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ZETA ZETA OF LAMBDA CHI ALPHA AT PENN STATE

AN IMPORTANT UPDATE ON ZETA ZETA

The alumni of Zeta Zeta, represented and led by our alumni corporation board, always strives to ensure the enduring legacy and success of our chapter. Over the last few months, some difficult decisions have had to be made in the face of significant challenges with the chapter.

How We Got Here and Actions to Date

During the final week of the spring semester, the General Fraternity (national) placed the undergraduate chapter on limited operations. The General Fraternity then conducted an investigation, which revealed significant operational deficiencies. As a result of these findings, national ordered and organized a membership review and the installation of a control board led by Ken Termini (see Ken's message on the next page). The control board is committed to guiding the chapter back to its foundational principles.

All returning undergraduate members were required to meet with the membership-review committee. The purpose of these interviews was to assess each brother's understanding of the issues, their commitment to upholding the value of Lambda Chi Alpha, and their willingness to actively participate in the chapter's revitalization. That review is now complete, and Zeta Zeta now has a strong nucleus of 29 active undergraduates.

The House

The timing of these events posed a challenge. Once a person signs a residential lease, Pennsylvania law makes it very difficult to remove that individual from a property. There was not enough time to conduct the investigation and complete the membership review prior to issuing a lease. We wanted to avoid offering suspended or expelled members housing contracts, as they could have then refused to vacate the property. Therefore, the alumni housing corporation made the difficult but necessary decision to not issue a residential lease to the chapter.

What's Next

While the house will not serve as a residence for the undergraduates, the chapter will remain active and vibrant, and the house will be used for certain group functions, such as undergraduate officer meetings and rush. Ken Termini will also serve as the new undergraduate adviser. The General Fraternity, control board, and undergraduates, will work together to ensure appropriate guidance and training is given/received, and that the operational deficiencies are corrected.

We expect the undergraduates will work through these challenges and come back better than ever, continuing our more than one-hundred-year legacy.

We will provide further updates as the chapter progresses, and we welcome your continued support and engagement during this crucial period.

In Zax,

Mike Heimowitz

A LETTER FROM KEN TERMINI

As Mike Heimowitz reported in his chapter update, it's been a tough 100 days. Investigations, membership reviews, suspensions, and expulsions, have occupied a lot of time and burned a lot of energy. It has not been fun.

During the past few years our undergraduates increased their focus on Penn State-centric items like THON, high membership numbers, and a perceived popularity and prestige within the PSU Greek community. Simultaneously, they deemphasized teaching Lambda Chi Alpha's core values via our history, lessons, and ritual. This trend accelerated over the past school year, and ultimately led to the breakdown of chapter operations, and a fractured relationship between the undergraduates and other key stakeholders.

The good news is these problems were identified, and corrective action has begun. I wish I was taking on this role under better circumstances, but it doesn't diminish my enthusiasm and excitement about becoming the adviser for our beloved chapter. We have a small, but solid, group of young men who are ready to get Zeta Chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha back on track. They, like I, are ready to embrace this opportunity.

Sharing common culture, teachings, and beliefs, is what make us Lambda Chi Alphas. Those bonds build the foundation that allow all brothers to relate to each other, regardless of age, race, religion, or location. Unless those common experiences are part of every member's experience, the house at 351 E. Fairmont isn't Zeta Chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha, it's a generic frat that serves as little more than a social club.

It's time to reestablish and proudly display our pride in being Lambda Chi Alphas. AXA is unique in the Greek world. All members are equal. We do not have pledges. All members equally share responsibilities and accountability. Our teachings reflect our acceptance that every man is a work in progress. Lambda Chi Alpha is built to give all men the opportunity to grow and develop as leaders. Part of that growth comes from learning new skills, but all brothers know our teachings are also designed to help us learn how to handle the inevitable mistakes we all make in life. It's a unique, humbling, combination that's a reflection of the Christian principles embedded within our ritual and teachings.

So, as I take on this new role, my pledge and promise to all my brothers, young and old, is that I will always shape my advice and actions around these four pillars:

1. Executing a true fraternity education program that respects all members.
2. Ensuring Lambda Chi Alpha teachings, ceremonies, and rituals are taught and performed respectfully and regularly.
3. Implementing effective, proactive, and transparent communication between and within all the major stakeholders (undergraduates, alumni, university, and General Fraternity).
4. Creating a culture of personal accountability that reflects our teachings, our ritual, and our two open mottos "Every Man a Man" and "Naught Without Labor."

