



The Alpha Gamma Fellowship for Lambda Chi Alpha Alpha Gamma Zeta Alumni Association

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Dedication of New House October 12

With warm winter weather, our diligent Building Committee's oversight, and Mart Brothers' quick work, our new house WILL be finished in time for the Actives to move in, on time, for the Fall Semester! With that, we



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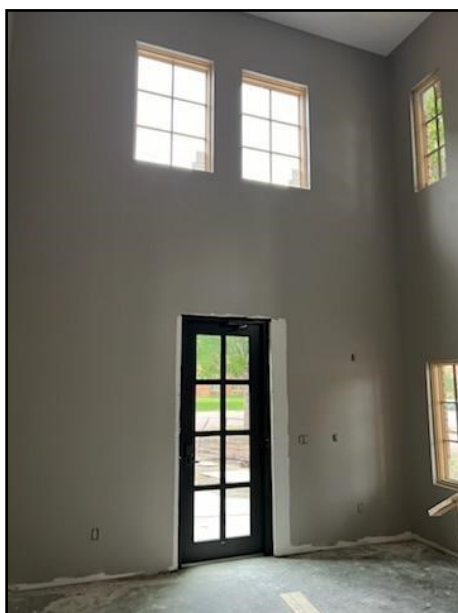
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(AF 1596)

will hold the DEDICATION of our new chapter house over *continued on next page*



Get your Commemorative Brick!

Brandon Wilsey was able to save several hundred bricks from the old house, some of which may become part of a commemorative wall of people who have donated over

\$1,000 to the Home Away From Home campaign. The wall will most likely be around or next to the old copper fireplace hood that will be rein-

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Construction (cont'd)



Dakota Days, October 12, 2024.

Please RSVP for the Saturday night dinner buffet and annual AGZ House Corp meeting at Valiant Vineyards at: give.lambdachifoundation.org/dakotadays



Photos taken of the construction progress in mid-June (Brandon Wilsey)

Bricks (cont'd)

stalled in the new chapter house.

Commemorative bricks will also be available for your home! They will be engraved with your name and Alpha Gamma number, as shown below. Donors over \$25,000 will automatically receive one. Bricks can be purchased for \$150 and can be picked up at Dakota Days 2024 or Founders Day 2025, or shipped directly to you for an additional fee. You can order from Logan at llampher@hotmail.com or 605-490-0732.



Chapter House 1937-2023
University of South Dakota
Brandon Wilsey AG 1653

Commemorative bricks from the old brown house can be purchased for \$150.

Class Competition is Still Close

As of June 26, here are the rankings for donations by class to the *Home Away From Home* building fund.

The Class of '88 is in the lead with over \$400,000 donated among 17 donors! The Class of '77 is next with over \$350,000, and the Class of '71 is nipping their heels with nearly \$350,000.

The Class of '83 moved up past the Class of '92.

The younger Boomers continue to show their generosity—thanks!

#1 CLASS OF 1988	\$401,056.36 Raised 17 Donors
#2 CLASS OF 1977	\$351,782.12 Raised 10 Donors
#3 CLASS OF 1971	\$346,892.39 Raised 16 Donors
#4 CLASS OF 1970	\$322,328.49 Raised 16 Donors
#5 CLASS OF 1978	\$301,424.88 Raised 9 Donors
#6 CLASS OF 1983	\$253,214.47 Raised 10 Donors
#7 CLASS OF 1992	\$226,553.34 Raised 8 Donors
#8 CLASS OF 1975	\$221,130.00 Raised 13 Donors
#9 CLASS OF 1984	\$117,106.64 Raised 9 Donors
#10 CLASS OF 1963	\$111,061.59 Raised 3 Donors

Construction (cont'd)

Flooring and wall finishes are currently being installed. Canned ceiling lighting is complete. Furniture and appliances have mostly been purchased. Photos taken of the construction progress in mid-June (Brandon Wilsey)



Home Away From Home Campaign Donor Wall—\$3,475,264 Raised of \$3.5 Million Goal

A breakdown of pledges is shown here. Perhaps this will help you in deciding on a donation amount, or perhaps you'd like to increase your pledge. Many brothers are making payments on that pledge over the next several years. Families are also contributing together.

- The list below includes only those who have committed their support in writing or have sent in a one-time gift as of **June 24, 2024**.
- Ω Denotes a Brother who has passed away.
- This list does not include 2024 annual donors to the Housing Corporation for regular house operations; that list is published on Page 23.
- This list does not include donations towards our scholarship funds.
- If your name is missing or the amount is incorrect, please contact Randy Sorensen at agzhc.treasurer@gmail.com.

Please keep this list within the Fraternity to respect the privacy of our brothers. We have gone to great lengths to make sure your information does not become public so that fundraising companies cannot acquire it.

For more information on the capital campaign, or to donate, visit

lambdachialphaatusd.org/commit.

Many thanks to these Brothers and their families for supporting the next 100 years of Lambda Chi at USD!

\$150,000+

Harry D. Roberts ΑΓ 1185

G. Mark Mickelson ΑΓ 1337

\$100,000 - \$149,999

James F. Hart ΑΓ 656

Doyle D. Estes ΑΓ 805

Robert E. Anderson ΑΓ 1019

James W. Abbott ΑΓ 782

David J. Gardner ΑΓ 938

Michael J. Runge ΑΓ 1379

Roger W. Mjoen ΑΓ 790

Kenneth Duncan ΑΓ 993

Michael L. May ΑΓ 1467

\$75,000 – \$99,999

Edward J. Pluimer ΑΓ 803

\$50,000 – \$74,999

Douglas L. Estes ΑΓ 684

Brian Darnall ΑΓ 808

Kevin D. Horner ΑΓ 1026

Robert Murphy ΑΓ 773

Harry Christianson ΑΓ 889

E. Paul Amundson ΑΓ 1213

Louis H. Hogrefe ΑΓ 806

Terry M. Schmidt ΑΓ 984

Nicholas J. Magera 1269

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Home Away From Home Campaign Donor Wall (continued)

\$25,000 – \$49,999

Frank L. Trotman AF 643	Roger Werth AF 1017	Charles A. Nelson AF 1199
David R. Gienapp AF 667	Scott Heidepriem AF 1018	David G. Hurrell AF 1244
Ralph D. "Van" Hines AF 844	Kevin Garvin AF 1021	Karl Adam AF 1330
Dennis M. Daugaard AF 917	Fredrick Slunecka AF 1022	Joel L. Konrad AF 1343
Jeffrey K. Williams AF 947	Bradley D. Hammer AF 1053	Jeffrey W. Post AF 1445
Alan K. Pearson AF 972	Bradley Estes AF 1059	Chris E. Ekstrum AF 1448
Randy J. Sorensen AF 989	William L. Baker AF 1145	Corey H. Peters AF 1471
Ω Brad Gullickson AF 996	John A. Lake AF 1177	Logan Lamphere AF 1596
Kevin P. Brady AF 999	Scott G. Stern AF 1178	
Mark Knight AF 1004	Stephen G. Fendrich AF 1195	

