

Alumni Newsletter-

CO Phi. Vol II



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IFC Rush Week

March 1st (Tentative) due to COVID, no on campus events for the first 5 weeks of classes.

SAE Rush Week

TBD

Initiation

TBD

Welcome to Vol. II

Let's kick this newsletter off with a shout out to Brother Israel Orihuela. Israel organized a brotherhood philanthropy event as the Intermural Chairman that generated over \$1200 for various charities. The event was a 24-hour live stream that he held at his place and brother who were able to make it came and took turns playing the new Call of Duty: Cold War. With several donations and several hours of gameplay brother all hung out and got to spend time with each other.

We had a recent graduation off our Executive Board opening the Eminent Warden position and we elected our previous Chaplin Brother Gianni G. to fill the role as the Eminent Warden! Congrats Gianni!

We recently had our semester elections so if your get a text from me, Richard, you might be asked to mentor someone with a past position of your own!

Due to Covid-19 right after the last newsletter was sent out the campus shut down again and everything went back to a virtual setting and we have been doing our best with events off campus.

Recent highlights

I, Richard, was recently elected as the Interfraternal Council President and have been working diligently with Stephen, the outgoing President Ben Summers (A-sig), and the current chapter Presidents to make sure the IFC will run smoother and have more of that Greek neutrality that it was made for. Ron Lustig has also been added to the IFC Executive Board as the Vice President of Recording and Community Relations.

A brother has broken his vows...

Over the last semester we had to unfortunately expel two of our members for actions unbecoming of a gentleman. These men have paid the price of their actions and must live with their consequence; the loss of membership in our organization and our brotherhood. The two men were **Matt Hadley** and **Chase Golphin**, their specific actions do not need to be explained just know it was a challenging and rough time when we had to expel these men from our chapter. As gentleman, we *speaks with frankness but always with sincerity and sympathy* and these men deserved their punishments, but we wish them all the best in their respected adventures.

Our next area of focus...

Alumni mentor Program: With so many younger men in the fraternity now, I would like to have an alumni mentor for many positions in case a brother is wanting help with something or has question on what to do. If you are interested in this, please email me at richard.cote182@gmail.com or rcote@uccs.edu and just state which chair you held and that you are willing to be there for these guys.

Alumni BBQ: This is currently being planned. It may be in April. Once I have a SOLID response from a couple more alums, I will set a date. We are hoping for early April. I did not get enough Alumni interest, so I have decided to push it. This will also be the time to build a roster for the softball game. We also may pair up with SHP Charity for a bed building this day too!

Alumni Softball game: I will be planning this event for the spring semester. It will be closer to April or May, depending on the weather. I want to start having more than just a BBQ for the alumni to come and interact with the guys, so keep this event in mind for this semester!

Founders Table Refurbishing Project: I have taken it upon myself to look at the Founders Table and I have assessed that it needs some love. The Herald and I have started planning a refurbishing project which includes sanding down any unnecessary things that are under the table and non-founders. We then plan on getting plexiglass to put under the table to prevent any future graffiti and preserve the names under it. I also want to make new supports for the legs making it one solid structure instead of three pieces. Lastly, I want to fill any chips of the clear epoxy on the top of the table and hopefully have it looking better than ever.

Fall highlights

- Brother Spotlight
- Alumni Spotlight
- Alumni Events

Brother Spotlight

This brother spotlight is going out to our own Zach Williams. Zach graduated this December with a BA in Criminal Justice with forensics focus. Zach is currently looking for a career opportunity in his field. Zach was a part of Theta Class and served on the executive as the Eminent Warden. He loves making music as a hobby in his free time. His number is (719)505-6515 for any alumni career connections.



Alumni Spotlight

This Alumni Spotlight goes out to Kenneth “KC” Laursen. Ken was apart for Founding Class Theta. He graduated in 2018 with his BSN. He is working as an ICU Nurse at Parkview Medical center in Pueblo, CO, currently he is a COVID ICU Nurse. In his free time, Ken likes to spend his time working out, hang with his girlfriend and his dog, and play video games (league of Legends, WoW and others). Thank you, Ken, for your devotion to our healthcare system and your part in fighting the ongoing Pandemic!



Community Service

As many of you know and participate in, our Chapter Advisor Denny Butts started the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Charity here in the Springs. Some of our gentlemen went to the last bed building weekend before the holidays to build and bring beds to families who needed them. For more information about the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Charity Contact Denny, His information is down below in the Alumni Board Announcement section.

Pictured: Tanner Bloomer (Table Saw), and brothers Alec and Kris Batanero (Sanders)



Alumni Board Announcements

Alumni Board Members Needed: If you graduated at least 2 years ago in good standing (from any university) and are interested in providing guidance to the CO Phi chapter by joining the Alumni Advisory Board, please reach out to Denny Butts, chapter advisor, at [719-272-1652](tel:719-272-1652) or socosaeaa@gmail.com. If you are interested in socializing with other SAE alumni in the southern Colorado area, please visit our alumni association website at <http://socosae.com>.

The Alumni board is also looking for a Socializing Alumni to help coordinate some local alumni events here in SOCO. They are only asking for 3-4 a year. Some examples include but not limit to sporting events, BBQ, happy hour, etc. (maybe a past social chair can take this on)

