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Noble Ruler Report

Greetings Brothers,

I would like to introduce myself, my name is John Armstrong and I am very humbled to be serving as the 2017 Eta Chapter Noble Ruler. I was born and raised in Williamsburg, Iowa. The 2017 executive team and myself are very excited to be able to help lead Eta Chapter in a very successful year. I have no doubt that Eta Chapter will keep working together to improve and have a prosperous future.

The Spring 2017 semester is well underway here at 201 Gray. It is very evident that all of the brothers have settled into their schedules and are getting ready for their midterm exams that will be coming up very quickly. We received our Fall 2016 Grade Reports and Eta chapter is very excited to receive a 3.21 GPA which placed us 4th among all fraternities on campus.

The first weekend of February, the executive team and member Jacob Kruger attended the AGR Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The two-day conference provided numerous opportunities for networking, and educational seminars. While there, we had the pleasure to connect with brothers; Grant Bargfrede, Andrew Lauver, and Jim Borel. Everyone who attended thought it was a great learning and networking experience.

This year, we are on the hunt for 24 new brothers to join the house. Our Recruitment Chair, Nathan Yeager and his team have been doing a great job giving house tours and traveling out these young men at their homes. If you know of any young men who would be deserving of a spot, please contact Nathan (641.814.2063), as it is not too late to consider someone for membership for the upcoming fall semester.

On behalf of the active chapter members, we would like to thank all of the Alumni and family members that attended The 103rd Founders Day. Eta Chapter held a Game Watch Party for Alumni and Active Chapter members on the evening prior to Founders Day. This was a great social and networking event for AGR's of all ages. The Sunday Founders Day program illustrated how blessed Eta Chapter is to have such supportive, active, and engaged Alumni. We would love to have you join us next year for the 104th Founders Day.

The Active Chapter is very excited for the changes that will be coming this summer in conjunction with the 2nd Century campaign. We will be as flexible as we can to accommodate the construction process and all the challenges that come with it. On behalf of the active chapter, we would like to thank all of the brothers that have donated to the house expansion project. If you are looking for additional project or donation details, please view our website.



On behalf of the active chapter, have a safe and enjoyable spring and a prosperous 2017.

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Active Member Spotlight

Josh Carlson “2257”

In this addition of the Eta chapter “Crescent” the active chapter member spotlight goes to brother Josh Carlson “2257.” Josh is a member of the 2016 New Initiate class and comes from Gowrie, Iowa. He is majoring in Agricultural Studies with a minor in both Agronomy and Agricultural systems technology. During his short time at Iowa State Josh has gotten involved in a wide range of activities. He is a member



of the Block and Bridal Club and Collegiate Beef team. In addition to his on campus activities, Josh has been an active participant in Yell Like Hell, the Varieties show, and Lip Sync contest.

With all of these activities keeping him busy, Josh has also found time to compete and win the state FFA Proficiency contest in the diversified agriculture production area. Josh’s project has involved a wide range of activities all revolving around production agriculture. As part of his project, Josh was involved in a 50/50 crop share agreement to farm 450 acres of corn and soybeans. Additionally, he was in charge of background feeding 73 head of steers on his father’s feed yard. Along with these areas of the project, he added an additional entrepreneurship aspect to his project, by working in his parent’s hog confinement. To add another level of responsibility to his project, Josh also owns and maintains 7 pieces of equipment to keep his operation running. While working on this project, Josh was required to keep accurate and detailed records, both to balance his books and run what basically turned into a small business and to set himself above the rest of the competition. Josh first submitted his project at the North Central District competition that he won and moved on to the Iowa State competition where his project was selected as the winner. Josh’s project will now be moving on to be evaluated at the national level. He plans to continue with the various activities involved with his project and would like to expand the project by adding more cattle to the feedlot and eventually would like to buy into some hogs. When asked about his project, he described it as a, “great opportunity to start building my own operation and begin the next generation of farming in our family.”