\$10,000 – \$24,999

Allen B. Brown AF 532	John Wollner AF 915	Douglas Mulder AF 1056	Thomas J. Henderson AF 1382
Ω Jerome B. Lammers AF 587	Thomas F. Truhe AF 924	Arlen Hanssen AF 1073	Joe Krall AF 1345
Craig E. Knudson AF 636	James Morrison AF 930	Thomas J. McDowell AF 1141	David Mahowald AF 1348
Richard E. Brown AF 688	Daniel MacRandall AF 950	<i>Duerre Family</i>	Doug P. Christensen AF 1349
Wilson Kleibacker AF 759	Gordon Peterson AF 955	Ω Faris F. Pfister AF 66	Mark Vavruska AF 1359
Ω Thomas J. Storms AF 787	Douglas A. Sandvig AF 977	Ω Charles D. Nass AF 670	Daniel L. Rausch AF 1365
Leland Hoekstra AF 820	Mark Peters AF 985	Ω Faris G. Pfister AF 486	Brian D. Landry AF 1530
Glen A. Severson AF 850	Dan J. Cheever AF 1008	Blake W. Duerre AF 1143	Brandon Wilsey AF 1653
Marcus Gullickson AF 860	Thomas C. Bower AF 1016	J. Tyler Haahr AF 1284	Mavis Amundson (Crescent)
David W. Landry AF 867	Gregg Carlson AF 1020	Timothy A. Clausen AF 1317	
Roger D. Sullivan AF 900	Kevin Whitelock AF 1037	Craig S. Mischo AF 1322	
Thomas J. Schaefer AF 914	David Erickson AF 1048	Matthew C. Reynen AF 1334	

\$5,000 – \$9,999

David Duncan AF 687	Doug Lind AF 937	Michael J. Neuroth AF 1308	Van J. Carmody AF 1790
Thomas V. Conway AF 725	Stephen L. Hebert AF 941	R. Scott Campbell AF 1323	<i>Tordsen Family</i>
Charles W. Cooper AF 760	Richard K. Hegg AF 982	Mark S. Simmons AF 1339	Tyler L. Tordsen AF 1863
Joseph P. Egger AF 796	Daniel Radigan AF 1035	Randal J. Osterloo AF 1388	Troy D. Tordsen AF 1876
Fred W. Romkema AF 799	Kevin Hawley AF 1060	Michael D. Padrnos AF 1456	Quinton J. Tordsen AF 1974
David G. Padrnos AF 862	J. Scott Endres AF 1186	Milo R. Carley AF 1465	Nicholas R. Bratvold AF 1881
Curtis J. Liedtke AF 886	Clark Hurrell AF 1191	Russell D. Olson AF 1479	Gavin P. Zimmerman AF 1888
Ross D. Lamphere AF 888	Steven G. Pint AF 1290	Lance Elshere AF 1581	Zachary S. Williams AF 1893

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\$1,000 – \$4,999

Truman Schwartz AG 530	Thomas Assmus AG 831	Steven Beyer AG 969	James Protexter AG 1263
Thomas E. Aman AG 551	Barry Buehler AG 835	Scott Shaeffer AG 976	Ω Scott Schoppert AG 1267
Courtland Swenson AG 573	John Gulbranson AG 838	Darrell Mueller AG 979	Darrell A. Jesse AG 1273
Thomas Johnson AG 618	Patrick Seager AG 847	Carroll Fullerton AG 987	Gary R. Jaeger AG 1278
Jerome Andersen AG 629	Michael Brummer AG 853	William Taylor AG 1032	Joe Smedsrud AG 1281
Clark Absher AG 633	Gary Pommer AG 865	Mark Kontz AG 1062	Marlon Lofgren AG 1347
Gerald Baldwin AG 639	Steven Wobbema AG 866	James W. Miller AG 1072	Anthony J. Macke AG 1351
Larry Jorgenson AG 671	John A. Eickman AG 870	J. Kevin Croston AG 1087	Timothy Forbes AG 1360
Victor G. Raphael AG 726	Steven J. Holm AG 879	Thomas Kennedy AG 1105	Robert Seuntjens AG 1361
Richard Schneider AG 736	Thomas J. Froning AG 881	Michael Fox AG 1122	James Hieb AG 1369
Dennis O. Holt AG 752	Wesley Shelton AG 893	Scott Schuknecht AG 1128	Ryker J. Lammers AG 1386
Jeff Esbenshade AG 757	James Plucker AG 896	William Protexter AG 1130	Steve Andrzejewski AG 1395
George Strandell AG 758	Kenneth Eide AG 908	Jeffrey Jares AG 1131	Thomas J. Looft AG 1417
Milne J. Duncan AG 772	Lyle H. Castle AG 912	Craig Viehweg AG 1146	Tanner D. Musick AG 1544
Elton G. Winters AG 778	David J. Bell AG 913	Paul M. Rickert AG 1147	Brad Delperdang AG 1595
Kris J. Kober AG 779	Donald C. Rusch AG 919	John A. Reaney AG 1151	Jeremiah Johnson AG 1601
Dean Rasmussen AG 781	Ronald Erickson AG 920	Michael A. Roach AG 1159	Wade Foreman AG 1608
Ted Richardson AG 785	Randall B. Kasch AG 922	Mark A. Culhane AG 1174	Jeff Johnson AG 1737
Ron S. Dvorak AG 789	Jeffrey Stavenger AG 933	Kevin G. Kane AG 1193	Christopher Healy AG 1815
Ω Peter E. Binder AG 786	Ω Greg Smeenck AG 935	Benedict Mahowald AG 1197	Jordan M. Smith AG 1858
Bryan H. Bennett AG 792	Vernon Deters AG 936	Thomas Carpenter AG 1190	Jordan Schumacher AG 1862
Thomas Duncan AG 804	Scott E. Bell AG 943	Steven M. Dexter AG 1198	James Gulbranson AG 1870
John E. Leuthold AG 821	Neil S. Hoversten AG 944	Thomas Burchill AG 1223	Donovan J. Barnes AG 1877
Roger C. Roskens AG 824	William Grant AG 948	James C. Edman AG 1228	Derek McBride AG 1892
David R. Quinn AG 827	Jay Anderson AG 957	Timothy Teslow AG 1246	Garrett Bankston AG 1903
Joseph M. Fergen	Russ Pearson AG 962	Brian G. Stern AG 1253	Lucas G. J. Lund AG 1910

Memorials

Ω Faris F. Pfister AG 66	Ω Gale G. Camerer AG 766	Ω James L. Bach AG 861	Ω Stuart Quam AG 1211
Ω William O. "Doc" Farber AG 445	Ω Wayne Bridenstine AG 776	Ω Robert P. Bartz AG 874	Ω R. Scott Schoppert AG 1267
Ω Faris G. Pfister AG 486	Ω Peter E. Binder AG 786	Ω Stephen "Paco" Decker AG 885	Ω Kirk A. Steck AG 1293
Ω Charles D. Nass AG 670	Ω Thomas J. Storms AG 787	Ω George Sappingfield AG 895	
Ω Patrick Hayes AG 706	Ω Clark "Sparky" Johnson AG 807	Ω Brad "Digger" Gullickson AG 996	
Ω Kenneth Buell AG 727	Ω Richard P. Holm AG 810	Ω Michael Oates AG 1125	
Ω Thomas E. Carr AG 749	Ω Rex H. Camerer AG 829		

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< \$1,000 (Reminder: need to have over \$1,000 *pledged* to be on Donor Plaque)

