



NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE MASTER

Last June, this whole thing was just a small idea. I received an email from AEPi before high school graduation that said something along the lines of ‘mazel tov on graduating’ and ‘rush AEPi in college!’ I recognized the name at the bottom, so I decided to give him a call and ask about the status of a chapter at Wayne State. As soon as he told me that there was no longer a chapter here, I said “What can I do to get one started?”

I assure you that until I said those words, I had never even really considered the idea of joining a fraternity, let alone being the Founding President of one. Now, day after day, I am incredibly thankful that I made that phone call and that guys like Doug Steinman (Midwest consultant) have been around throughout this process to ensure our success.

We had a very strong founding class of nine brothers. It’s one thing to be a founding father, it’s another thing to be a founding e-board member. Fortunately, we are a special group of men who have been working since day one to ensure that the colony lasts and a successful future isn’t just a dream, but a guarantee.

In our founding, we have been tasked with an interesting responsibility that

has only been attempted in a few other cities. While a majority of our brothers so far have come from Wayne State University, we are accepting Jewish men in good standing from University of Detroit Mercy, Oakland University, University of Michigan Dearborn, Oakland Community College, Lawrence Tech University and



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other colleges in the Detroit and Metro Detroit area.

As a colony, we look forward to growing our membership, working in and giving back to the city, building relationships with other Greek Life on campus and making our Jewish community proud.

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HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE RECOGNIZED

Every week, the nine of us get together for our weekly meeting and a new big idea comes along. One week, our Brother-at-Large Nisim Nesimov (2021) brought up the fact that International Holocaust Day was coming up. Though we wouldn't be around that weekend, we decided to hold an event to commemorate the events and pay tribute to those who died on the following Monday. As a new colony with nine busy guys who have countless commitments, we had trouble in those early months putting events together on short notice. This time was different.

As Founding Fathers and young Jewish men, we

understood that the importance and significance of this event was totally different. Our plan was to stand for five hours in the center of campus and recite the names of those who perished as the student body walked by. We held a sign in front of us that read "January 27th, 2018, International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Feel free to ask us questions."

A few people came by as we stood, either to show their appreciation, acknowledge our actions or ask us questions about why we were standing there. One individual came by and said "I was here this morning, had a full day of classes and you're still standing here. I'm so impressed." It was



nice to know that our actions had meant something to someone. As a colony, we were incredibly proud of ourselves and our ability to mobilize so quickly and get the event together. We now know what kind of effect we can have on campus and we look forward to bringing more attention to important Jewish history, such as the Holocaust, in the future.

ALPHA PLEDGE CLASS

On February 27th, 2018, Xi Colony inducted the first four pledges since its re-founding. Each of these men are dedicated, young Jewish men as well as gentlemen in the highest regard. We are excited to welcome them to our growing group. We hope to induct one or two more men this semester who have been expressing continued interest in our colony. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let us know!



STATE OF THE CITY

The Detroit that we are living in now is not the same as the Detroit that you may remember from your days in school and Wayne State is changing in a lot of ways, as well.

Wayne State now has dorms and continues to develop more each year. State Hall and Old Main are still populated with students almost every hour of the day. However, there are new buildings appearing as well. Our state of the art Student Center has several floors that include different student programs, offices and event spaces. Hillel of Metro Detroit is on the 6th floor! Wayne State is also currently building the new Mike Ilitch School of Business, which will be next to Little Caesar's arena upon completion and will extend campus to the edge of Midtown.

Detroit is changing as well. As you've probably heard, there is

a new world-class stadium that is home to the Red Wings and Pistons. Dan Gilbert is even constructing a new building on the former Hudson's site that will be taller than the Renaissance Center when completed. The Q-Line is a great way for students to get from campus directly Downtown for concerts, sporting events and more.

What may be familiar is the Garden Bowl, where we held one of our Rush events this semester. Even in the decades of Midtown changing, the Garden Bowl has remained and our guys enjoy hanging out there quite a bit. If you have a chance to visit for yourself, I can assure you that you will not be disappointed.



WAYNE STATE GREEK LIFE

In terms of Greek Life, Wayne State is in a very special and different place right now. More social fraternities and sororities are re-appearing on campus every year and we're happy to be one of them. The administration is fostering the growth of Greek Life on campus and is doing a stellar job of educating everyone as chapters are opened and recruitment begins.

Whereas some other universities are finding it hard to manage and maintain Greek Life, we are incredibly confident that we will be able to grow and flourish as a student organization at this University.



DETROIT'S JEWISH COMMUNITY

In our short few months of existence, we've already begun building working relationships with the people and organizations around us. So far, we've partnered with Students for Israel, Chabad on Campus, Hillel of Metro Detroit as well as Alpha Epsilon Phi at Wayne State.

We have held a Shabbat dinner, a few Jewish holiday events and a successful fundraiser for Save a Child's Heart. The event surpassed our goal and raised more than \$500.

Through these events, we are gaining publicity, giving ourselves more exposure and connecting with young Jewish men in the Detroit Jewish community.



UPCOMING DATES

• INITIATION OF THE ALPHA CLASS
OF THE XI COLONY - DATE TBD

- EMAIL MASTER JEREMY ROSENBERG AT MASTERAEPXI@GMAIL.COM IF INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE RITUAL CEREMONY.

CHAPTER ETERNAL

• CALVIN GONEK (1954)
DEATH DATE: 2/26/17

• DAVID MATZ (1950)
DEATH DATE: 5/12/17

PLEASE E-MAIL THUGO@AEPI.ORG WITH UPDATES ABOUT OUR CHAPTER BROTHERS INCLUDING MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS.



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