!

By George Lilly, Iktinos
Margaret Scaglione, Senenmut

Iktinos Family Picnic

On Saturday, September 2nd, members of the Iktinos Alumni Association and the Iktinos Chapter and their families got together at the Delhi Park North Shelter on the banks of the Huron River for the annual picnic. The Alumni Association provided hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments and tableware. Attendees brought a delicious selection of appetizers, salads and desserts. They played whiffle ball, bean bag toss and soccer. The soccer match was alums vs. actives and they played to a 1-1 tie. There was then an Eiffel Tower piñata for the children and grandchildren.

When Dave Pezda became president of the Iktinos Alumni Association three years ago, one of his first suggestions was that we host a family picnic. The first two picnics were held in July. This year we moved it to September when more of our students are back in Ann Arbor. We welcome all Iktinos alumni and actives and their families (spouses, children, grandchildren, parents, siblings) as well as brothers from other alumni associations and chapters. If you are interested in attending the Iktinos Alumni Association family picnic, please contact Iktinos Communications & Events Director Linda Lilly (734-222-6069 or gelmlilly@netscape.net) and we’ll put you on our mailing list. We hope to see you at our next picnic!

Senenmut Alumni Weekend

This past February the Senenmut Alumni Association hosted their first annual alumni weekend, offering four different events for brothers to attend over a three day period. The weekend kicked off on Friday evening with “Table Talks,” a professional mixer hosted with the University at Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning. Students, Alumni, and local Western New York architecture firms were invited to attend a networking session where participating firms set up marketing tables. The informal atmosphere encouraged narrowing the gap between education and career by allowing students, alumni, and local professionals to mingle over light refreshments.

The networking session was followed by an AIA credited presentation by Barbara A. Campagna, a local expert in the field of Historic Preservation. She discussed the transformation of multiple iconic buildings including the Buffalo State Asylum by H.H. Richardson into the new Hotel Henry. The event was a huge success with 80 plus attendees as well as numerous successful job and internship placements at several of the participating firms.

Saturday’s two events were geared specifically to all things APX. First, the Senenmut Alumni Association “Brunch and Business” meeting followed by the Senenmut White Rose formal hosted by the active chapter. The final activity of the weekend was a private tour of the previously presented Hotel Henry nearing the completion of construction including the still vacant areas of the previous Buffalo State Asylum.
New Initiates

Based on reports filed with the Grand Council.

Philon 11/16/16
William Eucker
Caroline Amstutz
Laurie Perg
OnYou Kang
Jia Yu Hong

Callimachus 12/1/16
Nichole Nepomuceno
Chloe Zhang

Iktinos 12/3/16
Christian Rios
Bailey Surbrook
Edward Conrad Diao
Stephanie Rydecki
Jedediah Rosen
Kaya Ramirez
Connor Edmonds

Apollodorus 12/10/16
Sammi Howard
Natalsha Locht
Mohamad Alkadry
Karla Paredes
Molly Bennett
Kristy Hylton
Jaila Mills
Simone Alexander

Mnesicles 1/1/17
Sarah Dhols-Graf
Kyrie Maloney
Ingrid Caroll
Elle Anderson
Kaelyn Spencer
Haylee Thomas-Kuhlman
Maia Peterson
Kiley Nelson
Jane Borstad
SophiaNorwood
Morgan Wittmers-Graves
Helen Palmer
Claire Kim

Dinocrates 1/13/17
Alexander D Noaks
Ananya Manian
Benett E Lemboke
Celine Wu
Chandler R Householder
Gabrielle A Mauldin
Jacob T Middleton
Jamie Son
Kalie A Currin
Lisa Yang
Maria F Navarr
Michael C Azterbaun
Patrick W Rogers
Shruti Iyer
Sydney Lohkamp
Taylor Schill

Hippodamus 1/14/17
Brendon Ward
Rory Fitzpatrick
Leah Welborn
Sarah Hoing
Zach Corely
Joshua Cummins
Jacob Turner
Will Jordan
William Deisle

Polydus 1/14/17
Shannon Lumpkin
Rachel Rountree

Anthemios 1/15/17
Imani Brown
Ethan Barreto
Emma
Dannhausen-Brun
Adele Rehkemper

Andronicus 1/15/17
Matthew J Rocktashel
Adam A Yona
Marshall S Davis
Sarah S Mercado
Matias J Gonzalez
Ben M Rich
Sam C Gherrity
Norris J Palmer

Numius 1/29/17
Ashley Persad
Cyzanesh Harvey
Daniella Sandoval
Deelin Francis
Kyle Noch
Marcos Gonzalez
Maxwell Kubota
Sabastian Sutyman