When Josh graduates, he plans return home and expand the livestock side of his family’s farm.

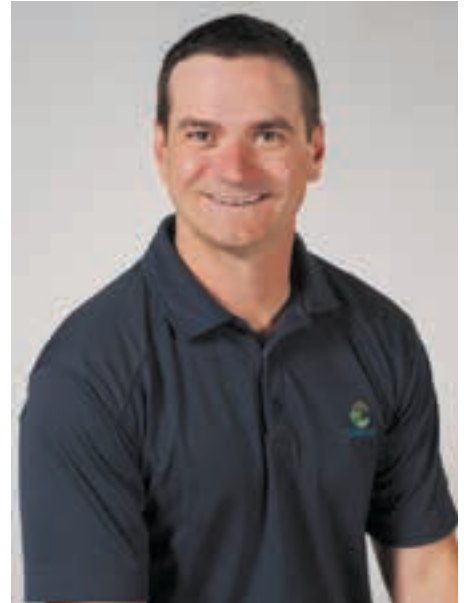


Thomas Wilgenbusch

Alumni Spotlight

Joe Hora “2046”

Brother Hora “2046” is being recognized as this editions Alumni spotlight. He graduated in 2013 with a degree in Agriculture Studies and a minor in Agronomy. Upon graduation Hora took fulltime employment with Monsanto Company as a District Sales Manager and relocated to the Clear Lake, IA region. In the summer of 2013 Hora moved again to Carroll, IA where he took over a sales district for Channel Seed within Monsanto. Within this role Joe strategically works with independent seed business owners to increase overall Monsanto seed corn and soybean market share as well as increase his overall point of sales. Joe also serves as a Monsanto University Relations contributor. In his own words “I am fortunate to have been involved in Agriculture throughout most of my life. I enjoy the industry I chose to work in because of the interactions I get to have with ag professionals and the hard-working Iowa’s involved in the farming sector.” Through the growth of Hora’s seed districts business, he and his fiancé took the opportunity to move back to his hometown Fort Dodge in May of 2016.



Joe grew up on a corn and soybean row crop and hog farm operation in Fort Dodge, IA. Hora credits the learnings and experiences on the family farm operation through his dad Gregg Hora “1247” for his desire to become interested in Agriculture and Alpha Gamma Rho. Joe has settled into his hometown of Fort Dodge and looks forward to becoming more involved with the family farm as well as continue his career with Monsanto. He and his fiancé Meg plan to marry this summer.

In the communities since graduating Joe has been a member of local United Way, Young Professionals of Carroll as well as the Young Professionals of Fort Dodge. He has also been active with the Webster County Pork Producers and served a 3-year term with the Young Alumni Council within the Iowa State Alumni Association. Joe looks forward to continue his community involvement within Fort Dodge and throughout agriculture organizations in Iowa.

Joe continues to be an avid Cyclone supporter and often travels to Ames to cheer on the Cyclone football and basketball teams. Joe credits his learnings while at AGR for the leadership opportunities and career accomplishments he has seen since graduating and continues to maintain close relationships at the fraternity.



Mason Lettinga

The 86th Varieties: Relive the Legends

Another year, another exciting round of Varieties! This year we were again paired with the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon, along with the women of Alpha Delta Pi and Kappa Kappa Gamma. All the co-chairs from these houses got together and created “Theo: A Legend in Progress.” Our play this year had a Greek-themed plotline, and featured three AGR brothers as lead roles. With plenty of hard work and a great script, we were able to advance on to the final round, which consisted of 4 very competitive pairings. We had some great individual success in the final round by winning two individual awards and earning other award nominations. Brothers Mathias Peters and Jake Lilienthal also emceed the Saturday night show of finals round, and won the emcee contest in the process. Our pairing as a whole ended up finishing in 4th place, with hopes for improvement for next year. Overall, The 86th Varieties was a success for our pairing and for Alpha Gamma Rho, with success in the show itself, the emcee contest, individual achievements, and a few brothers working behind the scenes on Varieties Central Committee. We are definitely looking forward to even more success next year!



