



GAMMA UPDATE

Gamma Chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma • Spring 2021



Loyal Alumni Key to Capital Campaign, Gamma Chapter's Success at UNL

Join Your ΑΓΣ Brothers for the Grand Opening Celebration This Fall

If the challenges of the past year have taught us anything, it's the importance of supporting each other, including our Alpha Gamma Sigma brothers at UNL. We wouldn't be the men we are today without our ΑΓΣ brothers, and Gamma wouldn't be the chapter it is without loyal alumni. We've turned a corner with this pandemic, hope is on the horizon, and we are elated to have surpassed our \$2.5 million goal. We extend a heartfelt thank-you to all alumni and friends who stepped up during Gamma Chapter's time of need. Your generosity has not gone unnoticed.

Building the Future of Gamma Chapter: The Campaign for Alpha Gamma Sigma has garnered support from 312 alumni and friends, who committed an outstanding total of \$2,861,573. Each gift, no matter the size, plays a part in the success of this capital campaign and in ensuring Alpha Gamma Sigma remains a top fraternity at UNL.

DEDICATION SET FOR AUGUST 28

Construction is well underway for our new fraternity at 3455 Holdrege! We are progressing toward an August 2021 move-in date with our grand opening celebration scheduled for Saturday, August 28. Stay tuned for more details as plans are finalized.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

After quite a bit of deliberation with the City

of Lincoln, we received our building permit to proceed. We have been fortunate to have Hampton Construction leading the way with their subcontractors getting the underfloor work and utility rerouting for the sleeping units upstairs completed on time while we waited for the permit. Without Hampton Construction pressing forward, we would not be at 20% complete.

By the time you receive this newsletter, structural steel placement will be finished and the floor for the main level should be poured. These tasks are major milestones in our project. As construction progresses in the coming months, if you are in Lincoln, be prepared to see the building look a little "worse for wear" as we re clad the building from a cement board panel to a new, bright aluminum finish.

Along with the construction, we have been finalizing the furniture, fixtures, and equipment needs for our new fraternity house. We have contracted with Dalyn Enterprises to fabricate 74 aluminum-framed loft beds and bathroom shelf storage units. Office Interiors and Design has been instrumental in developing the furniture and finish schedule. Along with the vision of fellow board member **Rick Gestring '83, Γ450**, we feel we have come up with a striking design that will serve to represent and set the tone of Alpha Gamma Sigma for years to come.

SUMMER RECRUITMENT

Academics remain a top focus of the active Gamma Chapter members this spring, and our undergraduate brothers are excited to move into the new chapter house this fall. In the meantime, all alumni are encouraged to lend a hand with summer 2021 recruitment by providing recruitment recommendations. Please submit names of new member candidates to **Kooper Jelinek '19, Γ1108** at kooperjjlinek@gmail.com.

We cannot thank our campaign supporters enough for ensuring Alpha Gamma Sigma's legacy endures at UNL, and we can't wait to see everyone at Gamma Chapter's grand opening this fall.

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OUR GENEROUS BROTHERS AND FRIENDS HELPED US CRUSH OUR \$2.5 MILLION GOAL

Together We Raised More Than \$2.86 Million—Thank You!

We are so grateful for our 312 brothers and friends who have committed \$2,861,573 to *Building the Future of Gamma Chapter: The Campaign for Alpha Gamma Sigma*. Their support has allowed us to move forward with the construction on our new home. We can't wait for everyone to see it and celebrate with us this fall!

All donors contributing a minimum of \$1,000 to the campaign, over a five-year period, will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the chapter house. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 so we may make a correction.

\$100,000 and above

- Dale Van Vleck '53, Γ22
 - In honor of Sen. Merton "Cap" Dierks '53, Γ2
- Thomas Schwab '57, Γ76
 - In memory of Raymond Schwab
- Mike Jacobson '72, Γ266
- Gerard J. Keating '82, Γ437
- Gestring Family Gift
 - Rick Gestring '83, Γ450
 - Bob E. Gestring '85, Γ497
- Keith Molzer '86, Γ511
- Shane Belohrad '87, Γ515
- The Curtis J. Domina '93, Γ638
 - Memorial Gift

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- Active Gamma Chapter
- Kevin C. Yost '84, Γ464

\$50,000 to \$74,999

- Wayne Wood '67, Γ195
- John Bergmeyer '85, Γ485
- Brase Family Gift
 - Mark Brase '87, Γ528
 - Mitch Brase '94, Γ654
- Bill Munn '87, Γ520
- Scott Bunz '89, Γ565
- Jed Christensen '95, Γ671
- Beverly and Chad Villwok '95, Γ666

