

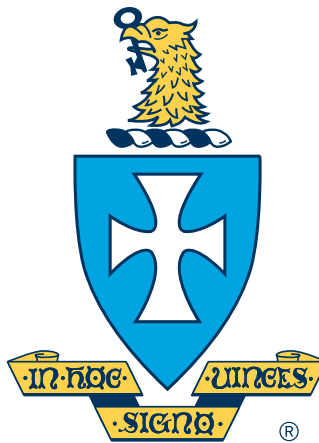


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*To the young man who stands on the threshold of that  
great experience which caused Founder Isaac  
M. Jordan to remark, "Sigma Chi was  
my first love; it shall be my  
last," this volume  
is dedicated.*



Name.....

Chapter.....

Date Pledged .....

Date Initiated.....

Date Graduated.....

Life Member No. and Date .....

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## The Lifelong Journey

“Sigma Chi was my first love, and it shall be my last.” These infamous words of founder Isaac M. Jordan have defined the lives of thousands of Sigma Chis since the fraternity’s conception over 150 years ago and will continue to find reverence with the future men who are selected to wear the cross of white enamel and gold. Sigma Chi is a brotherhood of unique and diverse individuals bound together by a common interest in the noblest ideals. Friendship, Justice and Learning characterize our brotherhood and can be found within each of our members. Sigma Chi is not a destination, but a journey; a quest to develop throughout life as a citizen, a man, and a brother.

The Sigma Chi experience is one of the greatest opportunities a young college student can pursue. Through Sigma Chi, his time in college will be enriched by a new home away from home: a place to find comfort, encouragement, and the closest of friends. An undergraduate brother is surrounded by a variety of assets from which to draw support for the challenges of college. From the Chapter Advisor to alumni to the active chapter members, the college man is always in the company of others who are interested and willing to help one another. Many important life lessons will also be learned during a Sigma Chi’s time as an undergraduate; leadership, tolerance, personal conduct, respect, and the power of a well-organized team are a part of the daily lives of chapter members. Chapters are structured in a similar fashion to most large businesses – providing brothers the opportunity for leadership within the chapter and with experiences that are applicable to life after college. In addition to the practical skills acquired from chapter life, the priceless memories and good times shared among brothers are great unifiers of Sigma Chis. The values and ideals which define relationships among members ensure lifelong bonds and eternal friendships.

The undergraduate population is privy to a wide range of programs which will develop character and enrich lives. These programs are as unique and diverse as the brothers of Sigma Chi and are unlike anything else available in the Greek world. From the Betty Ford Clinic sponsored “Choices” program, which aids in the prevention of substance abuse, to the famed Balfour Leadership Training Workshop—the largest Greek leadership workshop in the world—these programs offer a means for college men to develop themselves through Sigma Chi. The “Horizons” program in Snowbird, Utah is one of the most unique leadership experiences available anywhere in the country. With much of the fraternity’s resources dedicated to these programs, an undergrad’s opportunity for development extends far beyond his college campus.

There is a great deal to learn about the fraternity’s history, operations, and legacy, much of which can be found within this book, *The Norman Shield*. As you begin to explore the following pages, you will no doubt begin to realize the diversity, brotherhood, and high ideals which have characterized Sigma Chi since 1855. However, the written language within the subsequent pages can only describe what it is to be a Sigma Chi and does little justice for the actual experience of pledgeship, initiation, and the ensuing brotherhood. The principles of friendship, justice, and learning guide a Sigma Chi on his lifelong journey – welcome to yours.

## The Bridge Builder

An old man, going a lone highway,  
Came in the evening cold and gray,  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide,  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
The sullen stream has no fears for him,  
But he stopped when safe on the other side,  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

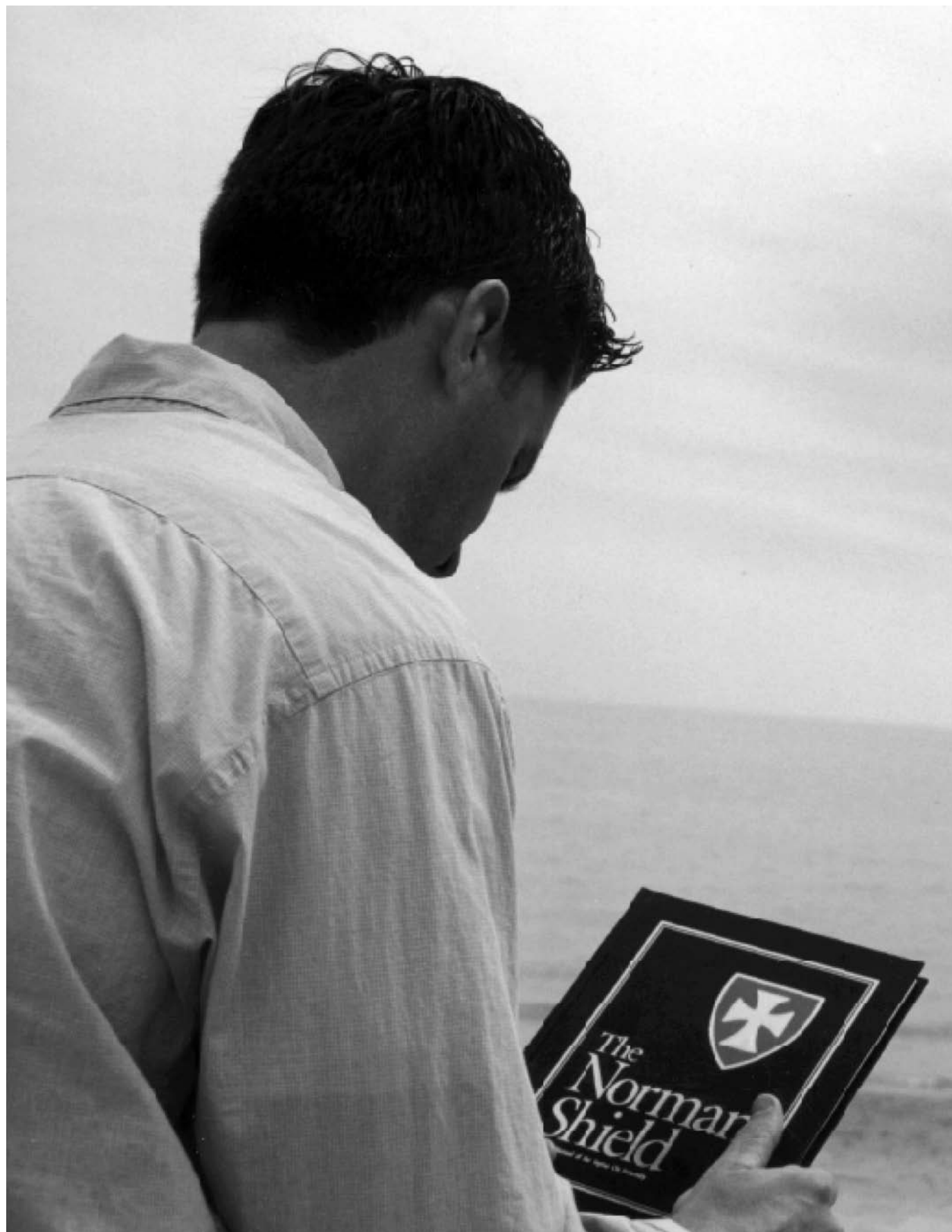
“Old Man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,  
“You are wasting your strength with building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day,  
You never again will pass this way;  
You’ve crossed the chasm deep and wide—  
Why build you this bridge at evening-tide?”

The builder lifted his old gray head.  
“Good Friend, in the path I have come,” he said,  
“There followeth after me today,  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm, which has been as naught to me,  
To that fair-haired youth might a pitfall be,  
He too, must cross in the twilight dim,  
Good Friend, I am building the bridge for him.”

—Will Allen Dromgoole











# On the Threshold

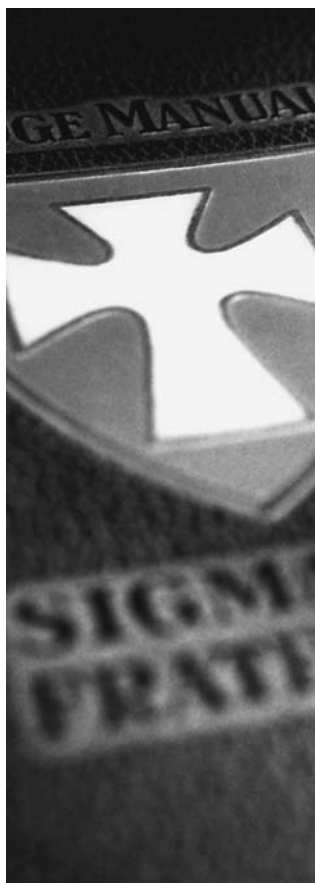
An introduction to fraternity life and Sigma Chi's purposes and objectives

# I

## On the Threshold

### about this section

As you prepare for membership in Sigma Chi, you will undoubtedly have many questions that you did not have answered before you accepted your bid. This section aims to provide you with the answers to some of those questions and expose you to some of the Fraternity's teachings.



## Charge to the Man Who Desires to be a Sigma Chi

By accepting *the Norman Shield*, as the pledge pin of Sigma Chi is called, you have not only accepted an opportunity to become a member of a college fraternity, but you have also accepted a lifelong obligation. With this commitment, you are not expected to give up any of your personal rights, beliefs, or liberties, but it is expected that you will maintain the ideals and interpret the spirit of the Fraternity. "The Spirit of Sigma Chi, as conceived by the Founders, over 150 years ago, is based on the theory that friendship among members possessing different temperaments, talents, and convictions is superior to the friendship among members having the same temperaments, talents, and convictions; and that genuine friendship can be maintained without surrendering the principle of individuality or sacrificing one's personal judgment."

The purposes of Sigma Chi from its inception have been to foster and develop high ideals, scholastic achievement, leadership responsibility, citizenship and member participation in college programs. The purpose of Sigma Chi has also been to foster brotherhood and well-rounded and responsible character and personality within its members. As one who is learning to become part of this process, you will be given a carefully planned course of instruction that is designed to aid in accomplishing this.

You have been selected because the active members of your chapter felt you possessed those qualifications for membership that were stated by Isaac M. Jordan, one of the Seven Founders of our Fraternity. Founder Jordan cautioned that no man should be admitted to membership who is not believed to be: "A man of good character, a student of fair ability, with ambitious purposes, a congenial disposition, possessed of good morals, having a high sense of honor, and a deep sense of personal responsibility."

To accept membership in Sigma Chi is to assume solemn responsibilities. You must feel that you have traits of great character, superior elements of personality, strength of manhood, the conduct of a gentleman, and the ability to translate the high ideals of Sigma Chi into your own life if you desire to wear The White Cross. The decision is yours. To become a true Sigma Chi you must accept these responsibilities.

~Adapted from the 1969 Norman Shield

## On Friendship

The object of a college education is not to create finished scholars, nor to complete one's education. Education is a life-long process. The purpose of a college education is to awaken the developing mind—to create an unquenchable thirst for knowledge.

One of the ways this is accomplished is through interaction with professors and peers. As a result of this interaction, new friendships are developed, which in turn promote the sharing of new ideas and concepts. Friendships are thus an important aspect of the college experience.

Friendship was, and still is, the foundation of the fraternity experience, since the first fraternity was established in 1776. We arrive at

college having left most, if not all, of our high school friends behind, forcing us to begin the process of meeting new friends. Joining a fraternity can enhance this process by developing new and close friendships and allowing these to develop and grow. Membership in a fraternity is not based on the possession of a particular athletic, academic or musical skill. It is based on friendship.

The primary purpose of Sigma Chi is to promote friendship, justice and learning. While friends can have a profound impact on your experiences in college, Sigma Chi aspires to develop brotherhood—a deeper and more enduring type of friendship—among its members.

Brotherhood brings together individuals from diverse backgrounds to assist each other in the pursuit of attainable goals, develops life-long commitments, and creates friendships that will stand the tests of time and distance. The true essence of the bonds of friendship among our members can only be felt by the loyal brothers who wear our badge; by seeking out a Sigma Chi brother can these life-long friendships be confirmed. To hear an 80-year-old alumnus proudly say, “I am a Sigma Chi” clearly conveys the message that his fraternity experience and brotherhood did not end when he graduated from college.

The activities, writings and history contained in *The Norman Shield*, and especially those in our Ritual, defines and strengthens our brotherhood. It is with great honor that this guide is placed in your hands. You have been chosen as one worthy of living to a higher standard. May *The Norman Shield* help you on your journey.

## The Time of Your Life

To be young is to be alive in an exciting, exuberant way. To be young and in college—four years with many of the most stimulating people, books and experiences you may ever encounter—is something even more exhilarating. University life offers you a chance to balance independence and inexperience, structure and self-reliance, celebration and contemplation. These years can be a solid foundation for life.

Sigma Chi wishes you well in your college years. It is the Fraternity’s mission to augment these fruitful years and give them even more meaning, making you more aware of the deep friendships and meaningful experiences that await you. Most importantly, it is Sigma Chi’s mission to provide you with fertile ground in which to plant your heart and mind, so that when your college years end, your companionships will last a lifetime.

## What is Fraternity Life Like?

As an advocate of ideals, a fraternity is especially bound to exert only positive influences on younger members and pledges who will develop into future bearers of the standard. A pledge has the right to expect mature conversation and moral and gentlemanly behavior on the part of the active brotherhood and alumni, and a wholesome atmosphere in the chapter house. He should resent and question any attempt by some misguided companion to introduce him to ways which he knows are improper, and is thoroughly justified in speaking his mind on any issue and in declining to take part in any activity that he feels is objectionable.

### debunking the myth

Sigma Chi is based on Friendship, Justice and Learning. We condemn hazing as it conflicts directly with these principles and it will not be tolerated. If you feel that you are being hazed, you have the right and obligation to leave the chapter immediately and report the offenses to the Chapter Advisor, Grand Praetor and Sigma Chi International Headquarters.

### important note

As you get further into your college years, and even beyond them, you may feel less inclined to remember those obligations you have taken. While your opportunities to revisit Sigma Chi obligations will occur less frequently, it is important to remember what you stand for as a fraternity man in general.

## essential elements of pledgeship

- ▶ **Developing and enhancing interpersonal skills through involvement in all aspects of chapter life and in the interaction among pledges, active and alumni members, and the outside community.**
- ▶ **Enhancing leadership skills through meaningful contributions to the chapter that promote mutual trust and respect.**
- ▶ **Fostering a chapter environment that supports Sigma Chi's commitment to integrity, personal growth and individual identity.**
- ▶ **Enhancing the college experience and the quality of learning through programs that encourage scholastic achievement and sensitivity to critical social issues.**
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Every pledge, no matter how sophisticated, is more or less bewildered during the early days of his pledgeship. Though he may have known family members who were part of the Greek system, he will certainly be astonished by the kaleidoscopic assemblage of personalities within the chapter he pledges. Yet this diversity is exactly what all persons encounter in the world in which we live and the fraternity is an appropriate place to encounter and cope with this reality. Living in close quarters and associating with these diverse young men offers an opportunity granted to few. Most college men never fully appreciate the knowledge of human nature they gain from seeing other students at close range. Even fewer appreciate how their own characters are molded—how tolerance and understanding grow—in this milieu of personalities.

Right now, as you hold this book, fraternity life offers you unparalleled friendships and experiences you do not yet know. It is a new world. And it is worth discovering.

## Objectives of Pledgeship

Sigma Chi, like many organizations, employs a probationary period for prospective members before their initiation into full membership. This period, called “pledgeship,” serves to begin his journey and to educate the potential brother in Sigma Chi before he joins. The essence of the journey is the Sigma Chi experience and the objectives of Sigma Chi can be achieved only when members have a thorough understanding of the extent and depth of their obligations as brothers. Therefore, pledgeship extends for an adequate period to allow potential brothers to fully grasp those important elements. The time span varies from chapter to chapter, but eight weeks is generally recommended, subject to relevant institutional policies.

The process of pledgeship consists of intellectual exercises, shared experiences and cultivation of friendships of a higher order—all working toward enlisting worthy men in a meaningful commitment of lifelong duration. Learning the history, operational workings and support programs of the Fraternity is an important aspect of pledgeship. Pledges are asked not merely to consume facts, but to thoughtfully consider the relevance of those facts to Sigma Chi and to their own lives.

The pledge period provides a time for the newest associates of the chapter—the pledges—to become an integral part of the organization prior to their initiation. It also serves as an opportunity for active members to reaffirm their own lifelong commitment to the Fraternity.

The enduring bonds of Sigma Chi brotherhood can only be forged among men who understand and appreciate the ideals upon which the Fraternity was established. Pledgeship is the critical first stage for those hoping to attain that appreciation and understanding. Finally, while the overriding purpose of pledgeship is to prepare men for brotherhood in Sigma Chi, there are other important objectives that coincide with the aims of higher education, including success in academic endeavors, development of leadership skills and social responsibility, and service to the community.

# Obligations of Pledgeship

Becoming a Sigma Chi requires the following commitment, which is of lifelong duration:

- **You must be willing to take upon yourself the duties and responsibilities of being a pledge in the Sigma Chi Fraternity, realizing that these will be even greater if and when you become an active member.** The expectations are not secret or vague—this volume is designed to provide a clear and complete guide to the voluntary obligations undertaken by Sigma Chis and Sigma Chi pledges.
- **You must attest that you are not a member of any secret college fraternity of a similar character to Sigma Chi.** The Fraternity encourages involvement in other college and community activities, but believes that brothers' fraternal commitments ought to be undivided.
- **You must believe in the existence of an ever-living God, the Creator and Preserver of all things.** This requirement is not intended to be so inelastic that it blocks from initiation honorable men who can say, according to their own interpretation, God exists. Furthermore, this expectation signifies the solemnity with which our brothers undertake their commitment to Sigma Chi ideals. It follows that men who can embrace lofty ideals can acknowledge—even symbolically—a greater authority than themselves. Sigma Chi's Founders borrowed symbols and metaphors from Christian beliefs, but you do not have to be a Christian to be a Sigma Chi.
- **You must obligate yourself to keep secret the Ritual, Ritualistic Statutes and things connected with your initiation.** It is important to understand that our Ritual is kept inviolably secret not for fear of public scrutiny, but to preserve the integrity of the special learning process by which true, lasting friendships in Sigma Chi are cultivated.
- **You will also be required to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Fraternity and its members, always striving to attain the ideals of Sigma Chi throughout your life.**

*Pledgeship is at its best when these elements are at the forefront:*

## Fraternity Interests

Ordinarily, a man should not become a pledge to a fraternity unless he can give a reasonable amount of time to its affairs. If your interest in improving your chapter is true, your involvement may come in many forms, including holding an office in your pledge class—a great way to develop the leadership skills you will need as a member and a student.

## Financial Obligations

The health of a chapter depends heavily on the financial responsibility of its officers, members and pledges. Chapter bills are to be paid when due. Each pledge is responsible for a \$90 pledge fee to be paid at the beginning of pledgeship, a \$175 initiation fee to be paid at the time of his initiation and two \$100 payments to be paid the first two semesters

## debunking the myth

The goal of your pledging period is to prepare you to be an outstanding Sigma Chi brother, rather than a great pledge. In other words, your ultimate success will be judged by how well you live up to the standards of behavior of a Sigma Chi. You will be asked to learn about Sigma Chi, because it is important to learn about the organization you wish to join. Sigma Chi has a rich history and heritage and knowing it will enhance any Sigma Chi's life. The more a Sigma Chi knows about the history the more his initiation means to him.



**North Texas pledges get excited about Sigma Chi.**

## on being perfect

One of the first things a pledge learns about fraternity brothers is their imperfections. Since he may not have the opportunity to see the imperfections of men in other groups, he may feel woefully disillusioned. "Perfect brotherhood" is extremely hard to find anywhere, but it is believed that college fraternities offer fine and true examples of brotherly association and devotion. A fraternity has ideals, but the Fraternity itself is not ideal, for when (or if) the present ideal is reached, there will be new standards for which to strive.

The fact that a college fraternity is not perfect is no reason it should be condemned. Instead of being an object of condemnation, it should inspire improvement. The advantage of a fraternity over many other groups of individuals is that it more closely approaches the ideal background for fraternal feeling. One will find many types of men in a fraternity chapter. One may even encounter a few antagonistic spirits. But is this justification for disgust and withdrawal? It is not, except in the most brazen and degenerate cases. Even in the face of misbehavior by individuals, the fraternal ideal still persists and should not be forsaken.

One of the fine, although sometimes disagreeable, things about a fraternity is that it obliges its members to dwell in harmony in spite of their shortcomings. The proper attitude to take toward an erring brother is one of tolerance, sympathy and understanding. It is fitting and proper to use strong disciplinary measures and to punish when example and appeal are in vain, but condemnation and desertion are the last resort. Steering a chapter toward unattainable perfection is hard work, but it is the work we've taken upon ourselves.

following his initiation. Each pledge is also responsible for any local dues that the chapter communicates.

### Attitude of Mind

It is, of course, absurd to attempt to control another's thoughts, nor would it be desirable or in harmony with the ideals of Sigma Chi to suppress reasonable individuality or freedom of mind. When a pledge accepts the offer of membership, however, he obligates himself to regard the Fraternity with a spirit of sincerity and respect, and to give its teachings his sincere consideration. He is expected to live up to his promise.

### Personal Conduct

Sigma Chi expects its pledges to conduct themselves as gentlemen. Standards of honor, morality and fair play should be defended by a pledge as staunchly as by the most idealistic initiate. Courtesy and consideration, the foundation of manners and, to a large extent, of morals, should be primary principles in the behavior of a pledge, not only in the chapter house and among fraternity brothers, but everywhere and with everybody.

### Scholarship

Application to scholarship is a college man's first duty. He goes to college to get an education. A true Sigma Chi chapter provides an atmosphere where the intellect is ripe to be sharpened, and where scholastic achievements are supported and expected by all brothers. The minimum grade point average a pledge must attain during his pledgship in order to be eligible for initiation into Sigma Chi is a 2.25 out of a possible 4.0, or the equivalent. Additional scholarship requirements can be found on SIGMACHI.ORG.



**Understanding the true meaning of Sigma Chi is a lifelong quest that all brothers undertake.**



# A Statement of Fraternal Values & Ethics

## Basic Expectations

In an effort to lessen the disparity between fraternity ideals and individual behavior and to personalize these ideals in the daily undergraduate experience, the following basic expectations of fraternity membership have been established:

### I

I will know and understand the ideals expressed in my fraternity ritual and will strive to incorporate them in my daily life.

### II

I will strive for academic achievement and practice academic integrity.

### III

I will respect the dignity of all persons; therefore, I will not physically, mentally, psychologically or sexually abuse or haze any human being.

### IV

I will protect the health and safety of all human beings.

### V

I will respect my property and the property of others; therefore, I will neither abuse nor tolerate the abuse of property.

### VI

I will meet my financial obligations in a timely manner.

### VII

I will neither use nor support the use of illegal drugs; I will neither misuse nor support the misuse of alcohol.

### VIII

I acknowledge that a clean and attractive environment is essential to both physical and mental health; therefore I will do all in my power to see that the chapter property is properly cleaned and maintained.

### IX

I will challenge all my fraternity members to abide by these fraternal expectations and will confront those who violate them.

*A Statement of Fraternal Values and Ethics was developed by the North-American Interfraternity Council and is fully supported by the Sigma Chi Fraternity.*

## a note on hazing

Activities classified as “hazing” have been associated with organizations and groups for many years and widely publicized. These activities can range from mental harassment to physical undertakings and are considered demeaning to those who become victims of these practices. Forty-four states currently have laws against hazing, and each state defines its parameters, so it is best to review the laws that are appropriate to your location. You can find the laws concerning hazing in your state at [STOPHAZING.ORG/LAWS](http://STOPHAZING.ORG/LAWS).

It is important to realize that if the activities regarded as hazing that are reported in the media were widespread, there would likely not be organizations which continued these activities. Sigma Chi is adamant about the total elimination of hazing in its chapters throughout North America. Sigma Chi has made clear in 6.02.f of the Executive Committee Regulations, the Governing Laws, and in the *Statement of Position Concerning Pledge Training and the Ritual* that hazing activities will not be tolerated. Those who participate are subject to expulsion from the fraternity.

## in the founders' own words

*"I place this White Cross over my heart, because it appeals both to my intellect and my affections. I will wear this badge with a deep sense of humility and a feeling of unworthiness, believing that this badge requires more of me than the world requires of other men; and realizing full well that I can never conquer by a sign, even though it be a cross, but only as the ideals for which this badge stands take possession of my heart and become exemplified in my life will I ever know the deepest meaning of the White Cross of Sigma Chi."*

~The Founders of Sigma Chi,  
June 28, 1855

## What We Aspire To and Believe

*"One, and the main, aim and object of Sigma Chi has been, and is, to develop and train broad-minded men who can recognize the wholeness of things and who are not bound down to a contracted, eight by ten notion of exclusiveness. There is an absolute necessity for such men."*

~Founder Benjamin P. Runkle,  
August 6, 1913

### Lifelong Learning

A Sigma Chi endeavors to achieve his maximum potential during his college years and continues a lifelong pursuit of learning for the development of knowledge, wisdom and character.

### Diverse Membership

Sigma Chis are men with diverse temperaments, talents and convictions who acknowledge, respect and highly value their collective diversity yet share a common belief in the fundamental purpose of Sigma Chi. Essential to the process of becoming a member is a period of education and development that prepares prospective Sigma Chis for a lifelong commitment to our purpose, aspirations and beliefs.

### Human Dignity

A Sigma Chi believes in the inherent value of all individuals and he treats others with respect and dignity. Sigma Chis do not practice, nor do they condone the practice of, any insensitive or abusive behavior towards any individual or group.

### Service to Others

A Sigma Chi acknowledges and accepts personal responsibilities to his family; to the communities in which he lives and participates; and to those who are less fortunate. A Sigma Chi voluntarily contributes his time, talents and resources to help build a better society.

### Responsible Personal Conduct

A Sigma Chi acknowledges and accepts responsibility for himself and his actions. A Sigma Chi conducts himself as a high-minded man and a gentleman. He exhibits desirable character qualities including integrity, sound judgment and loyalty. He demonstrates courteous behavior toward others which reflects positively on himself and Sigma Chi. A Sigma Chi rejects behavior which is injurious to himself or others, including the use of illegal substances and the abuse of legal substances and he encourages others to do likewise.

### Sound Relationships with Collegiate Institutions

Our relationships with educational institutions are based on mutual respect and interests. Sigma Chi's purpose aligns well with the educational mission of colleges and universities. Members of Sigma Chi are positive contributors to the campus community and they actively support joint educational objectives with colleges and universities.



## Sigma Chi's Purpose

*"Believing that many advantages are to be derived from a secret fraternity organization; appreciating that closer communion of kindred hearts which adds so many incentives to virtuous exertion; and feeling that in union there is strength: We do hereby form ourselves into an association for the development of the nobler powers of the mind, the finer feelings of the heart, and for the promotion of friendship and congeniality of feeling."*

~The Founders of Sigma Chi,  
Preamble to the Constitution of 1856

The fundamental purpose of the Sigma Chi Fraternity is the cultivation, maintenance and accomplishment of the ideals of friendship, justice and learning within our membership.

Our brotherhood has its roots in the collegiate experience and engenders a lifelong commitment to strive to achieve true friendship, equal justice for all and the fulfillment of learning as part of our overall responsibilities to the broader communities in which we live.

