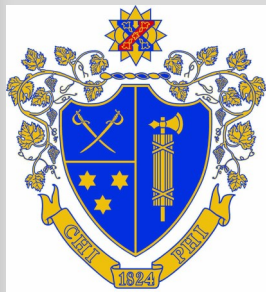




Chi Phi Fraternity

Lambda Zeta Update

Spring 2014



**"When I put forth
my best effort and
combine that with
the strength of my
Brothers, we can
achieve the victory
of continual
existence."**

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Recruitment

We're growing!

**Our chapter will double
in size by the end of this
school year!**

The State of the Chapter

The Spring 2014 Semester has provided the Lambda Zeta Chapter with the opportunity to excel. With a new Executive Council elected, brainstorming started immediately and we realized that it was absolutely necessary to have a brotherhood retreat. This retreat allowed members of various pledge classes to recognize what it truly means to be a gentleman of the Chi Phi Fraternity, and we did exactly just that. We left retreat a tighter unit and with a list of short term and long term goals.

Our successful recruitment began with efforts back in the fall semester and they paid off. We were able to host a dozen events with impressive turnouts at each one. Our most successful event was to take the prospects out to Dave & Busters. We provided each of them with a \$10 game card and they had a blast — and so did we.

Thanks to a successful Recruit-

ment Week we were able to pin 14 New Members. Each of them brings with them a unique personality that will strengthen our fraternity.

We are strengthening our bond with the St. Mary's University sports program. We have made strides by tailgating at the first home softball and baseball games. It was a good time for all and we got to show off our school spirit. We hope to continue to be involved with the St. Mary's University athletic teams.

We'll be hosting Splash N' Dash which is a water balloon fight for all members the campus community. The hope for this event is to bring together athletes, Greeks, and everybody else.

One of our goals is to build a stronger connection with alumni and we have done this by inviting them to numerous events such as: Frijole Friday, a flag football game, our annual soft-

Richard Dutchover, Chapter Alpha

ball game, the Scramble to Support Our Youth Golf Tournament, Homecoming Oyster Bake, Fiesta Oyster Bake, and the annual Chi Phi Bowl. We have seen an increase in turnout from both brothers and alumni. We are looking to continue this by hosting more events that are fun for both the alumni and active members.

At the 14th Annual Delta Zeta Bowl-a-thon, we took 3rd place. Although it is step down from getting 2nd place the previous year, it was fun nonetheless. We are looking forward to participating in future events hosted by sororities.

The Spring Semester has been a very productive one for the chapter. We are making great strides in numerous aspects and we are working towards continuous improvement. Our brotherhood has strengthened and the future looks bright for the Lambda Zeta Chapter.

Retreat!

January 18th - The active chapter organized a retreat at Augies Smoke House BBQ. We brought the chapter members closer, discussed our vision and goals for both the short and long terms. We also were refreshed on some of the tradition and ritual elements in our fraternity. The event was a complete success thanks to the input of everyone present and alumnus, Nicholas Medina. We are glad to bring this tradition back and we are looking forward to the next retreat, at the beginning of next school year.



Special thanks to alumni brothers Nicholas Medina, Jose Castañeda, and Chris Gonzalez for helping us put this event together.

Fourteen New Members

Spring Recruitment was a great success as it helped bring in fourteen new members to our fraternity. This the largest pledge class in several years, with new members that bring greater diversity and a refreshing new energy.



Recruitment Week Fun at Dave and Buster's

The Beta Delta Pledge Class

Emiliano Faciert, Houston (Political Science)
 Carlos Gomez, El Paso (Psychology)
 Christian Gomez, Dallas (Business Management)
 Joshua Haner, El Paso (Exercise & Sports Science)
 Michael Loof, Katy (Finance/International Business)
 Oscar Melgar, Houston (Psychology)
 Jesus De Santiago, El Paso (Business Management)
 Jean-Claude Prudhomme, Dallas (Finance/Risk Mgmt.)
 Josh Prudhomme, Dallas (Psychology)
 Juan Ramirez, Phoenix, AZ (Electrical Engineering)
 Carlos Sandoval, Houston (Engineering Management)
 Andres Tafich, Mexico City (Communications)
 Miguel Tejeda, Alamo (Computer Science)
 Rocco Trevino, Edinburg (Finance)

Living the Dream



Recent graduate and Chi Phi Alumnus Michael Sanchez is pursuing and realizing his dream of developing his own entertainment company. The name of the company is Loud Music Entertainment and one of the company's first moves was to sponsor an event with the well-known group, Jump Smokers at Club Rio. The group is made up of three young men that have had projects with many artists, including Pitbull. Congratulations Brother Sanchez and we wish you the best in your future plans!