The next two semesters will not be easy, but our young brothers and I are ready for the challenge. I am excited to work with them, and I hope all of you are too. My request to the alumni is this: reengage! Volunteer to serve as a mentor for an undergraduate officer. Run and serve on our alumni boards and committees. Or invite the undergraduates to swing by your tailgate at a football game. If you don't know how to invite them or get involved, send me an e-mail at kentermini@yahoo.com, and I'll pass the word along or get you in touch with the right people.

I look forward to serving the chapter, these young men, and our fine alumni.

Yours In ZAX...

Ken Termini, Z 1038

The Zeta Chapter Control Board

Chair: Ken Termini. Members: Garret DeMallie, Z 1940; Rick Hambright, PTZ 283; Mike Heimowitz, Z 971; Jason Lenox, PTZ 274; Greg Linde, Z 1224; Bob Milone, Z 988; Ted Oyler, Z 989

ALUMNI UPDATE

John Riener '63: Good Times Lead to Good Friends

A healthy social life is often a benefit of fraternity membership. **John Riener '63**, made the most of his time at Penn State when it came to social opportunities.

"We were known for great parties!" John said. "The best was our annual toga party. We would have a pre-party somewhere outdoors where we would make our togas. It was a great event!"

Sometimes the parties got the chapter in hot water, however. "Our house mother, Mother G., lived in the house. Her apartment was in the back on the first floor," he said. "One night, after a Saturday night party, we played music very loudly and danced around the living room furniture. Mother G. came out of her room and shouted at us. We were so embarrassed but also found it pretty funny."

"My favorite hangout was downstairs in the chapter room, especially on Friday nights. The highlight was playing Whales Tales, a fun drinking game."

John described how the chapter would sometime take the good times on the road. "Not many of us had cars, so we did not have any real road trips to talk about," he said. "We did occasionally drive to Belfont, to visit a bar that had a back room. We would order a case of cold beer. I'm glad I didn't drive."

John was not just focused on the parties and social part of fraternity life. He loved initiation. "I was elected Hi Pi, the officer in charge of initiation."



My graduation picture with Bob Tussey '65 and Bob Woelfling '65.



Start of a sea-to-sea bike trip: west to east, crossing of England. One of many bike adventures.

He made strong friendships that also lead to performing at parties. "My best friend was **Bob Woelfling '65**, John said. "He and **Bob Tussey '65** were living in my dorm, across the hall from me. We all pledged Lambda Chi. We formed a group, the Tussey Trio, and would sing at our Friday night parties, whenever asked. We were really bad but loved it.

"**Mel Ludovici '65**, or 'Ludie,' was also a great friend that I stayed in touch with for years."

John kept in touch with brothers as an alumnus. "Bob Woelfling and I met every chance we could for years, especially when he moved close to me in Florida. Unfortunately, Bob died a few years ago, which was very sad. A group of us also kept up an e-mail string."

John described a fun chapter tradition related to officer transitions. "Every year after the election of house officers, we would have dinner out," he said. "The new officers would pay the tab of the old officers. Naturally, the old officers would order huge appetizers, dinners, and desserts. It was a real pig-out but lots of fun."

Hello Zeta Zeta alumni!

My name is **Lukas Giering**, your new High Rho, and I am looking forward to stepping up the level of engagement that the chapter has with all of you. Our undergraduate chapter has recently elected our new fall 2025 officers with a goal that each of us will bring fresh energy and a renewed focus to key areas of chapter life. We're proud to introduce the brothers who will be stepping into these responsibilities as we look forward to the chapter's 113th year of continuous operation.