We achieve these ideals through the practice of character qualities embodied in our Ritual. We continuously reaffirm our purpose through the observance of Sigma Chi's Governing Laws and through adherence to the decisions of our legislative assemblies, which empower and direct our leadership.

Each Sigma Chi completes a period of education devoted to understanding our unique history, traditions and practices, which culminates in an opportunity to accept a lifelong commitment to Sigma Chi and the achievement of our purpose.

Sigma Chi Fraternity best serves its purpose by developing, implementing and monitoring programs that foster leadership, build character and promote positive relationship skills which, in turn, enable our members to become productive and caring participants in their families, colleges and communities.

Sigma Chi's leadership consists of elected or appointed volunteer members who are supported by professional personnel located at our International Headquarters. Together, they manage the Fraternity's operations and oversee its programs.

### **Sigma Chi Fraternity programs:**

- Encourage positive and responsible interaction with others
- Acknowledge and support a value system consistent with our Ritual
- Enhance individual academic skills and scholastic achievement
- Develop individual leadership skills and personal responsibility
- Promote and reinforce acceptable social behavior
- Cultivate personal growth and fulfillment
- Assist undergraduate chapters in obtaining, operating and maintaining adequate housing
- Serve others by actively involving ourselves in the welfare of the larger community

## in the founder's own words

*"The principle and object of its organization were not to be different from those of other similar college societies. The purposes were praiseworthy and honorable, being the formation of a social and literary club, where young men, selected for their high moral character, mental endowments, literary tastes and congenial dispositions, could meet for the purpose of furthering their interests while at college. Such a society, we believed, would be of great value to its members, in the formation of valuable friendships, in the cultivation of social virtues, in promoting a taste for literature and in aiding each other to obtain the rewards and prizes usually offered by colleges to young men of high and honorable standing in their classes. These were the purposes which the founders of society had in view."*

~Founder Isaac M. Jordan,  
August 28, 1884



The Sigma Chi Fraternity requires pledges from all chapters to pass the final pledge examination prior to initiation into the Fraternity. The pledge test study guide icon (above) indicates which items throughout this book will appear on the final examination in some capacity. A complete study guide for the final pledge examination is listed on p. 157-158.

## in the founder's own words

Isaac M. Jordan addressed the 15th Grand Chapter in 1884. The following excerpt from his speech provides the basis for the Jordan Standard.

*"Let me say here, that in my judgment our Fraternity has grown to be what it is, by adhering to the principle with which we started in the beginning, of admitting no man to membership in it who is not believed to be a man of good character, of fair ability, of ambitious purposes and of congenial disposition. In a word, by the admission of none but gentlemen; and in no other way can such a society be continued. It is much more important that we should have but few chapters and have them good ones, than to have many chapters or many members. The decadence of other societies can be traced to a violation of this principle, and to an ambition to have many chapters and a large membership. And let me here, as germane to this subject, give a word of advice and admonition to the members of every chapter. Whenever you find an unworthy member of your society, expel him at once and without hesitation. Evil communications corrupt good morals, and one dishonorable man will bring reproach and dishonor upon your chapter and upon the whole Fraternity. The amount of mischief which one abandoned and dissolute young man can do is incalculable; he destroys everything around him; avoid him as you would a pestilence. One drop of poison will defile the purest spring. Avoid by all means the poison, the virus, the hemlock of bad associations. Brother Sigmas, we belong to a society worthy of our highest regard and warmest affection. We are united in the strong and enduring bonds of friendship and esteem. Let us each and all so do our duty and conduct ourselves that we bring no dishonor upon our society or each other. And we may have the high and proud satisfaction of knowing that our beautiful white cross, at once the badge of our society and the emblem of purity, will never be worn over any breast which does not beat with pure, generous and noble emotions, and by no man who is not a man of honor."*



**Founder Jordan whose speech provided the basis for the Jordan Standard**

## The Jordan Standard

The health of an organization is determined by the quality of its members. To ensure that our Fraternity is sustained by young men worthy of membership, The Jordan Standard represents a set of prerequisites that are used to evaluate potential members before they are invited to pledge. Members of your chapter feel you possess these minimum requirements. Once admitted however, it is your responsibility to improve upon these principles as you progress through pledgship and beyond.

### The Jordan Standard



The confidence of the Founders of Sigma Chi was based upon a belief that the principles which they professed and the ideal of the Fraternity which they sought were but imperfectly realized in the organizations by which they were surrounded.



The standard with which the Fraternity started was declared by Isaac M. Jordan to be that of admitting no man to membership in Sigma Chi who is not believed to be: —

A Man of Good Character. . . . .

A Student of Fair Ability. . . . .

With Ambitious Purposes. . . . .

A Congenial Disposition . . . . .

Possessed of Good Morals. . . . .

Having a High Sense of Honor *and*

A Deep Sense of Personal Responsibility

## debunking the myth

The Jordan Standard is a minimum set of requirements for individuals before they can become brothers. However, once a pledge is initiated, he should not misinterpret the Jordan Standard as a set of lofty goals to strive for, but should instead hold himself accountable to the higher set of ideals found in The Sigma Chi Creed and The Ritual.

*"When I was called upon to write 'The Sigma Chi Creed,' I accepted with great reluctance. It didn't seem to me that I had been ordained to tell the other boys what they should and should not do in order to be good Sigs.*

*"I began the job with a determination to be candid and avoid hypocrisy. Consequently our Creed does not pledge any member to orthodox morality of a puritanical variety of private conducts. It seemed to me that the essentials or fundamentals of fraternity brotherhood did not depend upon the outward observances of piety. I tried to write a creed which would not restrain a brother from being a free agent and a lively comrade.*

*"This Creed is not conventional and it is not what would have been written by a sermonizer or pulpiteer, but I think it is a fair working program for the kind of man that we are glad to hail as a brother. It does not lay down any pledges that cannot be kept. It is in harmony with religion but does not impose religious observance or obligations because they are outside the routine of fraternity life. I believe the Creed is one which we can endorse and one which, if lived up to, will keep Sigma Chi in its present honored place among Greek-letter societies."*

~ George Ade, Purdue 1887

## The Sigma Chi Creed

As Sigma Chis, we aspire to be gentlemen in every sense of the word. By extending an offer to pledge the Fraternity, the members of your chapter saw evidence of your honorable traits and potential as a true brother. In order to become a true gentleman, however, it is incumbent upon you to further build your character by living up to a creed, or higher code of conduct than what is listed under The Jordan Standard.

### The Sigma · Chi Creed



believe in fairness, decency and good manners. **Σ** will endeavor to retain the spirit of youth. **Σ** will try to make my college, the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and my own chapter more honored by all men and women and more beloved and honestly respected by our own brothers. **Σ** say these words in all sincerity; That Sigma Chi has given me favor and distinction; that the bond of our fellowship is reciprocal, that **Σ** will endeavor to so build myself and so conduct myself that **Σ** will ever be a credit to our Fraternity.

*George Ade*  
~ Purdue 1887 ~

## The Spirit of Sigma Chi

The establishment of Sigma Chi was a protest against artificiality and false pretense, a plea for personal independence, for congeniality and genuine friendship as the only natural basis of associations in a college brotherhood. The Spirit discusses this, as it is a concept that derived from the Founders' unfortunate experience in Delta Kappa Epsilon. The Spirit calls for men who are inherently different, as Sigma Chi is not a fraternity that seeks members who are alike. It was the Founders' belief that a fraternity that has members of "different temperaments, talents and convictions" will thrive better than the fraternity that has members who are alike.

### The Spirit of Sigma Chi



The Spirit of Sigma Chi, as conceived by the Founders more than 150 years ago yet visible and alive today, is based on the theory that...

- ...Friendship among members, sharing a common belief in an ideal,...
- ...and possessing different temperaments, talents, and convictions,...
- ...is superior to friendship among members having the same temperaments, talents, and convictions, and that...
- ...Genuine friendship can be maintained without surrendering the principle of individuality or sacrificing one's personal judgement.

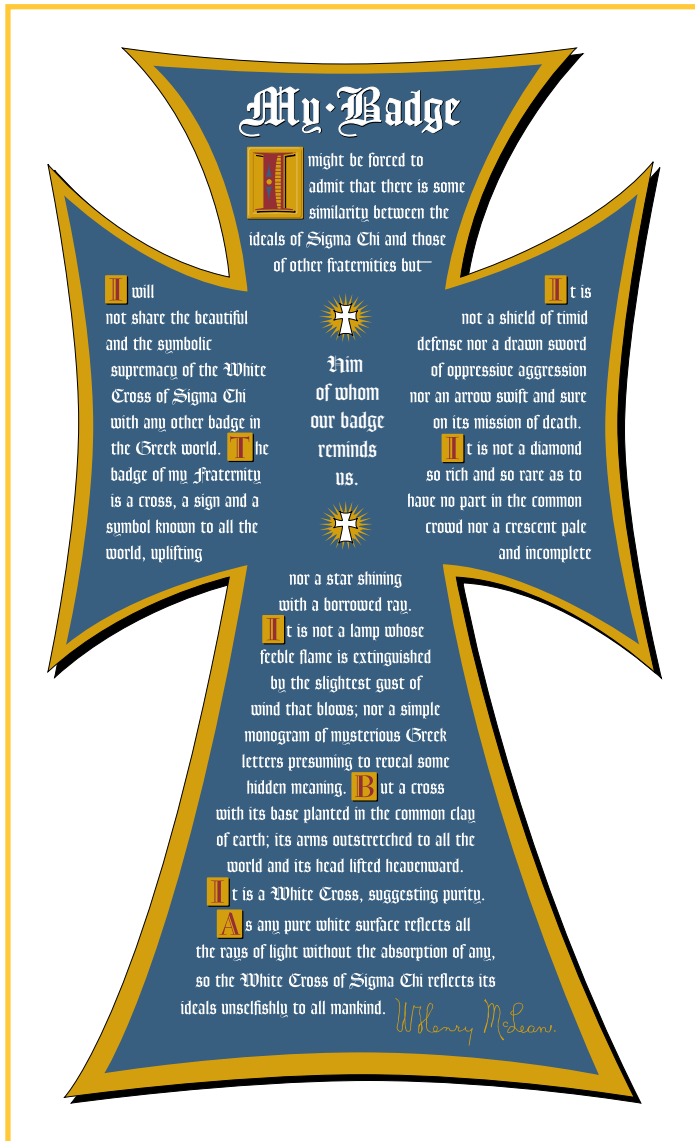
## debunking the myth

*"Different Temperaments,  
Talents and Convictions"*

In understanding this, it is important that this not be misunderstood to mean one can take any action they choose and write it off as "being different." The strength of this concept is to bring people of different types together for the common good of all. This is extremely important and it should be reemphasized that we expect that the members, in their differences, remain responsible, honorable, gentlemanly and friendly.

## My Badge

*My Badge* is the product of a combination of an oration delivered by W. Henry McLean, Depauw 1910, to the members of the 1927 Grand Chapter held in Louisville, Kentucky on June 28th, 1927 and a second address he delivered to the same body the following day. The entire oration appeared in the September 1927 issue of *The Magazine* by order of that Grand Chapter assembly that a copy of the oration be delivered to every undergraduate chapter. The title of the oration was "Jewels of the White Cross." McLean later served the Fraternity as Grand Tribune from 1933-1946.



## The Ritual

Throughout your pledge period, you will hear and read much about the Sigma Chi Ritual. The Ritual of Sigma Chi is at the core of everything we do as brothers—it outlines our basic teachings, provides our code of conduct, explains our history and symbols, bonds brothers from different chapters and generations with one another, and serves as the ceremony we use to initiate new brothers into our order.

Yet for all of its meaning and prevalence, the Ritual of Sigma Chi is difficult to explain to non-members. The very concept of ritual can be hard to articulate. But in all likelihood, you are not only familiar with the idea of ritual, you have probably participated in ritual yourself.

### What Is a Ritual?

A ritual is any established ceremony, set of rites, protocols or traditions that is repeated for certain occasions or at certain intervals. Ritual may be as formal as the inauguration of a president, or as informal as the superstitious habits a sports team follows before each game. Weddings, graduations, funerals and religious services are common ritualistic rites. Ritual is prominent in legislative halls, religious settings and a variety of celebratory events. The traditional lighting of the Olympic Torch is a ritual, as is the yearly Green Jacket ceremony at the Masters Golf Tournament.

Many common rituals involve simple customs, such as rising for a national anthem or welcoming a new year with toasts. Other, more formal rituals are characterized by recitations or readings, special attire or regalia, and ceremonial acts. Some rituals have been practiced since ancient times, while others have modern origins. Courts of law, for example, maintain several elements of ritual: the judge, witnesses, court officers and jurors exchange standard words; the judge wears a black robe and the bailiff wears a uniform and badge; state, provincial, and national flags and seals are displayed; all stand when the judge enters the courtroom; and so on.

### The Role of Ritual

At its most fundamental level, ritual serves to create a common experience for its participants, thereby binding them together in a closer way. When football players huddle in a circle and chant before a game, they are trying to create excitement and camaraderie. They are also trying to set themselves apart from their opponents. Similarly, the purpose of a wedding ritual is to create a bond between two people that only they share.

Ritual is also used to create commitment in its participants. By swearing to “tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth,” a courtroom witness is participating in a ritual. That small act not only requires a public promise to be honest, but it also symbolizes the ethical weight of that promise, and its effect is real. Ideally, the witness believes in a moral obligation to answer questions truthfully, and the oath serves as a practical reminder that lying results in severe penalties.

In some instances, ritual is used to teach the organization's beliefs and principles, or to invoke feelings of loyalty. Readings or recitations from scriptural books and documents during religious services help followers understand their heritage or provide spiritual direction and inspiration.



**Grand Historian Bill Fleming, Sam Houston State 1965, pauses to explain the complexities of the Sigma Chi Ritual's history with staff member Michael McFadden, Furman 2007.**





**Components of ritual, such as a flag, can serve symbolic purposes and tell you something about the history of an organization. For example, the stars and stripes on the American flag represent the historical origins and progress of the United States.**

The singing of a national anthem may stir feelings of pride and patriotism within the hearts of those participating.

### **The Components of Ritual**

While certain elements of ritual may at first glance seem arbitrary, outdated or unnecessary, they often play a critical role in defining and maintaining order, tradition and meaning at ceremonial events and within organizational structures. Special attire, traditional music, sacred oaths and a formal setting help make a wedding momentous. Similarly, academic regalia, speeches and the presentation of elaborate documents aid in marking the significance of achieving a college degree.

Words used in ritualistic exercises—whether spoken, read, recited or sung—may serve several purposes such as reminding participants of guiding principles or goals; fostering feelings of pride, commitment and inspiration; promoting learning or improved understanding of traditions, symbols and themes; and lending order, decorum and purpose to the proceedings.

The use of heraldry and regalia is also a common and often important element of ritual. Seals, crests, flags and badges can serve as practical and symbolic purposes. They can also tell you something about the history or purpose of an organization—the stars and stripes on the American flag represent the historical origins and progress of the United States, and the familiar red cross emblem indicates that medical attention is available.

### **Ritual and Fraternity**

Fraternal organizations use ritual in chapter meetings and in their special ceremonies, such as new member initiations. Those rites and ceremonies are recorded and distributed among member chapters so that every chapter observes the same traditions and conducts the same practices.

Ritual has been used in the Greek letter world since the first men's and women's college fraternities were founded. Founding members wrote down their core beliefs, and then designed badges and pins to illustrate them. They wrote initiation ceremonies to help teach their principles and to set themselves apart from other societies.

Thus, Greek-letter rituals are important because they serve two purposes: They outline what principles the organization stands for, and they outline how those principles are taught. Understanding this dual role of ritual is critical to understanding the importance of the Ritual of Sigma Chi.

### **The Sigma Chi Ritual**

The Sigma Chi Ritual has evolved since the founding of the Fraternity. The formal ceremonies of Sigma Chi's Initiation were established by looking to the ideals of our Founders for inspiration. Important features of those ceremonies were also incorporated into the protocol for regular chapter meetings to remind brothers of the idealistic aims of the Fraternity. Thus, each chapter meeting is a reminder to each brother of his beliefs and obligations.

The Ritual uses many of the elements discussed above as a way to strengthen understanding of and commitment to the aims of the



Fraternity. If strong and enduring brotherhood among men who share commitment to noble values is the purpose of Sigma Chi, then the Ritual must serve as a guide in fulfilling that purpose.

The Ritual is kept secret from non-members for several reasons. Secrecy creates a feeling of uniqueness and therefore helps to strengthen the bonds that initiated brothers share. More importantly, the secrecy provides for a learning process for potential members, so that they can learn more about what Sigma Chi stands for before committing themselves to its ideals. And it is that commitment of our brothers that makes initiation into Sigma Chi a unique honor—and responsibility.

### **A Common Experience**

As noted above, the Ritual is not only an outline of our principles and fraternal mission, but it also provides the blueprint for our formal activities, including initiation ceremonies, chapter meetings, officer installations and ceremonies for special occasions. In order that our common fraternal goals are never misunderstood, redirected or diluted, all Sigma Chis must embrace the Ritual fully. Modifications or changes to the Ritual are not allowed, because unless those modifications are experienced by all brothers in all chapters, they serve to divide, rather than unite, the Fraternity. Imagine if only part of a team took part in a pre-game meeting—the team's bond would certainly weaken.

For the same reason, the Ritual does not include any forms of hazing. Hazing directly contradicts the principles of friendship, justice and learning that are outlined in our Ritual. Further, hazing weakens the bonds of brotherhood by undermining the common experience of the Fraternity.

Only careful practice of the Ritual's ceremony and procedure will ensure that all Sigma Chis share a common experience. Otherwise, we risk not only losing identity as an organization but also a weakening of the bonds that extend from chapter to chapter and generation to generation.

That a brother who is initiated in California experiences the same Ritual ceremonies as a brother initiated in Nova Scotia, and that any Sigma Chi can attend chapter meetings at more than 200 sites and feel at home in each, is fundamental to our brotherhood. Though the campuses, climates and student populations at our host institutions vary dramatically, brothers everywhere are linked by a common tradition and shared goals in Sigma Chi—it is the Ritual that embodies those traditions and goals. Because of those great environmental differences among our undergraduate institutions, the Ritual is our only reliable and lasting source of common ground.

The Sigma Chi Ritual serves several purposes. It defines our formal traditions, explains our ideals and symbols, and gives meaning to all we do as Sigma Chis. It is the common bond in our order of men of different temperaments, talents and convictions. It is our anchor in a changing world, our reservoir of inspiration and our source of true brotherhood.

### **Post-Initiation Training**

Post Initiation Training (P.I.T.) is a requirement for all new initiates to attend and is a program conducted by the chapter's Pro-Consul with

## **questions for you**

- ▶ Do you participate in any rituals? What are they?
- ▶ Why does Sigma Chi need a ritual? What would it be like without one?
- ▶ What do you envision the Sigma Chi Ritual to be like? Why?

## making a toast

There is certain etiquette for making a toast. The host is the first to give a toast to the guest or guests of honor. Generally a toast is made at the beginning of the dinner or event or at the beginning of the dessert course. The best toast is short and tasteful. The person making the toast should stand, if practical, and should raise his glass halfway while looking at the guest of honor as he gives the toast. Other guests may then propose a toast following the host. One should never "drink to yourself" if the toast is offered in your honor, do not pick up your glass. It is not necessary to clank your glasses together if not practical and you can toast with water or whatever your drink of choice.

assistance from the Magister. P.I.T. is required to be conducted within days after initiation but absolutely before the first chapter meeting that the new initiates attend. In the spirit of "Life Long Learning", more learning begins here with experiencing more of the true meaning of our Ritual.

P.I.T. is a program designed to provide guidance to newly-initiated brothers, particularly to aid them in understanding the role of the Ritual in everyday Sigma Chi activities. The program should consist of a short series of informational meetings with designated chapter officers and serves not only to assist new brothers as they assume the privileges and responsibilities of brotherhood, but it also provides a forum for discussion about the strengths and weaknesses of existing recruitment and pledging programs.

No new initiate can truly appreciate our Ritual and Sigma Chi responsibilities without a proper P.I.T. program. It's every brother's right to receive guidance and instruction on the deep richness of our Ritual, its heritage, history and meaning.

## MANNERS & ETIQUETTE

We are all constantly being evaluated based upon our social skills – how we speak, listen, and respond; our body language and dress; and how we handle ourselves in social settings and around others. Etiquette training will help you throughout life in gaining self-esteem and self-confidence that comes from knowing how to navigate through all situations you may encounter on a daily basis. The following guide is not meant to be all encompassing and detailed. There are numerous etiquette books and manner guides available for greater detail and additional reference. This guide contains some basics that should help you further refine your social graces and enable you to be more confident in your personal presence.

As a Sigma Chi, you are expected to exhibit yourself as a gentlemen and a good citizen. Your actions reflect not only on yourself, but also of those around you. Many times, the first impression we give is the lasting impression of what the future holds.

### Table Etiquette

- Before taking your seat at the table, remain standing until everyone has arrived at their chairs and assist any lady with her chair before taking your own seat. If a lady should leave the table during the meal, stand up upon her departure from the table and again upon her return.
- Upon sitting down, place your napkin in your lap with the folded edge facing you. Should you get up during the dinner with plans to return to the table, place your napkin on your chair seat. When you are finished, place your napkin to the left of your plate on the table.
- When figuring out which plate and drinking glasses are for your use, think "BMW." Your Bread plate will be to the left, your Meal in front on you and your Water and other drinking glasses will be to your right side.

- Start with the utensils on the outside and work your way in. Your dessert fork/or spoon is generally placed at the top of your place setting. Never place a used utensil on the table; place it on your plate.
- Once everyone at your table has been served and your host picks up his fork, you can begin eating.
- A properly-trained wait person will serve your meal to you from your left and pick it up from your right.
- Food should be passed to the right when eating with a group.
- When passing the salt or pepper to someone, remember that they are a couple and should be passed together.
- Cut only the portion of food you plan to eat at the moment.
- Refrain from talking with food in your mouth.
- When eating bread, break off a small piece and then break it in half again before buttering it. When butter is passed, take what you need and place it on your bread or salad plate.
- When you are finished with your meal, place your fork and knife together in the center of your plate. This signals to the wait staff that you are finished.
- It is impolite to use a toothpick or groom yourself at the table. This should be reserved for the restroom.
- When greeting others who are sitting at a table, never shake their hands across the table. Walk around and greet them and shake their hands away from directly over the table. You are less likely to knock something over on the table.
- Cell phones should be silenced while in a restaurant or eating with others. Should you need to take a call, excuse yourself and leave the table to a private place to have a phone conversation. This goes for text messaging as well.

### Formal Place Setting

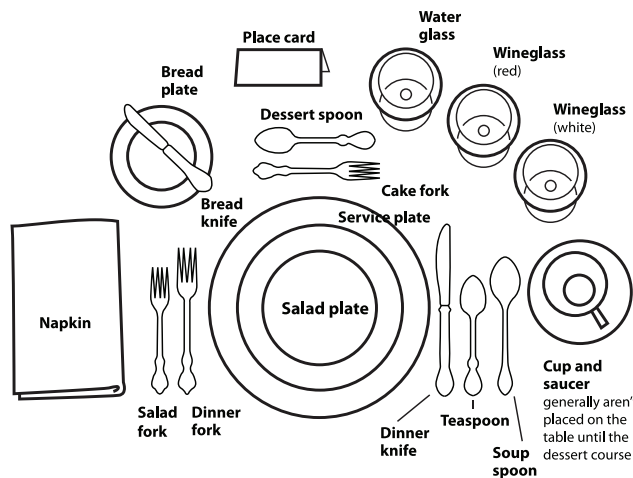


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## dress to impress

- It is better to overdress than to under dress in work or professional settings.
- A dark-colored suit is perceived as professional.
- A long-sleeved starched shirt (preferably white) is also considered professional. The shirt sleeve cuff should extend slightly past your jacket sleeve.
- Shoes colors should match your belt color and your socks should match the color of your pants. White socks are fine for athletic wear but not formal wear. Also, socks should be long enough that your leg is not exposed at the ankles under your pants.
- If you are expected to tie a tie, you should tie your shoes too. In other words, a lace up shoe is considered more formal than slip-on loafers.
- If you wear suspenders or braces, do not also wear a belt.
- When wearing a jacket, generally, only button the top button (middle button on a three-button blazer) when you are standing and unbutton it when you sit down.
- Business casual usually calls for no tie, however, if you are unsure, wear a tie and you can always remove it later.
- A blue blazer can be a very versatile part of a wardrobe. You can add a tie and grey slacks with it for a professional look or wear it with khaki pants and an open collar shirt for a more business casual look. You can even wear a blazer with jeans for a casual dress.
- Hats are for outdoor wear. Remove them whenever you are indoors.

Remember; your personal style is not only dictated by what you wear, but also by your conduct and how you carry yourself.

## tie your tie

Your tie should extend to the bottom of your belt buckle. Tied too short or too long, it can give off an unprofessional look. The same goes for goofy design ties. Stripes or polka dot ties provide the most professional impression. Know how to tie a tie. There are several ways to do so and a different look or style can be achieved with different techniques (see diagram below on how to tie a tie). Also, to preserve the life and appearance of a tie, it should be undone and hung up to relax any wrinkles after each wearing. A bow tie can be a professional look that some may wish to wear. Bow ties are also very appropriate for formal attire.



**1) Start with the wide end of your necktie on the right, extending about 12 inches below the narrow end on the left.**



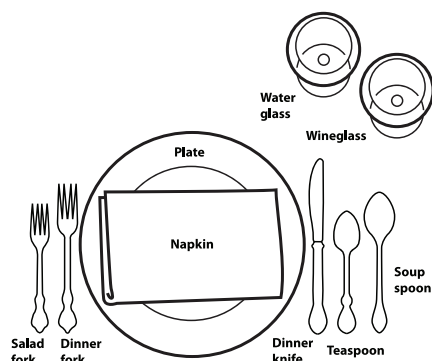
**2) Then cross the wide end over the narrow end.**



**3) Bring the wide end around and behind the narrow end.**

## Informal Place Setting

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Utensils are placed on inch from the edge of the table

## Grooming

- Cologne and aftershave are fine but keep in mind one word – minimal.
- Keep your hair stylish and clean along with clipped and clean finger nails.
- Use of deodorant and anti-perspirants are a must for personal hygiene. If you happen to have sweaty palms, carry a handkerchief lightly sprinkled with a small amount of talc powder to help keep your hands dry, especially before shaking other people's hands.
- Extra doses of cologne and body sprays are no substitute for a shower with soap and water. Shower regularly.

## Conversation & Listening

- Make a great first impression. Proper dress, a firm handshake, a smile and eye contact all give others an impression.
- Sincerely listen when another person is talking. Look the person in the eye and occasionally nod your head and give verbal clues to show you are engaged in the conversation. This tells others that you are truly interested in them.
- Pay sincere compliments as a great way to get a conversation started and make someone feel good. There is something special about everyone and you should seek to find out and compliment it.
- Remember a person's name and be ready to offer up your name if someone may have forgotten your name. To help remember someone's name, repeat it back in the conversation. "Loren, it is a pleasure meeting you." People like hearing their own name and it also will help you recall it in the future. Use their name occasionally in the conversation and again when you depart. "Loren, I look forward to talking with you again."
- Maintain eye contact when talking with someone.

