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## Fraternity Life In a Pandemic

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In an unusual year, it was an unusual year at Lambda Chi Alpha. With the reality of COVID-19, everything has been different, to say the least. As a freshman, my experience started with virtual rush. Several members of the fraternity deserve credit for creating some of my favorite Zoom memories. They did a flawless job working around virtual limitations to make sure the rush process allowed rushes to get to know the brothers as well

as possible. After rush, we had to face a college experience without social gatherings. As an out of state student, this posed serious challenges for me to get to close with my class. It involved a lot of small dinners, when restaurants were open, so that we could get to know each other in person. Admittedly, it also involved many hours of video games played together- it's a surprisingly good bonding experience, especially when you're as bad as we are.

It wasn't ideal, in all honesty, but we've done our best. If not for these things, I wouldn't have found the roommates I'm living with now, and I wouldn't be this excited for the future.

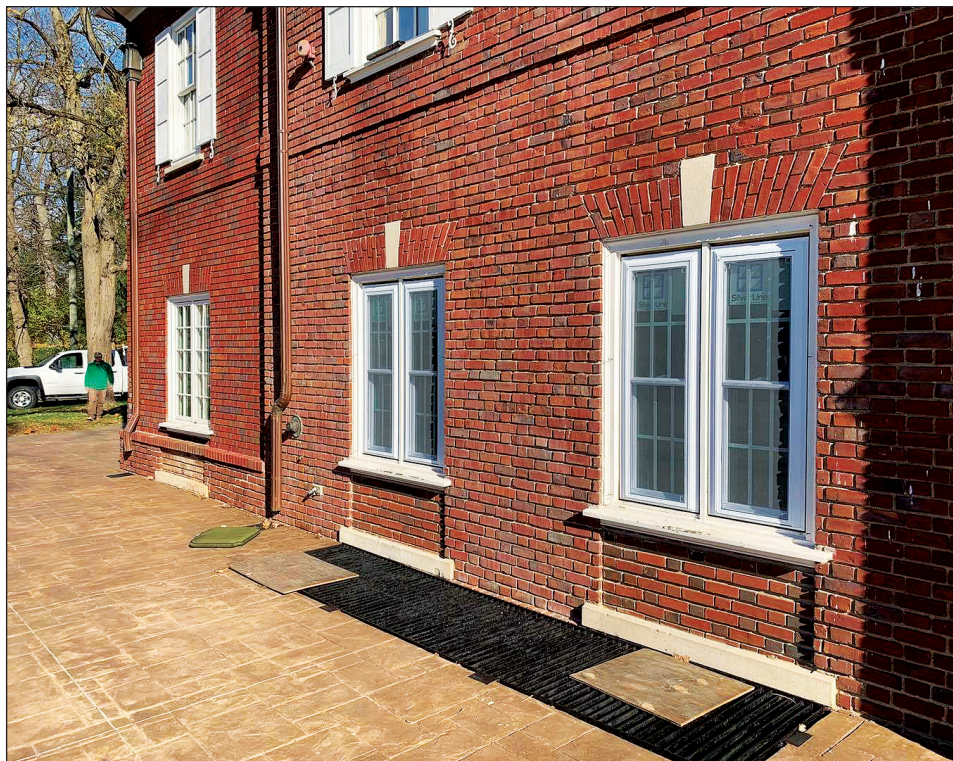
*Editors Note: We're hoping to host a Homecoming Reception, but aren't sure what the fall will look like. Keep your eyes on [lcamichigan.com](http://lcamichigan.com) or your email inbox about the eventual return of in person alumni events at the Chapter House.*

## House Improvements Continue

Throughout the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, improvements continue at 1601 Washtenaw. This fall, the first floor windows were replaced. The ongoing conversion of the former first floor bike room to a study room continues with a refinished

floor and new decorations highlighting the early years of Sigma Zeta, including a group picture from 1916 and composites from 1917 and 1918. The Alumni Association is looking to continue this work throughout 2021 with a new shed and additional storage planned.

In addition to the physical improvements, the cable and internet package was upgraded in the Fall. This was necessary to accommodate the increased demand brought on from online classes.