Jerry Novotny '66
Dennis D. Mitchell '67
Richard L. Brownell '70
Vernon Halter '71
Rodney R. Krueger '72
John M. Brown '73
Michael Schmidt '74
Anthony "Tony" Hansen '77
Geoffrey Fowler '78
Lee Holman '79
Steven Culhane '80
Thomas Gulbranson '83
Bradley S. Fowler '82
Mark L. Overbaugh '82
Michael D. Miller '85
John A. Smedsrud '88
Mark Vavruska '88

Robert N. Seuntjens '88
Paul H. Hetland '89
James M. Slaba '90
Dean A. Karras '91
Jeffrey C. Holdorf '91
Daniel R. Kolberg '92
Kirby A. Proehl '94
Kurt E. Johnson '94
Brian J. Steele '94
Michael Goodhope '94
Randall R. Heisinger '96
Erik Hulm '96
Justin W. Graves '97
Robert L. Barron '98
Jeffrey J. Steichen '00
Christopher T. Brevik '01
Kevin W. Vohhahme '04

Karl L. Hoskins '04
Gregory L. Arens '08
Nathan M. Rentschler '08
Matthew J. Ballard '08
Ryan W. Griffith '09
Ryan N. Everson '16
Eric B. Rupe '17
Seth B. Pierce '17
Jace M. Jerome '18
Andrew D. Holmes '20
Casey Williams '22
Caleb J. Lusk '22
Matt A. Wegener '22
Tyson G. Dahler '22
Tayte O. Gleason '23
Alex R. Kolbeck '23
Jaron J. Pesicka '23

Tyler S. Ezra '23
Quinton Tordsen '23
Riley Riggs '23
Tyler Gere '24
Ethan S. Riswold '23
Logan R. Stone '24
Grant Judson '24
Reed C. Lenker '24
Max Mickelson '25
Carter Norris '25
Colin D. Carstens '25
Triston J. Curry '25
Zach Ciurej-Hatcher '25
Seth Knoer '25
Paul Heth '25
Patrick Gulbranson (Hon.)

Crescents

Mavis Amundson
Sherry Assmus
Peg Baker
Victoria Bartz
Cherise Bromberg

Peggy L. Wittmeier
Janet Olson Cheever
Mary Pat Erickson
Cathy Connors Gullickson
Colleen Gullickson

Nini Hart
Christa Hieb
Joanie Holm
Tami Konrad
Janet Trumpe Lamphere

Cynthia Mickelson
Kristi Nelson
Betty Schwartz
Betty Sinclair

Friends & Family

Robie Arend
Bob Baker
Bridget Bergin
Al Buck
Mark Buechler
Terri Buechler
Carol Carvey
Wayne Carvey
Judy Cheever
Glenn Clough
Craig A. Connell
Kevin A. Doyle
William J. Ellingson
Steven G. Evjen
Scott Fiedler
George Gongopolis
Stephanie Gongopolis

Jean Graf
Tim Graf
Eric Gullickson
Jane Gullickson
Bryan Hammer
Bill H. Hansen
Julie Hayek
Alan Hochreiter
James E. Hoffman
Jim Holbeck
Rhonda Holbeck
Vincent J. Hurley
Jim Huss
Larry L. Jorgensen
Jerry Kippes
Stephanie Kraft
Bart Laber

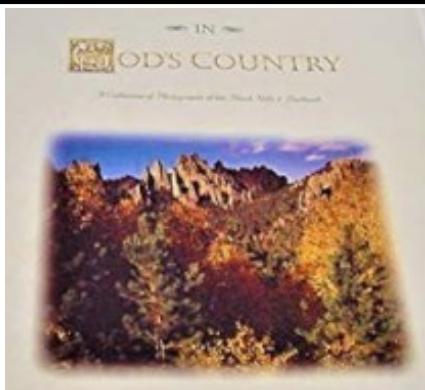
Lisa Laber
Jenna Lequire
Joe Lux
Pam Lux
Mark Meile
Toni Meile
Brad Meyer
Paul Millman
Robert M. Murphy
Ron E. Olson
Justin Parliament
Dieter W. Proehl
Renee Rabe
Kevin Rhinehart
Marsha Rhinehart
Diane F. Ross
Andrew Sappingfield

Sayre Associates
David W. Siebrasse
Arlin K. Simmons
Dennis Smith
Ralph Soles
Sheree Soles
Kristi Tamash
Victoria Whitty
George Williamson
Karen Williamson
Kari Zeeb
David L. Zimbeck
Jim Zimmerman
MaryAnn Zimmerman

Black Hills Mixer August 15

The next Black Hills area mixer will be in Piedmont at the Slash J Saloon on Thursday, August 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. — yeehaw! ;)

Slash J is halfway between Rapid and the Northern Hills, so equally inconvenient for everyone! Its address is 15891 Sturgis Road, Piedmont, SD. Slash J has great food and beer, and a cool atmosphere—cowboy hats are optional!



Sioux Falls “Bored” Meetings First Wednesday of Each Month

Brother Nick Magera (AF 1269) continues to organize monthly “Bored Meetings” (happy hours) for Sioux Falls area alumni. If you happen to be in town, join them! They get a nice mix of Brothers from different eras.

The informal event rotates around to different Sioux Falls establishments on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Central Time.

You can email Nick at nmageraj@gmail.com (new address!) to get on his mailing list.

The 2024 Sioux Falls “Bored” Meetings are tentatively scheduled for the following dates, with locations to be announced:

- July 3
- August 7
- September 4
- October 2
- November 6
- December 4



Doyle Estes (AF 805), Jim McGrann (AF 777), Glen Severson (AF 850), and Dave Landry (AF 867) in Sioux Falls at a South Dakota Public Broadcasting Board of Directors for Educational Telecommunications meeting (photo from Doyle Estes)

Join our LinkedIn group

Are you looking for a new job? Perhaps your company is facing the infamous labor shortage affecting the country. Connect with Lambda Chi’s from USD on LinkedIn!

We have a group on LinkedIn, the business networking site, just for Lambda Chi’s from USD. This could be a good way to find that new job or fill that open position!

To join, go to: [inkedin.com/groups/6629299/](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6629299/).

Dakota Days Schedule, October 10-13, 2024

Thursday, October 10

Open House Tours: 10am-6pm, 327 N. Pine Street

Friday, October 11

Open House Tours: 10am-6pm, 327 N. Pine Street

8:00AM – 5:00PM: USD Alumni Association Events: usdalumni.com/events

11:00 – 3:00PM: 4th Annual Weapons of Grass Destruction Best Ball Scramble (back 9 only)

- Bluffs Golf Course, four-person team event, wives and significant others included
- 11:45AM group photo
- 12:00PM noon shotgun-start

3:00PM – 5:30PM: Carey's – Meet & Greet

5:30PM – 8:00PM: USD Unleash Your Legacy Alumni Awards (complimentary hors d'oeuvres)

Saturday, October 12

Open House Tours: 10am-6pm, 327 N. Pine Street

8:30AM – 10:30AM: USD 110th Annual Dakota Days Parade, meet at USD President's House

10:30AM – 12:00PM: Brunch at 327 N. Pine Street

11:00AM: DEDICATION of the new Chapter House

12:15AM – 12:30PM: Presentation of Alpha Phi keystone from old house @ 707 E Cedar St

12:00PM – 2:00PM: Coyote Nation Tailgate Party Outside Dakota Dome — visit the AXA Tent!