Austin Janssen



BROTHERS WITH LEAD ROLES

Jake Smith
Ares

Caleb Lichty
Hermes

Erik Fevold
Hades

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS EARNED BY OUR PAIRING

Caleb Lichty
Best Actor

Erik Fevold
Best Supporting Actor

INDIVIDUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS FOR OUR PAIRING

Caleb Lichty
Best Male Vocalist

Quinn Moran
Best Female Vocalist

Jake Lilienthal
2017 Vart Award

Best Tech Crew

Best Co-Chairs

AGR TRI-CHAIRS

Jake Lilienthal

Michael Peters

Caleb Lichty

VARIETIES CENTRAL CHAIRS

Matt Morgan

Grant Heineman

Grant McMillan

Lambert's Story

Lambert's journey began at my 20 week ultrasound, where the doctor told Logan and I that the baby's "long bones" (arm and leg bones) were measuring short. He referred us to the University of Iowa where we were told the baby had a condition called Skeletal Dysplasia (Dwarfism). The doctors did an amniocentesis and genetic testing to get a better understanding of the type of skeletal dysplasia he had. They told us that they could not confirm his diagnosis until birth, but that he had one of two conditions. The first was Achondrogenesis- a lethal form of skeletal dysplasia that limits chest cavity and lung development so severely that they cannot support life. The second, Spondyloepiphyseal Dysplasia Congenita (SEDC)- a less severe form that also limits chest cavity and lung development, while sustaining life. We were very disheartened by this news but remained positive and prayed that we would have a baby that would survive birth and the days shortly after.

On August 4, 2016, I had my final OB appointment before my scheduled induction, during which my ultrasound showed that my fluid was low and I needed to be induced immediately to reduce stress on the baby. At 11:11 PM, Lambert Levi Lyon was born, weighing 5lbs. 3oz. and measuring 15 inches long. He was transferred to the NICU where he was put on positive pressure to help keep his lungs inflated. He was positively diagnosed with SEDC. He spent the first 3 months on various supports of oxygen before contracting a urinary tract infection. The UTI was very hard on him because of his small lungs and breathing issues. He was then intubated and placed on a ventilator just 10 days before he was scheduled to have his tracheostomy surgery.

On Halloween Lambert had his trach and g-tube surgeries. The tracheostomy procedure places a tube into his trachea to bypass his nose and mouth and give him a direct airway to his lungs. The g-tube is a port placed in his belly to give feedings directly into his stomach. After his surgery he was heavily sedated and paralyzed and placed on an invasive ventilator in order to let him rest and heal. They keep them paralyzed to avoid the trach being pulled out before it is completely healed. He was paralyzed and sedated for almost three weeks before he could be placed back on the regular ventilator.

Once he recovered from his surgery he began to improve rapidly. He was placed on home ventilator trials for 15 minutes a day. After 2 months he finally worked up to 24 hours daily. He had to be on the home vent 24 hours a day for one month before he could be discharged from the NICU. The home vent provides positive pressure to help keep his lungs inflated. Lambert controls his own respiratory rate and does all of the breathing himself. On February 21st, after 201 days in the NICU, Lambert was discharged from the hospital. Along with the home vent, his other equipment includes a pulse oximeter, suction machine, feeding pump and oxygen. Whenever we leave the house we will now have to carry all of his equipment with us, along with an emergency trach bag and other supplies. Needless to say we look like hoarders walking into the doctor's office. Lambert's trach has to be cared for daily and changed twice a week. If it gets malpositioned or plugged we have to perform an emergency trach change to open up his airway.

Lambert's condition is very rare; the information we have about his growth and other outcomes are very limited. That being said, we do not know how long he will have the trach and g-tube, but we are optimistic that he will have them removed by the time he is in grade-school. Along with the lung development issues he also has a high risk of eye

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problems, losing his hearing, hip dysplasia, neck instability and other orthopedic problems that will limit his physical development. He will have shorter limbs and will be of short stature.