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- Alois A. Bell '53, Γ1
 - In honor of the Class of 1955
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- Edward Banning '59, Γ95
- Milvern Noffke '59, Γ99
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 - Dwight Dam '80, Γ401
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- Jill and Matt Keating '80, Γ416
- Amy and Todd Shane '81, Γ423

- Folkers Family Gift
 - Dean R. Folkers '84, Γ468
 - Ryan A. Folkers '91, Γ606
- Spath Family Gift
 - Kris and Steward Spath '84, Γ477
 - Trevor Spath '15, Γ1013
- Kevin T. Lytle '85, Γ484
- Mike Miller '86, Γ502
- Brian Nedrow '89, Γ556
 - In memory of Brian and Bruce Nedrow, Γ102
- Christensen Family Gift
 - Monte Christensen '94, Γ657
 - Andrew Christensen '96, Γ694
- Pat L. Kroese '89, Γ564
- Brian Wieman '95, Γ674
- Todd Franzen '96, Γ683
- Chris P. Manske '96, Γ687
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- Richard Overy '63, Γ137
- Wayne E. Hake '66, Γ168
- Don Darling '67, Γ183
- Keith Niemann '67, Γ190
- John Watson '67, Γ204
- Marcile and Loren E. Katt '70, Γ230
- Sharon and Richard Katt '71, Γ255
 - In memory of Paul J. Jacobsen '71, Γ254
- Lyle Kinley Jr. '75, Γ313
- Barton Ruth '78, Γ365
- James and Alice Dam
 - In honor of Dwight Dam '80, Γ401, David Dam '86, Γ503, and Eric Dam '93, Γ636
- Gregerson Family Gift
 - Tammy and Tim Gregerson '84, Γ469
 - Cami and Garret Gregerson '13, Γ978
- Darin Armstrong '84, Γ480

- Gary Kahle '84, Γ482
- Brad Kresak '85, Γ486
- Jerry Lentfer '85, Γ493
- Greg Hoegermeyer '87, Γ517
- Dana Soukup '88, Γ532
- Doug Kriete '88, Γ540
- Corey Huck '88, Γ547
- Scott Wulf '88, Γ548
- Scott Heinrich '90, Γ573
- Dr. Jeff Jacobs '90, Γ575
- Andrew Bellis '90, Γ584
- Matthew Jedlicka '91, Γ605*
 - In honor of the Pledge Class of 1991
- Mike Underwood '90, Γ588
- Dean Acheson '92, Γ610
- Steven Coulter '92, Γ611*
- Holtmeier Brothers
 - Kirk Holtmeier '92, Γ623
 - Mike Holtmeier '01, Γ781
- Sagehorn Family Gift
 - Kevin Sagehorn '94, Γ647
 - Jon Sagehorn '96, Γ690
- David Bird '95, Γ664
- Kenton Schegg '95, Γ675*
- Lee Panko '97, Γ696
- Roubal Family Gift
 - Tony Roubal '05, Γ849
 - Zane Roubal '08, Γ912
 - Clay Roubal '11, Γ946
- Robinson Family Gift
 - Wes and Johnna Robinson
 - Austin Robinson '15, Γ1020
 - Cory Robinson '18, Γ1087
- Chvala Family Gift
 - Jan Chvala
 - Tom Chvala
 - Tracy Chvala
 - In honor of Patricia Madsen, *Housemother*

\$5,000 to \$9,999

- Stanley Eberspacher '53, Γ3
- Roy D. Volzke '54, Γ39

FINAL CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

As of April 27, 2021

Campaign Goal:
\$2.5 Million

Total Commitments:
\$2,861,573

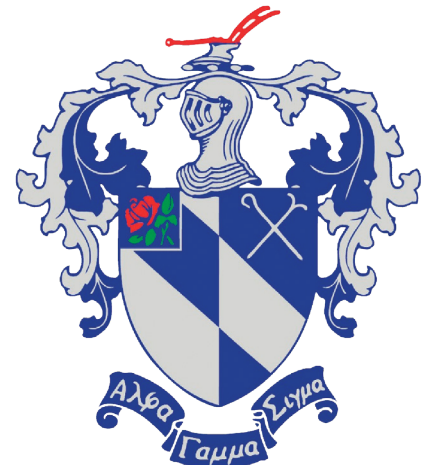
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- John Miller '64, Γ144
 - In memory of Burton L. Thompson '64
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- Ben Schole '65, Γ161
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- John Schnack '70, Γ234
- Lana and Robert L. Urban '72, Γ271
- Jon Propst '73, Γ286
- Larry Rauert '73, Γ288
- Mike Foley '75, Γ310
- Kelly Keaschall '76, Γ323
- Gary W. Vorderstrasse '75, Γ333
- Galen Kuska '78, Γ363
- Charles R. Peterson Jr. '79, Γ380
- Darell Aerts '80, Γ391
- Spilker Family Gift
 - Kyle D. Spilker '80, Γ411
 - Jackson L. Spilker '16, Γ1034
 - Peter D. Spilker '18, Γ1071
- Susan and Gary A. Schultz '82, Γ443
- D. Kent Thompson '83, Γ454
- Lane Christenson '84, Γ457