2:00PM – 5:00PM: Football Game – University of Northern Iowa vs USD

- We reserved a block of 100 seats for Brothers and Significant Others; we will send a link when tickets sales open up in early September.
- 3:00pm – 3:30pm: Halftime Social @ CorTrust Club Suite (cash bar)

5:00PM - 6:00PM: Happy Hour – Valiant Vineyards (cash bar)

6:00PM - 6:15PM: AXA Group Photo for Brothers

6:15PM – 8:00PM: AXA Buffet Dinner/AGZ Housing Corp Meeting – Valiant Vineyards Winery

Sunday, October 13

8:00AM – 11:00AM: Hail & Farewell Breakfast at 327 N. Pine

As always, brother Tom "Frog" Froning has reserved a block of rooms at the Prairie Inn. Contact him at froning9@aol.com or (701) 261-7879. Other options include the Kelly Inn Yankton and the Hotel on Phillips, Sioux Falls.

Please RSVP for the Saturday night dinner buffet at Valiant Vineyards at: give.lambdachifoundation.org/dakotadays

2024 Doug Smith Memorial Golf Classic @ Dakota Dunes Country Club, July 15

From Kelly Higgins (AF 1006):

Brothers - It's time for an update on the 2024 Doug Smith Memorial Golf Classic @ Dakota Dunes CC July 15. All proceeds go directly to the Doug Smith Endowed Football Scholarship Fund at the USD Foundation. We paid out our 1st \$5k+ scholarship to 23-24 starting Coyote Football SA Nick Gaes.

Doug did pledge LXA so he could play IM basketball with us the year we won the USD IM championship. He will always be considered a brother to me. Not only for his lifelong support of USD but because a piece of me is buried with him in Sioux City.

Thanks, and Go Coyotes!

Kelly J Higgins, Ed.D Senior Associate AD
Baseball, Football, Softball, Facilities & Event Ops
Eastern New Mexico University
CEO, KJH Sport Services
603-851-5979

dougsmithgolfclassic.betterworld.org/auctions/2024-doug-smith-memorial-golf-cl

Refer Prospective Members

Do you have a son, nephew, brother or neighbor that is going to USD? Would they be a good Lambda Chi? Let us know at alphagammazetaaa@gmail.com.

What are we looking for in a prospective member? According to our national fraternity, we look for men with:

- scholastic aptitude
- leadership potential
- strength of character
- dedication to service

At USD, we have always added in friendliness and sociability; is this someone we would want to live with in the house? Are they a "good guy"?

There is also a way to refer prospective members online, even at other colleges and universities: www.lambdachi.org/refer-a-brother/.

Furthermore, according to the National Fraternity, "Letters of recommendation submitted to the Chapter by an alumnus on behalf of a prospective member should be courteously acknowledged by the recruitment chairman. It is then the responsibility of the recruitment chairman to notify the alumnus of the outcome of the recruitment period."

Welcome to the 3rd Annual
DOUG SMITH
MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC

JULY 15, 2024
DAKOTA DUNES COUNTRY CLUB

Stan & Amber Sherman

MORNINGSIDE UNIVERSITY

Coyote

USSM
Empowering America's Specialists for Patterns

Brian & Jodi Atchison

Kelly J Higgins Chuck & Marian Burnett Pam Miller-Smith Steve & Debbie Scollard
Jackson Glodowski-Edward Jones Persinger Family Skinner Holdings
Julian & Lisa Leopold-Craig & Jennifer Letch Daktronics

ALL DONATIONS FUND A FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP IN DOUG SMITH'S NAME AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IRA Charitable Rollovers

For alumni who are retired or are nearing retirement, it may be time in your financial life for "Required Minimum Distributions" from your IRA. Below is an option suggested by Roger Mjoen (AF 790). Please consider making an **IRA Charitable Rollover** to one of the Alpha-gamma Zeta's charitable 501(c)(3) endowment/scholarship funds administered by the USD Foundation.

IRA Distribution to Tax Saving Solution

If you have an IRA, you may be concerned about Required Minimum Distributions. You have been saving all your life, and now the government is forcing you to take money from it. But you have choices!

Required Minimum Distribution Changes

The rules for IRAs have changed in recent years, and you need to know your options. Discover a way to avoid or reduce paying income tax on your IRA's required distribution. You can also create a new income stream with your IRA, as there is no cost or obligation.

The IRA Charitable Rollover Was Created in 2006

It was made permanent by Congress in 2015. This giving plan is available for IRA owners who are over age 70½. It is a direct transfer from an IRA to a public charity.

Prior to the IRA Charitable Rollover:

- *Some individuals would take withdrawals from their IRAs,*
- *report the distribution as taxable income,*
- *make a cash gift to charity,*
- *obtain the required receipts for charitable gifts over \$250,*
- *and take a deduction on their tax return.*

Not only was this process rather cumbersome, it also resulted in increased adjusted gross income. With higher income, you may have paid more income tax on Social Security or paid a

higher Medicare Part B premium. That is why an IRA charitable rollover may be a great option for you!

The IRA Charitable Rollover is Very Simple:

- An IRA owner who has reached the age of 70½ may transfer up to \$100,000 per year.
- The transfer is made directly from the IRA to a qualified public charity.
- The IRA rollover is not taxable on your income tax return, so there is no need for a tax deduction.
- The rollover must occur prior to yearend, so ask your IRA administration now!
- It is a simple and effective way to make a charitable gift.

We have seven charitable 501(c)(3) endowment/scholarship funds (listed in order of creation) administered by the USD Foundation, with their total amounts as of May 31, 2024 (including endowment, spendable earnings, and available for future use).

We also have an Alpha-Gamma Zeta scholar-

Mickelson Brotherhood Scholarship	\$498,083.20
Jerry H. Lammers Memorial Scholarship	\$37,988.89
Randy Reinking Scholarship	\$23,618.38
Jacob Z. Esbenshade-Lambda Chi Endowment	\$104,763.59
Scott & Staci Kesling Stern Lambda Chi Alpha Scholarship	\$20,168.52
Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Endowment	\$103,697.01
Brad "Digger" Gullickson Humanitarian Scholarship	\$36,542.64
Total:	\$824,862.23

ship foundation held at the Lambda Chi Alpha National office (contact Nick Bratvold for info).

According to Jeff Esbenshade, who has managed our scholarships at USD for decades, by law every foundation must pay out 4.5% of their assets annually. We award about \$30,000 in scholarships each year to our undergraduate members. The USD Foundation charges 1.5% annual management fee. The total value of the USD Foundation is

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IRA Charitable Rollover (cont'd)

over \$300 million and has a net return of over 9% for the past 10 years. We hold the second largest Greek organization endowment at USD (Alpha Phi are first). Nick Bratvold is our current Scholarship Committee chairman.

To contribute, funds should be sent to:
University of South Dakota Foundation
1110 N. Dakota Street, Vermillion, SD 57069

In the Memo, include the fund name of your choosing.

Please consider making an IRA Charitable Rollover to Alpha-Gamma Zeta today!

Lost Brothers

Over the last five years, with your help, we have greatly improved the contact information in our alumni directory. There are still about 75 “lost brothers” (out of 2022) for whom we have no valid mailing address or email address. If you can help, please send a message to Logan Lamphere at alphagammatetaaaa@gmail.com.

