

## ADDITIONAL GALA INFO

### Book Your Room

Room reservations at the Nittany Lion Inn can be made online at [www.nittanylioninn.psu.edu](http://www.nittanylioninn.psu.edu) or via phone at 800-233-7505. Please use code **THEJ13D** to ensure best pricing and access to the Theta Chi block of reserved rooms.

### Nominate a Brother

Submit your nomination for the Board of Directors elections, to be held October 19, at [www.thetachiomega.com/nominations](http://www.thetachiomega.com/nominations).

### Bring the Family

During our grand reception and black tie gala, your kids will be entertained in a separate room with certified professionals providing supervision, including games, movies, and a child friendly menu. No need to worry, Mom and Dad can dance the night away and celebrate Theta Chi black tie style knowing the kids are having plenty of fun as well.

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

"It truly is amazing and worthy of serious contemplation that Omega Chapter has been a stable, renowned, and contributing member of the Penn State community for nearly 95 years, bringing young, aspiring men together to 'Extend the Helping Hand,' while establishing lifelong relationships and improving the university experience for well over 1,500 fellow Omega brothers."

- Richard Elder, National President of Theta Chi Fraternity

Read more of Richard's letter at [www.thetachiomega.com](http://www.thetachiomega.com).



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## UPCOMING EVENT

### Are You Signed Up for the Party of the Century?

The culmination of a Century in the Making is almost here! Join us for our gala celebration the weekend of October 19th. This is not your standard Theta Chi & Penn State party. Consider the following itinerary, which is outstanding, and keep in mind that many generations of Omega Chapter brothers will be in town for the weekend, creating an incredibly valuable and unique opportunity to reconnect, relax, and enjoy.

This is an exciting time for the fraternity and a great and unique opportunity to catch up, have a fun trip with the family, and celebrate what we all know is an outstanding Fraternity and University.

Find full details of the weekend's activities at [www.thetachiomega.com/gala](http://www.thetachiomega.com/gala). A few of the highlights include:

#### Friday, October 18

- Check in at the Nittany Lion Inn. The Theta Chi of Penn State reception desk will be open Friday and Saturday in the Rotunda to assist with any arrangements and to provide information regarding the weekend.
- Optional mid-afternoon golf outing at Toftrees Golf Resort, hosted by Jeff Damcott.
- Evening welcome reception at the chapter house, with drinks and light hors d'oeuvres (shuttle from Nittany Lion Inn provided).

#### Saturday, October 19

- Annual Corporation meeting at the Nittany Lion Inn, with a continental breakfast and plenty of opportunity to connect with the brotherhood.
- Complimentary bus tour of campus hosted by the Nittany Lion Ambassadors, with a stop at the chapter house for a buffet lunch and drinks before returning to the Inn.
- Saturday evening marks the big celebration, A Century in the Making with a grand reception outside the Inn's boardroom, followed by a black tie gala with



The Theta Chi letters adorning the house are an iconic symbol of our home at Penn State. The 2013 spring pledge class added new letters to the front of the house in April. The last time the letters were changed was back in 2007.

entertainment, great food, plenty of dancing, and time to connect and network. Penn State Trustee Anthony Lubrano will be the keynote speaker.

#### Sunday, October 20

- Sunday Brunch at the Inn, providing time to reconnect, remember the fun of the previous two evenings, plan for future events and prepare for another day at University Park and State College.

Don't miss out on being a part of a Century in the Making! Take advantage of the last chance to register by:

1. Returning the RSVP form enclosed in the invitation you received in the mail
2. Logging on to [www.thetachiomega.com/gala-rsvp](http://www.thetachiomega.com/gala-rsvp)
3. Calling 800-975-6699

We are looking forward to celebrating with you in October!

## ADDITIONAL GALA INFO

### A Century in the Making Honorary Chairmen

The following alumni will be serving as honorary chairmen during the Century in the Making weekend...

#### Dick Jones '60

In addition to serving as treasurer and president of Theta Chi during his college days, Dick Jones '60 also participated in IFC, Alpha Nu, Kappa Phi Kappa and Jazz Club. Today, he is captain of a 40-passenger launch cruising around Mystic Seaport on weekends, and through the week he sets up boating education courses in the community. He writes "I enjoy my annual trips to the Theta Chi house. They treat me like a king. Wish we could get more of the old crowd back to State College."



*"[At the gala] I hope I'm able to find at least a few brothers from the 1956-1963 era, along with some of the actives who have been very generous to me during my recent stay at the house."*

#### Ed Brown '87

Ed Brown '87 is former longtime president of the Alumni Association of Omega Chapter of Theta Chi. Honoring the lifelong friendships made through our fraternity, he organizes frequent reunions with brothers from his era.