Carter Radomicki

High Alpha

Jonathan Gormley

High Beta

Ashton Warchol

High Theta

Ben Galiano

High Gamma

Christopher Bosco

High Tau

Dylan Fitzgerald & Elliott Hirschle

High Iota

Christopher Guglielmo

High Kappa

Dylan Frank & Daniel Marino

High Delta

Jack Anderson

High Phi

Aidan Catanzaro

High Sigma

Maddox Leitzel & Karter Peereboom

High Epsilon

Lukas Giering

High Rho

Luke Delzingaro

Philanthropy

Dylan Bast

Standards

Ken Termini

High Pi

Eric Hetzel

House Manager

GOLF, GOOD TIMES, AND GIVING BACK

10th Annual Charlie Zendt Memorial Golf Outing Recap



We were treated to a beautiful day, mid '80s and mostly sunny, for the 10th Annual Charlie Zendt Memorial Golf Outing! Nineteen golfers hit the course, while six others enjoyed a trip to 814 Cidery and then Meyer's Dairy. Later, 30 brothers, spouses, significant others, and friends gathered at the chapter house for dinner and camaraderie. Thanks to the great weather, we were able to enjoy the meal on the front patio.

This year, we were proud to donate \$500 to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County (HFHGCC), a charity selected by Charlie's family.

Next year, the 11th annual outing will be held on Saturday, July 18. Mark your calendars now!

Check out the photos from the day by heading to the photo gallery at lxsualums.com/10th-annual-charlie-zendt-memorial-golf-outing.

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Edward "Eddie" Virbitsky '90

Brothers, it is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Edward "Eddie" Virbitsky '90 into Chapter Eternal. We want to extend our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and loved ones. Read on below to view his obituary.

Source Courtesy of Post-Gazette

Edward "Eddie" Virbitsky passed away suddenly and unexpectedly, on March 14, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

He was the beloved husband of Bridget (Borowski) and devoted father to Ella, Zack and Ava. Ed was the 11th of thirteen children, son of Michael and Genevieve "Jean" (Pesarchik) Virbitsky. He was raised in Mayfield, Pennsylvania near Scranton and graduated from Lakeland High School in 1983. During that time, he excelled in football, basketball and track and field. He graduated from Penn State University in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in health administration.

Ed began his professional career in environmental services with ServiceMaster. He relocated to both Harrisburg and Erie. He ultimately settled in Pittsburgh in 1994 as director of environmental services at West Penn Hospital. He stayed there for close to 20 years. In 2013, he transitioned to director of EVS at St. Clair Hospital. In 2020, Ed began his career with Crothall Healthcare Inc. as EVS training director. He proudly shared his passion and extensive experience of EVS with newly hired staff for all hospitals within the Allegheny Health Network.

Ed was an avid Penn State Football fan and never missed a game. He loved golfing and as with everything else, he did it well. He eagerly anticipated high school baseball season and looked forward to watching Hampton play.

Ed's true heart and soul was steadfast with his family, both in Scranton and Pittsburgh. He met Bridget in Pittsburgh in 1997 and



soon after they never parted. They were married in 2002 and raised three children in Hampton Township, Pennsylvania, where they resided for 23 years. He was a handyman extraordinaire; he could and would-do anything for anyone. Ed could be found in his yard, garage or home with the kids. He never missed an opportunity to support their activities and interests.

Ed was exceptionally kind and caring. He had the ability to connect with anyone he met from any walk of life. He was beyond patient, a great listener and generous with his time and energy. He had

a silly, yet sharp sense of humor. Eddie will be cherished and missed endlessly by those who knew him.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Genevieve (Jean) Virbitsky; his brother, Michael Virbitsky; his sister, Anne Marie Thomas; and his brother, William Virbitsky. He is survived by his wife, Bridget (Borowski); his daughters, Ella and Ava; and his son, Zack. Surviving siblings: George (Sharon), Stephen (Grace), Anthony (JoEllen), Kenneth (Debbie), Leonard (Maure), Joseph (Connie), Alan (Kathy), Thomas (Molly), Amy (Mitch). Also survived by his sisters-in-law, Evie and Leslie; and brother-in-law, Bob Thomas; and 36 loving nieces and nephews.

A mass of Christian burial was held on Tuesday, March 25, at 10:30 a.m., St. Martha and Mary Parish St. Catherine of Sweden Church Campus, 2554 Wildwood Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. He was laid to rest at Holy Savior Cemetery; 4629 Bakerstown Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044.

Memorial Donations may be made to Aiden's Helping Hands; aidenshelpinghands.com or Love From Lucy; lovefromlucy22.com. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with Edward's family at www.kingfuneralhome.com.

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