Callimachus 2/1/17
Victoria Wu
Adeline Belsby
Divya Jain
Garrick Ho

Pytheos 2/1/17
Sydney Carl
Rosemary Dayton
Bailey Dougherty
Craig Findlay
Majdi Alkarute
Drew Doyle
Andrew Goldsmith
Cale Miller

Theodorus 2/4/17
Mason Bolen
Shubhakshya
Bhandart
Daniel Byrd
Leah Cassetty
Sydney Flannery
Taylor Harrell
Devon Holt
Kathryn Hopkins
Margaret House
Jessica Howard
Sean King
Kathryn Lamb
Cherine Minnis
Nathaniel Nailey
Elizawether Ott
Joseph Platt Jr.
Olivia Poston
Briyana Rainer
Lauren Taylor
Andriana Thompson

Daedalus 3/1/17
Matthew Perry
Elitsa Vutova
Anh Nguyen
Tommy Li
Nicholas Andras
Nadthachai
Kongkhajornkidsuk
Malcolm Edmiston
Sergio Gurruquieta
Margaux Elliott
Navaya Vishnoi
Cynthia Renteria
Crystal Chen
Maribel Lopez Ponce

Metagenes 3/18/17
Evelyn Agren
O. Gates Breeden
Elizabeth Bussert
Mina Kang
Antonio Montuori
Amanda Stucky
Mary Lissy Tarabillo
Roca
Dominick Valenti
Brandi Wagenhoffer

Metagenes 4/1/17
Defne Kansu

Vitruvius 4/1/17
Hannah Baker
Megan Harding
Tyler Luszik
Teresa Marie Pecher
Nathan Steinhauser
Oscar Wbegreit

Cleisthenes 4/8/17
Sara Chamblies
Adam Adel
Mateo Alvarez

Hadrian 4/8/17
Elizabeth Bateman
Danelle Martin
Carson Pintek
Lindsay Poppenhagen
Mollie Serafini

Agamedes 4/2/17
Tiffani Jade Banks
Laura Celeste Beltran
Daniella Paola Cancel
Qiazi Chen
Kyle Joseph Ferry
Frances Gelbart
Joshua Max Kleinberg
Fioriana Maria Larche
Israel Martinez
Xinrix Rong
Jessica Stefanick
Jaime Torro

Rabirius 4/8/17
Patty Sue Gibboney
Ali Garcia
Allison Albrecht
Maria Baker
Meghan Bruegghe
Alexis Ankom
Adam Pozdro
Emily Krogstad
Rileigh Smyth
Joe Cermanaro
Marial Coombs
Emily Nordwick
Codie Chang
Srimoyee Sinha
Katie Dyson
Anna Kendrick
Jon Feverston
Kriti Chaudhry
Emily Sprunger
Stephanie Snyder
Tyler Haaz

Andronicus 4/9/17
Alexa Blanct
Ana Prolkt Schuchovski
Ahyun Claire Son
Ling Luo
Yiwei Lyu
Mika Taiya Nagar
Nastassja Anique Edda
Lazarre Lafront
Roberta De Leon Cruz
Veronica Stelzer

Sostratus 4/15/17
Tyresha Jones-smith
Nathan Miller
Jamie Stauffer
Matt Caviness
Angelina Bagnoevts

Agamedes 4/2/17
Tiffani Jade Banks
Laura Celeste Beltran
Daniella Paola Cancel
Qiazi Chen
Kyle Joseph Ferry
Frances Gelbart
Joshua Max Kleinberg
Fioriana Maria Larche
Israel Martinez
Xinrix Rong
Jessica Stefanick
Jaime Torro

Rabirius 4/8/17
Patty Sue Gibboney
Ali Garcia
Allison Albrecht
Maria Baker
Meghan Bruegghe
Alexis Ankom
Adam Pozdro
Emily Krogstad
Rileigh Smyth
Joe Cermanaro
Marial Coombs
Emily Nordwick
Codie Chang
Srimoyee Sinha
Katie Dyson
Anna Kendrick
Jon Feverston
Kriti Chaudhry
Emily Sprunger
Stephanie Snyder
Tyler Haaz

Andronicus 4/9/17
Alexa Blanct
Ana Prolkt Schuchovski
Ahyun Claire Son
Ling Luo
Yiwei Lyu
Mika Taiya Nagar
Nastassja Anique Edda
Lazarre Lafront
Roberta De Leon Cruz
Veronica Stelzer

Sostratus 4/15/17
Tyresha Jones-smith
Nathan Miller
Jamie Stauffer
Matt Caviness
Angelina Bagnoevts
Transitioning to MemberPlanet

A new member management system

BY Phil Buckberg, Metagenes
Worthy Grand Architect

This summer, Alpha Rho Chi began a partnership with MemberPlanet (www.memberplanet.com) to update our core processes: managing member data, communicating with brothers, chapters, and other organizations, and managing dues and other finances. The Grand Council is rolling out the new system in waves, with testing, limited access, and eventually full access. Look for some new communications this year as we continue the transition over the next few months.

