

# Gamma-Chi News

Dear Brothers,

As this school year comes to a close, it is time for us to look back on all of the wonderful things that have happened this term. There have been numerous events that the members of Gamma-Chi have been involved in this year, and specifically this semester. With the new faces that we have now joining our ranks, it is a great time to be associated with such an active and thriving chapter. There are so many new things that these new initiates will bring to our organization, I hope you keep a close look out for Kappa Sigma's Gamma-Chi chapter in the near future.

## Spring 2014 Acknowledgements

Our chapter would be nothing without the men of the chapter both past and present that have put so much of their time and effort into making this an outstanding chapter once again. We have so much more potential and so many great things taking place that I highly anticipate the outcomes that I know all of our men can achieve. A special thanks to members that have helped us get to where we are now (Doug Shaw and Andy Streeter) and especially to our Alumni Advisor Brother Mike Gardner for helping lead us towards becoming a top chapter on campus once again.



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## Kappa Sigma Spring Day of Service

Gamma-Chi took the idea of giving back to the community in a great and completely unique fashion this year during the national Kappa Sigma Day of Service day this Spring. Not only did they help out for several hours cleaning, washing, and giving a tremendous help out to their community; but they did this and so much more that day. There were a sizable number of members helping out at the Manhattan Crisis Center around the grounds and inside. In addition to a number of brothers went and worked on another service event as well. Those brothers went to the Manhattan Community Gardens. They did things like yard work and planting to help out the community with the volunteer work that the area readily needed.

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Kappa Sigma Brothers at the Manhattan Crisis Center cleaning the basement and organizing donations received .



Brothers outside at the Manhattan Community Center after helping complete several hours of work in the area



62%

## Ritual Proficiency

What does Gamma-Chi, Brother Stephen Alonzo Jackson, and 62% all have in common?

It sounds like the start to a horrible joke, but this semester, it is one of the greatest things that the undergraduates of Gamma-Chi have achieved this semester. Having over a 62% ritual proficiency when the last check showed it was just around 7% is an outstanding achievement. It just goes to show how dedicated the men of Gamma-Chi are to achieving the best for themselves and for the history and legacy of our chapter.

Another incredible step forward is the push for absolutely 100% Proficiency by this time next year. Such a daunting task seems impossible, but it seems when the men of Gamma-Chi set their minds to something, there is no way it couldn't happen. During pledge ship, pledges will be taught what parts of the pledging ceremony that they have already been exposed to. Not only will they be instructed in the words in order to commit them to memory, but they will also be learning a tremendous amount about what it truly means to be a Kappa Sigma. When they become initiated, they will be given 2-3 weeks to learn the parts that only true Brothers are aware of and then are required to test out within that time period. In regards to active Brothers who have not already received one ritual certificate, they will be encouraged to obtain it over the summer.

With this plan and many more like it, Gamma-Chi is revolutionizing Ritual Proficiency and is definitely laying a promising foundation for those that will come after them.

### Why become Ritual Proficient?

The primary intent of the Ritual Proficiency Program is to create a culture for the Brothers to be self-sufficient in the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. It has several other benefits including a form of recognition for all of those that achieve the highest levels of proficiency and dedication to its teachings. It creates a resource to assist brothers, and creates a desire in newly initiated brothers to become proficient, prepare them for officer positions and help current Officers to become ready to move up the officer line and fill in when the need arises.



Brother Snow with his Mother and Gamma-Chi's House Mom Stacey

## Mother's Weekend

Since Father's Day weekend was such a success, the brothers of Gamma-Chi decided that they wanted to be able to have such a weekend for their mothers as well. With designed shirts, planned activities, and an all out tailgate, Mother's day weekend was off to a fantastic start. Brothers and Friends took their mothers out for dinner before hitting the bowling alleys on that Friday evening. They then got up and spent the day with their mothers and came together that afternoon to tailgate at the new west stadium for the KU vs. KSTATE baseball game. The weekend was a great time to spend time with parents. In addition parents were able to gain some insight into what our fraternity is like. For some this was the first experience they had with our greater chapter here at Gamma-Chi. They saw that their sons being a member of this fraternity was an advantageous attribute that would greatly lead to their son's overall growth. Since Father's day and Mother's day weekends were such a success, both events will become a yearly event for us here at Gamma-Chi.