*"I'd strongly urge all to attend [the gala]. There will only be a very limited number of significant milestones and celebrations during our lifetimes that will bring generations of Omegas back to State College. The gala is sure to be a great time. Let's party like it's 1999 as we head toward the first 100 years of Omega Chapter at Penn State."*

#### George Chapman '49

George Chapman '49 has quite the family connection with Theta Chi, as his father served as Executive Director of the Grand Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity through 1968. While in school, George Jr. majored in Mechanical Engineering, and served as president of Omega Chapter and secretary-treasurer of his freshman class. He also participated in IFC as president, and in Parmi Nous, Pi Tau Sigma, Lion's Paw, Glee Club, Sophomore Counsel, ASME and track.



*"If we as alumni continue the work of the recent classes, we can remain one of the best Penn State fraternities and student leaders. The feeling of pride in being an Omega member can result in greater leadership ability in college and business."*

Read the full Q&As on these Gala Chairmen on our website at [www.thetachiomega.com/gala-chairmen/](http://www.thetachiomega.com/gala-chairmen/).

### Honoring a Tradition, Celebrating a Century

Leo Sugg '88, chairman for the Century in the Making celebration, drew inspiration from fellow Theta Chi **Bill Renton '46**, who served as honorary chairman at Omega Chapter's 75th anniversary celebration in 1994.

He writes: "In the spring of 1994, I had the privilege of working with many others to help create Omega Chapter's



Howard Alter '41 (L) and William Renton '46 at the 75th Anniversary Celebration.

75th Anniversary Celebration Weekend. Bill Renton was our honorary chairman for the event, and he spoke eloquently about how special Omega was, is and always will be, and fondly of the many Theta Chi memories and lifelong relationships that were formed. We enjoyed an amazing level of support in 1994, experienced a unique opportunity to reconnect that weekend, and had an absolutely great time - Omega Chapter black tie style. I am extremely excited to help continue this tradition, cel-



L to R: Robert Kramer '88, Owen Fishman '85, Joey Kopetsky '86, Leo Sugg '88, Phil Katchur '88 and Mark Holst '88 at the 75th Anniversary Celebration.

brating Theta Chi at Penn State's Century in the Making. I am also thrilled to see Omega reconvene our corporation meeting for the second time in our history at the historic Nittany Lion Inn on Saturday morning, followed by many activities throughout the weekend, and of course, a Black Tie Gala at the Nittany Lion Inn on Saturday evening."

Join us as we continue honoring this tradition the weekend of October 18-20.

### PSU Trustee, Spikes' Ballpark Namesake to Serve as Gala's Keynote Speaker

We are honored to have Anthony Lubrano serve as keynote speaker during our gala event. A PSU Trustee, Mr. Lubrano is simply an amazing supporter of the University and is very happy to be part of the Theta Chi reunion. He is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association and a member of the Nittany Lion Club, and has

served on the Athletic Committee at Penn State during A Grand Destiny Campaign, a fundraising effort that resulted in over \$1.3 billion in gifts. A former baseball player at his alma mater, his lead gift to Penn State Intercollegiate Athletics led to the construction of Medlar Field at Lubrano Park, the 5,400 seat baseball stadium that

opened June 2006 and serves as home to the State College Spikes. Mr. Lubrano is also a member of the Laurel Circle of the Mount Nittany Society as well as the Presidents Club.



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

### Preserving Our Home at Penn State for the Next Century

#### Your Participation Needed to Meet Our Goal and Complete Items on Project List

As we celebrate a Century in the Making, there's no better time to pledge your commitment to the Omega Chapter capital campaign in our effort to raise \$500,000 to renovate the chapter house at 523 S. Allen St., and to fund an endowment that will enable Omega Chapter of Theta Chi to remain a viable and leading force at Penn State.

**Goal:**  
\$500,000  
from 470 alumni

**Raised to date:**  
\$154,021  
from 78 alumni



You should have received a thorough update on our campaign status in the mail this summer (if you did not, you can view it online at [www.thetachiomega.com/update](http://www.thetachiomega.com/update)).

Your participation is critical to completing the projects on this list so that we can preserve Theta Chi Omega for another century. To pledge your commitment, go to [www.thetachiomega.com/capital-campaign-donations/](http://www.thetachiomega.com/capital-campaign-donations/).