Our first step was to transition our member and payment data from the Master Database and from CRS to MemberPlanet. Following that, the WGA, WGS, and WGE worked with MemberPlanet to organize our data and financial information to streamline chapter monthly payments, alumni dues payments, and other event-based payments. Going forward, we expect new communications, newsletters, promotional announcements, and other types of communications.

We learned about MemberPlanet shortly after convention 2017 in Portland. We were expecting to roll out a new system called NeonCRM, but it wasn’t a good fit for our needs. After convention, we began a search for other options. At the same time, the Professional Fraternity Association (PFA), of which APX is a founding member, was just introducing NeonCRM, but it wasn’t a good fit for our needs. After convention, we began a search for other options. At the same time, the Professional Fraternity Association (PFA), of which APX is a founding member, was just rolling out MemberPlanet for themselves. We reached out to MemberPlanet right away, had a few demos, and decided that it was the best fit for Alpha Rho Chi’s future.

At RD retreat in August, WGE Emily Lewis provided the first MemberPlanet introduction to our Regional Directors. At Leadership Conference in October, Brother Lewis demonstrated some of MemberPlanet’s features to our WA’s, and WGS Christina Anderson presented MemberPlanet’s communications options. As of December 1, two chapters are using MemberPlanet. We will be introducing more chapters in the new year, with the goal of having all chapters and brothers using MemberPlanet by June 2018.

Fortunately, one of MemberPlanet’s best features is their support team, and we will be working with them, and with our chapters and other groups, to develop our rollout schedule. Look for more news about this exciting new venture in the coming weeks and months!

New Initiates, continued.

Callimachus 4/20/17
Ethan Wu

Isidorus 4/22/17
Olivia McElravey
Peter Witt
Anthony Mussari
Maria Hornsby
Samuel Scriba
Alexander Egan
Samantha Hemsworth
Ryan Lonnell Davis
Susana Jaramillo
Lorin Pucel
Katherine Kelley
Molly Erin Burns
Emily Brooks
Blake Logan Horsley
Andrew Porten
Caroline Berlage
Kyle Myers
Alexander Jacob
Bellman
AnneMarie Morman
James Mustillo
Stephanie Murray
Lauren Oates
Lindsay Thurston
Lauren DeMarks
Jada Jones

Severus 4/22/17
Megan Wiemers
Yasmin Goulding
Louis Vidger
Marcella Casarella
Devan Lee Maxwell
Megan Hirsch
Susan George

Apollo 4/22/17
Kayla Marie Palmer
Kyle Eubanks
Jason Alread

Sosippus 4/22/17
Abigail Shane
Ivonne Lily Trujillo
Brenna Bagwell
Priscilla Duong
Patrik Cvetojevic
Elisa Han

Senenmut 4/29/17
Donavon S Bembridge
Ariadne Alejandra Billy
Madison Barbara
Hawes
Ryan Michael Vigliotto
Adara Marie Zullo
Zoe Nicole Nye
Marissa Rose Hayden
Brooke T Nicholas

Philon 5/1/17
Julie Kim
Charlie Bodell
Tatianna Capko
Sarah Pulvirenti
Ella Sudit
Kristie Houghton
Javier Zarazua
Kelly Whelen
Marina Hurwitz
Alex Riedel
Aayush Jain
Corinna Siu
Grayson Uhlir
Rebecca Shen

Domitian 5/5/17
Daniel Beltran
Daniel Garijo
Ernesto Cabrera
Gabriel Ng
Jessica Sesio
Joseph Giambri
Kyle Reid
Luis Santos
Sebastian Lopez
Brian Whitney

Satyrus 5/7/17
Emily Bove
Dempsey Wilken

Polypus 9/1/17
Myndra F Aaron
Christopher Essien
Alexander Stuart Ross
Rourke Brakeville
Melissa Dianne Holder
Meghan Gillman
Daryl Lee Rowe
Diana Gil
Joseph Noah Malcom

Anthemios 11/4/17
Jacob Sodaro
Kazuma Rangarajan
Marc Edler
Alexandra Falbo
Benjamin Norgle
Amy Li
Hailey Collum
Savannah Barnhardt
Taylor Lutz
Rebecca Torres Torres
Benjamin Tang
Isabelle Ndoumy
Alicia Gomez

Vitruvius 11/4/17
Kelly Beggin

Pytheos 11/11/17
Austyn Joel Perez
JoLynn Broweleit
Bailey Gocke
Faith Porter Combs
Dhanush Deva Reddy
Chandra Reddy
McKenna Krueger
Tori Lawernce
Madeline McGill
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- Mobile App
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