ΑΓ #	First Name	Last Name	Initiation Year
458	Donnell	Farrell	1950
462	William	Ward	1950
468	John	Lee	1950
473	James	White	1951
477	William	Johnson	1951
488	Robert	Peduzi	1954
517	Richard	Oakland	1953
518	Francis	Pryor	1953
522	Roy	Hagen	1953
531	Richard	Robinson	1953
535	Orlen	Johnson	1954
547	Earl	Alexander	1954
552	George	Sealey	1954
559	John	Mattson	1955
563	Boyd	Taylor	1955
594	Wendel	Mead	1956
599	William	Harrison	1957
660	Gerald	Sleep	1960

ΑΓ #	First Name	Last Name	Initiation Year
665	Duane	Schooley	1961
680	Ervin	Dutt	1962
700	Dennis	Murray	1963
732	Dennis	Van Vactor	1965
733	Gary	Adams	1965
736	Richard	Schneider	1965
756	Harold	Trager	1966
788	David	Smith	1967
814	Jay	Morrison	1968
983	Richard	Nash	1973
1,068	Lance	Petersen	1975
1,077	Robert	Russell	1976
1,092	Grant	Smith	1976
1,094	Joseph	Murphy	1976
1,116	Ray	Wenk	1977
1,118	William	Kayl	1977
1,124	Bradley	Weins	1977
1,232	Larry	Welch	1980
1,262	Carl	Sullivan	1981
1,304	Jay	Thompson	1982
1,314	Daniel	Reiser	1983
1,357	James	Van Deroystene	1985
1,389	Christopher	Weich	1987
1,412	Mark	Loecker	1987
1,431	Steven	Ness	1988
1,458	Timothy	Devall	1989
1,503	James	Posely	1991
1,547	John	Smith	1992
1,557	Robbie	Thompson	1992
1,564	David	Russo	1993
1,566	Chad	Nelson	1993
1,656	Jesse	Schuermans	1996
1,680	Seth	Ericsson	1997
1,713	Eric	Sehr	1998
1,714	Steven	Wagner	1998
1,739	Conrad	Helms	2000
1,760	Jeffrey	Kennedy	2000
1,813	Ricky	Elliott	2006



Active Chapter News



We are proud to announce that the men of Lambda Chi Alpha have achieved the TOP GPA of all seven fraternities at USD for the Spring 2024 semester!

We are so proud of our members for all their hard work and are thrilled to have achieved yet another high honor for our efforts this year! #chopsontop

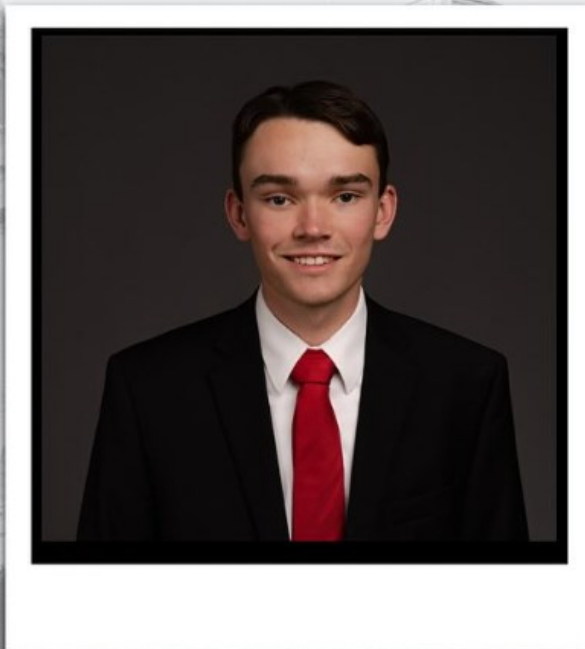
CONGRATULATIONS

Griffin!

Brother Griffin Petersen was recently appointed as a member of the first ever Student Advisory Committee of the Fraternity and Sorority Political Action Committee (FSPAC).

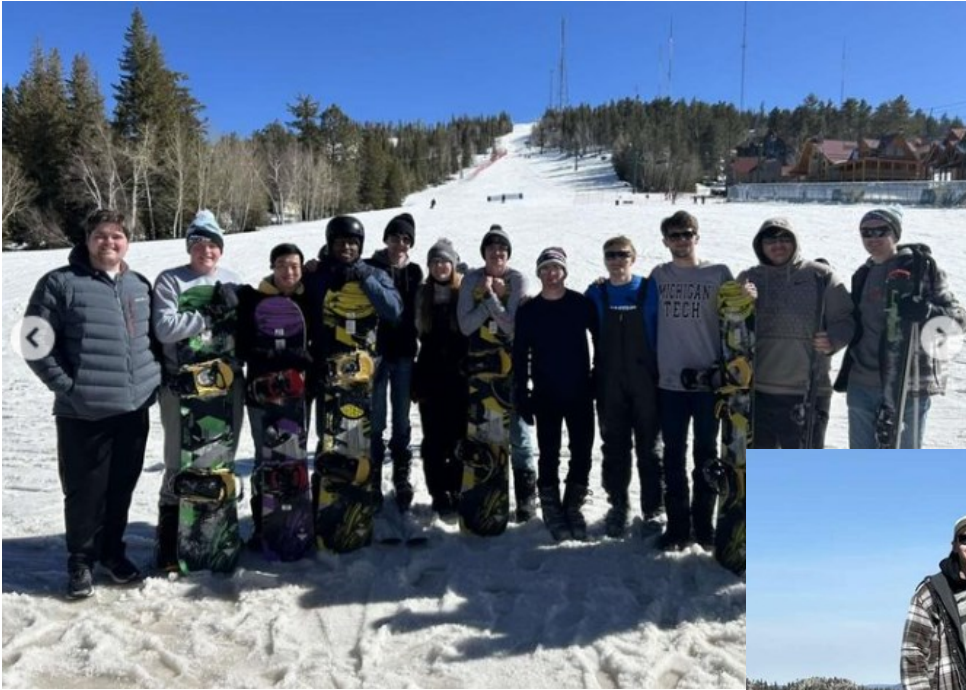
GRIFFIN PETERSEN

Member, FSPAC
Student Advisory Committee



The FSPAC is a political action committee formed in 2005 that advocates for freedom of association rights, single-sex status concerns, anti-hazing legislation, and tax parity for collegiate housing. It supports pro-Greek political candidates and gives a voice to fraternities and sororities in the policymaking process.

Active Chapter News (continued)



Spring Break in the Black Hills

A group of Undergrads took a trip out to the Black Hills to ski, hike, and see some of South Dakota's best tourist attractions during Spring break. (from Instagram: [@lambdachialpha_usd](https://www.instagram.com/lambdachialpha_usd))



Active Chapter News (continued)

Founders Day Held April 20 in Sioux Falls

We had a great Founders Day event in Sioux Falls, April 20, at the South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance. We reconnected with alumni, told stories from years past, and recognized all of our chapter scholarship winners.

Thank you to our alumni chairman, Taylor Van Emmerik, for organizing such a fun event for our active members and alumni brothers! It was a great night celebrating over 100 years of the Alpha-Gamma Zeta!



Brotherhood Event: Sioux Falls Thunder Road

We had a great time at our final brotherhood event of the year April 15 at Sioux Falls Thunder Road! Thank you to brothers Nick and Taylor for organizing such a fun event!