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 Michael Henry '85, Γ499
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 Michael Zalman '87, Γ524
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 Douglas Holtzen '88, Γ536
 Cary L. Sandell '88, Γ541
 Kurt Loseke '88, Γ545
 Holly and Blake Johnson '88, Γ546
 Gary Todd '88, Γ533
 John Williams '88, Γ551
 John S. Goertzen '88, Γ553
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 Jeffrey Sall '89, Γ555
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 Thomas Uhlman '89, Γ558
 Jacob Uhlman '17, Γ1048
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 Mark Frank '90, Γ581
 Craig Anderson '91, Γ598
 Chris Hilgenkamp '91, Γ603
 In honor of the
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 Mark Kimbrough '91, Γ594
 In honor of the
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 Bryan J. Perry '91, Γ597
 Amy and Bruce Williams '91, Γ590
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 In honor of the
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 Ryan Soukup '93, Γ631*
 Justin Sindt '93, Γ637*
 Warren Coulter '93, Γ641*
 Kevin Sagehorn '94, Γ647
 Garron Frank '95, Γ668
 Doug Knobbe '96, Γ678
 Brent Pohlmann '96, Γ679
 Jason Hupf '96, Γ682
 Craig George '96, Γ686
 Adam Thompson '96, Γ692
 Joel Clements '97, Γ699
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 Adam Pavelka '98, Γ721
 Craig Fix '98, Γ725
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 Austin Schweitzer '00, Γ756
 Jon Sellenrick '00, Γ758
- Joe Wendell '00, Γ761
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 Tony Johanson '00, Γ777
 Eric Knobbe '01, Γ784
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 Alan L. Hoeting '55, Γ52
 Harvey Tripple '55, Γ56
 Richard Paul '56, Γ61
 Moyn L. Keim '56, Γ63
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 James M. Eriksen '56, Γ73
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 Tom George '58, Γ88
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 In memory of
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 Joel Hargens '70, Γ239
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 Douglas Osler '72, Γ269
 Daryl Wilton '72, Γ274
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- Brian Renz '74, Γ316
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 Dan Stoll '04, Γ839
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 In memory of
 Richard Davis '79, Γ370
 Hermance Family Gift
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 Keith M. Hermance '11, Γ952
 Bryan Hoffman '79, Γ381
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 Tim Tielke '80, Γ399
 Todd Baker '80, Γ403
 Doug Pieper '80, Γ418
 Kurt Johnson '80, Γ420
 Michael Barrett '83, Γ449
 Brian Horning '83, Γ452
 David Nelson '83, Γ455
 Ted Mallette '84, Γ463
 Dennis Althouse '84, Γ467
 Steven Larsen '84, Γ473
 Rusty Bartlett '85, Γ495
 On behalf of
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 Troy Bredenkamp '87, Γ530
 Brian Pierce '88, Γ537
 Jeff Van Pelt '88, Γ538
 Craig Lytle '88, Γ539
 Matthew K. Rathjen '88, Γ542
 Mark "Jorgy" Jorgensen '88, Γ543
 Jeff Underwood '88, Γ550
 Bill Smith '88, Γ552
 William Jacobs '89, Γ563
 David Kyes '89, Γ567
 In memory of
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 Matthew Silverman '89, Γ569
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 Jon Simonsen '91, Γ595
 Lee Nelson '91, Γ599
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 Andy Walden '99, Γ753
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 Nathan Mueller '01, Γ779
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 Craig Davidson '06, Γ862
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 Dennis Romshek '78, Γ367
 Trevor Watson '07, Γ888
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 Adam Brown '07, Γ892
 Jeremy Schreiber '08, Γ898
 Benson Wallace '08, Γ908
 Logan Schweitzer '08, Γ913
 Taylor Collins '11, Γ949
 Andrew Ambriz '12, Γ966
 Colton Rathman '14, Γ1001
 Drake Betancur '15, Γ1014
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WORKING TOWARD A COMMON GOAL