- Remember common interests so that you can reference them in future conversations.
- Exhibit positive body language when talking with someone as it really tells how you feel about another person.
- Always be up to date on current events and use them in a conversation. Also, an appropriate joke or humor is always appreciated.
- It is best to not interrupt or monopolize a conversation.
- Get to know the people around you; learn about their cultures and traditions. Learn and ask about their backgrounds, passions and visions. People like to talk about their families and themselves.
- When wearing a name tag, always place it on the right side of your shoulder. It is easier to read when you are shaking hands with someone.
- If holding a glass or drink, hold it in your left hand so when shaking hands, your right hand will not be cold and wet.
- When you are with another person, always introduce that person to friends and acquaintances you meet. A general rule is that persons of lesser authority are introduced to persons of great authority. Example, "Mike, this is Mr. Tucker, President of our Fraternity. Mr. Tucker, Mike is my roommate and a rushee."

The best advice is to develop in your dealings with others an attitude which puts their needs and comfort ahead of your own and act accordingly.

### Women

Traditional courtesies should be extended to women.

- Do not precede a woman through a doorway, unless it is necessary to light or clear the way.
- If a door is closed, it should be opened for a woman. This applies to vehicle doors as well.
- Stand up when a woman (or older gentleman) enters a room or approaches to greet you.
- Never remain seated while a woman stands, unless she asks you to do so.
- When seated, walking or escorting a woman, she should generally be on your right side.

### Invitations

Most social events begin with an invitation.

- Invitations to casual social gathering are often issued over the phone, email or some other electronic medium which usually require an immediate response if you are attending.
- More formal invitations are in writing. It is always correct to respond to any written invitation in writing unless they request a reply in some other manner (like providing a phone number).



**4) Then bring the wide end up.**



**5) Pull the wide end through the loop and to the right.**



**6) Bring the wide end around front, over the narrow end from right to left.**



**7) Bring the wide end up and through the loop and down through the knot in the front.**



**8) Using both hands, tighten the knot carefully and draw it up to the collar.**



**9) The tie should hang down to just about the bottom of your belt buckle.**

- Never fail to respond to an invitation if it is requested that you do so.
- R.S.V.P. is the abbreviation for the French “repondez s’il vous plait” which means “please reply.” “R.S.V.P.” “Please reply” or “The favor of a reply is requested” on an invitation means that you must say whether you will or will not attend. “Regrets” or “Regrets only” require a response only if you will not attend.

#### Thank You

There is a great sense of etiquette in sending “Thank You” notes for most all occasions. Certainly following invitations to formal social events, job interviews and the receipt of gifts should all be followed-up with a written acknowledgement and words of appreciation. Casual “thank yous” can be expressed by phone or email; however, written, personalized and mailed notes on nice stationery are always considered best.



#### Technology

With the ever increasing availability and use of technology, a whole set of social guidelines and business decorum exists.

- Turn off or silence cell phones whenever you are in a setting that would disturb others. Classrooms, meetings, restaurants, and the library are obviously places where one should not have phones ringing. Also remember that those ringtones do give others an impression of you. Use taste in selecting the ring tone.
- Social networking sites are in tremendous use and can be a great way to connect to others. Remember though that everything that you place on those sites can and will be viewed by many others, including your parents, school officials, ministers and prospective employers. Don’t place anything out there that you would regret later having everyone see. A digital copy of it will exist somewhere out on the web. Delete does not necessarily mean it will delete it permanently.
- It is inappropriate to take unauthorized pictures of others with cell phones or cameras and, even worse, to post the photographs on the internet.
- Emails, social networking sites or text messages are not private conversations. They are all viewable by others and should not contain inappropriate messages.
- When sending an email, avoid using UPPERCASE typing; it suggests you are screaming.



- Always use spell check before sending an email.
- Avoid sending an email or communication when you are upset. Generally your attitude about a situation will change if you give yourself a little time.
- “Replying to all addresses” in an email should be avoided and can cause embarrassing results.
- When making a professional or business phone call, it is advisable to always identify yourself before asking to speak to someone: “Hello, this is Wayne Tucker, may I speak to Mike Dunn?”
- Always ask for permission and wait for a response before putting someone on hold.
- Use “call waiting” wisely. If you are on the phone with someone and are expecting an important or urgent call, let your current caller know in advance so he will be prepared for the interruption. Otherwise, don’t be rude to your current conversation by switching between calls.
- When leaving someone a voice mail message, make it brief and concise, and always leave a callback number and the time you called.
- Make certain that your own answering message is professional. Your message will be heard by those who will be making an impression on you by what you record as your message.
- Text messaging during meetings, classes, worship services, movies, dates and private events should not be done. Even checking stock updates or sports scores on your cell phone while you are attending any of the aforementioned events is inappropriate.

We are all like diamonds; we all have basic value but it is not until we are polished that our true worth is recognized. Invest in yourself the time and effort to continually improve upon your social etiquette and manners. It will elevate your self-confidence and improve your chances of success throughout life.



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# History, Heritage & Tradition

**Articles from the Sigma Chi Fraternity and Foundation museum: the enhanced photograph depicts the deceased Founders Jordan, Lockwood and Scobey behind the four founders living when the portrait was taken; a replica of the badge made by Harry St. John Dixon; and a copy of the June 1931 Bulletin.**

# History, Heritage & Tradition

## about this section

Sigma Chi—and the Greek system, in general—has a long, colorful history. Knowledge of this history will help you gain greater understanding and appreciation for our Fraternity.

Profiles of the Seven Founders are included in this section, as well as significant events in Sigma Chi history and explanations of our nomenclature and insignia.

## Our Heritage

Since its early conception, the fraternity system has held a distinct spirit and purpose. One may ask what holds so many men throughout their lives to such continuing loyalty to their early fraternity associations. It can be called brotherhood, the spirit of idealism or something even more.

Serious-minded men founded fraternities that set up lifelong ideals for themselves and their successors. A true appreciation of their spirit and purpose can only be attained by understanding the colorful history of fraternities.

## In the Beginning: The Evolution of Fraternity

In 1776, Phi Beta Kappa, the first American society to bear a Greek-letter name, was born at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. Like the fraternities of today, it had a ritual that was secret to all but its members, as well as a secret motto, grip, password and badge. This society soon became, and has since remained, purely honorary, with high scholastic attainment in liberal arts as the prerequisite for membership.

Three societies are credited with establishing the college fraternity as we know it today. Kappa Alpha Society is the oldest brotherhood of a social and literary character that has had a continuous existence in American colleges. Founded at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., on Nov. 26, 1825, it is recognized as the forerunner of the present system of American college fraternities. It has chartered 14 chapters. Sigma Phi, founded at the same institution in the spring of 1827, and the second oldest fraternity, was the first to establish a branch chapter at another college. It, too, has severely restricted expansion, having granted but 14 charters in its history. Delta Phi, established in 1827, has chartered 26 chapters.

Known as “The Union Triad,” Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi and Delta Phi soon faced faculty opposition. Delta Phi took up the defense of fraternities and member John Jay Hyde of the class of 1834 represented them. As spokesman for fraternities, Hyde presented the case to the faculty and trustees, stating the aims and objectives of fraternities so well that he convinced them of the benefits of continuing the fraternity system. These three Eastern societies therefore became the model for the American college fraternity system, and imitation of them or splintering away from them accounts for the establishment of nearly all general Greek-letter organizations.

In 1831, Sigma Phi became the first fraternity to establish a second chapter, which it placed at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. In 1832, the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity was founded at the same college. By 1833, America’s fraternity system consisted of Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi, Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon (founded at Union College) and Alpha Delta Phi. Then a lone founder of Alpha Delta Phi boldly planted its second chapter at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in what was then considered “the West.” Ohio became the third state—after New York and Virginia—and Miami University became the fourth institution to serve as a home to fraternities.

Opposition to the establishment of Alpha Delta Phi at Miami University led to the formation of Beta Theta Pi on Aug. 8, 1839—as the first fraternity to originate west of the Alleghenies. The birth of Phi Delta Theta occurred at Miami on Dec. 26, 1848.

Delta Kappa Epsilon was founded at Yale in 1844 by fifteen members of the class of 1846. All had expected to become members of one of the existing junior societies of Phi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi, but when some of them were not invited to join, they decided they would found a new society. The 13th chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon was established at Miami in 1852. An 1855 schism in this young chapter led to the founding of Sigma Chi on June 28 of the same year.

Thus the “Miami Triad” of Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi was complete and began to spread throughout the West and South. The three parent chapters were dormant during the inactivity of Miami University from 1873 until 1886, and there were other short periods of dormancy in the cases of Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi. In all three organizations, the number of charter grants has exceeded 100, and today the Miami Triad fraternities are international in every sense of the word.

The first fraternity to be started in the South, the W.W.W., or Rainbow, was founded at the University of Mississippi in 1848. This group later united with Delta Tau Delta. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, born at the University of Alabama one year after the founding of Sigma Chi, is recorded as being the second fraternity founded in the South. After the Civil War, the state of affairs in the South was so uncertain that the re-establishment of northern fraternities was not generally undertaken all at once, and as a result numerous new southern fraternities were born. The Virginia Military Institute was the site of three foundings: Alpha Tau Omega in 1865, Kappa Sigma Kappa in 1867 and Sigma Nu in 1869. The Kappa Alpha Order was founded at Washington and Lee University in 1865, and Pi Kappa Alpha originated in 1868, followed by Kappa Sigma in 1869 at the University of Virginia. Since 1900, the development of new fraternities has been so rapid that the 20th-century organizations outnumber those established during the 126 preceding years.

## The Founding of Sigma Chi

Fittingly, Sigma Chi was born out of a matter of principle. It was the autumn of 1854 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. One of the 12 members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter on the campus looked for the support of his brothers in his quest to be elected to the office of “poet” in the school’s literary society, the Erodelfian. He might have assumed a promising result, given that the majority of men in his DKE chapter were also members of the Erodelfian. But four of his brothers declined to cast votes for him in the literary society’s election, instead supporting another Miami student whom they believed possessed superior poetic talents.

This perceived lack of allegiance caused a deep rift among the Dekes, half of whom (including the member in question) felt the candidate deserved their votes on merit or loyalty to a brother, or both. The four dissenters won the moral support of the two remaining Dekes who, though they were not members of the society, admired the dissenters for their courage of conviction.

## the greek alphabet

The Greek alphabet is thought to be the ancestor of all major European alphabets today. Like any discoverer entering a new world, you must learn the proper language. Since the Greek system’s inception, all fraternities and sororities have used the Greek alphabet to name organizations, chapters and even pledge classes.

Form	Letter
A	Alpha
B	Beta
Γ	Gamma
Δ	Delta
E	Epsilon
Z	Zeta
H	Eta
Θ	Theta
I	Iota
K	Kappa
Λ	Lambda
M	Mu
N	Nu
Ξ	Xi
O	Omicron
Π	Pi
P	Rho
Σ	Sigma
T	Tau
Υ	Upsilon
Φ	Phi
X	Chi
Ψ	Psi
Ω	Omega



**TOP: A plaque marks the Oxford, Ohio building where Sigma Chi was founded: then (middle) and now (bottom). Past Grand Consul William P. Huffman, Denison 1911, presented the property title to the Sigma Chi Foundation in 1973.**

The feelings on both sides of the argument were so strong that friendships grew apart and the chapter's meetings and activities were strained and were increasingly rancorous. Wishing to find compromise and reconciliation after months of division, the six brothers who favored reward based on merit proposed a friendly meeting over dinner with the six who believed loyalty should come first.

James Caldwell, Isaac Jordan, Ben Runkle, Frank Scobey, Tom Bell and Dan Cooper were the six who believed reward should be based on merit. They waited expectantly for the arrival of their estranged Deke brothers, believing that an evening of good food and good company would help restore fraternal bonds. They were to be disappointed.

Instead of being joined for the meal by all six of their brothers, only one of them, Whitelaw Reid, appeared. But Reid was not alone. He was accompanied by a Deke alumnus who immediately altered the planned tone of the gathering by announcing sternly, "My name is Minor Millikin ... I am a man of few words." True to that statement, he assumed an air of authority and, based solely on a one-sided account of the controversy from Reid, he declared that the six hosts of the evening were wrong on every point, and that the only suitable solution was for the instigators of the "rebellion" to be expelled from the Deke chapter, with the others allowed to remain following appropriate chastisement.

This proved to be a turning point for the Deke chapter at Miami of Ohio and a defining moment in the history of Sigma Chi. In response to Millikin's harsh and undemocratic stance, Ben Runkle dramatically pulled off his Deke badge and tossed it on the table where the conciliatory meal was to have taken place. Looking Millikin in the eye, Runkle fumed, "I didn't join this fraternity to be anyone's tool. And that, sir, is my answer!" He stalked out of the room, followed resolutely by his five colleagues, leaving Reid and Millikin to ponder their failed scheme to intimidate the defiant brothers.

Ultimately, that occasion made the schism irreparable. At a meeting several days later, Whitelaw Reid called for the expulsion of all six "recalcitrant" brothers from the chapter. With every other vote to expel the members deadlocked due to the equally divided positions, Reid's new attempt to banish the offending brothers was unsuccessful. Yet it did prove to be the final meeting of the 12 active members of the Kappa Chapter who had begun the school year as Deke brothers.

In April 1855, after prolonged correspondence with Deke's parent chapter at Yale, Caldwell, Jordan, Runkle, Bell, Scobey and Cooper were expelled from the fraternity. However, those six young men undoubtedly had by that time already shifted their thoughts away from hoping that they would change the minds of those at Deke's parent chapter, and focused on the prospect of forming a new fraternity.

Given the circumstances, it is no wonder that these men had in mind an organization that believed a commitment to fairness and honesty was key to the success of brotherly friendships. Indeed, the cause of justice became a central idea in the formation of what would become the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

## The Early Beginnings of Sigma Chi

One of the best moves these six ever made was to associate themselves with William Lewis Lockwood. He had entered Miami early in 1855 but had not joined a fraternity. He was the “businessman” of the group and possessed a remarkable organizing ability. More than any other Founder, he was responsible for setting up the general plan of the Fraternity, much of which endures to this day.

During the latter months of the 1854-55 academic year, Runkle and Caldwell lived in a second-floor room of a building near Oxford’s public square on High Street—now known as the birthplace of Sigma Chi. The Founders held many of the earlier organizational meetings of Sigma Chi in this room, and it was there that Runkle and Lockwood designed the badge. The White Cross was designed exactly as we know it today except for the letters  $\Sigma\Phi$  in the black center which were changed to  $\Sigma X$ .

Having been members of Delta Kappa Epsilon, six of the Founders were familiar with the general outline of fraternity constitution and ritual content. They were considerably influenced by Lockwood, who had known little of Delta Kappa Epsilon or its differences. With all of their plans formally completed, the Seven Founders of the new Fraternity announced its establishment by wearing their badges for the first time in public on Commencement Day at Miami University, June 28, 1855.

## Sigma Chi Fraternity: Built to Last

The working fraternal conceptions of Sigma Chi Fraternity have long been identified with the words “friendship,” “justice” and “learning.” These three elements were the basic ideals our Founders used in forming the foundation of Sigma Chi.

In their new fraternity, they held the qualities of congenial tastes, quality fellowship and genuine friendship to be indispensable. The element of thorough fellowship was regarded as a characteristic of all real fraternity endeavors, thus they sought true friendship.

In matters of general college interest, the Founders had refused to be limited simply by the ties of their DKE brotherhood. The Founders’ new association was surely not planned to prevent laudable mutual helpfulness. On the contrary it was designed in every worthy way to enhance such helpfulness. The new fraternity stood for the “square deal” in all campus relations. It exalted justice.

In the 19th century, the academics of college were very strenuous. College men of the day studied subjects such as spherical trigonometry; Roman history; odes and satires of Homer, Horace and Plato. A strong emphasis was placed on literature in all campus activities. In the literary exercises of the chapter, literary training was regular and rigid. Founder Issac M. Jordan once said, “We entered upon all our college duties with



**Benjamin Piatt Runkle, backed by other “recalcitrants,” and facing Minor Millikin, tosses his DKE badge on the table in a dispute which led to the Founding of Sigma Chi.**



## questions for you

- What were the circumstances, details and dates leading to the Founding of our Fraternity?
- What were the basic issues, reasons and goals involved in the Founding?

great zeal and earnestness, studied hard, tried to excel in every department of study, contended for every hall or college prize and endeavored to make our Fraternity have a high and honorable standing.”

The Founders placed learning in high regard and importance.

More than 100 years ago, a Sigma Chi defined fraternity as “an obligation, a necessity, an introduction, a requirement, a passport, a lesson, an influence, an opportunity, an investment, a peacemaker and a pleasure.”

The Founders’ unfortunate experience in Delta Kappa Epsilon, which they saw as a group focused on conformity for political gain, stirred their hearts and their spirit. They found it a necessity to allow and accept differences in points of views and opinions, realizing that doing so brought opportunities and pleasures. This “spirit” became documented as *The Spirit of Sigma Chi*. Though The Spirit calls for men who are inherently “different,” it is expected that the members, in their differences, remain responsible, honorable, gentlemanly, friendly—indeed all those characteristics that are also listed in The Jordan Standard.



Illustration by Milton Caniff, Ohio State 1930.

**On the morning of June 28, 1855, there was a dual commencement ceremony at Old Miami.**

# The Seven Founders

## Who they are, and why we honor their names



### Benjamin Piatt Runkle

*"courageous in spirit and idealism"*

Benjamin Piatt Runkle, born in West Liberty, Ohio, was 18 years old at the time of the founding of Sigma Chi. It was Runkle who pulled off his DKE badge and threw it on the table in the all important dinner meeting in February 1855, putting into forceful words the thoughts of Bell, Caldwell, Cooper, Jordan and Scobey. Runkle was known throughout his life for his fearlessness, matched perhaps only by his idealism. It was this type and quality of spirit that he instilled in Sigma Chi throughout his life.

Runkle joined with Lockwood in designing the White Cross. They had determined to come up with something different from the shield and diamond type of the time. In later years, Runkle explained that, "Its selection grew from an admiration of its meaning." He was inspired with the story of the Emperor Constantine and his vision on the night before the battle for Rome. He believed Constantine was a heroic character, and he convinced the other Founders to pattern Sigma Chi symbolism after the vision of Constantine. Runkle's courage and idealism during his Miami days also once led to his temporary suspension from the University for fighting in chapel with a member of Beta Theta Pi who had publicly sneered at his badge.

He had the most noteworthy military career of any of the Founders. At the outbreak of the Civil War he volunteered with a militia company and was a Colonel by the end of the war. By November 1865 he was a Major General. He was seriously wounded in the battle of Shiloh and left for dead on the battlefield, leading his former DKE rival Whitelaw Reid to pen a glowing tribute to Runkle in a dispatch to his newspaper. The reports of Runkle's battlefield death turned out to be erroneous, and Runkle actually outlived Reid.

Like many other military men, Runkle was never entirely comfortable in civilian life and would have preferred to stay in the service for the rest of his life. He did stay in for some time after the war, but was retired because of "wounds received in the line of duty." After his military career he was ordained as an Episcopal Priest. He was also the only one of the Founders to become Grand Consul, serving as the Seventh Grand Consul from 1895-1897.

He spent the last years of his life in Hillsboro, Ohio, where he died on the Fraternity's 61st birthday, June 28, 1916. He was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, where in 1923 Sigma Chi erected the first of the Founders' Memorial Monuments at his grave.



### Benjamin Piatt Runkle

Sept. 3, 1836 to June 28, 1916

#### Academics

A.B., Miami University, 1857 • A.M., Miami, 1860 • L.H.D., Miami, 1899

#### Professional

Attorney, 1859-61 • professor of military science and tactics, Miami 1899-1901; University of Maine, 1902-03; Peekskill Military Academy, 1903-04

#### Military

Captain, major and lieutenant colonel, 13th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, U.S. Army • colonel and major general, 45th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, U.S. Army;

#### Fraternity

Delegate to first and 22nd Grand Chapters • orator for 22nd Grand Chapter • Grand Consul, 1895-97

#### Other

Episcopal priest

#### Memorial

Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.







### Thomas Cowan Bell

May 14, 1832 to Feb. 3, 1919

#### Academics

A.B., Miami University, 1857 • A.M., Miami University, 1862

#### Professional

County superintendent, public schools, Minnesota, 1872-77 • publisher, Journal (Worthington, Minn.), 1878-85 • president, Philamath College, 1885-86 • principal, La Creole Academy, Dallas, Ore., 1887-92 • president, Central Oregon State Normal School, 1892-96

#### Military

Captain, major and lieutenant colonel, 74th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, U.S. Army, 1861-63

#### Memorial

Presidio, San Francisco, Calif.



Right: Bell, left, with first Grand Consul John S. McMillin, DePauw, 1876, on the right.

## Thomas Cowan Bell

*"the qualities of learning"*

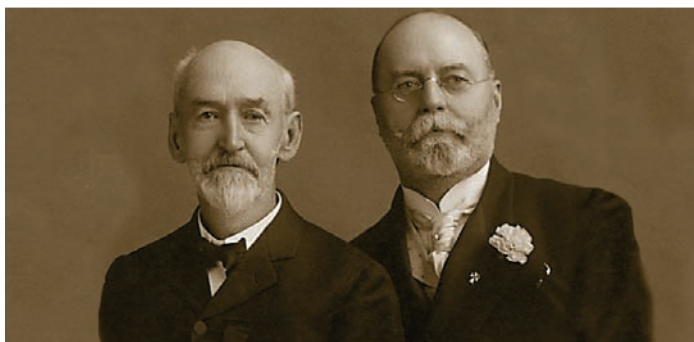
Thomas Cowan Bell was born at Bellbrook, Green County, Ohio, near Dayton. He entered Miami University in the fall of 1854, and was 23 when Sigma Chi was founded. Along with Dan Cooper, 25, Bell was one of the "elder statesmen" of the founding group. Yet Bell's zest for life and good-natured personality belied his maturity and perhaps his main love, which was learning. He sought wisdom as a student, which he later helped to cultivate in others.

His home at Oxford was with his aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Davis. All of the members of the Alpha Chapter either moved into the house or into the immediate neighborhood and all ate at her well furnished table. This became informally known as "the first chapter house of Sigma Chi." Bell is best remembered for his exemplification of qualities of learning and friendship. He instilled an atmosphere of friendship in the Fraternity and had, according to Runkle, "an expression on his face that made one instinctively reach for his hand. He was one of the kindly and lovable sort, and came into the Sigma Chi movement naturally. He was good hearted, believed in securing the good things of life and immediately dividing the same with his companions. He was as full of enthusiasm as a crusader. Naturally he was a leader and teacher of men. He was ambitious, but in no way disposed to push his aspirations at the expense of his fellows. He and Cooper, in thought and sympathy and in the deep foundations of their being, were much the same sort of men, though in outward expression of the inward character they differed widely."

Graduating in 1857, he started on his life's work of teaching. At the beginning of the Civil War in 1861 he enlisted in the Union Army where he won a commission and received high commendation at the Battle of Murfreesboro. He rose to become a Lieutenant Colonel, although he preferred to be called "Major Bell."

Following the war, he returned to a career in education. He served as superintendent of schools in Nobles County, Minn.; county recorder of deeds and editor/publisher of a local newspaper; and as principal and president of several preparatory and collegiate institutions in the western United States.

He entered the Chapter Eternal in 1919, the day after attending a Sigma Chi Initiation at Alpha Beta chapter at the University of California-Berkley. He is buried in the Presidio in San Francisco, where in 1933 the Fraternity dedicated the final Founders' Memorial Monument to him.



## William Lewis Lockwood *"honest & trustworthy through life"*

William Lewis Lockwood, the only one of the seven founders who was not a member of DKE, was born in New York City and was 18 years old at the time of the founding of Sigma Chi. He is best remembered as the "businessman" or organizer of the group and for bringing the element of cultural refinement. His organizational skills were largely responsible for the survival of the young Fraternity.

Of him, Runkle recalled, "He was different from each of the others. The difference was hereditary and was sharpened by environment. He was cultured and had been partly educated in the East. He was a slender, fair-haired youth with polished manners, and was always dressed in the best of taste. When he first came to Miami, wondrous tales were told of his wardrobe, of his splendid dressing gowns and the outfit of his quarters. He was refined in his tastes. He knew something about art and some understanding of the fitness of things genteel. We welcomed him into our circle. He could bring to our ambitious little band some things, mental and spiritual, that were sorely needed. He came to us, brought us all he had, and divided even his wardrobe, which seemed to be unlimited. Lockwood knew, instinctively, the value and power of money. He was treasurer and managed the business of the Fraternity. He furnished the business spirit to the little band, and without it we must utterly have failed. He shared our love while living, and tender memories follow him to the brighter world."

After graduation, Lockwood returned to New York, and studied law. He was admitted to the bar in 1860 and formed a law partnership with a friend. The outbreak of the Civil War found the two recruiting a company of volunteers among their friends, in which company Lockwood became First Lieutenant, later Captain. He frequently used his own resources to provide for men who were sick and in need, a trait later recognized by the men in presenting to him the Tiffany Sword. During the furious assault on Fort Wagner on July 18, 1863, he received a serious shoulder wound from which he never fully recovered.

He was honorably discharged in 1864 because of disabilities stemming from his original wound. He returned to Usquepaugh, Rhode



Island, with his wife and son Frank (named for Frank Scobey). Unable to practice law because of his poor health, he bought the local woolen mills and formed the firm of Lockwood, Alpin and Company. Although the business was a great success, his health failed constantly. In 1867 he became the first of the Founders to enter the Chapter Eternal and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York.



### William Lewis Lockwood

Oct. 31, 1836 to Aug. 17, 1867

#### Academics

A.B., Miami University, 1858

#### Professional

Admitted to the bar, 1860 •  
manufacturing, 1864

#### Military

Company H, 48th Regiment, New York  
Volunteer Infantry, U.S. Army • first  
lieutenant, 1861 • captain, 1861 • A.A.G.,  
Second Division, Tenth Army Corps,  
U.S. Army, 1864

#### Memorial

Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.





### Isaac M. Jordan

May 5, 1835 to Dec. 3, 1890

#### Academics

A.B., Miami University, 1857 • A.M.,  
Miami University, 1862

#### Professional

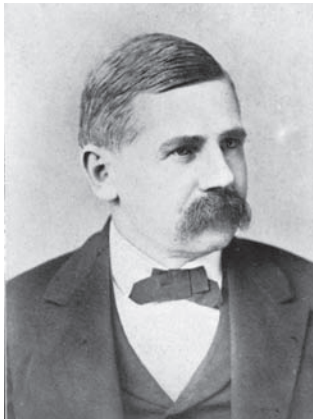
Admitted to bar, Columbus, Ohio, 1858  
• attorney, 1858-90 • congressman, first  
district of Ohio, 1883-85

#### Fraternity

Orator, first and 15th Grand Chapters

#### Memorial

Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati



**RIGHT: Founder Isaac M. Jordan was the Orator at the 1884 Grand Chapter in Cincinnati, Oh. The text of his speech was published to the Fraternity in this bulletin after the event. Jordan also served as the Orator at the first Grand Chapter in 1857.**

## Isaac M. Jordan

*"energetic & faithful to every task"*

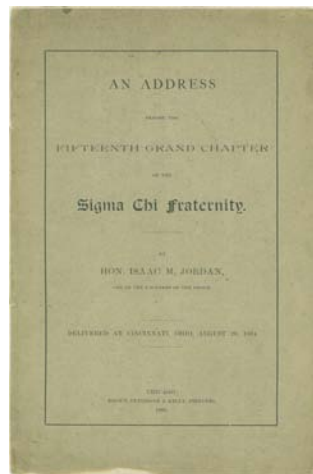
Isaac M. Jordan, born on a farm in central Pennsylvania, was 20 years old at the time of the founding of Sigma Chi. His family later moved to West Liberty, Ohio, the boyhood home of Benjamin Piatt Runkle. The two became friends at an early age, and entered Miami University together, and were initiated together into DKE.