Through all of the overwhelming things we dealt with, Lambert has always been a happy boy. His personality has bloomed since he recovered from his trach surgery. In the last month he has begun to smile, blow bubbles, babble through his trach and even giggle. It is truly amazing to see him beginning to thrive. He loves to snuggle with mom and dad. He likes to kick his piano and grab any tube or toy he can get his hands on! He enjoys being read to and watch Finding Dory. He is even beginning to roll from side to side. It has been inspiring to watch this little boy grow. Throughout his NICU stay he has made me so proud. He handled the pokes and prods, the countless tube changes and the endless challenges with amazing resiliency. Lambert is now 7 months old and thriving at home. He weighs a 12lbs. 2oz. and is 20 inches long.

We have been blessed with the most beautiful gift from God. Logan and I are overwhelmed by the prayers and support we received for our little boy and cannot thank everyone enough for all they do for us. We were fortunate enough to have a room at the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City for Lambert's entire hospitalization. I stayed most nights and Logan came when he could during the week and on the weekends. It was such a blessing to not have to drive back and forth to the hospital. They also provided us with meals every night and were a great support to our family. They even gave us tickets to the Iowa vs. Iowa State football and basketball games since we were the only Iowa State fans staying in the house (and probably Iowa City). If you are ever looking for a great cause to volunteer with or donate to RMHC is wonderful charity.

Our nurses and doctors have also been great blessings to us. They saved our son's life on multiple occasions and managed to keep us calm through our entire stay. Many have become our family. When you spend 6+ months living in the hospital you really get to know the people who are taking care of your son. It is the best feeling when you have nurses fighting over who gets your child for that shift. We constantly had nurses and doctors coming to check up on their "Lamby." I felt so secure leaving my son with them, because I knew his nurses truly loved him.

The love hasn't stopped with hospital staff. Our family and friends have been the best support system that we could have asked for. We are so grateful for everything they have done and continue to do for us. Not many babies in the NICU had over 10 pages of visitors when they left. We can't thank you all enough for everything. They even coordinated us to have a police and firetruck escort the last 5 miles home from the hospital. Only in a small town farming community will you get the love and support that we have received, and for that all we can say is THANK YOU!

Logan and I are relieved to be home. Although it has been stressful and we have had a few hiccups, it is the best feeling to all be home together. We are so thankful for our little boy and excited to watch him grow and thrive!

Much Love,
The Lyon Family- Emily, Logan and Lambert



Mom's Report

The members are all back from Christmas break and the Spring session is in full swing. I thought it was a good time to reflect back on the fall semester. As usual it was a busy time.

Even before classes officially started, AGR young men were volunteering at the Farm Progress Show in Boone, Iowa. Twenty-four new members were welcomed to the fraternity and move-in day was its usual chaos with new members' moms wondering about the wisdom of their son joining a fraternity. We celebrated the Scholarship meal--steaks with all the trimmings--for those who had a made a grade point 3.31 and above, and our annual trip to Hickory Park for those who made the Dean's Team.

We then enjoyed Engineering career day, Dad's weekend, National AGR consultant visit, CALS week, Agger Fries (our annual fall philanthropy), Bacon Expo, Lawn Display, Yell Like Hell, Homecoming, dinner guests from numerous businesses looking for interns and potential employees, Ag Career day and reception, National FFA Convention, football games, bus parties, skip trip, classes, tests, projects, joining clubs and committees, Thanksgiving, Finals and finally Christmas break.



The Spring semester started with the members celebrating the house fall semester grade point of 3.21. It is evident that in spite of all the activities they remembered to study.

The addition to the AGR house is scheduled to start this semester. In addition to everything else it will make for a very busy but exciting semester. I look forward to it.