Why Eli Thomssen '56, Γ77 Joined the Campaign

Eli Thomssen '56, Γ77 was born and raised on a family farm near Grand Island, Nebraska, and attended a one-room country school through eighth grade. "With the exception of one semester, I never had a classmate," he recalls. His social circle expanded greatly when he attended Grand Island Senior High with a graduating class of 264, and expanded again when he enrolled at UNL and joined Alpha Gamma Sigma. Eli held multiple chapter offices, including president in 1959. He was also involved in many campus organizations, including IFC, Block & Bridle, the meats judging team, and the Nebraska Human Resources Research Foundation.

Fraternity brothers helped Eli get started in what proved to be a fruitful professional career. He worked as a vacation relief sales representative on the East coast between his sophomore and junior years, and again between his junior and senior years. Eli got this job through a fraternity brother. After graduation, he worked as a sales representative for the same company, but became dissatisfied following a strike. Eli decided to find a new job and shared this desire with a fraternity brother who had just accepted a job with The Upjohn Company Animal Health Division (now part of Zoetis), and suggested Eli submit a resumé. He got the job and found that his skills translated well to the pharmaceutical industry.

"I think living in a fraternity teaches people how to solve problems by working together on teams," Eli said. For him, it turned out to be excellent preparation for the corporate world;



leadership roles in Gamma chapter came with plenty of challenges because the chapter was new at that time. There were numerous issues to address and developing strategies to meet them provided many great leadership opportunities. "I have used those experiences my entire life."

When Eli left Upjohn Animal Health after 37 years, he was Vice President, Business Development and Strategic Planning. Eli has always had an interest in entrepreneurship, and in 2001 he teamed up with six other executives to start new life science companies. Once these companies are formed, they seek funding and hire the appropriate people to run them and proceed with product development. The goal is to find unique technologies and advance the technology to the point that the new company will be acquired by a large life science company. Eli is currently the cofounder of one of these companies and serves as the President and CEO. The company is developing a device to improve diabetic foot ulcer healing rates. He has also served on the Board of other life science start-up companies and is currently on the Board of a company developing oral vaccines for the animal health market; in the future it may pivot to human vaccines.

When Gamma Chapter raised funds for the chapter house built in 1972, Eli was happy to lend his support. He was not heavily involved with the alumni group after that until 2017, when he decided to organize a reunion. It was a success, with more than 200 attendees. Eli enjoyed reconnecting with members and alumni of all ages, which led him to joining the early stages

of *Building the Future of Gamma Chapter: The Campaign for Alpha Gamma Sigma*. He helped with the feasibility study as well as contacting early donors to ask for support.

Eli took some time off due to other commitments, then re-joined the building Board early last year. One of his accomplishments in this role was to organize a six-member team to contact alumni from the '50s, '60s, and '70s. In this role, Eli and his teammates enjoyed connecting with brothers to emphasize the need for a new fraternity house.

"I think alums owe a certain amount of time, energy, and financial support to sustain Gamma Chapter, and help strengthen the brotherhood of men today and into the future," Eli said of this effort. "That comes from a strong alumni group. Being on the building Board has been a great opportunity to get acquainted with many new faces."

The building Board is busy planning the house grand opening celebration, scheduled for August 28. Eli, who pledged three years after the chapter was colonized, looks forward to the grand opening celebration and is pleased with how far Gamma Chapter has come as a leading fraternity at UNL. "The new chapter house, along with the programs it offers to develop the skills of the members, will ensure that AGS continues as a leading fraternity, producing men who will have successful careers following graduation."

If you have questions about the grand opening ceremony or would like to connect, he can be reached at elthomssen@gmail.com or (269) 491-6431.

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Philanthropy and Academics on Forefront for Gamma Chapter

Focused on Fostering Strong and Supportive Brotherhood

The past year has been anything but ordinary. I'm proud to say that the men of AGS have tackled the challenges in front of us and embraced opportunities to create memories and make a positive impact on campus.

ALUMNI KEY IN GAMMA CHAPTER'S RECRUITMENT SUCCESS

Our recruitment chairmen are off to a great start and are partnering with **Landon Rhodes '11, F948** and his company, Grindstone Media, to market our brotherhood to potential new members. This summer is vital to our success, with plans to recruit the largest class in AGS history. We are counting on alumni to fill out the recommendation form on our website, agsunl.org, to help us identify high-achieving young men. You can also contact **Kooper Jelinek '19, F1108** at kooperjjelinek3@gmail.com to assist with organizing a dinner or event.