Jordan is best remembered for his strong will and determined purpose. Of him Runkle recalled, "Isaac M. Jordan- playmate of my boyhood, schoolmate, friend for long and strenuous years of manhood and always the incarnation of high resolves, boundless energy, lofty ambitions, gifted with untiring perseverance and ability that made success a certainty; he has left an example of what a strong will and determined purpose can accomplish. If ever there was a 'self made' man who had a high right to be proud of the making, that was Brother Jordan. Nothing was too lofty for his aspirations, nothing to his vigorous mind, impossible. He showed no signs of faltering. He did everything with the same tremendous energy."

In a speech he gave in 1884, he delineated the valued criteria for pledging, which is now known as *The Jordan Standard*. Following graduation from Miami, he studied law, was admitted to the bar, and practiced law in Dayton and Cincinnati. He was elected to the United States Congress in 1882, easily winning as a Democrat in a strong Republican district.

His accidental death in 1890 was deeply mourned throughout southwestern Ohio. Leaving his law offices in downtown Cincinnati, he paused at the elevator entrance and turned to greet a friend. Unnoticed by him the elevator ascended to the floor above, the door still partly open. With a quick movement, and still facing his friend, he stepped into the open elevator shaft and fell to this death.

The tragedy created a shock throughout the city. All courts adjourned and public businesses were stilled. The newspapers of the day devoted entire pages, with prominent headlines and drawings, to the dreadful occurrence. Jordan is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, where a Founders' Memorial Monument was dedicated in 1929.



## Daniel William Cooper

*"ruler of the spirit"*

Daniel William Cooper, oldest of the Seven Founders, was born near Fredericktown, Ohio. He later taught in district schools before entering Miami University in the fall of 1854.

Known as the "balance wheel" of the Seven, his qualities of self-control and level-headedness exemplified confidence and maturity. 25 years old at the time of the Founding, he is credited with contributing much to the moral and spiritual foundations of the Fraternity. The confidence of his fellow Founders led to his election as the first Consul of the Alpha Chapter.

Of him Runkle recalled, "To him more than to any other man is due the birth and early growth of the kindly and generous spirit of Sigma Chi. It is hard to account for his dominant spirit, and his influence in that little band. He was a man of God, honest, upright, and pure. In his intercourse with the rest of us he was gentle and considerate. He never reproved; he never lectured. By common consent he was the head of the chapter, and no one thought of displacing him. Different from every one of us, he walked among us honored, loved, looked up to with perfect confidence. He taught us that the badge was not to be looked upon as common. Many an hour did I pass in his room, and every minute was a benediction. Brother Cooper, in those days, though rich in spirit was poor in worldly goods, and his life and work contain a priceless lesson for those of us who think that the end of life is that attainment of material riches and worldly power."

Cooper continued to look after the personal and spiritual needs of others in his professional life. After leaving college, he entered seminary and became a Presbyterian minister. He served as pastor to several parishes in his home state of Ohio and performed missionary work.

He was the last surviving of the seven Founders, passing to the Chapter Eternal in 1920 at age 91. He is buried at Allegheny Cemetery in Pittsburgh. Brother Cooper wore his original Sigma Phi badge throughout his life. Upon his death, the pin was preserved. Today the newly elected Grand Consul has the honor of being pinned at his installation into office with the Cooper badge.



### Daniel William Cooper

Sept. 2, 1830 to Dec. 11, 1920

#### Academics

A.B., Miami University, 1857 • student, Western Theological Seminary, 1857-59 • licensed by Richland Presbytery, 1858 • ordained, 1859

#### Professional

Pastor, Presbyterian churches in Ohio and Indiana, 1859-91 • delegate, Presbyterian General Assembly, 1872 and 1885

#### Memorial

Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh



**LEFT:** This badge belonged to Founder Daniel William Cooper and is now worn by each Grand Consul during his two-year term.





### Franklin Howard Scobey

May 27, 1837 to July 22, 1888

#### Academics

A.B., Miami University, 1858 • A.M.,  
Miami University, 1861

#### Professional

Editor, Telegraph, Hamilton, Ohio,  
1867-79 • cattleman, Kansas, 1879-82 •  
farmer, Woods Station, Ohio, 1882-1888

#### Military

Private, Fifth Ohio Cavalry,  
U.S. Army, 1861

#### Memorial

Greenwood Cemetery, Hamilton, Ohio



### Franklin Howard Scobey

*"courteous & loyal in his friendship"*

Franklin Howard Scobey was born in Hamilton, Ohio, and was 18 at the time of the founding of Sigma Chi. Despite his agreeable nature, Scobey joined Ben Runkle in leading the rebellion within DKE, demonstrating his belief that principle outweighs blind loyalty. Scobey was not only the main proponent of what is called "The Spirit of Sigma Chi," but he was the embodiment of that philosophy.

Even in the Fraternity's gloomier moments, Scobey could be relied on for cheering up the group with his eternal optimism and his conscientious attention to the qualities of true friendship. His generosity in providing for the needs of his friends was the very definition of courtesy, and he was unfailingly loyal. Scobey was said to have been popular even with the enemies of the Founders.

Scobey studied law in Hamilton, Ohio, after his 1858 graduation from Miami, and was admitted to the bar in 1860. Never physically strong, he suffered from increasing deafness. During and after the civil war he engaged in newspaper editorial work in Hamilton, and almost lost touch with the Fraternity.

He entered the Chapter Eternal in 1888 and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in his hometown. His humble qualities of congeniality and courtesy were recognized by the Fraternity with the dedication of a Founders' Memorial Monument at this grave site, as part of the Diamond Anniversary Commemoration in 1930.



Lockwood and Scobey, left, during their college days.

## James Parks Caldwell

*"true to principle"*

James Parks Caldwell, born in Monroe, Ohio, was just 14 years old when he helped launch Sigma Chi. By the time he was 13, his progress through courses, including Latin and advanced math, caused the principal of the local academy to remark that the boy had covered everything that could be offered there, and he entered Miami University apparently with advanced credits.

Caldwell is best remembered for his spirit of youth and for bringing an element of creative genius. According to Runkle, "Jimmie Caldwell was born with a wonderful brain and a strangely sensitive and delicate organization. He was from his childhood one of the most lovable of God's creations. Strong men, who have become hardened to tender feeling and sympathetic sentiment, remember and love him. Somehow, he seemed closely akin to all of us. I roomed and cared for him for more than a year. Our holidays were spent in the fields and along the streams, one of us carrying a gun, or fishing rod, but Caldwell his copy of Poe or Shakespeare. His contributions, essays, poems, plays and stories read in the literary hall, in the chapter meetings, and on Saturdays before the whole corps of students, were the most remarkable productions that I ever heard. The combination of a quick mind and youthful enthusiasm made him a favorite in Oxford, and he won the affection of everyone from custodians to the president of the university."

He graduated Miami University soon after his sixteenth birthday. Following college he practiced law in Ohio, and began a career as an educator in Mississippi. He enlisted in the Confederate Army and, during the Civil War, he was captured and taken prisoner. He was offered his freedom if he would renounce his allegiance to the Confederacy, but fidelity to principle led him to remain loyal to the Southland.

Following the war, he returned to the Bar. Being a bachelor, he traveled frequently, writing as a journalist and practicing law. His death came in 1912, at Biloxi, where in his room were found the latest issues of The Sigma Chi Quarterly. He is buried in Biloxi Cemetery.



**Caldwell just months before the Founding of Sigma Chi.**



### James Parks Caldwell

March 27, 1841 to April 5, 1912

#### Academics

A.B., Miami University, 1857

#### Professional

Teacher, Mississippi, 1858-59 • principal, Palmetto Academy, Panola County, Miss. 1860, 1865-66 • admitted to the bar, Mississippi, 1866 • attorney, Los Angeles and San Bernardino, Calif., 1867-75 • edited newspapers in Ohio • practiced law in Gulfport and Biloxi, Miss., 1887-1912

#### Military

Private and first lieutenant of artillery, Confederate States Army

#### Memorial

Biloxi Cemetery, Biloxi, Miss.

## questions for you

- ▶ Give brief descriptions of each of the Founders, including the character qualities they possessed and their contributions to Sigma Chi.
- ▶ What qualities of the Founders do you see in yourself?



## Constantine, Heraldry and Roman Heritage

### What the Founders drew upon

College fraternities, like many other institutions, have a set of signs, symbols and mottoes to define and express their beliefs and ideals. The significance of such heraldry is rooted in centuries-old tradition. Then, as today, the heraldry worn by a group held the key to the ideals and motives that inspired them to reach greater heights.



Photo courtesy of Brian R. Page

**TOP:** This painting by the famous artist Raphael hangs in the Palace of the Vatican in the Hall of Constantine and depicts Constantine's vision of the cross. **ABOVE:** Bust of the Emperor Constantine from the colossal statue originally in the Roman Forum.

Sigma Chi has a heraldry rooted deep in tradition that has grown out of many ideas, much thought and tireless research. The seven Founders understood the chief elements of Sigma Chi heraldry, including the White Cross. They admired the courage of those ancient warriors who were willing to fight—even to die—for their ideals. Consequently, our heraldry is influenced by a legendary feat of the Emperor Constantine, a man who demonstrated remarkable commitment to an ideal.

Constantine was born in 272 A.D. and grew to become a fine soldier, ultimately achieving the rank of Supreme Emperor of the Roman Empire. Marching toward Rome on Oct. 27, 312 A.D., Constantine's forces were pursuing the armies of Maxentius, a challenger to the crown.

According to legend, Constantine, before going into battle, saw a cross in the sky with the Greek words "en toutoi nika." Derived from the Latin translation, "in hoc signo vinces," its meaning is, "In this sign you will conquer." Early the next morning, Constantine dreamed that a voice commanded him to have his soldiers mark upon their shields the letter "X" with a line drawn through it and a mark across the top. Because this was the symbol of Christ, the battle took on the significance of a holy cause, and, in fact, is considered an important event in religious history; many believe this marks the beginning of Christianity's surge in popularity over the pagan beliefs previously held in favor by the masses. Its significance for Sigma Chi, however, is Constantine's discovery of the noble principles in which he believed and for which he was willing to battle.

The Founders drew inspiration from the story of Constantine and thus from Constantine's vision. The significance of the design of the Sigma Chi badge, the White Cross, and of our public motto, "In Hoc Signo Vinces," is therefore evident. The words of our Founders remind us, however, that "only as the ideals for which this badge stands take possession of my heart and become exemplified in my life will I ever know the true meaning of the White Cross of Sigma Chi."

As it was more than one century ago, the display of Sigma Chi heraldry identifies the wearer as a believer in a set of principles, and consequently "demands more of him than it does of other men." Thus, the heraldry of Sigma Chi provides much more than ornamental value—it also identifies all who wear it as Sigma Chis and marks them as men of high ideals, noble purposes and strong character.



# The Constantine Chapter

## Why one man's determination kept the Fraternity alive in the South

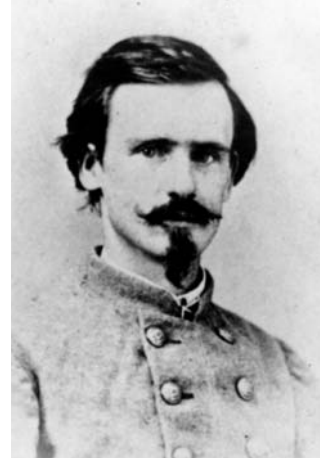
Harry St. John Dixon and his small band of Sigma Chi soldiers established what has come to be known as the Constantine Chapter of Sigma Chi.

The Constantine Chapter was organized on the night of September 17, 1864 during the heated Atlanta campaign of the Civil War. The place of the historic event was "a few miles southwest of Atlanta." Dixon, who was a member of Psi Chapter's class of 1861 at the University of Virginia, states the circumstances under which the war-time chapter was conceived:

*"It was ascertained that a number of the Fraternity were in the Army of Tennessee under Gen. Joseph E. Johnston during the Atlanta campaign in 1864. It was conceded that the South was forever disunited from the general government, and it was assumed that all chapters throughout the South would cease to exist. Furthermore, it was deemed expedient that we brothers should know each other and our several commands for the purposes of relief in distress, and communication in case of need, with our Northern brethren. In the ruin at hand my sentiment was to preserve the lofty principles typified by the White Cross. I know that I had no authority to establish a chapter of Sigma Chi outside a college, or at all; but, isolated as we were, I thought I should raise the standard and fix a rallying point. By so doing, we should preserve the Order, whether we failed or not in our struggle for independence."*

Throughout the war, Dixon kept informed of all Sigma Chis known to be in the vicinity, and he recorded their names upon the flyleaf of his diary. With the plan for a Confederate Army chapter fully formed, he and Harry Yerger, Mississippi 1864, who was in Dixon's division, contacted all brothers who might reach the place selected for the meeting. Of this first meeting Dixon wrote:

*"The meeting was held in a deserted log cabin on the outskirts of the camp, at night. By a miraculous effort one wretched tallow candle was procured. The cabin was in a state of frightful dilapidation. Its rude walls and rafters were covered with soot and cobwebs, and the floor showed evidences of having been the resting place of sundry herds of sheep. But the spirit was there and shone brightly. There was no time for ceremonies beyond what were absolutely necessary. We had left the camp without permission and did not know at what minute our bugles would sound 'To horses' as the 'fearful adversary' was at hand. We got some 'chunks' and, by placing rails upon them, improvised benches, lit our candle, had the President reconnoiter the premises thoroughly, and upon his report that all was well, proceeded with business. This, however, was hardly necessary, as our 'hall' was on the edge of a lonely field, and was almost covered with vines and overhanging trees."*



Harry St. John Dixon



A replica of the badge Dixon made from a silver half dollar.



**In May 1939, the Constantine Chapter Memorial, located on U.S. 41 in Clayton County, Ga., was erected by the Fraternity in memory of the Constantine Chapter and its members.**



**Milton Caniff depicted the founding of the Constantine Chapter by Harry St. John Dixon and his fellow soldiers.**

The chapter elected Harry St. John Dixon as “Sigma,” or president, and Harry Yerger as “Chi,” or vice president. Other brothers known to be involved in this chapter include Reuben T. Pollard, Mississippi 1861; Evan J. Shelby, Mississippi 1862; and William H. Bolton, original Sigma chapter at LaGrange (Tennessee) 1862. The Constantine Chapter initiated two men, Thomas N. Fowler and A. B. Raffington.

Each man had lost his original badge. The loss was keenly felt, for the badge could not then be replaced in the South. The only badge in the chapter was the one Dixon had improvised earlier in the war. With an ingenuity born of necessity, he had finished a rough substitute from a silver half-dollar. The task had required several weeks of tedious work, which he performed at odd times in camp, using his pocket knife and a file. With great labor, he even set the Greek letters ΣΧ therein with bits of gold. Dixon chiseled it and felt certain it would be of great value in the event he was captured.

A final, formal meeting occurred New Year’s Day 1865. With Dixon presiding, these devoted men of the Southland passed a resolution to pay a “tribute of respect” to the four Constantine Chapter Sigs who had died during the war. The last days of the war quickly came and rendered impossible any further activities of this wartime chapter.

## questions for you

- Why do you think we honor the Constantine chapter?

## Nomenclature and Insignia

The recognized nickname of Sigma Chi is Sig or Sigs. The term “Sig Chis,” or any other abbreviation or nickname other than the Greek letters, is not used. Similarly, the term “Frat” as an abbreviation for Fraternity is not used.

Also, many often mistakenly refer to Sigma Chi Headquarters as “nationals.” The Fraternity has undergraduate and alumni chapters in both the United States and Canada: it is an international—not national—organization.

### The Badge

The badge, a Sigma Chi cross of gold and of white and black enamel, contains two chains connecting the upper arms, crossed keys on the upper arm, an eagle’s head on its right arm, a scroll on its left arm, clasped hands and seven stars on the lower arm, and the Greek letters ΣΧ in the center. The symbols and borders are gold, with white background on each arm, and black background in the center.

Only initiated members of the Fraternity may wear the badge. When suitably dressed, members may wear the badge over the heart, on the left breast approximately midway between the waist and the neck. It is to be worn with the upper arm slanted slightly toward the left shoulder. It may be worn on a collared shirt, pullover sweater, or vest, but never on the lapel of a coat.

While only initiated members may wear the badge, coat of arms or Sigma Chi Greek letters, this regulation does not apply to such items as pins for sweethearts, wives or housemothers. Recognition pins are to be worn only in the upper corner of a coat lapel approximately one-half inch from each edge (and not in a buttonhole or near the lapel’s center).

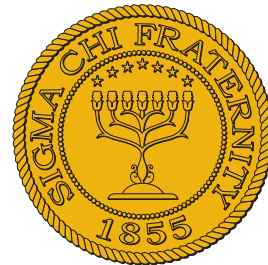
### The Seal

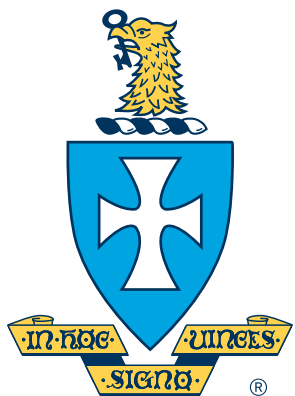
The Fraternity seal is circular. Around the top of the outer edge is the name Sigma Chi Fraternity, and at the bottom are the numbers 1855. The central portion contains seven stars and a seven-branched candlestick.

### The Pledge Pin

The pledge button is a small Norman shield of blue bearing a white Sigma Chi cross.

When suitably dressed, the pledge may wear his pin. With a suit or sport coat, it is worn in the buttonhole of the left lapel or as close thereto as is practical. When a coat is not worn, it is placed on the left side of the shirt front between the pocket and buttonholes and over the heart. Pledges should refrain from wearing the pin on a t-shirt, sweatshirt or other non-collared shirt. It may be worn on a pullover sweater.





## questions for you

- Describe the badge, including its colors and symbols.
- What is the wording and meaning of the public motto?

## The Flag

The flag is rectangular, the length being one and one-half times the width, the upper half being blue, the lower half being old gold, with a white Sigma Chi cross standing upright in the center and parallel to the lesser sides.

## The Crest

The Crest is a Norman Shield of blue bearing a white Sigma Chi cross, the shield being surmounted by a scroll and a crest of an eagle's head holding a key. The public motto, "In Hoc Signo Vinces" is placed below the shield on a scroll. The meaning of our public motto is, "In this sign you will conquer." It is pronounced: "in hoke sig'no win'case."

## Colors

The colors are blue and old gold.

## Flower

The flower is the white rose.

## Logos and Icons

Our logos and icons are a universal representation of our Fraternity. In all parts of the world, people will see our crest and identify it with the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Our logo, to be effective, must be used in a consistent manner by all members and guests of our Fraternity.

Sigma Chi is identified by the coat of arms, or Crest, which is a Norman Shield of blue bearing a white Sigma Chi cross, the shield being surmounted by a scroll in white and blue and a crest of an eagle's head holding a key of gold. The motto, "In Hoc Signo Vinces," is placed below the shield on a scroll and means "In this sign, you will conquer." Do not attempt to change or recreate this logo.

## Trademark Guidelines



Sigma Chi has trademarked its insignia and phrases to ensure proper use and to protect the image and reputation of the Fraternity. All companies must be licensed before they are permitted to incorporate any of the Sigma Chi insignia into merchandise or promotional pieces. Simply look for the "Official Licensed Product" logo to identify official Sigma Chi merchandise. If Sigma Chi fails to protect its marks in this manner, it jeopardizes its ownership of the trademarks.

## A History of *The Norman Shield*

The year was 1929, and the times were definitely changing. It was the year of the first U.S. transcontinental airline flight, the first color movie, the first commercial FM radio broadcast and the year the yo-yo was invented. The Academy Awards were conceived and presented for the first time. Gunmen under the command of Al “Scarface” Capone massacred seven members of the Bugs Moran gang in a Chicago garage on St. Valentine’s Day. On Wall Street, frenzied trading by speculators and gamblers in the first half of the year set the stage for the great stock market crash that occurred in October.

In the ranks of Sigma Chi, it had been apparent for some time that certain measures needed to be taken to preserve the tradition and lofty ideals upon which the Fraternity had been founded. The Fraternity had been in existence for 74 years and was growing at an unprecedented rate. The Sigma Chi directory published that year showed a total of 27,229 initiates, an increase of 7,238 since the directory of 1922 was issued. The production of an official manual that could be used to standardize pledge training had been authorized at the 1925 Estes Park Grand Chapter by Herbert C. Arms, Illinois 1895. The Sigma Chi Pledge Manual—a 103-page compendium of history, information, procedures, etiquette and anecdotes—became available four years later, on Oct. 14, 1929.

It was largely based on a slim, mimeographed booklet entitled “Freshman Manual of the Beta Mu Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity,” prepared by Arthur Vos Jr., Colorado 1930, on the authority of then-Consul of the Beta Mu chapter, the late Harold T. King, Colorado 1929. In addition to describing the government, publications, history and funds of the Fraternity, Vos included biographies of the Founders, a description of the insignia, Sigma Chi songs, a chapter roll, the Greek alphabet and even a section entitled “Timely Suggestions to Freshmen.” Though Vos credited the 1922 Manual and Directory for much of his material, his research and organization of the information at hand was impressive enough to inspire an invitation from the General Fraternity to help compile the official manual for Fraternity-wide usage.

Vos, who was later designated a Significant Sig, is given editorial credit, along with Chester W. Cleveland, Illinois 1920, in the front of the first eight consecutive editions of the Sigma Chi Pledge Manual.

A short note in the November 1943 issue of the Sigma Chi Bulletin is the only official announcement of a very significant change in the manual’s format. It reads, “Sigma Chi’s famed Pledge Manual is now known as *The Norman Shield*.” Presumably the name was chosen in deference to the pledge button which is described, like the Coat of Arms, as “...a Norman Shield of blue bearing a white Sigma Chi cross.” However, as World War II continued to escalate in 1943, one is tempted to make a connection with the famous words of past Grand Tribune W. Henry McLean, De Pauw 1910, in his composition, “My Badge”: “It is not a shield of timid defense. ...”

From the very first edition, the manual was perceived not as a static publication, but as a personal guide which encompassed not only the history but also the changing times of the Fraternity. For this reason, each edition—while containing all the essential information—has varied



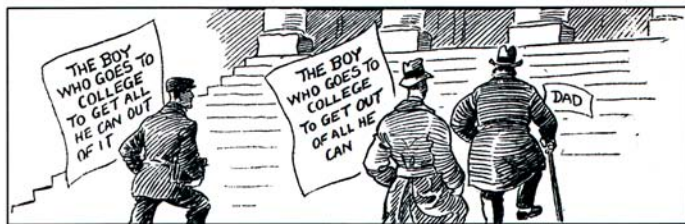
Arthur Vos Jr.

### the **first** author

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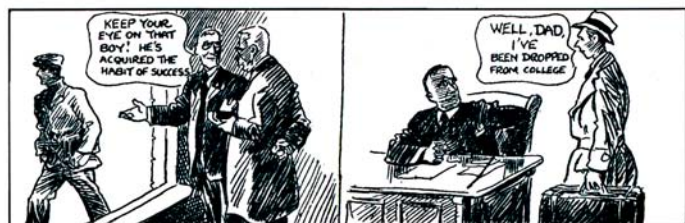
## Why Do So Many Rich Boys Fail in College?



They get an even start.



One works hard and the other takes it easy because he knows he has somebody to fall back on.



One can't afford to fail and the other acquires the habit of failure.

**John T. McCutcheon's illustrations once filled the early editions of *The Norman Shield*.**

ease-ridden, disappointed, despondent ... physically wrecked, mentally morbid, spiritually besmirched." This piece was discontinued beginning with the 1943 edition.

The 1936 (fourth) edition introduced color to the publication, reproducing the Sigma Chi Creed in the manner of an illuminated manuscript. This reproduction of The Creed continued unchanged until it was redone in 1963 in a modernized vertical page layout. With the technological advances of the 1960s and 1970s, the use of more color became feasible; the 1963 (22nd) edition boasted 24 pages of color, including portraits of Judge Howard Ferris, Denison 1876, a photo of the International Headquarters and an assortment of maps, drawings and cartoons.

No history of *The Norman Shield* would be complete without a reference to the beautiful illustrations provided by two of Sigma Chi's illustrious members, John T. McCutcheon, Purdue 1889, and Milton Caniff, Ohio State 1930. The 1930 (second) edition featured McCutcheon's *Why Do So Many Rich Boys Fail in College?* Many of his "editorial cartoons," including his famous *Indian Summer* and his brilliant cartoon tributes to fraternity life, were published in nearly all subsequent editions. In 1963, as the Vietnam conflict began to escalate, McCutcheon's

somewhat in content. For example, the second edition was expanded to include a listing of distinguished Sigs, the third edition increased this section from six to 13 pages. The section was dropped in 1938, having presumably grown too large for inclusion, and was eventually replaced with the list of Significant Sigs, which first appeared in the 1943 edition, eight years after that designation was established. The 1995 (35th) edition has foregone a lengthy listing of Significant Sigs in favor of selected biographies culled from different periods of the Fraternity's history.

The first eight editions contained a cautionary piece entitled "The Fraternity—A Millstone or a Milestone," purporting to be the history of a fictional "Ned French," a bright young Nebraska farm boy introduced by his more sophisticated Fraternity brothers to the "red light" district of Detroit as well as to other parent's nightmares of the Prohibition era, only to leave college "dis-

moving memorial, *The Colors*, first published during World War I, spoke vividly to the current generation.

Beginning with the now-famous painting of the founding of the Constantine Chapter which appeared in the 1943 (ninth) edition, the drawings and cartoons of Milt Caniff increasingly became a mainstay of *The Norman Shield*. The 1965 (23rd) edition contains no fewer than 17 illustrations by this talented artist. His renditions of the Founding of Sigma Chi, scenes from the lives of the Founders, reflections on the meaning of brotherhood and the heroism of Sigs during wartime—particularly his forceful and moving portrayals of brothers in the World War II years—comprise an artistic legacy unparalleled in the Greek world.

Caniff's illustrations truly capture the changing feel of the passing decades and perfectly serve the purpose of *The Norman Shield*, each edition of which is a marvelous reflection of the times. Consider the following passage from the section on "dress" which appeared in the 1929 (first) edition. "A whole chapter is occasionally branded in the public eye as being made up of cake-eaters or four-flushers or may even be assigned some more loathsome and unprintable epithet merely because of the over-dressing of a few oily-haired sheiks or, perhaps, on the other hand, a couple of long-haired and baggy-trousered bohemians." The 1943 edition was slightly expanded to include "zoot-suited lotharios." The 1952 (17th) edition modified its dictum to a more relaxed "... sports clothes and sweaters have replaced the suit and tie." With the trend to long hair in the 1960s though, the 1967 (24th) edition used a tongue-in-cheek approach, reminding members that "under Sigma Chi's Constitution and Statutes, haircuts are entirely legal."

This ability to reflect the "campus attitude" set *The Norman Shield* apart from drier and less palatable manuals.