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# From the High Alpha

On behalf of the entire chapter, we would like to thank you for your support to our chapter. Despite the pandemic and the restrictions placed on our campus by the county, Sigma has been able to thrive.

Since I was elected in last April, the world has changed tremendously. Our chapter has demonstrated an excellent ability to adapt under extreme circumstances. We participated in virtual recruitment this year and were able to recruit 27 new members. We also initiated 15 brothers who had joined the fraternity during the Winter 2020 semester. The new fitness and game room has been a huge success this year with brothers coming from all across campus to use it and we were able to successfully implement COVID-19 safety measures to keep our brothers safe. With classes and chapter activities switched to virtual formats, our chapter has had the opportunity to strengthen our ties to both the General Fraternity as well as the alumni board.

I had the pleasure of attending the High

Alpha Summit in January. Although the summit was virtual, I was able to connect with chapter leaders across the country. We had difficult conversations about the growing problem of mental health in a pandemic and analyzing our own leadership skills and tendencies. Despite the long zoom calls and frequent technical difficulties, I can confidently say that it has been one of the highlights of my time as a brother in this chapter.

As our third semester of online classes wraps up at the end of April, we look forward to a brighter and safer future while reflecting on the personal growth. We thank the active alumni as well as a special thank you for the alumni board for the continued hard work they have done for our chapter. I would also like to personally thank Ethan Rein and Brad Quinn for being at 1601 Washtenaw to help around the Sigma in these uncertain times. As our chapter continues to grow and thrive, we hope to hear from all of you soon. Go Blue!

Yours in ZAX and Friendship,



Sam Bobtiz '23  
2020-21 High Alpha

## Rex Zhou Joins Alumni Board

Rex Zhou '15 joined the Sigma Alumni Association Board in February 2021. Rex will be a valuable addition to the board. As an undergraduate brother, he served as High Alpha. Since his graduation, he's worked in private equity in New York City and San Francisco, where he is currently based.



**Rex at Lassen Volcanic National Park in California.**

## ADVISORS WANTED

The Alumni Advisory Board is looking for members to develop the Fraternal experience for brothers of  $\Lambda$ XA and improve the chapter's operations. Alumni who are curious about joining this group should contact Ethan Rein at [ethanrein@gmail.com](mailto:ethanrein@gmail.com).

## ALUMNI NOTES

Σ 645 Stan Lush '53 – Harry Timmins and Stan Lush were 2 members of the Sigma pledge class in the fall of 1950. They activated in January of 1951 and were officers living in the house until graduation in 1953 when they reported aboard separate US Navy ships based in Norfolk, Va.

Both being short of funds, they purchased together a 1946 Ford which enabled them to enjoy Virginia Beach summers when not on duty.

After their respective tours of duty, they married and each had 4 children and 12 grandchildren.

Although they lived half a country apart, they kept contact over the years that followed and had reunions whenever possible. They are each now in their 90's and maintain contact in which they enjoy reliving their many fun and interesting experiences of being fraternity brothers and lifelong friends.

**Editors Note:** Brother Timmins passed away shortly after Brother Lush sent in this note.

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**Stan Lush at home** Wheat Ridge, Colorado.



**Harry Timmins at home in** Naples, Florida.

## IN MEMORIAM

Σ 650 Harry Timmins '53 passed away February 16, 2021

Σ 677 Elliot Burd '56 passed away February 21, 2021

Σ 729 Fran LeMire '56 passed away July 16, 2020. He leaves behind his wife Connie of 63 years, two adult children, and seven grandchildren. His oldest daughter Laura preceded him in death. Fran was Assistant Dean of Students and Director of the Career Placement Center at Towson University before his retirement.

Fran was a great friend and a loyal brother. He kept in contact many brothers wherever and whenever he traveled. He participated in most all intramural sports while at Michigan.

Brother Lemire never said no to any request for help and volunteered his time freely. He will be missed by all who knew him. James Pickard '56 sent in this remembrance.

