



Summer Retreat 2014 - Penn Theta Lafayette College

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Always Improving At The OGB

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On the evening of Friday, July 25th, the second annual Penn Theta Retreat at the Old Grey Barn got under way with great gusto. Undergraduates and old & new alumni alike all came out for the weekend in order to further enhance the bond of our noble fraternity and to participate in some renovation and cleaning projects for the house.

To begin the Retreat, Tommaso Marsella '06, Penn Theta '03 volunteered a few hours of his time on Saturday morning to lead some reflection on the past year and goal setting activities for the upcoming academic year. In regards to these reflections and goals, Penn Theta has much to be proud of, with a few outstanding accomplishments being recognized with awards at the biannual national conference, the Grand Arch Council (GAC), held in Phoenix, AZ.

Penn Theta received three awards at this year's GAC; the Woodrow Wilson Award for Scholastic Achievement (Cumulative GPA over 3.3), the Outstanding Intramural Program Award, and the District I Award (awarded to the top five chapters in the country).

To continue the retreat on Sunday, various projects got underway within the Old Grey Barn. Kevin McHugh '15, Penn Theta '12, led an effort to completely clean the kitchen, which involved of all appliances and work stations. Sam Kalra '16, Penn Theta '13, worked with a group to steam clean the carpets on the second and third floors of the house. Recent alumnus Robbie George '14, Penn Theta '11 showed his lifelong commitment to his fraternity by returning to the OGB and leading the endeavor to clean and power wash the bathrooms on the second and third floors.

A nice reward for the hard work put in by the brothers this past weekend was a visit to Alex Laroche's ('98, Penn Theta '95) house which is twenty minutes from Lafayette. He and his wife Ana opened their home to the undergrads for a whiskey tasting, which was a phenomenal and intriguing experience.

The projects mentioned thus far as well as a full cleaning of the basement all took place on Sunday. Overall, the second annual Retreat at the Old Grey Barn was a huge success and the brothers of Penn Theta hope to continue the tradition next summer.

A special thanks goes to Thomas Heard '91, Penn Theta '88, the new VP of Housing for consolidating all of the weekends materials and equipment.

The brothers of Phi Kappa Psi thank the following brothers for their time and commitment this past weekend, and look forward to another successful semester in the Fall of 2014.

Thomas Heard...1259
Alex LaRoche...1347
Tommaso Marsella...1456
Robbie George...1589

John Paul Bisciotti...1616
Kevin McHugh...1623
Patrick Grundy...1632
Brian Cantor...1637
Armen Mkhitarian...1642
Corey McKenna...1645
Brian Ashnault...1646
Bob Dyer...1647
Ben Shein...1648
James Erario...1649
Jesse Baer...1650
Sam Kalra...1653
Kevin Jackson...1654