#### Project List

- ✓ Window replacement
  - ✓ Replace the shutters
  - ✓ Remove the old dishwasher and replace it with a commercial sink
  - Remove the glass block, install new structural supports and install new glass block
  - Replace porch railings to code
  - Replace porch stairs, repair slab edge and repaint
  - Replace porch roof and provide new gutters and conductors
  - Replace the French doors from the living room to the porch, from the downstairs dining room to the parking lot and the interior doors to the bar
- Update the electrical system in the basement, first floor and second floor
- Renovate the second floor bedrooms
- Replace doors on the first and second floor
- Paint, repoint and clean the exterior of the house
- Repair/replace the entry roof from the parking lot to the kitchen
- Renovate the first floor walls and floors
- Replace the water damaged concrete floor in the kitchen
- Renovate the basement bathroom
- Rebuild the bathroom on the first floor
- Renovate the stairs from first floor to 2nd and 3rd floors
- Investigate and repair water leaks from the 1st floor
- Install radiator thermostats
- Bring to ADA compliance
- ✓ = Completed   ● = In progress

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### Stephen Rozyckie '92

(1548 Inverness Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050; srozyckie@gfnet.com) Just after Joe Paterno's passing I became involved in starting a charity called Success With Honor. A good friend/co-worker had the idea during JoePa's memorial service after hearing all the good things that Penn Staters were doing to help others. He was pretty much fueled by all the negativity that we'd been hearing for months. About 18 months later we've vetted over 50 PSU charities, connected with the Lettermen's Club, and have about 20 or so volunteering their time with us. I would love for some fellow Theta Chis to get involved. Learn more at [www.successwithhonor.org](http://www.successwithhonor.org).

### Steve Brummel '03

(13349b Faxon Road, Plano, IL 60545; sbrumm1983@yahoo.com) I got married on June 22, 2013 to my beautiful wife Lauren. We had a perfect wedding day with weather in the mid 80's and an overcast sky. **William Hertrick '04** was able to attend. That was a huge surprise for me. It was great to see him again.

### Jacob Kerr '10

(1657 Westgate Drive Apt 203, York, PA 17408; jak5168@gmail.com) In February I moved to York for a new job as an R&D Engineer for Magnesita Refractories, one of the largest refractory companies in the world. As part of my initial training, I was sent to Orleans, France for a week to participate in what is called "FIRE School", or simply a refractories education course. While I was there, I spent time with **David Hartwich '09**, who also works in the world of refractories and was attending the course through his employer.

In other fraternity-related news, over the past several months I was reunited with several brothers at events including the weddings of **Kent Rentschler '10** in October, **Jared Case '10** in June and **Jason Chottiner '09** in September.

### Tyler Doppelheuer '12

(1619 W Crawford Avenue, Connellsville, PA 15425; dopp.tyler@gmail.com) Regrettably, I have left my job with Penn State and moved

away from Happy Valley! I have moved to Manayunk to work with Cornell Homes as a Project Manager and Sales Associate.

### Edward Wallace '12

(20407 Apple Harvest CIR, Apt. A, Germantown, MD 20876; ejwallace3@gmail.com) After graduation I moved to the DC Metro area where I work for an engineering firm specializing in commercial nuclear power. I have been traveling to different nuclear sites across the US performing all kinds of various work. Recently I have been heavily involved in performing modifications to US nuclear plants to help mitigate Fukushima Daiichi-like events. Sadly, my job has started to become my life. I was able to make it back to the house for fall initiation and I got to meet up with brothers in Washington DC during a brotherhood trip for our new members. Hopefully as I get more free time I will be able to be more active to the chapter.

## UNDERGRADUATE HIGHLIGHTS

### Did You Catch the Omega Brothers on the Today Show?

Brothers **Liam Fennecken** (singing lead vocals) and **Zach Kramer** performed on the Today Show with the PSU Statesmen on May 15. If you missed it, you can find the video and others at

[www.thetachiomega.com/video/](http://www.thetachiomega.com/video/).



### Brothers Visit AJ Bobby at Hershey

Undergraduate brothers traveled to the Hershey Medical Center to visit their THON Brother AJ Bobby on May 14. In February, Theta Chi danced for 46 hours at THON for AJ and countless other families afflicted by pediatric cancer. The chapter raised \$30,788.83 for THON 2013.



## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### A Century in the Making

On February 25, 1919, as The League of Nations was being established by treaty in Paris, marking the end of World War I, another remarkable event was also well underway – the installation of the last of the single Greek Letter Chapters of Theta Chi, founding the Omega Chapter at The Pennsylvania State College.

We sure have come a long way since this photo was taken, but the Theta Chi legacy remains the same. Join us October 18-20 as we celebrate a Century in the Making. See page 1 for full details, and find many more pictures from Omega's first 95 years at [www.thetachiomega.com/photos](http://www.thetachiomega.com/photos).



*Join Us for a Century in the Making! Full Details of Our Celebration Weekend and Gala Event Inside...*

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