



April 2019

Greetings Brothers! It has been a busy several months for the Alumni Board as well as the active chapter of Chi Zeta. On everyone's mind has been the terms of probation discipline placed on the chapter last year by Lambda Chi Alpha International (LCA Int'l) requiring an Alumni Control Board (ACB) to assume control of chapter operations. To meet this requirement multiple alumni have volunteered to mentor the chapter officers. They deserve thanks from all of us. Each of these alumni mentors report back to me as ACB Chair, about the actions of the chapter officers. The reports have been very reassuring in that the officers are displaying the focused, engaged leadership that is needed for the chapter to progress. Our volunteers are doing great so far. The multiple behavioral educational sessions required by the probation have been scheduled by the appropriate officers with attendance at 90% or more as LCA Int'l directs, and LCA has reported to me that they are pleased with the actions of the chapter during probation.

We are also pleased to report that the Board of Fraternity Affairs convened a hearing on our case the evening of April 25th. The principal spokesman for the Fraternity was Chapter President Cullen Brown, assisted by three Undergraduate Brothers and four Alumni, myself included. Rather than a confrontational process, the hearing was actually a fairly cordial session. The BFA members were generally complimentary that we self-reported the issue and took immediate remedial steps under the guidance of International. Informally, board members advised that their inclination was to order no sanctions beyond what had already been mandated by International, but University rules require some form of penalty under the circumstances. Accordingly, the BFA requires the Fraternity to strictly adhere to all University and Fraternity rules and guidelines for the next school year, August 2019 through May 2020. The BFA also encouraged the Chapter to continue arranging the educational and training programs similar to those organized in the past year. Note that the chapter president's report shows how members have done so while continuing to make great strides with recruitment, volunteer projects and social events that make chapter life enriching and enjoyable as it should be.

Spring has also brought a regrowth to the foundation of Ritual at Chi Zeta. Working with LCA Int'l and with amazing guidance from our great High Pi **Steve Parsons ΦB341**, the new High Phi **Justin Cieszykowski '17 X2184** oversaw the initiation of eight new Brothers including our award-winning Resident Advisor for the past two years, Josue Hernandez. The team was honored by the presence of LCA Master Steward **Scott Eggers, Alpha Kappa Zeta (Wabash) '86**, who provided fresh insights and reverence for the meanings of the teachings, joined also by alumni **John Crook '72 X980** and **Pete Kale '75 X1020** and two visiting Brothers from Theta Kappa Zeta at Rose-Hullman. From the solemn Silent Supper through completion of our memorable ritual, it was an inspiring event in keeping with our best Chi Zeta and Lambda Chi traditions.

As you can see, the spirit and work of our chapter endures due to the efforts of its active and alumni members working together as Brothers. The chapter recruitment gains will provide economic stability to the operational budget. The Spring Happy Hour event in Chicago was great, and Homecoming October 19 in Champaign will be a wonderful opportunity to get together with old friends and discover new ones among our membership.

Think about joining in as a board member or alumni career mentor. These are things that are very rewarding for us and help to strengthen the chapter long term.

Yours in ZAX  
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