Σ 745 John R. Cross passed '58 away December 14, 2020

Σ 781 William A. Hockenberger '59 passed away October 20, 2014

Σ 776 William Bruce Martin '57 passed away May 22, 2018

Σ 1084 Russell N. Eagen passed '72 away January 9, 2013

## ACADEMIC AWARDS PRESENTED

*The Sigma Alumni Association is proud to be able to recognize the academic achievements of our undergraduate brothers. Congratulations to all brothers receiving recognition.*

Four brothers qualified for the *Bruce L. Koepfgen Award* for the highest GPA for the Winter 2020 Semester. They are Ryan Lawson, Solo Metcalfe, Jared Rogers, and Gavin Taylor. Eight brothers qualified for the same award in the Fall 2020 Semester. They are Jared Rogers, Max Rosenberg, Cooper Schrag, Brett Smith, Austin Tauber, Gavin Taylor, Ryan Troll, and Brandon Wertz.

Dan Kovacevich qualified for the *William K. Hall Award* for the most improved GPA for the Winter 2020 semester. Due to the complexities around the University's increased use of pass/fail grades in Winter 2020, this award was not presented for the Fall 2020 Semester.

The *Paul Robertson, Jr. Award* for a GPA of at least 3.5 was awarded to these 30 brothers for the Winter 2020 Semester: Tommy Banks, Sam Bobitz, Peter Burns, Michael Caserio, Owen Collins, Wyatt Dennis, Dechlan Doeherty, Michael Fischer, Johnathan Gibson, Dan Kovacevich, Ryan Lawson, Grant Marshall, Solo Metcalfe, Will Morland, Tommy Pendleton, TJ Picciotti, Henry Rahr, Jared Rogers, Max Rosenberg, Colin Satterwhite, Rushil Shah, Brett Smith, Eric Solberg, Austin Tauber, Gavin Taylor, Nathan Tidball, Ryan Troll, Phillip Wah, Brandon Wertz, and Alec Winden

The same award was shared by 42 brothers for the Winter 2020 Semester: Tommy Banks, Luke Bernard, Peter Burns, Michael Caserio, Owen Collins, Ethan Coyle, Owen Denn, Wyatt Dennis, Dechlan Doerty, Michael Fischer, Will Fitzpatrick, Johnathan Gibson, Mark Havdala, Cormac Henriquez, Ben Heppberger, Ryan Lawson, Conor Maddigan, Grant Marshall, Lucas McCluskey, Jamie McLucas, Charlie Messano, Solo Metcalfe, Will Morland, Tommy Pendleton, TJ Piccotti, Henry Rahr, Jared Rogers, Max Rosenberg, Isaac Sarbacker, Colin Satterwhite, Cooper Schrag, Rushil Shah, Brett Smith, Eric Solberg, Merlin Steffenson, Austin Tauber, Gavin Taylor, Nathan Tidball, Ryan Troll, Phillip Wah, Brandon Wertz, and Alec Winden.

## SIGMA HONOR ROLL

Many thanks go out to the 49 brothers who donated \$17,504 in 2020 and 2021!  
These brothers funded scholarships and chapter house improvements.

<i>\$5,000 or more</i>	Σ 1411 Robert M. Swiller '81	Σ 858 David C. Breiholz '63
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## SIGMA INITIATED...

...fifteen men on October 10, 2020:

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Owen Collins	Σ 2077
Wyatt Dennis	Σ 2078
Cormac Henriques	Σ 2079
Chandler Kolling	Σ 2080
Solomon Metcalfe	Σ 2081
Sam Osenieks	Σ 2082
Arthur Potter	Σ 2083
Henry Rahr	Σ 2084
Jared Rogers	Σ 2085
Ben Van Ryn	Σ 2086
Grant Sasina	Σ 2087
Austin Tauber	Σ 2088
Nathan Tidball	Σ 2089
Matt Vandenherik	Σ 2090

*Congratulations, brothers!*

## LOST

Please send email or mailing addresses of, or other information about, these 124 lost brothers to [info@lcamichigan.com](mailto:info@lcamichigan.com). Sigma numbers are on the left.