Perhaps the most radical format change of all, the 1972-73 (26th) edition, was the least successful. *The Norman Shield* had expanded to more than 300 pages by 1969. Cumulative additions over the years had expanded almost every section. Illustrations, such as those which accompanied the long-running Etiquette section, had increased, as well as had the number of photos of chapter houses, Sweethearts, Past Grand Consuls, Significant Sigs and "candid" from various campuses. To keep pledges from feeling overwhelmed, *The Norman Shield* was cut to an 80-page paperback handbook. The promise to later provide a more expanded supplement never materialized, and the result was undisguised disgruntlement on the part of members. The following (27th) edition returned to the hard cover format and restored text to the count of 192 pages. In subsequent years, careful editing and creative space manipulation have allowed for increased information to be included with a slight reduction in page count. The current (40th) edition of *The Norman Shield* continues as first conceived—a personal and timely guide to the history, traditions, government, principles and teachings of Sigma Chi.



Runkle



Lockwood



Bell



Cooper



Jordan



Scobey



Caldwell

**ABOVE: Significant Sig Milton Caniff, Ohio State 1930, drew these caricatures of the Seven Founders for the 1955 Centennial edition of *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*. They first appeared in *The Norman Shield* in 1957.**



# The History of Sigma Chi



**Original Badge**



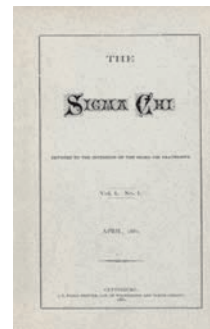
**Badge, today**



**Harry St. John Dixon**

- 1855** ♦ Sigma Chi was founded at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.
- 1856** ♦ Greek-letter rivals at Miami University stole the Ritual and records, which necessitated the preparation of a new constitution and Ritual and a change in name from Sigma Phi to Sigma Chi.
- 1857** ♦ The Seven Founders attended the Fraternity's first biennial convention, held June 12 in Cincinnati.
  - ♦ On October 10, Eta chapter was installed at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss. Eta's was the fourth charter granted.
  - ♦ Bell, Caldwell, Cooper, Runkle and Jordan graduated that June from Miami University.
- 1858** ♦ On September 10, Lockwood and Scobey, the last of the Founders to graduate from Miami, established Lambda chapter at Indiana University in Bloomington, now the oldest chapter in continual existence in Sigma Chi.
  - ♦ In June, Alpha, the parent chapter, became inactive, and Gamma chapter assumed its governing power for the next 24 years.
- 1861** ♦ Twelve chapters had been installed prior to the Civil War. Fraternity records contain the names of 265 active and alumni members who were in the conflict. Of this number, 147 were in the Union forces and 118 with the Confederacy, totaling more than 60 percent of the total Sigma Chi membership of 432.
  - ♦ Founders Runkle, Scobey, Lockwood, Bell and Cooper fought for the Union in the conflict. Caldwell, who made his home in Panola County, Miss., fought with the Confederacy.
  - ♦ The third Grand Chapter met in Wheeling, West Virginia, and there the first official "Form of Initiation" was designated for all chapters. "In Hoc Signo Vincas," a secret motto since 1856, was made the official public motto.
- 1864** ♦ Harry St. John Dixon and his small band of Sigma Chi soldiers established what has come to be known as the Constantine Chapter of Sigma Chi on the night of September 17 during the heated Atlanta campaign of the Civil War.
- 1866** ♦ The Sixth Biennial Celebration was held on December 27-28 in Washington, D.C. Here, the name "Grand Chapter" was first used.
- 1870** ♦ The eighth Grand Chapter, held in Philadelphia, adopted blue and gold as the Fraternity's colors. These colors are now standardized as Blue and Old Gold.

- 1872** ♦ The first alumni chapter was established in Indianapolis, Ind.
- ♦ The Grand Chapter elected Harry St. John Dixon as Grand Historian, making him the Fraternity's first Grand Officer.
- 1876** ♦ The "Purdue Case" – in which Thomas P. Hawley was denied entrance into Purdue University because of his prior initiation into and affiliation with Sigma Chi – began. The case came to a head in 1881 when Judge D.P. Vinton ruled that the faculty had no right to bar Hawley from their classes on the issue. When the appeal decision was handed down on June 21, 1882, the Indiana Supreme Court ruled that Fraternities could exist on the campus of Purdue University – a sweeping victory for Sigma Chi.
- 1881** ♦ The Fraternity's first magazine, *The Sigma Chi*, was established under the supervision of Theta Chapter at Gettysburg College, Pa. In 1926 it became *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*.
- 1882** ♦ The 14th Grand Chapter, held in Chicago, adopted a transitional form of centralized government. Delegates elected John S. McMillin, DePauw 1876, the first Grand Consul.
- 1886** ♦ Sigma Chi reached the Pacific Coast with the establishment of Alpha Beta chapter at the University of California–Berkeley.
- 1887** ♦ *The Sigma Chi Bulletin*, the first Greek-letter private publication for members only, was born.
- 1890** ♦ Chi Chapter at Hanover College became the first chapter in Sigma Chi to move into its own home.
- 1893** ♦ The last honorary member of Sigma Chi, President Grover Cleveland, was initiated on January 26. He is the only Sigma Chi to have held the office of President of the United States.
- 1895** ♦ The 22nd Grand Chapter, held July 25-27 in Chicago, elected Founder Benjamin Piatt Runkle to be Grand Consul, the only Founder to serve in that position.
- 1899** ♦ The Fraternity adopted Henry V. Vinton's, Purdue 1885, flag design.
- 1901** ♦ The 25th Grand Chapter approved the Fraternity's pledge pin.
- 1903** ♦ The Grand Chapter, held in Detroit, established that the Board of Grand Trustees have general control of the endowment fund.
- 1905** ♦ The Semi-Centennial Grand Chapter was held in Cincinnati and Oxford, Ohio, July 27-30, with Founders Bell, Caldwell, Cooper and Runkle attending.



**The Fraternity's first magazine**



**Chi chapter house**



**Grover Cleveland**



**First Life  
Membership card  
belonging to Past  
Grand Consul  
W. C. Henning.**



**Joseph Cookman  
Nate**

- 1909** ♦ The 29th Grand Chapter, held June 29-30 in Chicago, created a five-member Executive Committee.
- ♦ Sigma Chi helped launch the National Interfraternity Conference on November 27 in New York City.
- 1911** ♦ The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi was written in June for the 25th Anniversary Reunion of Alpha Pi chapter at Albion College, Michigan. Byron D. Stokes, 1913, wrote the words one afternoon in class. He then gave them to F. Dudleigh Vernor, 1914, who set them to music the same day.
- 1913** ♦ Frederick C. "Fritz" Grabner, Beloit 1911, became the Fraternity's first full-time Executive Secretary.
- 1914** ♦ The first General Headquarters office devoted exclusively to the business of the Fraternity was established in Chicago.
- 1920** ♦ During the 1920s—the exact year is unknown—Mrs. Alice Tuttle, housemother at the Gamma Delta Chapter, Oklahoma State, wrote *The Sigma Chi Grace*, the Fraternity's prayer.
- 1922** ♦ After 67 years as a national organization, Sigma Chi became international when it installed the Beta Omega Chapter at the University of Toronto on April 22.
- ♦ The event which came to be known as "Sigma Chi Derby Day" in many chapters is believed to have originated this year. Alpha Beta Chapter, California-Berkeley, created the "Channing Way Derby," which came to life on many other campuses as "Derby Day."
- 1925** ♦ The 37th Grand Chapter held in Estes Park, Colo. originated the Life Membership program.
- ♦ Dr. Joseph Cookman Nate unveiled the first volume of his monumental *History of the Sigma Chi Fraternity*.
- 1929** ♦ L. G. Balfour, Indiana 1907, established the Balfour Award, the highest undergraduate honor in the Fraternity. The annual award recognizes the most outstanding graduating senior of each undergraduate chapter, province and international fraternity of that college year.
- ♦ Past Grand Consul George Ade, Purdue 1887, wrote *The Sigma Chi Creed*.
- ♦ The Fraternity adopted a uniform system of pledge training, which included the first edition of *The Norman Shield*.
- 1933** ♦ On July 10, Past Grand Consul Joseph Cookman Nate entered the Chapter Eternal at age 65 after 43 years of official service to Sigma Chi. He is best remembered for his monumental *History of the Sigma Chi Fraternity*, four volumes of which had been published at his death.

- 1934** ♦ An Endowment Commission, a forerunner of the Sigma Chi Foundation, was established. In 1941, its name was changed to the Sigma Chi Foundation.
- 1935** ♦ The Fraternity created the Significant Sig Award. This award would be presented at Grand Chapter to alumni whose achievements brought honor and prestige to the Fraternity. Seven medals were presented at the 42nd Grand Chapter held in Chicago.
- 1941** ♦ At the 45th Grand Chapter in Detroit, the Daniel William Cooper Scholarship Trophy was presented. Undergraduate chapters now compete for the award annually.
- 1942** ♦ Several thousand Sigs, stationed all over the world, served in the armed services during World War II. Congressional Medal of Honor winner Capt. Maurice L. Britt, Arkansas 1941, became the most decorated U.S. officer of the war. During the War, the Fraternity lost 724 members, seven times as many as it lost in World War I.
- 1945** ♦ On June 19, a group of 16 Sigs gathered at the Office of War Information Club in Manila, Philippine Islands, to write another stirring chapter in Sigma Chi history. Fierce fighting in World War II was still raging less than 20 miles from Manila and Japanese snipers were still active in the battered city when these Sigs met to reactivate the Manila alumni chapter. Instrumental in the re-organization were Richard H. Watkins, Oregon 1935, and Howard Kramer, Miami (Ohio) 1929.
- 1947** ♦ On August 31 through September 3, the first Leadership Training Workshop was held at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. 215 delegates from 82 of 108 undergraduate chapters attended. Delegates covered the topics of recruitment, pledge training, chapter organization, accounting methods, preparation of a yearly budget, interpretation of the Ritual, campus and alumni relations and chapter publications.
- 1948** ♦ The Grand Chapter held in Seattle established the Order of Constantine to recognize alumni for outstanding Fraternity service. Forty-seven Sigs were made charter members.
- ♦ The Fraternity selected Barbara Tanner, a Kappa Alpha Theta sorority member from Michigan State, as the first International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi.
- 1950** ♦ After 95 years of either no headquarters at all or of renting office space, Sigma Chi bought the magnificent Harley L. Clark mansion on Lake Michigan in Evanston, Illinois, for its Headquarters.
- ♦ *Life* magazine cited Sigma Chi Fraternity as "... one of the most solid of all. ..." in a story on college fraternities.



**Significant Sig Award**



**Barbara Tanner, Sigma Chi's first International Sweetheart**



**Headquarters moves to Evanston, Illinois, Ill.**



**Barry Goldwater**



**Peterson Significant Chapter Award**

- 1955** ♦ The Fraternity celebrated its Centennial June 28 in Oxford, Ohio, as a part of the 50th Grand Chapter which met in Cincinnati.
- ♦ During the Literary Exercise of this Grand Chapter, brothers received a copy of *The Centennial History* by Robert M. Collett, Denison 1915. With 2,000 Sigs and guests in attendance, it was the largest event in Sigma Chi history.
- 1957** ♦ The 51st Grand Chapter met in Toronto June 25-28, the first time such an event occurred outside the United States.
- 1961** ♦ All 134 active chapters participated in the Leadership Training Workshop at Bowling Green State University, the first to have all chapters represented.
- 1962** ♦ Four Assistant Executive Secretaries (AESs) from the Headquarters Staff conducted an extended chapter assistance program, visiting each undergraduate chapter at least once.
- 1964** ♦ Sigma Chi had its first U.S. presidential candidate in 72 years. Arizona Senator and Significant Sig Barry Goldwater, Arizona 1932, won the Republican nomination. Hundreds of Sigma Chis took an active part in his spirited though unsuccessful campaign.
- ♦ The Fraternity presented the J. Dwight Peterson Significant Chapter Award for the first time. Named for Past Grand Consul Peterson, who endowed it, the award recognizes each chapter in the Fraternity that meets a thorough yet attainable set of standards. The first winners, for the 1963-64 school year, were the chapters at DePauw, MIT and Sam Houston. Beginning with the 1969-70 academic year, the Sigma Chi Foundation presented a cash donation to the counseling and tutoring programs of institutions of the winning chapters.
- 1966** ♦ On Oct. 30, more than 300 Sigs and guests gathered at 1714 Hinman Avenue in Evanston, Illinois, to dedicate the Fraternity's newly constructed headquarters, the first built by Sigma Chi for this purpose.
- 1969** ♦ Astronaut John W. Young, Georgia Tech 1952, was one of three astronauts who circled the moon in Apollo 10. In 1972, as commander of the Apollo 16 space mission, he became the ninth man to set foot on the moon. He carried with him to the moon a Sigma Chi badge and flag, which are now on display in the Fraternity Headquarters Museum.
- 1970** ♦ As in previous wars, Sigma Chis played vital roles in the Vietnam War. More than 40 Sigs lost their lives in the conflict.
- 1971** ♦ The Grand Chapter marked the climax and resolution of nearly 15 years of internal strife in the Fraternity over the proposed initiation of members of minority groups. Grand Chapter delegates voted to remove restrictive passages in the Fraternity's Governing Laws, validating earlier actions of the Executive Committee and granting active chapters increased autonomy in membership selection.
- ♦ John W. Graham, Q.C., Toronto 1933, became the first Canadian to be elected Grand Consul.

- 1972** ♦ The Executive Committee authorized a program to provide General Fraternity and staff participation and assistance in the initial creation of new local fraternities as prospective future chapters. The first such group was established at Florence State University in Alabama (now known as the University of North Alabama).
- ♦ The committee authorized the new Erwin L. LeClerc Outstanding Chapter Advisor award. The first recipient was Dr. Elton B. Hill, Michigan State 1915, a longtime advisor to the Gamma Psi Chapter.
- ♦ On the governmental and international scene, national elections in the United States increased the size of the delegation of Sigma Chi members in the Congressional and legislative bodies of the United States and Canada to a record number of three United States Senators, one Canadian Senator, and 15 United States Representatives—the largest fraternity delegation in the Greek-letter world.



**1714 Hinman,  
Evanston, Ill.**

- 1973** ♦ In January, Significant Sig and Secretary of State William P. Rogers, Colgate 1934, represented the United States in signing the long-awaited agreement to end the war in Vietnam.
- ♦ At the Grand Chapter, Past Grand Consul William P. Huffman, Denison 1911, presented the title of the Founding Site property in Oxford, Ohio, to the Sigma Chi Foundation. Huffman had purchased the property from its Oxford owners, and by his generous gesture, assured that the building housing the room known as the “birthplace of Sigma Chi” would be preserved. In 1978, the building was identified as the oldest commercial structure in the town of Oxford.



**John W. Young**

- 1974** ♦ The Fraternity created the William T. Bringham House Corporation Officer and Edna Boss Housemother Awards.

- 1976** ♦ The Greek-letter fraternity system observed its bicentennial by commemorating the birth of the first fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa, in 1776. Sigma Chi joined the celebration with a special edition of *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, the dedication of a tree symbolizing freedom on the front lawn of the Headquarters building, and a special theme and program at Balfour LTW.

- 1977** ♦ Sigma Chi reaffirmed its anti-hazing stance by adopting a Statement of Position on Pledge Training and the Ritual.
- ♦ The Fraternity recorded its 150,000th initiate.

- 1980** ♦ The Fraternity and Foundation dedicated a \$600,000 wing, made possible by alumni contributions, on the Headquarters building.
- ♦ Sigma Chi celebrated its 125th birthday by coordinating nearly 200 simultaneous celebrations across the continent. Most of the groups participated in a special telephone conference call and viewed an anniversary film made for the occasion.

- 1981** ♦ *The Magazine of Sigma Chi* commemorated its 100th anniversary with a special 120-page edition.



**Bicentennial edition  
of *The Magazine***





**Founding Site**



**Bash Award**

- 1985** ♦ The Fraternity created the Edwin C. Fisher Grand Praetor Award.
- 1987** ♦ Epsilon Omicron chapter at the University of Western Ontario hosted the first Leadership Training Workshop held in Canada.
  - ♦ The Fraternity established the George Ruhle Outstanding Scholar and the Henri Stegemeier Faculty Advisor Awards.
- 1988** ♦ The Fraternity established the Risk Management Foundation to provide educational and liability information and insurance services to active chapters and house corporations.
  - ♦ The General Headquarters building was named in honor of Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson, Indiana 1919.
- 1989** ♦ Sigma Chi recorded its 200,000th initiate, John Delaney, Utah State 1994.
  - ♦ Executive Secretary William T. Bringham Sr., Illinois Wesleyan 1946, retired after serving the Fraternity in that full-time Headquarters staff position nearly 36 years.
- 1990** ♦ The Fraternity established Constantine Capital Inc. to assist house corporations in securing financing for new, expanded or renovated chapter housing.
  - ♦ Grand Historian Douglas R. Carlson's, Minnesota 1973, 554-page *History of the Sigma Chi Fraternity-1955 to 1980* was published, the first Sigma Chi history volume since 1955.
- 1991** ♦ The Fraternity Executive Committee voted to prohibit all chapter little sister groups by June 1992.
  - ♦ The 68th Grand Chapter adopted the Fraternity Mission Statement and a new policy on alcohol and illegal drugs.
- 1992** ♦ The Fraternity adopted the Children's Miracle Network as its recommended service project.
  - ♦ The Fraternity rededicated its Founding Site at the Leadership Training Workshop, held August 13-16 at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.
- 1993** ♦ Legislation to create two undergraduate positions on the Executive Committee was approved by the 69th Grand Chapter in Toronto, Ontario, also prompting two undergraduate appointments to the Leadership Training Board.
- 1994** ♦ The James F. Bash Significant Improvement Award was presented for the first time to Eta Alpha Chapter, Eastern Kentucky.
- 1995** ♦ Frank J. Raymond, Penn State 1971, was named president of the Sigma Chi Foundation, succeeding Merrill E. "Boz" Prichard, Illinois 1948, who had served as the Foundation's executive officer since 1986.



- ◆ Significant Sig Jon M. Huntsman, Pennsylvania 1959, and Jon M. Huntsman Jr., Utah 1983, made a joint gift to the Foundation to underwrite the Murray K. McComas Scholarships.
- 1996** ◆ Significant Sig K.S. “Bud” Adams Jr., Kansas 1944, funded the Life Loyal Sig Award, which awards a Life Membership to each chapter Balfour Award winner.
- 1997** ◆ The Fraternity celebrates its 50th Leadership Training Workshop.
- ◆ Fraternity contributions to the CMN surpassed the \$1 million mark.
- ◆ The Balfour Foundation, named for Past Grand Consul L.G. Balfour, Indiana 1907, began its annual grant to underwrite educational elements of the Balfour Workshop.
- 1998** ◆ The Fraternity launched SIGMACHI.ORG.
- ◆ Grand Council delegates affirmed the EC resolution that all chapters must achieve, for each grading term, a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent.
- 1999** ◆ Sigma Chi Horizons, funded by Significant Sig Bob McNair, South Carolina 1958, was born—in the mountains of Snowbird, Utah.
- 2001** ◆ Thirteen Sigma Chis died in the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States.
- 2002** ◆ Sigma Chi donations to the Children’s Miracle Network surpassed the \$3 million mark.
- ◆ Sigma Chi begins partnership with Betty Ford Center to address alcohol use and abuse among college students.
- 2005** ◆ Sigma Chi celebrates its 150th anniversary with a once-in-a-lifetime event in Cincinnati.
- ◆ Sigma Chi announces a partnership with the Huntsman Cancer Institute, making it the second recommended philanthropy along with Children’s Miracle Network.
- 2006** ◆ The Mission 365 recruitment program is implemented throughout the Fraternity, enhancing the recruitment methods employed by undergraduate chapters.
- 2007** ◆ Xi Xi chapter is reinstalled at Balfour LTW on August 2nd. Witnessed by almost 1,500 Sigma Chis, it is believed to be the largest audience to participate in an initiation ceremony in the history of the Greek world.
- 2008** ◆ Sigma Chi begins rollout of the Cornerstone mentor program to all chapters in the Fraternity.
- 2009** ◆ The number of active undergraduate chapters swells to 230, the most at any one time in the Fraternity’s history.



## The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi



**Alexa Stabler**  
University of Alabama

2009-2011 International  
Sweetheart of Sigma Chi

## Songs of Sigma Chi

### A SIG I AM

"Happy Day:—" Words by  
Richard C. Hughes, Wooster 1884,  
Walter H. Reynolds, Wooster 1886, and  
McClure S. Todd, Wooster 1887

**A Sig I am, A Sig I'll be,  
A Sig through all eternity,  
A Sig by day, a Sig by night  
To be a Sig is my delight.**

#### CHORUS

**Sig, oh Sig, Sigma Chi,  
I'll be a Sig until I die;  
Sig, oh Sig, Sigma Chi,  
I'll be a Sig until I die.**

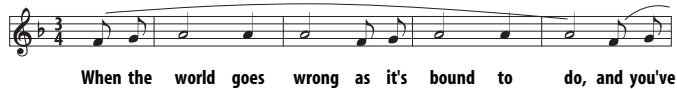
### SING A SONG TO SIGMA CHI

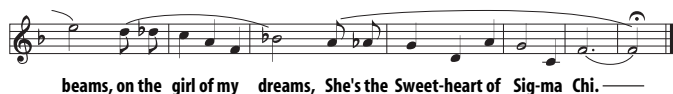
by Ellis O. Jones, Ohio State 1897

**Sing a song to Sigma Chi, and sing it  
loud and clear,  
Sing it with a mighty shout, so all  
the world can hear;  
Make the good old welkin ring and lift it  
to the sky,  
As we gather 'round and sing a song to  
Sigma Chi.**



Words by Byron D. Stokes, Albion 1913  
Music by F. Dudleigh Vernor, Albion 1914





## HARK! THE SIGS

Words by M.E. Coleman, Chicago 1898; Music by E.S. Smith, Chicago 1908

Hark! thru the night comes a sound of voices,  
raised by a loyal and lusty crew.  
The Sigs are marching and chanting praises  
Of friendship lasting, of hearts so true;  
And as we march along we'll sing a song;  
In praise of dear old Sigma Chi!  
We'll sing that grand old song "A Sig I am;"  
"A Sig I'll be until I die."

## sigma chi grace

by Alice Tuttle, Oklahoma State  
housemother

Our Father,  
We Thank Thee for  
Thy many blessings.  
Keep us from harm.  
May the White Cross guide us  
And teach us to be true  
to each other,  
Ourselves, and Thee.  
Amen.

## More Songs of Sigma Chi

### THEN HERE'S TO OUR FRATERNITY

Composed by Beta chapter, Wooster  
Arranged by Milton C. Anderson,  
Cincinnati 1950

Then here's to our Fraternity,  
and may she never die.  
May heav'n preserve the Blue and  
Gold; and The Cross of Sigma Chi.  
Oh, Sigma Chi, Oh, Sigma Chi,  
I grieve that we must part.  
Oh, Sigma Chi, thy snowy Cross;  
Is blazoned on my heart.

### COME BROTHERS, SING

William L. Steele, Illinois 1896

I  
Come brothers, sing together  
the praise of Sigma Chi,  
With loyal proud devotion  
our hearts are beating high,

CHORUS  
One band of friends,  
nay brothers in closest bond are we,  
Sweet ties to be unbroken through  
all eternity.

II  
Though far apart we're scattered,  
as brothers we are one,  
The mystic tie that binds us  
extends from sun to sun,

III  
From broad Pacific's border  
to classic eastern slope,  
From west to east we're singing,  
live Sigma Chi, our hope.



Reunion and Banquet.  
June Fourteenth.  
1888.



# Crossing the Threshold

Life as an Active Undergraduate

**Images of fraternity life taken from the many files at Headquarters (clockwise from top): photos from Southeast Missouri and California-Los Angeles, a banquet program from Illinois Wesleyan and a postcard from Purdue.**



## A Lifelong Commitment

### about this section

Currently, Sigma Chi is composed of over 12,000 undergraduates and more than 220,000 alumni members. This section discusses the roles and responsibilities of membership and celebrates the lifelong brotherhood shared by all Sigma Chis. Also included in this section is the roster of Sigma Chi undergraduate chapters and many submitted chapter house photos.



**Undergraduates and the International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi.**

## Lifelong Learning

To be a Sigma Chi is a process of lifelong learning and a lifelong commitment to a set of ideals. Becoming a member by participating in the Initiation ceremony does not by itself make a man a Sigma Chi. The important subtle difference is that although one may be a member of a fraternal organization named Sigma Chi and profess a belief in the ideals, to be a true Sigma Chi the member must live his life according to the ideals. However, sometimes a member of the Sigma Chi organization does not behave as a true Sigma Chi. Unfortunately these are the men who blacken the name of Sigma Chi and bring dishonor and embarrassment to the entire organization. To reduce the number of these occurrences and to help a man become a better Sigma Chi, over the years, a process for learning how to be a Sigma Chi has been developed.

This process includes several phases. The pledge program helps the potential brother learn about Sigma Chi's standards and history, along with the associated responsibilities of being a Sigma Chi. It also provides a pledge with time to determine if Sigma Chi is right for him. The learning does not end with Initiation. Immediately following Initiation, the new brother will participate in Post Initiation Training. Throughout his undergraduate years, a brother has many opportunities to advance his personal skills. Many leadership development programs exist, and each brother is encouraged to pursue the educational and experiential learning opportunities provided by the Fraternity.

## The Undergraduate Chapter

Sigma Chi's governing laws define each undergraduate chapter as an "active chapter." Active chapters are the backbone of the Fraternity, and are chartered in accordance with the Constitution, Statutes and Ritual. Among the privileges and powers a charter grants each active chapter are pledging and initiating men into the Fraternity and participating and voting in the Grand Chapter.

Through their elected delegates, active chapters also make nominations for their province's Grand Praetor, and vote, along with alumni chapters, on all petitions submitted for granting new active chapter charters. The active chapters are the only ones empowered to vote on amendments to the Ritual.

Each Grand Praetor appoints an undergraduate member from his province to represent the active chapters at each meeting of the Grand Council. Two undergraduates, elected at the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, represent all active chapters at meetings of the Fraternity's Executive Committee.

Each chapter and its members are charged to uphold the reputation of Sigma Chi by maintaining high standards of performance, academic achievement, morals and discipline. Additionally, chapters are expected to adhere to campus, community, state and federal laws on all matters, such as those governing the use of alcohol and illegal drugs.



# Chapter Officers



## Consul (Kon'-sul)

The Consul is the president or CEO of the chapter. He presides over chapter meetings and other chapter affairs and activities and is responsible for the security of the charter, Ritual and ritualistic materials.

The Consul should possess a working knowledge of the Sigma Chi Governing Laws, Ritual, risk management regulations, chapter bylaws and policies, and campus and interfraternity regulations and procedures. He maintains a close relationship and communication with Chapter Advisors, the house corporation, the Grand Praetor, alumni, Headquarters and university and interfraternity officials.

The Consul maintains current knowledge of all chapter and member developments and activities, and follows up on all operations and programs through appropriate officers. He should attend the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop.

## Pro Consul (Pro Kon'-sul)

The Pro Consul serves as vice president or chief operating officer of the chapter, and he works closely with the Consul in carrying out chapter operations. He is chairman of the chapter's executive committee and directs the Post Initiation Training programs for each group of new initiates. The Pro Consul coordinates the work of the chapter committees and serves as their liaison between the chapter and executive committee.