Alumni Spotlight: George “Yuriy” Avramov (ΑΓ 1738)

Yuriy Avramov is a 2003 graduate of USD where he had a double major in political science and criminal justice. He went on to get an international law degree from Seattle University.



Yuriy is celebrating ten years as an analyst with the World Bank. For anyone wanting to go into international studies, this is one of the top

careers you can get!

Having spent many years in Washington, DC, Yuriy recently broadened his background by spending time in Seville, Spain, studying Spanish guitar. Today he is living in Santiago, Chile, where he is working on the “Registering Property” indicator of the World Bank’s “Doing Business” report.

Yuriy previously worked on the “Labor Market Regulation” indicator, looking at property and labor laws across the world. He also helped with the “Women, Business, and the Law” project at the World Bank, identifying reforms in legislation



pertaining to global gender issues in the work place. Being fluent in English, Russian and Spanish helps!



Yuriy has recently been taking advantage of his location in South America by hiking and camping in Patagonia.



Yuriy Avramov (ΑΓ 1738) is an analyst with the World Bank, currently living in Santiago, Chile, where he has been hiking and kayaking in the Andes of Patagonia, along with visiting the moai statues of Easter Island (Rapa Nui). The desert photo is from Morocco.

Smart Guys—Are we Returning to Our Roots?

After maintaining our alumni directory for the last four years or so, I've started to notice certain trends. One of the things I noticed was that many of our Founding Fathers later earned advanced degrees, such as M.D.s, Ph.D.s and J.D.s. Those guys were smart! And they worked hard, with a keen interest in furthering their education. Many went on to teach at colleges and universities.

A much smaller percentage of the population obtained higher education prior to World War II, and the advent of the G.I. Bill that enabled many more to obtain post-secondary education.

In visiting with brothers from the late 1960s and early 1970s, I learned that many brothers who might not have considered college decided to go to avoid the draft during the Vietnam War.

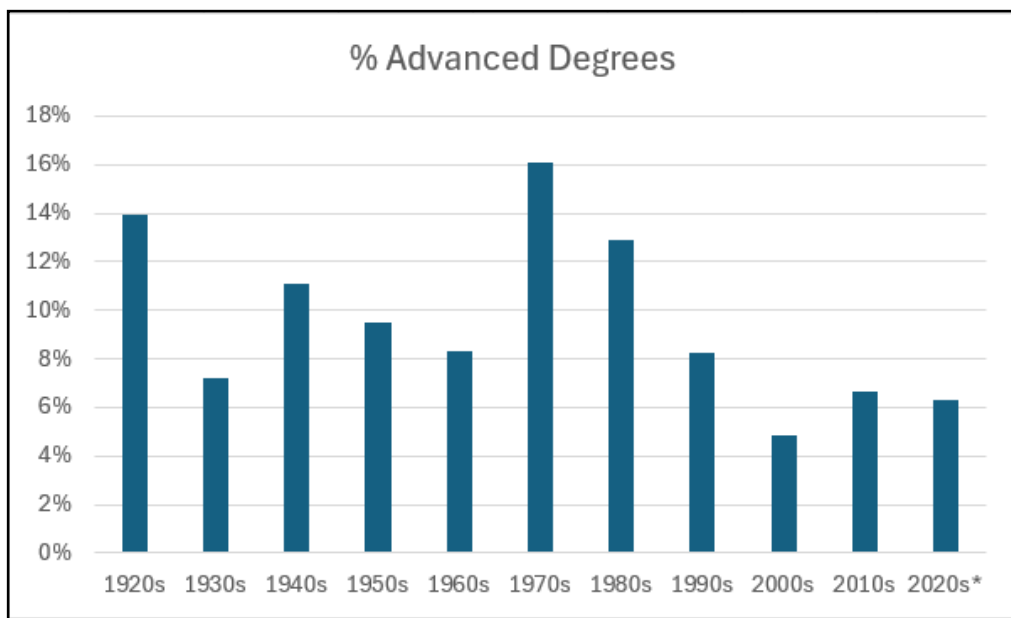
In fact, many of them went on to grad school to extend their college deferments. But many ended up serving our country anyway, and we've sought to honor all military veterans on our [website](#), which shows a spike in servicemen during the late 1960s and early 1970s.



But it got me thinking about how our brotherhood has changed over its 108-year history, and continues to evolve.

The current Active Chapter achieved the highest Grade Point Average (GPA) among Greek chapters this last semester (Spring 2024) with a chapter average of 3.50!

I can't recall in living memory a Lambda Chi GPA that high—or any Greek house, for that matter. A 3.50 would have even beat the Thetas of the 1990s (your author's era)!



The percentage of brothers graduating in each decade who received advanced degrees such as M.D.s, Ph.D.s, Ed.D.s, J.D.s, D.O.s, O.D.s, D.D.S.s, etc. (We do not have records of master's degrees.)

**There are still six years left in the 2020s, and many advanced degrees are earned four years after graduating with a bachelor's degree.*

In fact, all of the fraternities today have some smart guys. The lowest GPA last semester were the Tekes, with a 2.87. That would have been one of the highest fraternity GPAs in the 1990s.

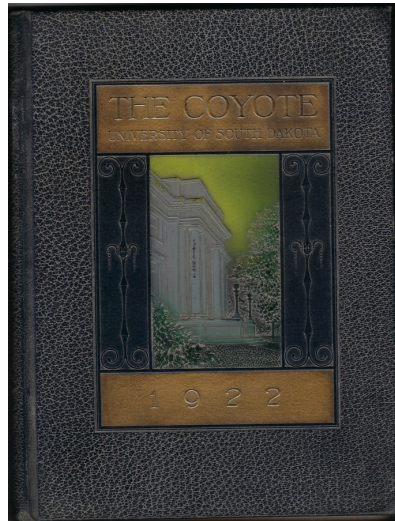
It made me wonder—are we seeing a return to the val-

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Smart Guys, cont'd

ues and types of men who founded our chapter? I decided to crunch the numbers, with the information our directory contains.

It turns out that the earliest brothers were indeed high achievers, with about 14% of them obtaining advanced degrees. But it was actually the brothers who graduated in the 1970s who had the most—about 16% of them earned advanced degrees.



"The Coyote" yearbook from 1922; Lawrence Amundson, who became a doctor, is listed as a Junior