PHILANTHROPICALLY FOCUSED

We've set high goals for our philanthropy program, planning to carry out at least one virtual and one in-person event this semester. Our community service has included highway trash cleanups and volunteering at the Lincoln Children's Zoo, and historic snowfall in January gave us the opportunity to serve our neighbors by digging out vehicles all over campus and towing a Lincoln Transit bus out of a snowbank.

AIMING FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

We have ramped up our expectations and support system after a challenging fall semester academically. We had 30 members above a 3.5 semester GPA and are relying on those men to set the standard as we fix our sights on earning top-five among fraternities this spring.

GAMMA HOLDS STRONG LEADERSHIP PRESENCE AT UNL

Our Fraternity Education Committee and a multitude of alumni are revamping our member education, creating an expanded four-year program with increased professional development. Our 22 new men, including



The men of AGS were runners-up in the UNL Rodeo Club Dodgeball tournament. From left: Bennett Perlinger '19, F1092, Logan Anderson '19, F1091, Brody Benson '20, F1126, Jake Judge '17, F1090, and Chad Niemeier '19, F1099.

five spring members, have increased our intramural and student organization involvement along with the actives. We have maintained our streak of members serving as Interfraternity Council executive officers, new student enrollment leaders, FFA state officers, Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council representatives, NHRI leadership mentors, and many other positions.

BRIGHT FUTURE FOR GAMMA CHAPTER

It has been a unique experience living on city campus, and we will carry the relationships and reputation we've built into our new facility. Our semester goals aim to put us in the best position academically and socially. Some might say that this pandemic, house transition, and everything else couldn't have come at a more inopportune time. However, I believe that just as steel is strengthened by fire, so our members and alumni have and will be further strengthened and united by the challenges and opportunities that face our chapter.



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Brotherhood Bulletin

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Ron Wilton '61, F120 entered Chapter Eternal on February 23, 2021, at age 78 in Lincoln, Neb. With limited vision, he worked as a dairy facility manager for Meadow Gold in Holiewa, Hawaii. Ron was preceded in death by his parents; infant brother; and brother, **Dennis Wilton '63, F149**. Survivors include a sister, Jan Leecr; and a brother, **Daryl Wilton '72, F274**.

Dennis Wilton '63, F149 entered Chapter Eternal on January 11, 2021, after a three-plus year battle with cancer. He lived in Overland Park, Kan. He attended UNL on a four-year scholarship from a feed company where he worked for 13 years after graduation as operations manager before moving to the Omaha Council Bluffs area. He was president of The Jerome Distributing Inc., a family owned and operated beverage and beer distributor. In 1985, Dennis moved back to KC to work as a sales manager for RiteMade Paper Converters and retired in December 2010 as executive vice president of sales.

ALUMNI NEWS

Charles Schuerman '53, F19 is 89 and still taking care of himself, his wife, Mary, and his yard. He lives in Lincoln, Neb. Email: mclee665@aol.com

Doug Osler '72, F269 lived and farmed 14 miles south of Elsie, Neb., for 28 years. He's lived and worked for Union Pacific in North Platte, Neb., for the past 17 years. Email: douglasosler@gmail.com

Doug Pieper '80, F418 retired from Farmers Coop in 2018 and took over his family farm. He lives in Beatrice, Neb. Email: dapieper62@yahoo.com

Nathan Foley '09, F925 officiates high school basketball and umpires Division I and Division II baseball. He lives in Lincoln, Neb. Email: nathan.j.foley@gmail.com



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AUGUST 28

Save the date and plan to join your fellow AGS brothers and guests for a Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday, August 28.

You can expect a large tent in the parking lot, a barbecue meal, plenty of cold beverages, a meaningful dedication ceremony, tours of the current and former fraternity houses and—most importantly—time spent with brothers and guests who you haven’t seen in a long time. All that, plus two massive video screens showing the Nebraska vs. Illinois game. It will be a great day and we hope you’ll be part of it.

For up-to-date details, visit www.agsunl.org/alumni-resources. Formal invitation to follow.

Communication support and assistance provided by Pennington & Company.

WANT TO HOST A REUNION?

Are you interested in gathering your pledge class or a group of brothers together but need some help? Let us know—we would be happy to give you any assistance possible. Reach out to **Jerry Lentfer '85, Γ493**, at jlentfer123@gmail.com for help with your reunion needs.



The chapter celebrated the annual Christmas gift exchange a month late this year due to the shortened fall semester. But it was fun none the less!

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