The Pro Consul must be prepared to assume the duties of the Consul, should he be absent or unable to serve, and he must carry out other duties as the Consul requests. He should attend the Balfour LTW.

## Annotator

The Annotator keeps accurate records, reports and minutes of chapter meetings and transcribes those records into the chapter minute book. He maintains the chapter's bylaws, administrative files and records, including the chapter's permanent record of member data. He also coordinates the chapter programs in campus and community service and philanthropy, and he handles chapter public relations and publicity.

## Quaestor (Kwee'-stir)

The Quaestor is treasurer of the chapter. He is responsible for collecting and safeguarding all funds due the chapter. He prepares a budget before the start of the chapter fiscal year and presents it to the chapter's executive committee, the members and advisors for approval. He also provides monthly and semi-annual financial reports to the Headquarters, advisors and the Grand Praetor.

The Quaestor keeps accurate records of all financial operations, using an approved bookkeeping system. He consistently reviews records and activities to ensure that the chapter operates within its means. He sees that the chapter's financial obligations to the Fraternity and other creditors are met promptly, and he completes the federal and state tax and Social Security reports.

The Quaestor is responsible for ensuring the awareness and fulfillment of chapter and individual financial obligations throughout the chapter membership. He should attend the Balfour LTW.

## post-initiation training

Sigma Chi's Post Initiation Training (P.I.T.) program is designed to provide guidance to newly-initiated brothers, particularly to aid them in understanding the role of the Ritual in everyday Sigma Chi activities and to encourage them to become involved in chapter governance and operations. Post Initiation Training, which most often consists of a short series of informational meetings with designated chapter officers, serves not only to assist new brothers as they assume the privileges and responsibilities of brotherhood, but it also provides a forum for discussion about the strengths and weaknesses of existing recruitment and pledging programs.



## Huntsman Cancer Institute

At the Sigma Chi 150th celebration in 2005, it was announced that the Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI) was chosen to be one of the Fraternity's preferred charitable organizations. Founded by Significant Sig and Constantine Sig, Jon M. Huntsman Sr., Pennsylvania 1959, the HCI is dedicated to finding the causes of cancer, developing new and better treatments, and preventing people from ever developing cancer. This year alone, about 563,700 Americans are expected to die of cancer – more than 1,500 people a day. In an effort to cure this epidemic, Huntsman founded HCI to focus on understanding cancer from its very beginnings and to translate this knowledge to safer and more effective treatments. According to the American Cancer Society, men have an approximate lifetime risk of 1 in 2 developing the disease; for women, the risk is 1 in 3.

## Children's Miracle Network

At the 1992 Leadership Training Workshop, Significant Sig and Pro Football Hall of Fame member Merlin Olsen, Utah State 1962, introduced the Children's Miracle Network (CMN) as Sigma Chi's suggested beneficiary of proceeds from chapter community service projects. The CMN, an alliance of 170 hospitals and health care facilities across the United States and Canada, generates funds for the children its associated hospitals serve. Network hospitals treat all types of illnesses and afflictions, regardless of the family's ability to pay. All financial contributions go directly to the hospital nearest the donor.

To date, Sigma Chi alumni and undergraduate chapters have raised more than \$4 million for the Children's Miracle Network. To find your local CMN hospital, please visit [CMN.ORG](http://CMN.ORG) and click on "Hospitals."

### Magister (Ma-gee'-stir)

The Magister prepares the pledge brothers for Initiation into Sigma Chi. He must gain member support of and involvement in the program. He directs and conducts a chapter program that instills in the pledges the ideals of Sigma Chi, and he develops their pride in and commitment to the Fraternity through learning, participation and responsibility. The Magister must enforce, along with all members of the chapter, the Fraternity's prohibition of hazing or any activities that are embarrassing, trivial, deceptive, demeaning or contradictory to academic responsibilities or Sigma Chi ideals and policies. He may assist the Pro Consul in Post Initiation Training and should attend the Balfour LTW.

### Recruitment Chairman

The Recruitment Chairman organizes the chapter's membership recruitment program. He involves the entire chapter in recruitment efforts—including the recruitment period—coordinates communications with recruits, and develops recruitment publications. This chairman ensures that all men who receive recommendations are contacted and invited to events and that all brothers sending recommendations receive notification of the outcome. He is responsible for emphasizing Sigma Chi's academic and financial obligations, providing information to parents and communicating the values of fraternity membership, specifically membership in Sigma Chi. He should attend the Balfour LTW.

### Tribune

The Tribune coordinates the preparation and mailing of all necessary chapter correspondence. He assists the Consul and other officers in preparing and submitting officer and chapter reports on time. He supplies the Headquarters, Grand Praetor, advisors and university officials with reports of new officers and other information as required. The Tribune is also in charge of the alumni relations program.

### Chapter Editor

The Chapter Editor publishes at least two chapter newsletters a year, highlighting current alumni and undergraduate activities. He furnishes similar material to The Magazine of Sigma Chi, including quarterly news reports, photos and copies of each chapter publication. The Chapter Editor maintains a publications file, which should include back issues of chapter newsletters, publications from other chapters and related material from the General Fraternity. He also coordinates the publication of other chapter printed material (recruitment brochures, Derby Days programs, etc.) and assists the Tribune in maintaining an accurate mailing list.

### Historian

The Historian gathers and makes a permanent record of members and activities in the form of a scrapbook or chapter history. He preserves the library, historical records and properties of the chapter. The Historian also furnishes the Grand Historian with chapter information and assists in the preparation of historical material for Fraternity publications.

### **Kustos (Cuss'–toss)**

The Kustos preserves the privacy of the chapter room and assists with chapter meetings and other specified gatherings. The Kustos is also in charge of preserving all of the chapter's Ritualistic paraphernalia.

### **Risk Manager**

The Risk Manager assists in the development and implementation of the chapter's safety/risk management program. He coordinates the risk management education of members, pledges and employees, and assists other officers in incorporating safety and risk management into their programs. With the help of the house corporation, Chapter Advisor, Executive Committee, officers and members, he addresses concerns related to building maintenance, safety, fire, health, use of alcohol or illegal drugs, hazing or sexual abuse.

### **House Manager**

The House Manager coordinates chapter efforts regarding cleanliness, safety, care and maintenance of the chapter house. He works closely with the Risk Manager to ensure that all safety measures are in order.

### **Interfraternity Council Representative**

The Interfraternity Council Representative attends all Interfraternity Council meetings and communicates the information to the chapter. He may help plan events and programs with other fraternities on campus.

### **Public Relations Chairman**

The Public Relations Chairman designs and implements an effective public relations program. He helps the chapter maintain a respectable reputation, implement high quality programs and services, sponsor and participate in public service projects, and generate favorable publicity in campus and community media.

### **Scholarship Chairman**

The Scholarship Chairman seeks to create and maintain an environment conducive to scholastic achievement among members and pledges, assisting all officers in emphasizing academic priorities. He provides information on learning resources and assistance available to active and pledge brothers, including those available in the chapter, through the General Fraternity and on campus. The Scholarship Chairman plans and conducts chapter education programs, including faculty discussions and chapter awards. He also serves as chapter liaison with the Sigma Chi Foundation.

### **Steward**

The Steward coordinates the chapter meal service and kitchen operations, under the direction of the Quaestor and/or houseparent.

## **current** chapter **officers**

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Pro Consul

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Annotator

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Quaestor

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Magister

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Recruitment Chairman

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Steward

## Brother's Day

The Fraternity celebrated its first Brother's Day in February 1981. Scheduled for the third weekend each February, Brother's Day is for the renewal and celebration of the bonds of brotherhood.

While many fraternal groups have a "Founders' Day," Sigma Chi's event is that and much more. Although it should be, in the words of its planners, "a day to honor the seven men whose visions of brotherhood have endured through the years, Brother's Day also honors the present, with emphasis on the living reality of our friendships with each other."

The scheduling of Brother's Day in February reaffirms the international strength of Sigma Chi brotherhood. It was in February 1855 at Miami University when the dramatic meeting of the Delta Kappa Epsilon officers and soon-to-be Sigma Chi Founders took place. More than 138 years and 200,000 living members later, Sigma Chis still celebrate the brotherhood born on that day.



## Aspects of Chapter Life

### Scholarship

Chapters are required to promote acceptable member and pledge academic achievement (a cumulative 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale), maintain responsible and complete financial operations and current member dues payments, and provide annual budgets and monthly reports to the General Fraternity to be represented at sessions of the Grand Chapter, Balfour Workshop and province meetings.

### Pledging and Initiating Members

In exercising its responsibility of pledging and initiating new members, each chapter has a duty to the Fraternity to propose for membership only those men who meet the minimum standards established in *The Jordan Standard* and in the manner prescribed in Section 3 of the Constitution, Statutes and Executive Committee Regulations. No active chapter shall pledge a man except by the vote of at least nine-tenths of the total active members present at the meeting at which the vote is taken. Unless otherwise provided by the chapter bylaws, it shall require the approval of at least 80 percent of the undergraduate membership of the chapter present and voting to defer the initiation of a pledge who is otherwise eligible.

To be eligible for initiation, a candidate must be a male student in good academic standing at the institution where the chapter is located, be eligible for initiation under any university or college regulations, have satisfactorily completed the chapter's pledgship program, and have met all chapter and Fraternity financial obligations.

Each chapter must conduct a pledge program within the guidelines established by the Fraternity in its Governing Laws and Statement of Position Concerning Pledge Training and the Ritual. These regulations prohibit hazing and physical or mental harassment, including any act or conduct which is indecent or which endangers the life or health of any pledge, or which interferes with his scholastic work. The Magister, along with all initiates, is responsible for seeing that these guidelines and regulations are adhered to. Active chapters must initiate new members only in the form prescribed by the Ritual, which also establishes criteria for the conduct of chapter meetings and duties of officers. Chapters must promptly report the pledgship and proposed initiation of each man to the General Fraternity, the Chapter Advisor and Grand Praetor.

### Public Relations

A chapter exists as a part of its host institution and local community. Actively contributing to their welfare builds goodwill and enhances the undergraduate experience of all members. An effective public relations program includes campus and community service by the chapter and its individual members, as well as publicity concerning the chapter's and members' accomplishments through campus and local media.

### Recruiting Legacies

One easy way to promote good alumni relations is to give special attention to legacies (individuals who have Sigma Chi relatives), and other men recommended to the chapter as prospective pledges. Although chapters have no obligation to pledge legacies or others receiving

recommendations, alumni always appreciate it when chapters make an honest effort to recruit these men actively and earnestly. Just doing so, even if some ultimately fail to meet the minimum pledging standards, creates goodwill and encourages alumni to remain involved with their chapters.

### **Financial Responsibility**

The health of a chapter depends heavily on the financial responsibility of its officers and members. Every member, including pledges, should know the scope and magnitude of the chapter's financial operations, as well as the importance of fulfilling his own financial obligations to the chapter promptly. The chapter, under the guidance of the Quaestor, must also discharge its financial obligations promptly to safeguard the reputation of the chapter and the Fraternity.

### **Alcohol Use and Illegal Drugs**

The dangers of alcohol abuse have been well known for many years and have manifested themselves in tragic ways in the Greek-letter world. This has not only resulted in bad publicity for fraternities, but also in senseless deaths of and permanent disabilities for individuals. Alcohol has directly and indirectly ruined many lives.

It is the obligation of all Sigma Chis to realize and to effectively deal with the real and potential problems caused when alcohol use becomes alcohol abuse. It is also the obligation of all chapters to serve alcohol only to individuals of legal age, not only because it is illegal to do otherwise but also because it promotes responsible use of alcohol.

Similarly, marijuana and all other illegal drugs can and do cause problems for chapters and individuals. The Fraternity's position regarding these substances is simple: the possession, use or sale of illegal drugs is not condoned. As with alcohol, it is the obligation of all Sigma Chis to recognize and deal with these issues if they should ever arise. Chapters should reference The Sigma Chi Position on Alcohol, The Sigma Chi Policy on Alcohol and Drugs and The Risk Management Policy on Alcohol and Drugs contained within the Standard Operating Procedure manual available for download on SIGMACHI.ORG.

Most colleges and universities have professional counselors and other available resources for dealing with alcohol and illegal drug issues. Effective use of these resources can show members the ways to avoid serious problems altogether. The Fraternity has also launched a partnership with the Betty Ford Center and chapters can request a seminar from a trained Sigma Chi alumnus facilitator by contacting Headquarters. Treatment resources are also available to brothers through the alliance.

### **Alumni Relations**

Alumni can be a wellspring of moral and financial support for a chapter. Tapping this spring requires a thoughtful, comprehensive, ongoing alumni relations program that seeks to meet the social and intellectual interests of alumni. The alumni relations program is the responsibility of the Tribune, whose duties are detailed in the chapter officer section of this manual.



**Assessing areas for personal growth is an essential teaching element in Sigma Chi's curriculum.**





**The Balfour Leadership Training Workshop has been enriching young men's lives for more than 50 years.**

## questions for you

- What are the names and duties of your chapter Consul, Pro Consul, Magister, Quaestor, Recruitment Chairman, Annotator, Tribune, Historian, Chapter Editor, Scholarship Chairman and Chapter Advisor?
- What contributions can you make to your chapter? What can be expected of you as an alumnus?

# Leadership Development Programs

## Balfour Leadership Training Workshop

The Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, established in 1947, is a program designed to improve the quality of leadership in the Fraternity. Each August, chapter leaders from Sigma Chi's active chapters spend four days on a carefully selected college campus, deeply involved in presentations, discussions and problem-solving sessions about chapter operations and other issues that affect a chapter's viability.

The Balfour Leadership Operating Board, at the direction of the Leadership Training Board, plans and conducts the annual workshop. The board meets at least twice each year to evaluate the previous workshop and plan the next one. They are assisted by the Director of Leadership Programs and other Headquarters staff members.

A substantial by-product of the Workshop experience for each chapter and delegate is a strengthened understanding and appreciation of Sigma Chi in a Fraternity-wide perspective. The Balfour LTW emphasizes the participation of each chapter's Consul, Pro Consul, Quaestor, Magister, Recruitment Chairman and Risk Manager. Its annual turnout of more than 1,400 Sigma Chis makes it the largest leadership training session in the Greek-letter world.

The Workshop program is built around nine primary divisions: Consuls, Pro Consuls, Quaestors, Magisters, Recruitment, Risk Managers, Emerging Programs, Expansion and Alumni (which includes training for Chapter Advisors, Grand Praetors, House Corporation Officers and Alumni Ambassadors). Delegates in these divisions concentrate on subjects pertinent to their chapter or Fraternity involvement. Delegates also attend presentations on leadership, recruitment, scholarship, pledge programs, finances, public and alumni relations, and the Ritual.

A faculty of more than 130 brothers, mostly alumni, donate their time and talents in leading the presentations and discussions. At each Balfour LTW, the Balfour Leadership Operating Board recognizes exemplary faculty service by presenting the William H. Carlisle Award to a selected faculty member. This award is presented in memory of the late Bill



**Undergraduates participate in a discussion group at Balfour LTW**



Carlisle, Georgia Tech and MIT 1928, longtime Balfour LTW leader and former New England Grand Praetor.

After Balfour LTW, delegates serve as teachers in their own chapters. The real test of Balfour LTW's effectiveness begins when the delegates return to communicate key ideas and themes of Balfour LTW to their brothers.

The first Workshop was held in 1947 at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, and attracted 215 delegates from 82 of the then 108 active chapters. Since that time, it has been held on more than 20 different campuses and has been held every year except 1955, when Workshop was not scheduled so as to avoid interference with the Centennial Grand Chapter.

In 1997, the Balfour Foundation, named for Past Grand Consul L.G. Balfour, voted to make an annual grant to underwrite educational elements of Balfour LTW. With this gift, the Workshop changed in name to the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop."

### **Sigma Chi Horizons**

Horizons is a challenging and proven leadership program specifically created for Sigma Chi undergrads who are eager and willing to improve themselves and their world. At Horizons, undergrads experience a six-day immersion in whole-brained learning that engages both mind and body.

### **Cornerstone**

Designed to provide our alumni leaders with the tools they need to efficiently support our undergraduate chapters, Cornerstone represents a monumental change in Sigma Chi. A mentorship program that encourages alumni participation and growth at undergraduate chapters, Cornerstone aims to bring professionally-trained mentors to every Sigma Chi chapter. Mentors assist undergrads by increasing leadership training and improving academic performance and general operations. Cornerstone mentors have an unequivocal commitment to the ideals of Sigma Chi, willingness to be a role model and accessibility and availability to the chapter and its members.

### **Betty Ford Center/Choices Alliance**

The General Fraternity, through the generous support of Brother Rob Reifschneider, Delta Xi 1957, and the Sigma Chi Foundation and under the direction of the Fraternity's Leadership Training Board, has joined forces with the world-renowned Betty Ford Center to train and deploy alumni mentors to help battle the impact of alcohol on our undergraduate brothers across North America. The purpose of the program is to address the serious issue of alcohol use and abuse on our college campuses and specifically in our undergraduate Chapters.

The Choices program was developed specifically for our undergraduate Sigma Chi brothers and encompasses approximately two hours of face-to-face training at the chapter and includes an anonymous, ongoing, interactive web-based journaling component which allows participants to see how they compare to their peers and reflect on their drinking habits. The Choices program is currently being deployed to the undergraduate chapters across North America. Many of the Choices alumni

## **winners**for life

Since the International Balfour Award's creation in 1929, its winners have gone on to do everything from acting in television dramas to developing coronary pacemakers to composing church music. While lawyers and doctors fill nearly half the list, engineering, education and business are also popular pursuits among winners, followed by finance, government, sports and religion.

Balfour winners include marathon runners, professional baseball and football players and a world champion oarsman. They are also Rhodes Scholars and award-winning professors. Some have had rare experiences: one winner made a solo motorcycle journey from London to Calcutta; another watched the first atomic bomb explode. Other winners have also chosen uncommon paths: one is a real estate broker-turned-minister in Texas, while another has spent time as a self-proclaimed mountain bike and ski "bum" in Switzerland.

Many winners credit Sigma Chi with helping shape their later accomplishments and have remained active in the Fraternity as their lives progressed. The full list of International Balfour Award winners follows.

### **International Balfour Award Winners**

1929-30	Paul O. Hagemann, Washington (St. Louis) 1930
1930-31	Ormond S. Culp, Ohio Wesleyan 1931
1931-32	Critchell Parsons, New Mexico 1932
1932-33	Norman O. Wagner Jr., Missouri-Columbia 1933
1933-34	William H. Ellsworth, Iowa 1934
1934-35	William W. Fitzhugh Jr., Dartmouth 1935
1935-36	Elvis J. Stahr Jr., Kentucky 1936
1936-37	Kent Ryan, Utah State 1937
1937-38	Phillip D. Simon, Illinois 1938
1938-39	Marcus Bartlett, Emory 1939
1939-40	Robert C. Norman, Georgia 1940
1940-41	Owen C. Pearce, Arkansas 1941
1941-42	Richard A. Dibos, Purdue 1942
1942-43	Charles M. Thatcher, Michigan 1943
1943-44	Edward T. Matheny Jr., Missouri-Columbia 1944

### **International Balfour Award Winners (continued)**

1944-45	C. Norman Halford, McGill 1945
1945-46	Robert A. Maynard, Albion 1946
1946-47	Paul W. Brock, Auburn and Alabama 1948
1947-48	Ben C. Fisher, Illinois 1948
1948-49	George H. Cate Jr., Vanderbilt 1949
1949-50	David T. Kimball, New Mexico 1950
1950-51	Donn B. Miller, Ohio Wesleyan 1951
1951-52	Jesse A. Cone, Stanford 1952
1952-53	Alan A. Matheson, Utah 1953
1953-54	Arne S. Lindgren So. California 1954
1954-55	B. Kenneth West, Illinois 1955
1955-56	Roger W. Staehle, Ohio State 1956
1956-57	Robert C. Travis, Mississippi 1957
1957-58	Carl C. Pitts, Colorado College 1958
1958-59	Jon M. Huntsman Sr., Pennsylvania 1959
1959-60	James O. Huber, Wisconsin 1960, and Shelby M. Price, Mississippi 1960
1960-61	Henry M. Schleinitz, MIT 1961
1961-62	Merlin J. Olsen, Utah State 1962
1962-63	Daniel A. Carrell, Davidson 1963
1963-64	William W. George, Georgia Tech 1964
1964-65	Joel L. Cunningham, Tennessee-Chattanooga 1965
1965-66	William W. Neher, Butler 1966
1966-67	Daniel A. Kleman, Bowling Green 1967
1967-68	Bruce M. Montgomerie, DePauw 1968
1968-69	John F. McPhail III, Florida 1969
1969-70	David P. Wolds, Central Michigan 1970
1970-71	Michael W. Hatch, St. Lawrence 1971
1971-72	Layne B. French, Houston 1972, and Frank W. Johnson, Mississippi 1972
1972-73	David B. Dillon, Kansas 1973
1973-74	Michael S. Sprague, Illinois Wesleyan 1974, and Kenneth C. Brown, Cornell 1974
1974-75	H. Edward Garrett, Emory 1975
1975-76	Robert R. Lindgren, Florida 1976
1976-77	John C. Baldwin, Utah 1977
1977-78	Gregory E. Carter, Butler 1978
1978-79	Keith J. Krach, Purdue 1979
1979-80	Tim R. Palmer, Purdue 1980
1980-81	Paul J. Quiner, Wyoming 1981
1981-82	R. Mark Henderson, Texas Tech 1982
1982-83	Thomas J. Fleming, Rochester 1983
1983-84	John Piotti, MIT 1984
1984-85	Barton F. Hill, Oregon 1985
1985-86	Michael D. Trail, Idaho 1986
1986-87	Michael McMullan, So. Miss. 1987
1987-88	Gregory S. Slappey, Ga. SW'ern 1988
1988-89	John Sahn, Indiana State 1989
1989-90	Kelly N. West, South Alabama 1990
1990-91	Jeffrey D. Watts, South Carolina 1991
1991-92	Andrew J. Cooley, Utah 1992
1992-93	Christopher T. Jones, DePauw 1993
1993-94	Michael D. Middleton, Samford 1994

facilitators have also completed the highly regarded Professionals in Residence (PIR) training program at the Betty Ford Center. Chapters can schedule a seminar by contacting Headquarters.

### **Mission 365 Recruitment Program**

Mission 365 is Sigma Chi's innovative recruitment program that intends to enhance the Fraternity membership's quality and quantity. The program addresses the recruitment issues found in many of Sigma Chi's undergraduate chapters. Many chapters which have received and implemented the program have seen a significant increase in the quality and quantity of its members.

### **North-American Interfraternity Conference**

The NIC has been serving the men's college fraternity community in Canada and the United States since 1909. Through 73 member-fraternities, it represents approximately 4.5 million alumni and 350,000 college students on more than 800 college campuses. Chapters can find more information about the leadership programs offered by the NIC at their Web site, [NICINDY.ORG](http://NICINDY.ORG)

## **Undergraduate Awards**

### **The Peterson Significant Chapter Award**

Recognizing strong performance in all areas of chapter operations and activity, the Peterson Significant Chapter Award is the highest honor bestowed upon an undergraduate chapter. The Sigma Chi Foundation sponsors this annual award named for Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson, Indiana 1919.

The criteria for the award is based on a wide variety of areas related to chapter operations.

Every Peterson chapter's recognition includes a large plaque and a Sigma Chi Foundation cash contribution to its university's counseling or tutoring program.

Every Sigma Chi chapter is encouraged to apply for the award each spring by completing an application and sending it to the Fraternity's General Headquarters. There is no limit to the number of winning chapters each year. In recent years there have been nearly 160 chapters submitting applications.

### **The Daniel William Cooper Award**

Each year the Fraternity honors an undergraduate chapter having the most outstanding scholarship program with the Daniel William Cooper Award. The winning chapter receives a plaque and has its name engraved on the Daniel William Cooper Award trophy on display in the Sigma Chi Museum at the International Headquarters.

### **The Legion of Honor Award**

This award honors undergraduate chapters with commendable scholarship programs. The scholarship program in every Sigma Chi chapter should encourage and create positive scholastic attitudes and enhance the individual brother's desire to reach his fullest potential during the course of his college education. It is the intention of the Sigma Chi

Foundation that this award stimulate chapters to establish scholarship programs to benefit all brothers in the chapter.

#### The James F. Bash Significant Improvement Award

The James F. Bash Significant Improvement Award, funded by Past Grand Consul James F. Bash, Butler & Indiana 1946, and his wife, Connie, is given to chapters demonstrating major improvement in total chapter operations from year to year. "Significant Improvement" is defined as a gain of a minimum of 25 percent in the score ascribed to a Peterson Significant Chapter Award application from one year to the next.



The Bash Award is distributed every year at the Balfour LTW to the most improved undergraduate chapters.

## Scholarship Awards

#### The Balfour Program

Each year the Fraternity honors its most outstanding graduating senior with the International Balfour Award, the highest undergraduate honor in the Fraternity. Created in 1929 through the generosity of Past Grand Consul L. G. Balfour, Indiana 1907, the award is based on four criteria—scholarship, character, Fraternity service and campus leadership.

Each chapter should designate its outstanding senior for the Chapter Balfour Award. Each chapter recipient is then eligible for recognition as a Province Award winner. Each Grand Praetor selects a Province winner and nominates him for the International Balfour Award.

The Grand Pro Consul chairs a selection committee which consists of a total of five Grand Officers or past International Balfour Award winners. The committee selects three finalists whom it interviews at the Grand Chapter or the Leadership Training Workshop to determine the international winner.

The Balfour Award recipient receives a Balfour Award Key and certificates for himself and his chapter. The two most recent international winners serve as members of the Executive Committee.

In the fall of 1996, Significant Sig K.S. "Bud" Adams Jr., Kansas 1944, funded the K.S. "Bud" Adams Life Loyal Sig Award, which awards each chapter Balfour winner a Life Loyal Sig membership.

1994-95 Christopher A. Riley, Florida St. 1995  
 1995-96 John B. Etchepare Jr., Wyoming 1996  
 1996-97 Jeffrey R. Casper, Utah 1997  
 1997-98 Christopher V. Popov, LSU 1998  
 1998-99 Edward D. Greim, Missouri 1999  
 1999-2000 Samuel Towell, MIT 2000  
 2000-01 Ben Trachtenberg, Yale 2001  
 2001-02 Gene Massey, Louisville 2002  
 2002-03 Kris Chiles, California-San Diego 2003  
 2003-04 Robert Simek, Texas Tech 2004  
 2004-05 Ben Hickok, Tennessee Tech 2005  
 2005-06 Jon Meinen, Bradley 2006  
 2006-07 Eli Snider, Willamette 2007  
 2007-08 Ben Pope, MIT 2008



**Ben Pope, MIT 2008, is announced as the 2008 recipient of the International Balfour Award**

## song, cinema & sweethearts



In an age of “flash in the pan” hit songs, it may be difficult to visualize the long-lasting popularity of “The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi” composition. It was recorded by dozens of vocalists, arranged by scores of orchestras, and became a favorite of the big band era. Matinee idol Rudy Vallee performed the song in the 1920s and 1930s, and RCA Victor declared it a “classic” in 1947.

And don’t think the song is some dusty relic of the past! The Association of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), which monitors the performance of copyrighted material worldwide, continues to disburse royalties to Sigma Chi. The rights to the actual published music were purchased by ex-Beatle Paul McCartney in the early 1970s for McCartney Productions Ltd. (MPL). MPL collects royalties on the sale of sheet music and the use of the words or music in any published writing or composition, and it also sends the Fraternity royalty checks.