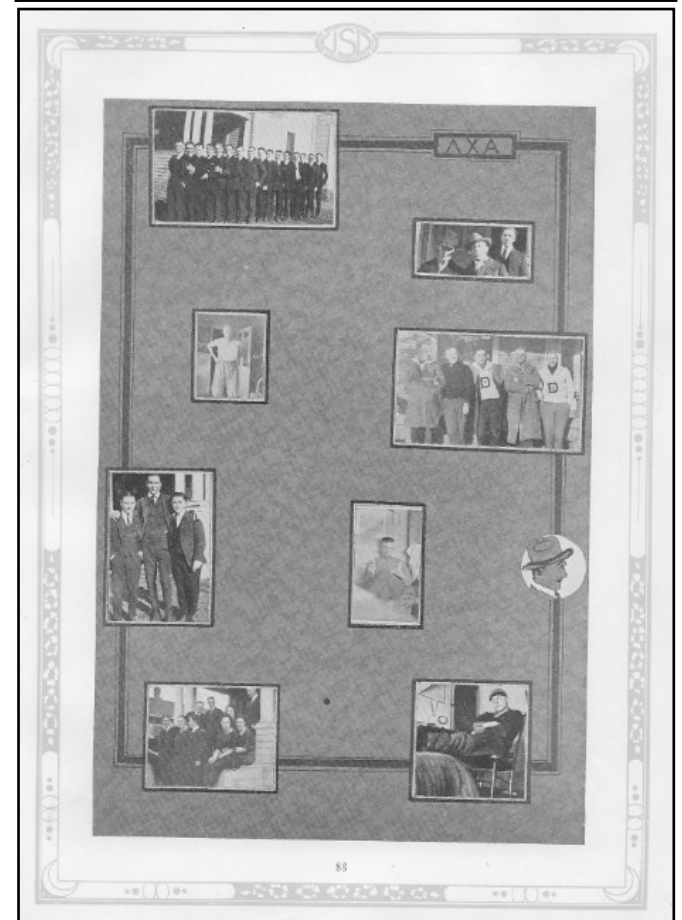
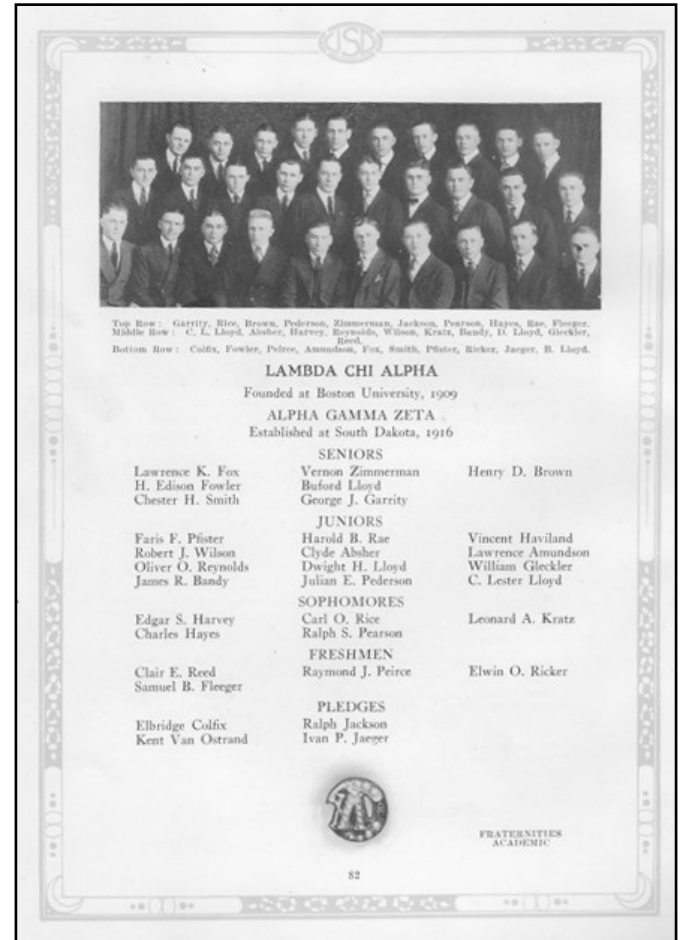
The number seems to be rising again—the 2020s isn't even half over, and of course most advanced degrees are earned years after a bachelor's degree.

It is also interesting to compare the total number of initiates each decade. There was a large bump in the Post-War years, probably due to the G.I. Bill paying for returning servicemen's higher education. We then saw the Baby Boomers' bulge come through, with the spike of graduates in the 1970s and 1980s. The early 2000s was a difficult time for our chapter, with two membership reviews, in addition to slowing demographics.

Today, it appears that we are once again returning to smaller class sizes, as our chapter had in the early 20th Century, but with seemingly more serious students.

Indeed, in our surveys of undergraduates a

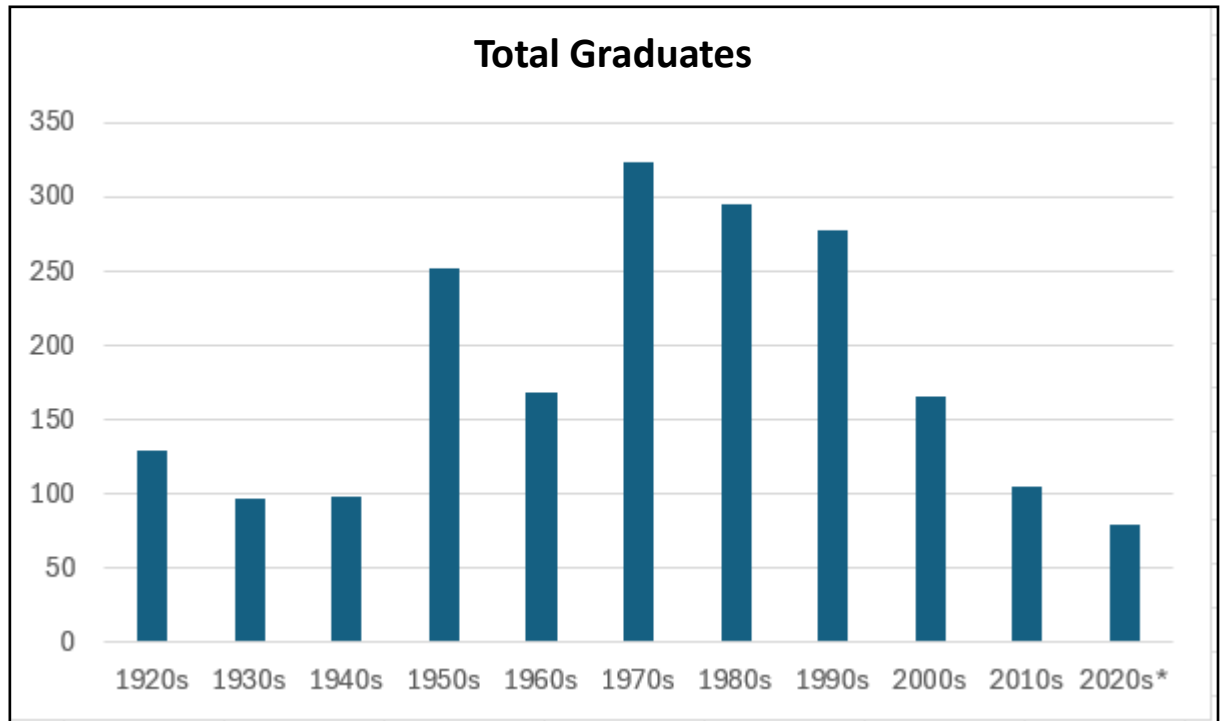
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Smart Guys, cont'd

few years ago, we found that due to the higher cost of education, students and their parents are much more serious about good grades, and completing their education.

Perhaps this is the pendulum swinging back to the early days of Lambda Chi Alpha at the University of South Dakota, a time of fewer, but higher-achieving students.



The number of brothers graduating in each decade, based on our Alumni Directory.