Diane Pinneke
AGR Housemother

Spring Grade Report

Hello, my name is Andy Love and I am the new VNR of Scholarship. I am a junior majoring in Agronomy and I am from Harmony, MN. I am happy to report that the chapter has received a 3.21 cumulative grade point average. When looking at the IFC and the semester reports, we have had another outstanding performance to show for our house. We tied for fourth highest GPA of all fraternities on campus, improved our house GPA by four one-hundredths over the past year, and have successfully set the bar above the average Greek and non-Greek college student. Half of the all the brothers also made our annual Scholarship Meal. To attend this meal, you would have to receive a 3.31 GPA. We also had over 25 brothers make Dean's Team meal, and to attend this meal, you would have had to receive a 3.50 GPA.



We are still utilizing the in-house book library and this has given present and future brothers a great opportunity to use these books for most agriculture-related classes. We look forward to the Eta Second-Century renovation and investing in some new technology for the computer lab. Our hope is that brothers will use these tools to assist in their academic success and that we will also be able to use these programs has even more incentive for potential new members to be recruited to become brothers at AGR.

Andy Love

Check out the new feature on the website!

As apart of our ongoing efforts to have accurate records of Alumni Contact information. We have added a contact update form to the “Alumni” tab on the website. Please do fill out if you don’t receive the E-Newsletter emails, The Crescent, or publications from Nationals.

A screenshot of the 'Alumni Contact Information Update Form' on the website. The form is titled 'Alumni Contact Information Update Form' and includes a sub-header 'Dear Alumni Members of Alpha Gamma Rho - Eta Chapter'. Below the sub-header is a paragraph of text: 'Please use the following contact information if you change it directly. This information will only be used for the purpose of the website, The Crescent and the Eta Chapter Newsletter.' The form contains two input fields: 'First Name' and 'Last Name', each with a 'First name' or 'Last name' label and a text input box.

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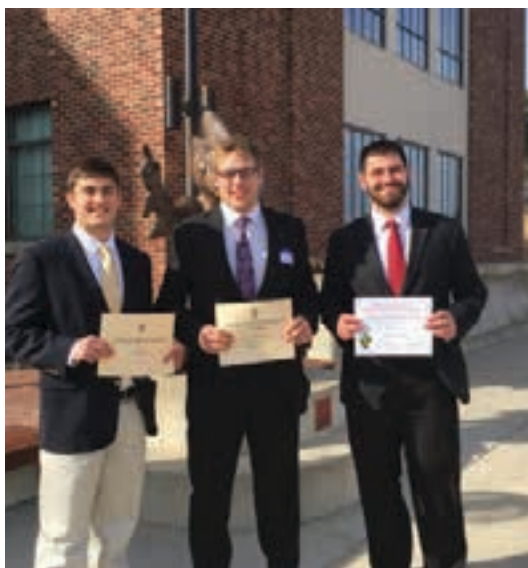
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TOP - Legacy Fund Winners

ABOVE LEFT - Brother Jake Lilienthal on guitar for Varieties

ABOVE RIGHT - Members of Alpha Gamma Rho, Kappa Gamma and Beta Sigma Psi having dinner and hearing the story of our Special Olympic Athlete (Blaine Fisher) that we are supporting for Greek Week



TOP - Dance Marathon: (left to right) Trey Wiese, Grant McMillan, Emily Lyons, Caleb Lichty and Shayne Wiese

BOTTOM RIGHT - Seniors last moms weekend

TOP LEFT - Founders Day

BOTTOM LEFT - Scholarship Award Winners: (left to right) Caleb Schnoor, Grant Heineman and John Armstrong



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615	Richard Warren	1027	Thomas D Juergens	1450	Brian J Fischer	1854	Heath L Brock
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662	Luther G Tweeten	1132	Christopher G Floy	1550	Jeffrey D Rowe	1897	Garret Dean Moenk
684	Donald W Heineking	1134	Mark E Wilson	1565	Colby J Entriken	1910	Andrew Lee Butche
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