Almost from its inception, the Vernor/Stokes ballad was interpreted as an evocation of that special dream girl, a concept certainly furthered by the release in 1933 of a romantic comedy film entitled “The Sweetheart of Sigma

### The Leona and Earl A. Denton International Business Scholarship Award

A gift from Leona Denton, wife of Earl A. Denton, Chicago 1929, inaugurated the Leona and Earl A. Denton Scholarship Award to support continuing study in international affairs with an emphasis in world trade, economics, business or political science. Recipients of this annual award, who may be graduating seniors or current graduate students, receive a cash grant and a plaque, commemorating the award.

### Grace and Jack D. Madson Graduate Scholarships

In 1992, Grace and Jack D. Madson, Utah State 1925, contributed \$250,000 to establish a permanent fund to benefit first-year Sigma Chi graduate students in any academic field. Only brothers entering their first year of graduate school are eligible for this one-time scholarship.

### Mark P. Herschede Engineering Award

Constantine Sig Mark P. Herschede, Cincinnati 1940, contributed \$250,000 in 1990 to the Sigma Chi Foundation to establish a permanent fund to benefit Sig graduate students in engineering. Herschede’s endowment provides an attractive plaque and a grant for tuition and fees.

### Walsh Medical Scholarship

This fund was established in 2003 by Dan Walsh, Southeast Missouri State 1971, to assist students pursuing a degree in osteopathic, allopathic, podiatric or veterinary medicine.

## Other Awards and Honors

### The Charles G. Ross Active Chapter Publications Program Award

The Fraternity presents the Charles G. Ross Award annually to the undergraduate chapter with the most outstanding publications program. Criteria include content of both active and alumni news, writing and editing, layout, general appearance, frequency of issue, and quality. A panel of professional journalists reviews chapter publications to determine a winner. The winning chapter and its chapter editor receive certificates.

The award is named for the late Charles G. Ross, Missouri 1905, a Significant Sig, newsman and press secretary to Harry S. Truman.

### Grand Consul’s Citations

Grand Consul’s Citations are presented to active or alumni members who perform outstanding service to the Fraternity or a chapter, or to designated non-members in special circumstances. The Grand Consul selects the recipients, who receive certificates to acknowledge their honor.

### Certificates of Appreciation

Certificates of Appreciation are presented, upon the request of a chapter, Grand Officer or Fraternity body, to a chapter officer or member of the Fraternity. The certificates recognize service as officer of an active chapter, service as officer of an alumni chapter, or service to a chapter or the General Fraternity.



### **The Dr. Henri Stegemeier Faculty Advisor Award**

Established in 1987 by Kappa Kappa chapter alumni from the University of Illinois, this award is named for Dr. Henri Stegemeier, Butler 1932, a member of the Order of Constantine and longtime faculty advisor to the Kappa Kappa chapter. It recognizes the Faculty Advisor who has made the most significant contributions to the undergraduate chapter at his or her institution. Recipients of this annual award receive a plaque commemorating the award. The advisor need not be a member of Sigma Chi.

### **Edna A. Boss Houseparent Award**

In 1974, Sigma Chi established the Edna A. Boss Houseparent Award at the suggestion of the Delta Upsilon Chapter, Kansas State University. Alumni and undergraduate brothers of that chapter provided financial support for the award, which is named for Edna A. Boss, who served as their houseparent for 20 years.

The Fraternity presents the award to an outstanding houseparent annually. Chapter nominations should include information about the houseparent's services performed and letters of recommendation. The winner and the chapter receive certificates and are recognized on an award plaque at the International Headquarters.

### **The International Sweetheart**

At each Grand Chapter, the Fraternity selects a chapter Sweetheart to serve as the International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi for the following two years.

Criteria for the International Sweetheart Award are personality, character, scholarship, campus activities, Sigma Chi activities, general accomplishments, poise and grace. Each nominee must be the Sweetheart of an undergraduate chapter for the year nominated and a student at the nominating chapter's university. Nominations may be sent to the International Headquarters.



**The three finalists for the 2007-2009 International Sweetheart Award are serenaded by the attendees of the 2007 Grand Chapter. Rachel Berkey, Harvard 2008 (far right), was selected as the winner and was crowned with the traditional tiara. Also pictured is the 2005-2007 International Sweetheart Amy Jackson, Memphis 2005 (far left).**

Chi." By the time of the second Hollywood release in 1946 of a film by the same name—one can hardly call it a remake as it featured an entirely different plot and cast of characters—the Fraternity felt obliged to reclaim the image of the Sweetheart from the moviedom moguls who had tarnished both the concept and the Fraternity's image with their somewhat tasteless offerings.

The first official naming of a Sweetheart by the General Fraternity occurred two years later. More and more undergraduate chapters were selecting a Sweetheart each year. It was decided to choose an International Sweetheart from among contenders nominated by any chapter that chose to participate. The Sweetheart was to be judged upon personality, poise, accomplishments and beauty. At the 47th Grand Chapter Barbara Tanner, a Kappa Alpha Theta from Michigan State, was chosen from among six finalists to serve the first two-year term. So well-known was the song title and the films that this event made the front page of newspapers across North America.

Over the course of time, the criteria for selection was altered. Beauty was dropped as an official prerequisite; Sigma Chi activities and campus involvement was added. Even so, some continue to view the competition as chauvinistic. Others, however, maintain that the title is sought strictly for the honor of being named Sweetheart and for the prestigious association of responsibility, fortitude and high ideals attributed to each winner.

# The Undergraduate Chapters of Sigma Chi

Chapters are listed in order of their founding (current as of June 2009)

*Italic type signifies inactive charters* • Chapter house photos follow, in alphabetical order by state

#	Chapter	College or University	Year of founding	Became inactive	Year rechartered
1	Alpha	Miami University (Ohio)	1855	1858	1892
2	Gamma	Ohio Wesleyan University	1855	1884	1888
3	<i>Epsilon (Original)</i>	<i>Western Military Institute, Nashville, Tenn.</i>	<i>1856</i>	<i>1858</i>	
4	Eta	University of Mississippi	1857	1912	1926
5	<i>Iota</i>	<i>Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa.</i>	<i>1858</i>	<i>1869</i>	
6	Lambda	Indiana University	1858		
7	<i>Nu (Original)</i>	<i>Washington College, Washington, Pa.</i>	<i>1859</i>	<i>1863</i>	
8	Xi	DePauw University	1859		
9	<i>Omicron</i>	<i>Dickinson College</i>	<i>1859</i>	<i>2008</i>	
10	<i>Pi (Original)</i>	<i>Erskine College, Due West, S.C.</i>	<i>1860</i>	<i>1861</i>	
11	<i>Sigma (Original)</i>	<i>La Grange Synodical College, La Grange, Tenn.</i>	<i>1860</i>	<i>1861</i>	
12	Psi	University of Virginia	1860	1861	1866
13	Theta	Gettysburg College	1863	2005	2009
14	Kappa	Bucknell University	1864		
15	Epsilon	George Washington University	1864	1887/1972/2000	1892/1973/2007
16	Rho	Butler University	1865		
17	<i>Upsilon</i>	<i>Polytechnic College of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.</i>	<i>1865</i>	<i>1876</i>	
18	Zeta	Washington and Lee University	1866		
19	<i>Phi</i>	<i>Lafayette College</i>	<i>1867</i>	<i>1887/1966/97</i>	<i>1899/1982</i>
20	Mu	Denison University	1868	1876/2000	1880/2004
21	<i>Sigma</i>	<i>Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.</i>	<i>1869</i>	<i>1870/1882</i>	<i>1875</i>
22	Omega	Northwestern University	1869	2000	2005
23	Chi	Hanover College	1871	1917	1936
24	Sigma Sigma	Hampden-Sydney College	1872	1889/1902/77	1890/1931/83
25	Tau	Roanoke College	1872	1890/1902	1895/1923
26	Pi	Howard College/Samford University	1872	1885	1994
27	Delta	University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.	1872	1887/1990	1910/1996
28	<i>Nu</i>	<i>Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.</i>	<i>1872</i>	<i>1880</i>	
29	<i>Beta</i>	<i>College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio</i>	<i>1873</i>	<i>1893/1914</i>	<i>1899</i>
30	<i>Beta Beta</i>	<i>Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.</i>	<i>1873</i>	<i>1874</i>	
31	<i>Gamma Gamma</i>	<i>Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.</i>	<i>1874</i>	<i>1901</i>	
32	<i>Epsilon Epsilon</i>	<i>Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill.</i>	<i>1874</i>	<i>1878</i>	
33	Delta Delta	Purdue University	1875		
34	Phi Phi	University of Pennsylvania	1875	1878	1884
35	Iota Iota	University of Alabama	1876	1877	1914
36	Zeta Zeta	Centre College	1876		
37	<i>Theta Theta (Psi Psi orig.)</i>	<i>University of Michigan</i>	<i>1874</i>	<i>1875/2003</i>	<i>1877</i>
38	Chi Chi	Southern University/Birmingham Southern College	1879	1882	1993
39	<i>Alpha Beta (Original)</i>	<i>Richmond College, Richmond, Va.</i>	<i>1880</i>	<i>1882</i>	
40	Delta Chi	Wabash College	1880	1894	1909
41	Kappa Kappa	University of Illinois	1881	1894	1892
42	Zeta Psi	University of Cincinnati	1882		
43	Alpha Eta	University of Iowa	1882	1889/1991	1902/2000
44	Alpha Theta	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1882		
45	Alpha Gamma	Ohio State University	1882		
46	Alpha Zeta	Beloit College	1882		
47	Alpha Epsilon	University of Nebraska	1883		
48	<i>Alpha Delta</i>	<i>Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J.</i>	<i>1883</i>	<i>1891</i>	
49	Alpha Iota	Illinois Wesleyan University	1883		
50	Alpha Kappa	Hillsdale College	1883	1886	1980
51	Alpha Lambda	University of Wisconsin-Madison	1884		
52	<i>Alpha Mu</i>	<i>Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.</i>	<i>1884</i>	<i>1885</i>	



#	Chapter	College or University	Year of founding	Became inactive	Year rechartered
53	Alpha Xi	University of Kansas	1884		
54	Alpha Nu	University of Texas–Austin	1884	1888/2004	1889/2009
55	Alpha Omicron	Tulane University	1882	1883	1886
56	Alpha Pi	Albion College	1886	1977	1980
57	Alpha Beta	University of California–Berkeley	1886	1968	1972
58	Alpha Rho	Lehigh University	1887	1891/1989	1893/1993
59	Alpha Sigma	University of Minnesota	1888		
60	Alpha Tau	University of North Carolina	1889	1900	1913
61	Alpha Upsilon	University of Southern California, Los Angeles	1889	1994	2000
62	Alpha Phi	Cornell University	1890		
63	Alpha Chi	Pennsylvania State University	1891		
64	Alpha Omega	Stanford University	1891	1965/1967	1966/1974
65	Alpha Psi	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.	1891	1991	1996
66	Alpha Alpha	Hobart College	1892		
67	<i>Eta Eta</i>	<i>Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.</i>	<i>1893</i>	<i>1960</i>	
68	Lambda Lambda	University of Kentucky	1893		
69	Nu Nu	Columbia University	1894	1964	1984
70	Mu Mu	West Virginia University	1895		
71	Xi Xi	University of Missouri–Columbia	1896	2002	2007
72	<i>Omicron Omicron</i>	<i>University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.</i>	<i>1897</i>	<i>1952</i>	
73	Rho Rho	University of Maine	1902		
74	Tau Tau	Washington University	1903		
75	Upsilon Upsilon	University of Washington (Seattle)	1903		
76	Psi Psi	Syracuse University	1904	1957/1998	1963/2008
77	Beta Gamma	Colorado College	1905		
78	Omega Omega	University of Arkansas	1905		
79	Beta Delta	University of Montana	1906		
80	Beta Epsilon	University of Utah	1908		
81	Beta Zeta	University of North Dakota	1909		
82	Beta Eta	Case Western Reserve University	1909	1972	1973
83	Beta Theta	University of Pittsburgh	1909		
84	Beta Iota	University of Oregon	1910	1996	2000
85	Beta Kappa	University of Oklahoma	1912	2004	2007
86	Beta Lambda	Duke University	1912		
87	<i>Beta Mu</i>	<i>University of Colorado–Boulder</i>	<i>1914</i>	<i>1971/1999</i>	<i>1981</i>
88	Beta Nu	Brown University	1914	1965	1973
89	Beta Xi	University of New Mexico	1916	2002	2008
90	Beta Omicron	Iowa State University	1916		
91	Beta Pi	Oregon State University	1916		
92	Beta Sigma	University of Tennessee–Knoxville	1917		
93	Beta Rho	Montana State University	1917		
94	Beta Tau	Colorado State University	1919		
95	Beta Upsilon	Washington State University	1919		
96	Beta Phi	University of Arizona	1921	1972/2003	1977/2009
97	Beta Chi	Emory University	1921		
98	Beta Psi	Georgia Institute of Technology	1922		
99	Beta Omega	University of Toronto–Ryerson	1922		
100	Gamma Delta	Oklahoma State University	1922		
101	Gamma Epsilon	Whitman College	1923	1967	1970
102	Gamma Zeta	Union College	1923		
103	Gamma Eta	University of Idaho	1924		
104	Gamma Theta	University of Florida	1924		

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105	Gamma Iota	Louisiana State University	1925		
106	Gamma Kappa	Utah State University	1926		
107	Gamma Lambda	McGill University	1927		
108	Gamma Mu	Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.	1928	1959	
109	Gamma Nu	University of South Carolina	1929		
110	Gamma Xi	University of Wyoming	1930		
111	Gamma Omicron	Colgate University	1930		
112	Gamma Pi	University of Rochester	1932		
113	Gamma Rho	Dalhousie University–St. Mary's University	1933		
114	Gamma Sigma	Auburn University	1934		
115	Gamma Tau	North Dakota State University	1934		
116	Gamma Upsilon	Mississippi State University	1938		
117	Gamma Phi	University of Miami (Florida)	1942		
118	Gamma Chi	University of Maryland	1942	2002	
119	Gamma Psi	Michigan State University	1942		
120	Gamma Omega	University of Connecticut	1943	1951	1971
121	Delta Epsilon	North Carolina State University	1943		
122	Delta Zeta	Willamette University	1947		
123	Delta Eta	University of California–Los Angeles	1947		
124	Delta Theta	University of Tennessee–Chattanooga	1947		
125	Delta Iota	University of Denver	1947		
126	Delta Kappa	Bowling Green State University	1947	2004	
127	Delta Lambda	Davidson College, Davidson, N.C.	1948	1969	
128	Delta Mu	Southern Methodist University	1948		
129	Delta Nu	Wake Forest University	1948		
130	Delta Xi	San Diego State University	1949		
131	Delta Omicron	Univ. of British Columbia–Simon Fraser Univ.	1949		
132	Delta Pi	Ohio University	1949	2003	
133	Delta Rho	Bradley University	1949		
134	Delta Sigma	University of Rhode Island	1949	1996	
135	Delta Tau	Westminster College	1949		
136	Delta Upsilon	Kansas State University	1949		
137	Delta Phi	University of Puget Sound	1950		
138	Delta Psi	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1950		
139	Delta Omega	University of Tulsa	1951		
140	Epsilon Zeta	Florida State University	1951		
141	Epsilon Eta	California State University–Fresno	1952		
142	Epsilon Theta	San Jose State University	1952		
143	Epsilon Iota	St. Lawrence University	1953	1997	
144	Epsilon Kappa	University of Memphis	1954		
145	Epsilon Lambda	Ripon College	1955		
146	Epsilon Mu	Texas Christian University	1955		
147	Epsilon Nu	Texas Tech University	1955		
148	Epsilon Xi	University of Houston	1956		
149	Epsilon Omicron	University of Western Ontario	1957		
150	Epsilon Pi	Northern Colorado University	1958		
151	Epsilon Rho	University of Richmond	1958		
152	Epsilon Sigma	Florida Southern University	1959		
153	Epsilon Tau	Murray State University	1959		
154	Epsilon Upsilon	Arizona State University	1960		
155	Epsilon Phi	Southeast Missouri State University	1960		
156	Epsilon Chi	Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas	1961	1983	

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157	Epsilon Psi	Sam Houston State University	1961		
158	Epsilon Omega	Ball State University	1962		
159	Zeta Eta	Texas A&M–Commerce	1963		
160	Beta Alpha	Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio	1963	1970	
161	Zeta Theta	Kettering University (GMI)	1963		
162	Zeta Iota	Pittsburg State University	1964		
163	Zeta Kappa	University of California–Santa Barbara	1965	2007	
164	Zeta Lambda	Kent State University	1965		
165	Zeta Mu	Western Kentucky State University	1965		
166	Zeta Nu	Western Michigan University	1966		
167	Zeta Xi	California State University–Northridge	1966		
168	Zeta Omicron	Northern Arizona University	1967		
169	Zeta Pi	Texas A&M–Kingsville	1967		
170	Zeta Rho	Central Michigan University	1967		
171	Zeta Sigma	Eastern New Mexico University	1967		
172	Zeta Tau	Ft. Hays State University	1967		
173	Zeta Upsilon	College of William and Mary	1968		
174	Zeta Phi	New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, N.M.	1968	1985	2008
175	Zeta Chi	University of Nevada–Las Vegas	1969	2008	
176	Zeta Omega	East Tennessee State University	1969		
177	Eta Alpha	Eastern Kentucky University	1970		
178	Eta Beta	California State University–Long Beach	1970	1998	
179	Eta Gamma	Middle Tennessee State University	1970		
180	Eta Delta	Tennessee Technological University	1970		
181	Eta Epsilon	University of South Alabama	1970		
182	Eta Zeta	Georgia Southern University	1970		
183	Eta Theta	Georgia Southwestern College	1970		
184	Eta Iota	Embry–Riddle Aeronautical University–Daytona Beach	1971		
185	Eta Kappa	Southwest Missouri State University	1971	2007	
186	Eta Lambda	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University	1971		
187	Eta Mu	Eastern Illinois University	1971		
188	Eta Nu	Northern Illinois University	1972	2000	
189	Eta Xi	Austin Peay State University	1973		
190	Eta Omicron	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	1973		
191	Eta Pi	University of Central Florida	1974		
192	Eta Rho	University of North Alabama	1974		
193	Eta Sigma	University of California–Irvine	1975	1995	2003
194	Eta Tau	Stephen F. Austin University	1975		
195	Eta Upsilon	Texas A&M University	1976		
196	Eta Phi	Troy State University	1977		
197	Eta Chi	Youngstown State University	1977		
198	Eta Psi	Clemson University	1977		
199	Eta Omega	Baylor University	1978		
200	Theta Alpha	Clarion University of Pennsylvania	1978	2003	
201	Theta Beta	University of South Florida	1979		
202	Theta Gamma	Drake University	1980		
203	Theta Delta	University of Southern Mississippi	1981		
204	Theta Epsilon	North Georgia College	1982		
205	Theta Zeta	Bridgewater State College	1983		
206	Theta Eta	Missouri University of Science and Technology	1983		
207	Theta Iota	St. Louis University	1984		
208	Theta Kappa	University of Texas–Arlington	1984		

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209	Theta Lambda	University of San Diego	1984	2004	
210	Theta Mu	Spring Hill College	1984	2006	2009
211	Theta Nu	Alma College	1984		
212	Theta Xi	California State University–Sacramento	1985		
213	Theta Omicron	University of California–Davis	1985		
214	Theta Pi	Indiana State University	1985		
215	Theta Rho	Illinois State University	1985		
216	Theta Sigma	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	1985		
217	Theta Tau	Texas State University–San Marcos	1986	1999	2009
218	Theta Upsilon	Yale University	1986		
219	Theta Phi	California Polytechnic State Univ.–San Luis Obispo	1986	2002	
220	Theta Chi	Arkansas State University	1987		
221	Theta Psi	University of Waterloo	1987		
222	Theta Omega	Elon College	1987		
223	Iota Alpha	California State University—San Bernardino	1987		
224	Iota Beta	James Madison University	1987		
225	Iota Gamma	Jacksonville University	1988		
226	Iota Delta	State University of New York at Albany	1988	2004	
227	Iota Epsilon	College of Charleston	1988		
228	Iota Zeta	Clarkson University	1988		
229	Iota Eta	Western Connecticut State University	1988		
230	Iota Theta	University of Dayton	1988		
231	Iota Kappa	Fairleigh Dickinson University	1988		
232	Iota Lambda	University of Louisville	1989		
233	Iota Mu	Wilfrid Laurier University	1989		
234	Iota Nu	Furman University	1989		
235	Iota Xi	A college in Fairfax, Virginia	1989		
236	Iota Omicron	Western Illinois University	1989		
237	Iota Pi	Marquette University	1989		
238	Iota Rho	Bishop's University	1990		
239	Iota Sigma	Valparaiso University	1990		
240	Iota Tau	University of St. Thomas	1990		
241	Iota Upsilon	Boston University	1990		
242	Iota Phi	University of North Texas	1990		
243	Iota Chi	University of California–San Diego	1990		
244	Iota Psi	Rutgers University	1991		
245	Iota Omega	Loyola Marymount University	1991		
246	Kappa Beta	University of North Florida	1991		
247	Kappa Gamma	Western Carolina University	1991		
248	Kappa Epsilon	University of Delaware	1992		
249	Kappa Zeta	Radford University	1992		
250	Kappa Eta	Harvard University	1992		
251	Kappa Theta	California State University–Chico	1992		
252	Kappa Iota	University of Southern Utah	1993		
253	Kappa Lambda	Albertson College of Idaho	1994		
254	Kappa Mu	University of Windsor	1994		
255	Kappa Nu	State University of New York at Oswego	1994	2004	
256	Kappa Xi	Tarleton State University	1996		
257	Kappa Omicron	Pepperdine University	1998		
258	Kappa Rho	American University	2000		
259	Kappa Pi	Towson University	2000		
260	Kappa Sigma	University of the Pacific	2003		

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261	Kappa Tau	Minnesota State University – Mankato	2004		
262	Kappa Upsilon	The Johns Hopkins University	2005		
263	Kappa Phi	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott	2005		
264	Kappa Chi	Villanova University	2005		
265	Kappa Psi	University of Tennessee – Martin	2007		
266	Kappa Omega	University of Tampa	2007		
267	Lambda Alpha	Knox College	2007		
268	Lambda Beta	University of West Florida	2008		
269	Lambda Gamma	Santa Clara University	2008		
270	Lambda Delta	University of California – Merced	2009		
271	Lambda Epsilon	Univeristy of New Haven	2009		

## Alabama-Arizona

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**University of Alabama**

Iota Iota

University, Ala.  
Alabama/Gulf Coast Province



**Auburn University**

Gamma Sigma

Auburn, Ala.  
Alabama Northern Province



**Birmingham-Southern College**

Chi Chi

Birmingham, Ala.  
Alabama Northern Province



**University of North Alabama**

Eta Rho

Florence, Ala.  
Alabama Northern Province



**University of South Alabama**

Eta Epsilon

Mobile, Ala.  
Alabama/Gulf Coast Province



**Arizona State University**

Epsilon Upsilon

Tempe, Ariz.  
Southwestern Province





**Northern Arizona University**

Zeta Omicron

Flagstaff, Ariz.  
Southwestern Province



**University of Arkansas**

Omega Omega

Fayetteville, Ark.  
Oklahoma/Arkansas Province



**Arkansas State University**

Theta Chi

State University, Ark.  
Oklahoma/Arkansas Province



**University of California- Berkley**

Alpha Beta

Berkeley, Calif.  
California Bay Area Province



**University of California- Davis**

Theta Omicron

Davis, Calif.  
California Central Valley Province



**University of California- Los Angeles**

Delta Eta

Los Angeles, Calif.  
Los Angeles Coastal Province

## California

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**California State University- Chico**