**There are still six years left in the 2020s.*

60th General Assembly, August 1-4, Scottsdale, AZ; AGZ to be Honored

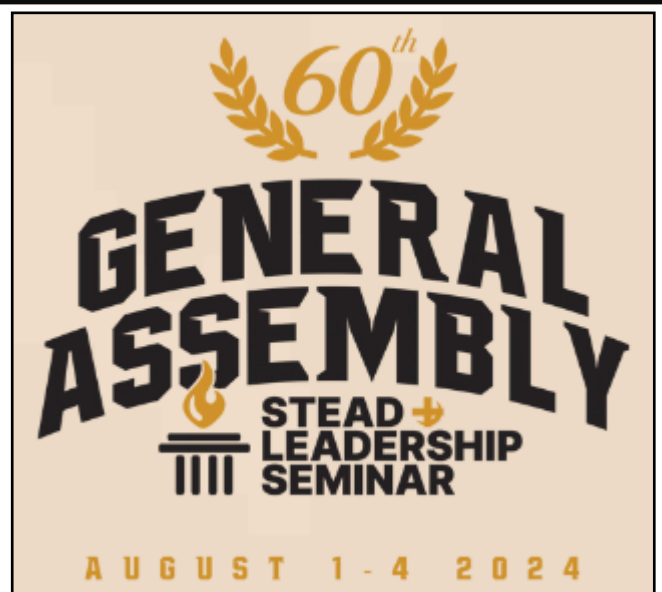
The 60th Lambda Chi Alpha General Assembly and 2024 Stead Leadership Seminar will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona, August 1-4. The annual event will be held at the JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn.

Word has it that Alpha Gamma Zeta will be honored this year, so we encourage any and all Alumni and Actives to attend. ;)

The General Assembly is the legislative body that deliberates and votes on proposals to change our laws and that elects members of the Grand High Zeta. The Stead Leadership Seminar is an educational experience designed to help our men grow and develop, both personally and professionally.

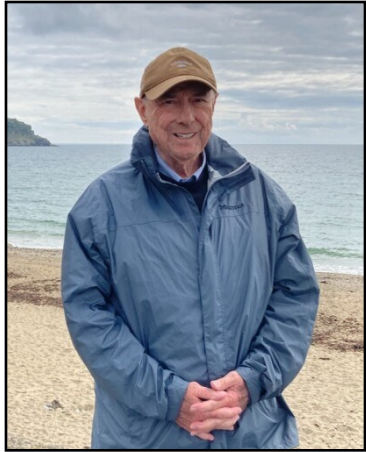
Several awards are also given to chapters and individuals. Featured speakers include Richard Reeves of the American Institute for Boys and Men and Peter Yobo, CEO of Enrichly Technologies.

Although registration has officially closed, you can still contact the event coordinator at lambda-chi.org/generalassembly/.



Omega

*Larry L. Jorgenson,
AG 671*



Jackson, WY, February 3, 2024—Larry Lee Jorgenson was born in Hayti, South Dakota on August 29th, 1942 to Lloyd and Gladys Jorgenson. Larry was the fifth of six children.

He grew up in Hayti where he was a star basketball player for the Hayti Redbirds. In high school, he spent his summers working at the Sutton Brothers Cattle Ranch in the Black Hills area of South Dakota.

Larry attended the University of South Dakota, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He then went on to study Law at the University of Wyoming and became a member of the Wyoming and South Dakota Bar Associations in 1967.

Larry and Paula (Gaetze) were married in Mitchell South Dakota in 1967 where they began their 57 year marriage together. Larry and Paula welcomed two sons; Michael in 1970 and Christopher in 1973.

Larry started his 45 year legal career as a law clerk for the U.S. Federal Court of Appeals (10th Circuit) in Cheyenne. He served as a U.S. Magistrate and Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Department of Justice. Larry moved his young family to Jackson's Hole in 1973, where he spent the majority of his legal career practicing privately.

While he was a product of South Dakota, Wyoming quickly became Larry's home. He saw himself as a steward of the state and worked to preserve the unique way of life and natural beauty that Wyoming offers.

Larry served Jackson Hole and Teton County both as a conservationist and community leader. Larry was elected to and served on the Teton County Board of Commissioners from 2003-06. He was elected Supervisor for the Teton County Conservation District, served on the Board of the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts and was an organizer of the Upper Snake River Watershed Council. He also served on the Teton County Library Board, the Teton County Historical Society and was a longtime Board Member for First Interstate Bank.

He was a man of deep faith. He was active in the Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole, serving as a deacon and an elder and participated in two mission trips to Guatemala.

Larry loved expressing his deep connection to nature through the written word as a poet and novelist. In his retirement, he found great satisfaction in publishing two books, "Not Water Over the Dam" and "Escape to Justice and Love."

But his biggest love of all was family. Larry saw his family as his greatest achievement and it is through them his legacy will continue. In addition to his wife he is survived by two children and three grandchildren: Michael Lawrence (Elizabeth Maiden) of Jackson's Hole and their daughters Sayre and Lucille; Christopher Forest (Ania Mikolajec) of London, England and their daughter Victoria; sisters Mary Ann Boeger and Nancy Tipton. He is preceded in death by brothers Bill and Glenn and sister Ruby.

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*Stuart N. Quam,
AF 1211*



Dr. Stuart N. Quam, 61, of Aberdeen, SD, passed away Thursday, January 4, 2024, at Avera St. Luke's Hospital after a battle with cancer.

Schrivers's Memorial Mortuary and Crematory, 414 5th Avenue NW, Aberdeen, is in charge of arrangements. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook and also view the service at www.schriversmemorial.com.

Stuart N. Quam was born on February 1, 1962, to Everett N. and Jeanie (Gaub) Quam. Aside from leaving for optometry school, Stuart happily lived his life in South Dakota. Stuart graduated from Pierre High School in 1980 and obtained his undergraduate education from the University of South Dakota. In 1987 he earned his Doctor of Optometry degree from the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago.

Stuart and his wife, Colette, were married on May 27, 1995. The following years were filled with special times with their family and friends and many adventures. Their favorite annual events included the Jack & Jill golf tournament and hosting a fireworks show on the 4th of July. They also enjoyed playing pickleball together and traveling to various destinations to be with friends and family. Stuart and Colette had countless precious experiences together with their family and friends, from hiking and visiting museums, to watching their nephew play basketball, watching their grandsons play hockey, and playing just about a million rounds of golf with friends and family. Stuart participated in every activity with smiles, laughter, words of encouragement, and memorable quips.

Stuart had many hobbies that made him happy and fulfilled, including golf, pickleball, fishing, hunting, and long-range target shooting. Stuart treasured his time hunting and fishing with his dad. He also cherished the many friends that he made through golf and his other hobbies.

Starting from his early childhood experience with successful eye surgery and throughout his 35 years in the field of Optometry, Stuart consistently displayed a strong passion for optometry and demonstrated his commitment to patient care. He spent 32 wonderful years with Vision Care Associates. His career was rewarding, and Stuart also met some of his best friends through work. It was such a blessing for him to work with friends and caring colleagues.

Stuart's family will forever remember him for his honest and cheerful personality, his unique humor, and his love and support. Stuart's presence we will miss, his memory we will treasure, loving him always, forgetting him never.

Grateful for having shared Stuart's life is his wife, Colette; his parents, Everett and Jeanie; his sister, Kelly (Kevin) Flynn; his stepdaughter, Jennifer (Stefan) Hull; his grandchildren, Anders and Caleb; his nephew, George; and many loving friends.

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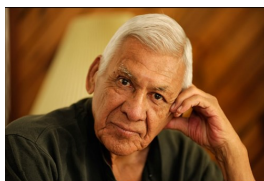
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