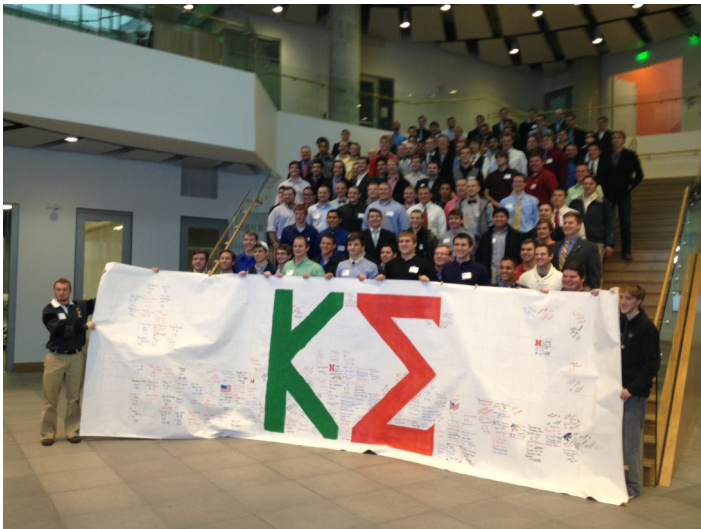


## Heart of America District Grand Conclave

The Midwest District Grand Conclave was a great way for different chapters to not only meet each other, but learn from each of the things that works successfully for each chapter across the Midwest in regards to rush, ritual proficiency and other such aspects. At the Grand Conclave, there were numerous course that allowed for every member to take certain sessions that could help them out not only as an individual but also as a Kappa Sigma. Worthy Grand Master Hugh Robert presented to all of the chapters throughout the day and emboldened us to do more and be better people for ourselves and also for our esteemed fraternity. A special thank you to DGM Brother Andy Streeter for conducting and being a instrumental part of making the Grand Conclave a possibility.



WGM Brother Hugh Robert with Brother Snow



Brothers from across the Midwest for the Heart of



Group photo of the Brothers of Gamma-Chi after the District Grand Conclave

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*“be better people for ourselves and also for our esteemed fraternity”*

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Brothers in South Padre

## Brotherhood

One of the greatest things about the Brothers of Gamma-Chi is the brotherhood that exudes from all of our members. Spending time together and growing as brothers fraternally has always been one of the strongest attributes that the Gamma-Chi chapter has exemplified over the years.



Brothers and Friends supporting Brother Thackston at one of his MMA Fights



Brothers participating at the Sigma Kappa's Mud Bowl Philanthropy



Brothers Conner, Berry, Van Holland, Thackston, Papen, and Ludwig at the Alpha Chi Omega Dodgeball tournament that they won.





### **May 18th 3:30PM KState vs. Texas Baseball Game**

- ♦ Manhattan area focused event
- ♦ Tailgate and Dinner after the event

### **June 5th 4:00PM Hot Summer Nights: Chris Cagle @ KC Live, Power and Lights**

- ♦ Kansas City area focused event
- ♦ Dinner included as well

### **June 12-14th, 19-21st TBA Booth for Freshmen Orientations**

### **June 20th (Time TBA) Fox Hole Paintball in Junction City**

- ♦ Just for fun paintball event
- ♦ Dinner afterwards

### **June 28th 4:00PM KC TBones vs. Railcats**

- ♦ Come meet Local Alumnus and watch a game
- ♦ Tailgate before and after event

### **July 10th 4:00PM Hot Summer Nights: Randy Rogers @ KC Live, Power and Lights**

- ♦ Music and Fellowship
- ♦ Dinner included

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Questions or things  
you would like more  
detail on?

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## Alumni Meet 'n' greets

### **Kansas City Area**

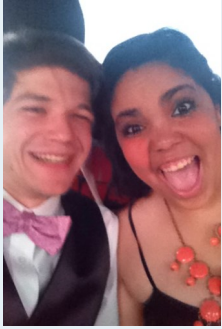
- ◆ June 27th, 5:00PM-6:30PM, Location TBD
- ◆ July 26th, golf tournament

### **Manhattan, KS Area**

- ◆ September 7th, 5:00PM-6:30PM, Location TBD

### **Fall 2014 Scheduled Events**

- ◆ Fall All-House Retreat
  - > Executive Council August 22nd
  - > All House August 23rd
- ◆ Formal September 20th
- ◆ Dad's Weekend October 4th



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Gamma-Chi has made fantastic growth in the past several semesters and there are many things we are working to improve on. If you have any ideas or provocations to get involved with the undergraduate chapter please feel free to contact one of the following:

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