



Alpha Rho Chi
Metagenes Alumni Association

Report of the Metagenes Alumni Association
Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity
Submitted for the 58th National Alpha Rho Chi Convention

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Chapter Update

Last May, the Metagenes Alumni Association, the sponsoring "chapter" for the colony, conducted the pledging ceremony and installed the Gamma Alpha class of Metagenes Colony. In addition, we continued our local tradition of assigning a big brother to each pledge to help them learn about our chapter's traditions and to help them with the pledging process.

In February, Metagenes alumni traveled down to Blacksburg to help the colony conduct the pledging ceremony for the next pledge class, the Gamma Betas. It was significant to our alumni association, seeing the colony form their own cohesive group and seeing them start their own traditions, as well as incorporating old ones.

The weekend before Convention, the Metagenes Alumni Association held the Gamma Alpha class initiation in Washington DC with Metagenes alumni planning the event and fulfilling major roles. We had major help from local Vitruvius, Pytheos, Rabirius and Seshait alumni and active brother help from Vitruvius, Seshait and Domitian. We could not have conducted this event without everyone's help and we thank our brethren for supporting us.

We look forward to attending events at Virginia Tech and supporting the new chapter. We have missed our gatherings at Blacksburg and are happy to pass on our history and traditions and to see new traditions form as they become their own chapter with their own traditions. As big brothers and alumni, we continue to strengthen our ties of communication between our two organizations, email and cell phones being great inventions since the early 90s!

Events

As an active alumni association in our own right, we continued our alumni tradition this year with several outings and events. In July we had our annual Metagenes picnic, which was expanded to all Alpha Rho Chi alumni in the Washington, DC area for the second year. We will be having our 5th annual picnic this summer, so if you know of any brothers in the DC area, just let us know and we'll get them on the email distribution list.

In August, several Metagenes alumni got together for the Virginia Tech-University of Southern California football game and continued our tailgate tradition with pledges from the colony.

Fall included several planning meetings to discuss the upcoming Chapter installation and was a good excuse to get together and catch up. Any excuse a Metagenes can give to go to a bar seems to be a good one.

In February, the Metagenes Alumni Association held our second annual snow tubing event at the Whitetail Ski Resort in Pennsylvania. Many Metagenes alumni, alumni from other chapters and Metagenes (then) colonists joined us in some icy fun.

Dinners, movie nights, and out-of-town visits were held throughout the year and have continued the oaths of fellowship we made as brothers. Our Metagenes circle continues to expand with alumni from other chapters living in the DC/ Baltimore area.

Membership

We continue to send regular newsletters and expand our email distribution list. This year we collected record dues which will help our planning for the new chapter.

Website

We continue to maintain a website, dutifully updated and maintained by Rick Jenkins. Our past newsletters and upcoming events are always posted. Please visit us at: www.alpharhochi.org/metagenesalum.

On a personal note, I am enjoying the experience of being a big brother for the first time and am thankful that my little brother is as energetic about this fraternity as I am. It makes me feel better that I am establishing a connection that will continue for the rest of our lives, even well after he graduates from college.

In Fidelitas, Amor et Artes,



Michele LeTourneur