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We asked Alphas to send us photos of their Lodges decked out for the holidays, and here are a few of our favorites:

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Message of Thanks from #23 Sam Bessey

It's difficult to capture all the reasons I'm thankful for Chi Psi. There are, of course, the big obvious ones: for the most part, my best friends are all Chi Psis, I met my wife through Chi Psi, the Fraternity has been a supportive employer of me for 13 years, and it's provided me an additional layer of connectedness with my father, as I followed in his footsteps to Oregon and the Lodge at 1018 Hilyard Street. But it is what I see the Brotherhood doing for others that I'm most thankful for this season.

In tragic moments – for instance the death of a parent, spouse, sibling, and child – I've seen friendships in Chi Psi provide comfort and healing. In sickness and financial distress, I've seen strangers provide significant succor and assistance to a Brother in need, knowing nothing about him other than the fact that this man was a Chi Psi.

In joyous times I've seen Brothers reconnect after years of separation and find that it feels like no time has passed at all. And these are all specific experiences from this past year alone. I know there are countless other examples of friendship in Chi Psi that I didn't see or experience.

I'm most thankful for these – the simple acts of friendship done by our Brothers every day. Thank you, Gentlemen.

[Click here to read more of our holiday blog series.](#)

What's New in Chi Psi?

Paul Shorkey, Sigma '11, Named Rhodes Scholar

The Rhodes Trust recently announced the 2011 class of Rhodes Scholars, and Paul Shorkey, Sigma '11, was among the elite group of 32 of the nation's top students. As a recipient of the scholarship, Brother Shorkey will have the opportunity to study at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom for two to three years beginning next October. [Read more...](#)

Alumni Spotlight on David Monahan, Psi '78

While an undergraduate Brother of Alpha Psi David Monahan '78 was the typical all-American young man playing Varsity Football and Lacrosse and studying at Cornell University's prestigious School of Hotel Administration. Now he is Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of the iconic Las Vegas Hilton resort, and he's never lost sight of his Chi Psi Brothers along the way. [Read more...](#)

Michael Britt, Chi '11, Named Woodrow Wilson Fellow

Alpha Chi Brother Michael Britt '11 has been awarded the 2011 Woodrow Wilson-Rockefeller Brothers Fund Fellowship for Aspiring Teachers of Color. Brother Britt is the first Amherst College recipient of the prestigious award which recognizes academic excellence, leadership potential and demonstrated devotion to the education of disadvantaged children. [Read more...](#)

Alpha Gamma Delta Reunion

Although the Alpha has long been gone from the Stanford campus, the brothers of Alpha Gamma Delta from a long ago era held a reunion on October 22, 2010. In what has become an annual tradition, the gathering was held in conjunction with a Stanford 50th reunion, this year the Class of 1960. [Read more...](#)

Have You Read the Alpha Visitor Blog?

Quit Acting Your Age!!!!

Remember when you were seven? Maybe eight, nine or ten? How many friends did you have? Probably quite a few. Fast forward a few years. In college, meeting people in bars and other alcohol-infused environments is simply commonplace. But is it the best place? [Read more...](#)

What's Happening in Chi Psi?

January 3-5:

Midyear Leadership Conference - Fairview, TN

January 22:

Alpha Omega Delta AMR - Fairfax, VA

Alpha Pi Delta AMR - Raleigh, NC

January 29:

Alpha Delta Delta AMR - Berkeley, CA

Please visit <http://www.chipsi.org> to register for these events.