Supporting Rattler Athletics

Tailgate time! Chi Phi brothers, along with other student organizations provided food at the opening of Dickson Stadium. After the tailgate, brothers watched the Rattler team win its first game in the new stadium.



Frijole Friday is a Hit!

Jan. 31. The Lambda Zeta Chapter's first fundraiser of the year is now well-known throughout the campus - Frijole Friday. Thanks to the teamwork put forth by members, we were able to sell more than 150 different type of breakfast tacos in Quad. The Chapter collaborated with Ruthie's Restaurant (our taco-makers) and made money to use for chapter operations. If you would like to support the chapter by buying tacos, let one of the active brothers know so they can give you a notification on when the next Frijole Friday will be held.



Texas RLA

San Antonio hosted the Chi Phi Regional Leadership Alliance February 14-16. The brothers of Lambda Zeta actively participated in this engaging learning experience. Brother Nicholas Medina served as one of several facilitators at the event. After the workshops, brothers gathered to socialize and exchange ideas about what it means to be a Chi Phi.



This year's Regional Leadership Alliance brought brothers in from every Texas chapter: Texas A&M University, University of Texas—Dallas, Schreiner University, University of the Incarnate Word, and St. Mary's University.

Get Those Guns Out!



The brothers and pledges enjoyed brotherhood event at Crossfire Paintball. Despite the bruises and minor injuries, the comments of all the individuals that attended the event were positive and exciting to hear. This was a great way to bond as a chapter.

Are you ready for some football?

On March 1, the active chapter had the opportunity to show our alumni that their athletic years were over. However, alumni also showed one or two new things to the young bucks in an intense, but fun football game. The event took place at Woodlawn Lake Park with about fifteen alumni suiting up to play. It was great to finally meet some of the alumni whom we'd previously only heard about.

After the game, the chapter had a barbecue for the alumni where we enjoyed hearing their old "war stories." Thanks to everyone that came out. And for those that missed, we'll see you next year.



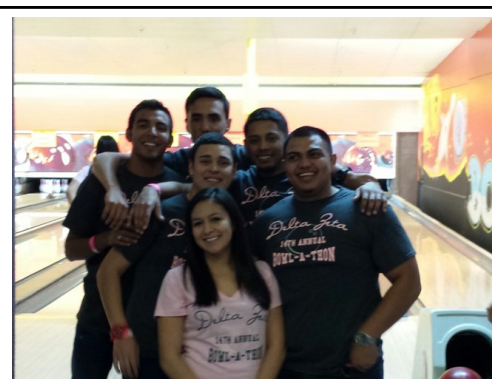
Service is Learning

The Lambda Zeta chapter has continued its traditions of campus involvement and serving those in need. Earlier this year, brothers participated in the annual Continuing the Heritage, a campus-wide service learning effort where St. Mary's students go to locations throughout the San Antonio area.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Brothers also recently attended a service activity at the Boys and Girls Club, our national philanthropy.



Brothers attended Delta Zeta's annual Bowl-A-Thon in February



Upcoming Events

March 29

Noon

Softball Game — Brackenridge Park (Lambert Beach Field)

6:00 PM

Homecoming Oyster Bake

Pecan Grove — at The Letters

April 6

2nd Annual Scramble to Support Our Youth Golf Tournament

April 12

Fiesta Oyster Bake

We'll be selling chocolate-covered strawberries on the soccer field. Come and support!

April 26

Chi Phi Bowl

Annual flag football game against UIW XΦ.

Come and cheer!

April 29

Missions Game

Join us for \$2 Tuesday

Reserved tickets, parking, beer—each \$2

Alumni Brothers Andrew Ramon, Luis Marquez, Sunil Machia, Eddie Vega, and Nicholas Medina joined us for a brotherhood event at Dave & Buster's.



Brothers gather in badge attire after the Candlelight Ceremony



The Beta Delta pledge class gathers around Brother Andrew Ramon after their pinning ceremony.