5517 Thomas C. Sage '46	932 William Henderson	1157 William L. Deleeuw '71	1512 Mark A. Shotwell '84
523 A. Joseph Cote '48	951 Ronald Earley '66	1160 Keith F. Clark	1514 Bruce H. Amlicke '86
525 George W. Jones '48	985 David M. Love '67	1195 Bradley LaLonde '75	1528 Richard K. Byers '83
539 William E. Ainslie '47	986 John P. Ketels '68	1197 John S. Mullen	1530 Daniel F. Stoffel '85
552 Gordon D. Olson '49	990 Christopher Tompkins	1203 Barry W. Kowal	1531 David A. Duttonhofer
561 William M. Chase '48	991 James E. Allen	1207 Randall S. Jacobs	1549 Pierre I. Laxa
605 Dwight S. Heim '52	992 John Sterner	1210 William G. Merchant	1554 Jeffrey J. Larson '85
624 Nicholas A. Semos	993 Roger S. Ulrich '68	1211 Peter D. Anderson	1556 John J. Perry
625 Walter H. Stein '54	998 Roger A. Leslie	1220 Gary Telling '75	1560 Andrew H. Rosen
626 Milton F. Barrett '53	1001 Charleton Johnson	1222 Carl Meister	1562 Walter E. Traver
630 William E. Duellman	1004 Earl Hamilton	1227 Leonard J. Van De Wege '76	1565 Calvin W. Hunter '87
639 Robert Bloom	1020 Ronald A. Grand '69	1228 Ernest L. Li '76	1566 Anthony D. Iannone '86
655 James W. Beatty '52	1023 David R. Thompson '68	1234 Kevin Mills	1585 Timothy J. Monahan '87
660 Albert N. Scaccia '54	1035 David M. Colwell '69	1254 Robert R. Fuller	1597 Richard J. Gagnon '88
678 Paul D. Duncan '53	1040 James Neel '70	1256 Jeffrey Traina	1606 Andrew T. Watts '87
684 Gerald T. Stein '53	1049 Richard Boies '68	1260 Allen H. Lambacher '76	1617 Benjamin R. Lummis '89
687 Robert E. Thorne	1051 John W. Dugan '69	1261 Drew Walsh	1618 Christopher C. Johnson '88
711 Ralph Cadger	1054 Robert Kraft '70	1263 John Simon	1622 James A. Schecter
726 Stanley M. Head '58	1056 William Brater	1280 Kevin Kerwin	1623 John N. Ekelman
762 Joseph Gray	1063 Dennis Beemer '67	1281 Thomas Kornmeier	1625 Michael N. Gouda
764 Thomas A. Smith '58	1078 David V. Paul	1284 Michael Darland	1629 David N. Chamberlain
765 Richard C. Canfield '59	1079 Henry Bonislowski	1285 Richard A. Hrivnak '78	1632 Jeffrey D. McMillen
782 Stanley E. Fuller	1080 David A. Lustgarten	1294 Michael Nash	1634 Michael A. Margolis
796 Harvey C. Pearce '59	1090 J. Michael Luerich '70	1297 Howard Roth	1671 S. Tyler Staelin '91
801 William Watson	1091 Michael Schubring	1298 John Mandich	1701 Brent J. McGroarty
808 Douglas Gladowski '60	1094 Ramon M. Almonte	1305 David Montford	1704 David E. Morath '93
881 James Mumby '63	1100 Robert Zolkowski	1306 Robert Miles	1711 Joseph A. Schulz '92
882 George A. McCarty '64	1106 Joseph Allen	1311 Mark Johnston '79	1713 Fredrick H. Chang
888 Mark W. Hall	1111 David H. Nadelman '71	1319 Lawrence C. Agee '78	1727 Matthew S. Couzens
893 Jeffrey L. Clark	1112 Mark J. Knapp	1373 Jeffrey Zheutlin '80	1733 Michael D. Barnes
898 Michael R. Palmisano	1116 David J. Ameen	1401 Mark R. Graham	1734 Mark G. Gaynor
927 Douglas M. Baird '65	1153 David C. Scott	1406 Patrick C. Cauley '81	1741 Edward J. Stone
		1419 Stephen Fletcher	1759 Miles Underwood '95
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