Kappa Theta

Chico, Calif.  
California Central Valley Province



**California State University- Fresno**

Epsilon Eta

Fresno, Calif.  
California Central Valley Province



**California State University- Northridge**

Zeta Xi

Northridge, Calif.  
Los Angeles Coastal Province



**Cal. State Poly. University- Pomona**

Theta Sigma

Pomona, Calif.  
Southern California Province



**Loyola Marymount University**

Iota Omega

Los Angeles, Calif.  
Los Angeles Coastal Province



**San Diego State University**

Delta Xi

San Diego, Calif.  
Southern California Province





**San Jose State University**

Epsilon Theta

San Jose, Calif.  
California Bay Area Province



**University of Southern California**

Alpha Upsilon

Los Angeles, Calif.  
Los Angeles Coastal Province



**Stanford University**

Alpha Omega

Stanford, Calif.  
California Bay Area Province



**Colorado College**

Beta Gamma

Colorado Springs, Colo.  
Rocky Mountain Province



**University of Denver**

Delta Iota

Denver, Colo.  
Rocky Mountain Province



**University of Northern Colorado**

Epsilon Pi

Greeley, Colo.  
Rocky Mountain Province



**University of Connecticut**

Gamma Omega

Storrs, Conn.  
Connecticut/Rhode Island Province



**Yale University**

Theta Upsilon

New Haven, Conn.  
Connecticut/Rhode Island Province



**University of Delaware**

Kappa Epsilon

Newark, Del.  
Mid Atlantic Province



**George Washington University**

Epsilon

Washington, D.C.  
Eastern Province



**University Central Florida**

Eta Pi

Orlando, Fla.  
Central Florida Province



**University of Florida**

Gamma Theta

Gainesville, Fla.  
Central Florida Province





**Lakeland, Fla.**  
**Central Florida Province**



**Tallahassee, Fla.**  
**North Florida Province**



**Jacksonville, Fla.**  
**North Florida Province**



**Tampa, Fla.**  
**South Florida Province**



**Pensacola, Fla.**  
**Alabama/Gulf Coast Province**



**Atlanta, Ga.**  
**Georgia Province**

## Georgia-Idaho-Illinois

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**University of Georgia**

Delta

Athens, Ga.  
Georgia Province



**Georgia Southern University**

Eta Zeta

Statesboro, Ga.  
Georgia Province



**Georgia Southwestern State University**

Eta Theta

Americus, Ga.  
Georgia Province



**University of Idaho**

Gamma Eta

Moscow, Idaho  
The Big Sky Province



**Bradley University**

Delta Rho

Peoria, Ill.  
Central Illinois Province



**Eastern Illinois University**

Eta Mu

Charleston, Ill.  
Central Illinois Province





**University of Illinois**

Kappa Kappa

Champaign, Ill.  
Central Illinois Province



**Illinois State University**

Theta Rho

Normal, Ill.  
Central Illinois Province



**Illinois Wesleyan University**

Alpha Iota

Bloomington, Ill.  
Central Illinois Province



**Knox College**

Lambda Alpha

Galesburg, Ill.  
Central Illinois Province



**Northwestern University**

Omega

Evanston, Ill.  
Wisconsin/Northern Illinois Province



**Western Illinois University**

Iota Omicron

Macomb, Ill.  
Central Illinois Province

## Indiana

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**Ball State University**

Epsilon Omega

Muncie, Ind.  
Northern Indiana Province



**Butler University**

Rho

Indianapolis, Ind.  
Northern Indiana Province



**DePauw University**

Xi

Greencastle, Ind.  
Southern Indiana Province



**Hanover College**

Chi

Hanover, Ind.  
Southern Indiana Province



**Indiana University**

Lambda

Bloomington, Ind.  
Southern Indiana Province



**Purdue University**

Delta Delta

West Lafayette, Ind.  
Northern Indiana Province





**Wabash College**

Delta Chi

Crawfordsville, Ind.  
Northern Indiana Province



**Valparaiso University**

Iota Sigma

Valparaiso, Ind.  
Northern Indiana Province



**Drake University**

Theta Gamma

Des Moines, Iowa  
Central Province



**University of Iowa**

Alpha Eta

Iowa City, Iowa  
Central Province



**Iowa State University**

Beta Omicron

Ames, Iowa  
Central Province



**Fort Hays State University**

Zeta Tau

Hays, Kan.  
Kansas/Nebraska Province

## Kansas-Kentucky

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**University of Kansas**

Alpha Xi

Lawrence, Kan.  
Kansas Province



**Kansas State University**

Delta Upsilon

Manhattan, Kan.  
Kansas Province



**Pittsburg State University**

Zeta Iota

Pittsburg, Kan.  
Kansas/Nebraska Province



**Centre College**

Zeta Zeta

Danville, Ky.  
Kentucky Province



**University of Kentucky**

Lambda Lambda

Lexington, Ky.  
Kentucky Province



**Murray State University**

Epsilon Tau

Murray, Ky.  
Kentucky Province



Kentucky-Louisiana-Maine-Massachusetts-Michigan



**Western Kentucky University**

Zeta Mu

Bowling Green, Ky.  
Kentucky Province



**Louisiana State University**

Gamma Iota

Baton Rouge, La.  
Southern Province



**Tulane University**

Alpha Omicron

New Orleans, La.  
Southern Province



**University of Maine**

Rho Rho

Orono, Maine  
North Atlantic Province



**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

Alpha Theta

Boston, Mass.  
North Atlantic Province



**Albion College**

Alpha Pi

Albion, Mich.  
Western Michigan Province



## Michigan

Chapters are listed alphabetically by state



**Alma College**

Theta Nu

Alma, Mich.  
East Michigan Province



**Central Michigan University**

Zeta Rho

Mount Pleasant, Mich.  
East Michigan Province



**Kettering University (GMI originally)**

Zeta Theta

Flushing, Mich.  
East Michigan Province



**Hillsdale College**

Alpha Kappa

Hillsdale, Mich.  
West Michigan Province



**Michigan State University**

Gamma Psi

East Lansing, Mich.  
West Michigan Province



**Western Michigan University**

Zeta Nu

Kalamazoo, Mich.  
West Michigan Province



**University of Minnesota**

Alpha Sigma

Minneapolis, Minn.  
North Central Province



**University of St. Thomas**

Iota Tau

St. Paul, Minn.  
North Central Province



**Mississippi State University**

Gamma Upsilon

Mississippi St., Miss.  
Southern Province



**University of Southern Mississippi**

Theta Delta

Hattiesburg, Miss.  
Southern Province



**University of Missouri**

Xi Xi

Columbia, Mo.  
Northern Missouri Province



**Missouri University of Science and Technology**

Theta Eta

Rolla, Mo.  
Southern Missouri Province



## Missouri-Montana

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**Saint Louis University**

Theta Iota

St. Louis, Mo.  
Northern Missouri Province



**Southeast Missouri State University**

Epsilon Phi

Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
Southern Missouri Province



**Washington University**

Tau Tau

St. Louis, Mo.  
Northern Missouri Province



**Westminster College**

Delta Tau

Fulton, Mo.  
Northern Missouri Province



**University of Montana**

Beta Delta

Missoula, Mont.  
The Big Sky Province



**Montana State University**

Beta Rho

Bozeman, Mont.  
The Big Sky Province



**University of Nebraska**

Alpha Epsilon

Lincoln, Neb.  
Central Province



**Farleigh Dickinson University**

Iota Kappa

Madison, N.J.  
Hudson Valley Province



**Rutgers University**

Iota Psi

New Brunswick, N.J.  
Hudson Valley Province



**Eastern New Mexico University**

Zeta Sigma

Portales, N.M.  
Southwestern Province



**New Mexico State University**

Zeta Phi

Las Cruces, N.M.  
Southwestern Province



**Clarkson University**

Iota Zeta

Potsdam, N.Y.  
Northwestern New York Province



## New York

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**Colgate University**

Gamma Omicron

Hamilton, N.Y.  
Northwestern New York Province



**Columbia University**

Nu Nu

New York, N.Y.  
Hudson Valley Province



**Cornell University**

Alpha Phi

Ithaca, N.Y.  
Northwestern New York Province



**Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**

Delta Psi

Troy, N.Y.  
Hudson Valley Province



**University of Rochester**

Gamma Pi

Rochester, N.Y.  
Northwestern New York Province



**University of Syracuse**

Psi Psi

Syracuse, N.Y.  
Northwestern New York Province





**Union College**

Gamma Zeta

Schenectady, N.Y.  
Hudson Valley Province



**Duke University**

Beta Lambda

Durham, N.C.  
North Carolina Province



**Elon College**

Theta Omega

Burlington, N.C.  
North Carolina Province



**University of North Carolina**

Alpha Tau

Chapel Hill, N.C.  
North Carolina Province



**North Carolina State University**

Delta Epsilon

Raleigh, N.C.  
North Carolina Province



**Wake Forest University**

Delta Nu

Winston-Salem, N.C.  
North Carolina Province

## North Carolina-North Dakota-Ohio

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**Western Carolina University**

Kappa Gamma

Cullowhee, N.C.  
South Carolina Province



**University of North Dakota**

Beta Zeta

Grand Forks, N.D.  
North Central Province



**North Dakota State University**

Gamma Tau

Fargo, N.D.  
North Central Province



**Case Western Reserve University**

Beta Eta

Cleveland, Ohio  
Northern Ohio Province



**University of Cincinnati**

Zeta Psi

Cincinnati, Ohio  
Southern Ohio Province



**University of Dayton**

Iota Theta

Dayton, Ohio  
Southern Ohio Province





**Denison University**

Mu

Granville, Ohio  
Southern Ohio Province



**Kent State University**

Zeta Lambda

Kent, Ohio  
Northern Ohio Province



**Miami University**

Alpha

Oxford, Ohio  
Southern Ohio Province



**Ohio State University**

Alpha Gamma

Columbus, Ohio  
Southern Ohio Province



**Ohio Wesleyan University**

Gamma

Delaware, Ohio  
Southern Ohio Province



**University of Oklahoma**

Beta Kappa

Norman, Okla.  
Oklahoma/Arkansas Province

## Oklahoma-Oregon-Pennsylvania

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**Oklahoma State University**

Gamma Delta

Stillwater, Okla.  
Oklahoma/Arkansas Province



**University of Tulsa**

Delta Omega

Tulsa, Okla.  
Oklahoma/Arkansas Province



**University of Oregon**

Beta Iota

Eugene, Ore.  
Northwestern Province



**Oregon State University**

Beta Pi

Corvallis, Ore.  
Northwestern Province



**Willamette University**

Delta Zeta

Salem, Ore.  
Northwestern Province



**Bucknell University**

Kappa

Lewisburg, Pa.  
Central Pennsylvania Province





**Indiana University of Pennsylvania**

Eta Omicron

Indiana, Pa.  
West VA/Western PA Province



**Lehigh University**

Alpha Rho

Bethlehem, Pa.  
Mid Atlantic Province



**University of Pennsylvania**

Phi Phi

Philadelphia, Pa.  
Mid Atlantic Province



**Pennsylvania State University**

Alpha Chi

State College, Pa.  
Central Pennsylvania Province



**University of Pittsburgh**

Beta Theta

Pittsburgh, Pa.  
West VA/Western PA Province



**Brown University**

Beta Nu

Providence, R.I.  
Connecticut/Rhode Island Province



## South Carolina-Tennessee

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**College of Charleston**

Iota Epsilon

Charleston, S.C.  
South Carolina Province



**Clemson University**

Eta Psi

Clemson, S.C.  
South Carolina Province



**University of South Carolina**

Gamma Nu

Columbia, S.C.  
South Carolina Province



**East Tennessee State University**

Zeta Omega

Johnson City, Tenn.  
East Tennessee Province



**University of Memphis**

Epsilon Kappa

Memphis, Tenn.  
West Tennessee Province



**Middle Tennessee State University**

Eta Gamma

Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
West Tennessee Province



**University of Tennessee- Chattanooga**

Delta Theta

Chattanooga, Tenn.  
East Tennessee Province



**University of Tennessee- Knoxville**

Beta Sigma

Knoxville, Tenn.  
East Tennessee Province



**University of Tennessee- Martin**

Kappa Psi

Martin, Tenn.  
West Tennessee Province



**Tennessee Technological University**

Eta Delta

Cookeville, Tenn.  
East Tennessee Province



**Vanderbilt University**

Alpha Psi

Nashville, Tenn.  
West Tennessee Province



**University of Houston**

Epsilon Xi

Houston, Texas  
East Texas Province



## Texas

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**University of North Texas**

Iota Phi

Denton, Texas  
Northern Texas Province



**Sam Houston State University**

Epsilon Psi

Huntsville, Texas  
East Texas Province



**Southern Methodist University**

Delta Mu

Dallas, Texas  
East Texas Province



**Stephen F. Austin University**

Eta Tau

Nacagdoches, Texas  
Province East Texas Province



**University of Texas- Arlington**

Theta Kappa

Arlington, Texas  
Northern Texas Province



**University of Texas- Austin**

Alpha Nu

Austin, Texas  
Central Texas Province



**Texas A&M University- College Station**

Eta Upsilon

Bryan, Texas  
East Texas Province



**Texas A&M University- Commerce**

Zeta Eta

Commerce, Texas  
East Texas Province



**Texas Christian University**

Epsilon Mu

Fort Worth, Texas  
Northern Texas Province



**Texas Tech University**

Epsilon Nu

Lubbock, Texas  
Northern Texas Province



**Southern Utah University**

Kappa Iota

Cedar City, Utah  
Utah/Nevada Province



**University of Utah**

Beta Epsilon

Salt Lake City, Utah  
Utah/Nevada Province



## Utah-Virginia

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**Utah State University**

Gamma Kappa

Logan, Utah  
Utah/Nevada Province



**Hampden-Sydney College**

Sigma Sigma

Hampden-Sydney, Va.  
Eastern Virginia Province



**James Madison University**

Iota Beta

Harrisonburg, Va.  
Western Virginia Province



**Radford University**

Kappa Zeta

Radford, Va.  
Western Virginia Province



**University of Richmond**

Epsilon Rho

Richmond, Va.  
Eastern Virginia Province



**Roanoke College**

Tau

Salem, Va.  
Western Virginia Province



University of Virginia

Psi

Charlottesville, Va.  
Eastern Virginia Province



Virginia Tech

Eta Lambda

Blacksburg, Va.  
Western Virginia Province



Washington & Lee University

Zeta

Lexington, Va.  
Western Virginia Province



College of William & Mary

Zeta Upsilon

Williamsburg, Va.  
Eastern Virginia Province



University of Puget Sound

Delta Phi

Tacoma, Wash.  
Northwestern Province



University of Washington-Seattle

Upsilon Upsilon

Seattle, Wash.  
Northwestern Province



## Washington-Wisconsin-Wyoming

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**Washington State University**

Beta Upsilon

Pullman, Wash.  
The Big Sky Province



**Whitman College**

Gamma Epsilon

Walla Walla, Wash.  
The Big Sky Province



**Beloit College**

Alpha Zeta

Beloit, Wis.  
Wisconsin/Northern Illinois Province



**Marquette University**

Iota Pi

Milwaukee, Wis.  
Wisconsin/Northern Illinois Province



**University of Wisconsin- Madison**

Alpha Lambda

Madison, Wis.  
Wisconsin/Northern Illinois Province



**University of Wyoming**

Gamma Xi

Laramie, Wyo.  
Rocky Mountain Province



**University of British Columbia**

Delta Omicron

Vancouver, British Columbia  
Northwestern Province



**Dalhousie- St. Mary's University**

Gamma Rho

Halifax, Nova Scotia  
North Atlantic Province



**University of Toronto**

Beta Omega

Toronto, Ontario  
Ontario/Quebec Province



**University of Waterloo**

Theta Psi

Waterloo, Ontario  
Ontario/Quebec Province



**University of Western Ontario**

Epsilon Omicron

London, Ontario  
Ontario/Quebec Province



**Wilfrid Laurier University**

Iota Mu

Waterloo, Ontario  
Ontario/Quebec Province





**University of Windsor**

Kappa Mu

Windsor, Ontario  
Ontario/Quebec Province



**Bishop's University**

Iota Rho

Lennoxville, Quebec  
Ontario/Quebec Province



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# HOUSE CLOSING INSTRUCTIONS

## In Your Absence: Steps you can take to protect your chapter house

Before you and your Brothers depart for summer vacation, the winter break, or any extended absence, prepare your chapter house for the weeks or months ahead. Your house may have few or no residents during that time; secure the property, inside and out. By doing so, you'll be able to return to a house that's ready to use, untouched by vandals, with its contents intact. Use this checklist for your preparations:

### Chapter House Interior

- Conduct room inspections and document any existing damage.
- Thoroughly clean the chapter house and remove all perishable foods.
- Inspect each room and unplug non-essential appliances and electronics.
- Store and secure expensive items in one location, either in a storage room or a room that can be securely locked.
- Confirm that heat registers are not blocked and that combustible materials are safely stored (not next to or in the same room as the furnace or boiler).
- Utilize a qualified plumbing and/or heating company to inspect all exposed lines, water heaters, drain pipes, etc.
- Repair any broken exterior doors or windows, which cause heat loss. Make sure they are properly insulated and that they are closed and latched completely. Pull down the window shades and close the drapes or blinds.
- Test the smoke alarms; make sure fire extinguishers are properly charged (follow the factory guidelines) and test the security system.
- Unplug major appliances and equipment in the kitchen and throughout the house. Shut off the water source to the hoses that attach to the washing machine to guard against flooding.
- Remove perishable food from the refrigerator and cabinets; thoroughly clean the shelves, insides of drawers, refrigerator shelves, grease spills in the oven, etc. The odor of spoiling food will attract pests.
- Arrange to have your mail forwarded or place it on hold a few weeks in advance of your departure. Visit [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) to set this up.
- Alert the university or city police, fire department, and your security company that the chapter house will be vacant and provide them with emergency contact information.

### Special Considerations for the Summer

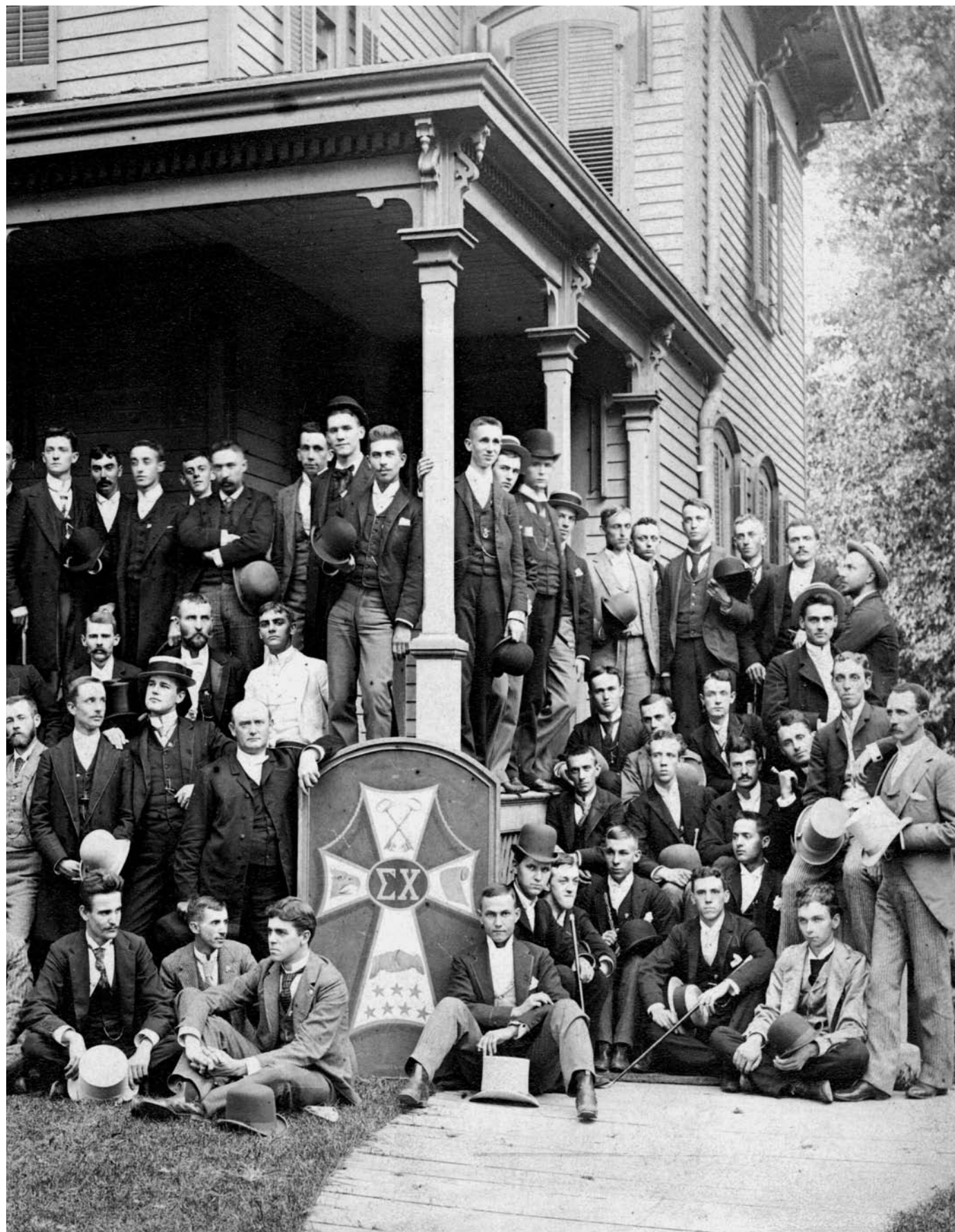
- Make repairs, upgrades or schedule other maintenance; the summer months are a good time to replace things like cracked windows or to repair a chronically leaking roof.
- Collect and label any keys to the house or other secure areas that were distributed during the academic year.
- Follow your house corporation's specifications regarding the leasing of chapter-house space to summer tenants.
- Hire a professional to check and service your air conditioner.
- Consider lowering the thermostat on the water heater until the house is occupied again.
- Drain, remove and store garden hoses.
- Arrange for someone to maintain your lawn.

### Special Considerations for the Winter

- Set the thermostat at no less than 60°F/16°C and leave the furnace on.
- Leave indoor faucets slightly open to allow for a trickle of water—this may protect piping that is exposed or cannot be properly insulated.
- Leave open the doors to cabinets that contain water lines, as this will allow heat to circulate, preventing pipe freezes.
- Clean out the fireplace and close the flue.
- Ask the visiting caretaker to see that the furnace is operating, that the premise is secure and that all walkways are clear of snow, ice and debris.

### Before You Leave

- Contact your chapter advisor, house corporation officer or a reliable caretaker to make a twice-weekly inspection of the chapter house during the holidays.
- During each visit, the caretaker should inspect the chapter house to confirm that no loss has occurred.





# IV

# Beyond the Threshold

Living the Lifelong Commitment

**Brothers gather in front of the Omega  
(Northwestern) chapter house for the occasion  
of the 1888 Grand Chapter held in Chicago, IL.**



# IV

## Living the Lifelong Commitment

### about this section

A Sigma Chi makes a commitment to be an active Sigma Chi for his entire lifetime. This section discusses some of the ways alumni can engage the Fraternity as volunteers and loyal Sigs.



This is the Life Loyal Sig lapel pin, worn exclusively by members of the Life Loyal Program.

The Life Loyal Recruiter lapel pin is a sterling silver version of the Life Loyal Sig pin, and is worn by Life Loyal Recruiters. These members recognize the value in expanding the ranks of the Life Loyal Program, and have volunteered their services to do so.

## The Alumnus Brother

Membership in Sigma Chi is a lifelong commitment — it extends well beyond one's years as an undergraduate. A brother of Sigma Chi is one who was initiated while in college (except in certain new chapter installations where the initiation of alumni members of the local group is authorized and through the Non-Student Initiate program). An alumnus is ordinarily one who is no longer in college, and most often one who has received his undergraduate degree. While the undergraduate chapters and their members are the lifeblood of the Fraternity, there are many important roles an alumnus can take to continue his fraternal experience and to contribute to the Fraternity immediately upon graduation.

Alumni support extends far beyond monetary contributions to the chapter, General Fraternity or Foundation. Volunteer alumni members continue to participate in Fraternity activities on a wide variety of levels. Perhaps the most valuable service the Fraternity offers to undergraduate chapters is the alumni support system which is composed of the Chapter Advisor and his assistants, the house corporation, the local alumni chapter, members of the Headquarters staff, Alumni Ambassadors, the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop faculty, the Grand Praetors, the Grand Officers and myriad other volunteers. The alumnus who volunteers his time and efforts makes this system work, and his experience allows members to face all complex challenges. Numerous other opportunities for the alumnus involve several of the Leadership Programs in Sigma Chi including Mission 365, the Betty Ford Center/Choices Alliance, Horizons, Cornerstone and numerous other international boards and committees.

Those who remain involved do so for many of the same reasons that undergraduates give of their time to their chapters. The friendships made through alumni participation are long lasting and valuable. It provides a way of renewing and maintaining ties to the high ideals which bind all Sigma Chis through the Ritual.

### The Life Loyal and Alumni Member Programs

The General Fraternity receives a substantial amount of financial support through Life Loyal Sig memberships, Alumni Program memberships and contributions to the Sigma Chi Foundation. These funds are crucial to the continued development of the Fraternity's programs and services benefiting both undergraduates and alumni.

Upon graduation from college, each new alumnus receives a one year complimentary membership in the Alumni Program which includes a subscription to *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*. At the end of this one year, brothers are contacted by the General Fraternity and encouraged to continue their active alumni status by renewing their membership in the Alumni Program or becoming a Life Loyal Sig.

Brothers may become a Life Loyal Sig as an undergraduate or alumnus. Brothers may join the program through a one-time payment or twelve monthly payments. Brothers who were initiated at least 50 years ago are eligible for a special membership rate. Interested members should check the Sigma Chi website at [SIGMACHI.ORG](http://SIGMACHI.ORG) for specific rates. The membership includes a lifetime subscription to *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, a certificate, membership card, lapel pin, and exclusive

benefits for the more than 55,000 brothers who have made the lifelong commitment.

#### **Non-Student Initiate Program**

At the 2006 Grand Council at Purdue University, the Fraternity adopted a policy to provide the opportunity for individuals who were not current undergraduate students to be initiated into the Fraternity, provided that they met the other qualifications as outlined in Section 3 of the Constitution, Statutes and Executive Committee Regulations. Further clarified at Grand Council 2008 in Skokie, IL, the non-student initiation program was expanded to allow any male who was not currently a student at an undergraduate institution where Sigma Chi has a chartered chapter the opportunity to be initiated into the Fraternity. For further clarification, see Statute 3.08.1 and Executive Committee Regulation 3.08.1-1 of the Fraternity's Governing Laws. Interested members can contact Headquarters for more information.

#### **Alumni Participation**

An alumnus may participate in and contribute to Sigma Chi in several ways. He may join an alumni chapter/association/club or organize one if no group already exists where he is living. He may also serve as an alumni chapter officer, Ambassador, Chapter Advisor, assistant chapter advisor, faculty or financial advisor, or house corporation officer. He can assist an active chapter in recruitment and pledge programs, Initiations, career counseling, alumni communications and financial support.

Brothers can serve as a Grand Officer or Grand Praetor of the Fraternity, as an officer or advisor of the Sigma Chi Foundation, on the faculty of the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, province workshop, as a member of a General Fraternity committee or awards selection panel, or in numerous other volunteer positions.

Alumni can provide financial assistance for Fraternity and Foundation programs or donate to other charitable organizations such as the Children's Miracle Network and the Huntsman Cancer Institute, both of which are Sigma Chi's recommended charities.

In return, each active chapter needs to involve and recognize its alumni with an effective alumni relations program that includes mutually



**Training alumni Facilitators of Balfour LTW.**

## early alumni chapter history

Alumni chapter representation in Sigma Chi dates back to 1878 when Grand Chapter was held in Indianapolis. The increasing number of alumni in Indianapolis and Indiana contributed to an unusually large attendance at the event. Sixteen of the 21 active chapters of the Fraternity were represented. The first official representation of an alumni chapter, Alpha alumni of Springfield, Ohio, by Charles C. Davis occurred at this time.

In 1874 the Springfield alumni chapter was officially chartered by the 10th Grand Chapter. The Indianapolis alumni chapter, with the name of "Alpha Alumni," was chartered by the 9th Grand Chapter in 1872. However, the Indianapolis alumni, who were present at the 12th Grand Chapter in 1878, seem to have relinquished their claim to the name and to representation by a delegate in the convention. The records of the 14th Grand Chapter contain evidence of the rechartering of the Indianapolis alumni in 1882 as the Iota alumni chapter.

Prior to 1898, only 10 alumni organizations had been established. Some of those were small groups and short-lived. During the five years following 1898, 14 additional alumni chapters were authorized. The increase thereafter was even more rapid and widespread. In more recent years the number of alumni chapters has at times equaled that of the undergraduate chapters. In 2009, there were approximately 130 active alumni chapters.

Alumni chapters were originally named after the letters of the Greek alphabet, but in irregular order. Subsequently, geographical designations were adopted.

enjoyable events as well as a regular alumni newsletter. The active chapter alumni relations program is the responsibility of the Tribune, whose duties are detailed in the chapter officer section of this manual.

### The Alumni Chapter

Alumni chapters are but one of many ways for alumni brothers to continue the Sigma Chi experience after graduation. Approximately 130 active alumni chapters are located throughout North America and provide a wide variety of activities that meet the interests of local alumni. Events hosted by chapters may include social gatherings, sporting events, community service projects, and undergraduate assistance.

Alumni chapters are duly chartered organizations and designated by the name of the city or area in which they are located. Membership is open to all brothers regardless of their undergraduate chapter affiliation. Each chapter must have a minimum of 10 or more alumni brothers who participate in the Life Loyal or Alumni Program.

In order to remain in good standing, alumni chapters must meet at least six times a year and file an annual report of their membership, officers and meeting schedule with Headquarters by February 15 of each year. Alumni chapters in good standing are entitled to a Ritual Book, charter, complimentary Web site, one vote at Grand Chapter, and one vote regarding petitions submitted for granting prospective undergraduate chapter charters.

### The Alumni Association

Alumni associations are organized similarly to alumni chapters. They must meet six times a year and are entitled to a complimentary Web site but they do not receive a Ritual Book, charter, a vote at Grand Chapter or a vote on petitions submitted for granting prospective undergraduate chapter charters. Most groups designated as alumni associations are in the preliminary stage of becoming an alumni chapter and must be in operation for one year before petitioning the Executive Committee for an alumni chapter charter.

### The Alumni Club

Alumni clubs are the stepping stone to becoming an alumni association and are only required to meet semiannually. They do not receive a vote at Grand Chapter, a Ritual Book, charter or a complimentary Web site. Although it is encouraged, alumni clubs are not obligated to ever change their status to association after a period of time. In order to be recognized as an alumni club the group must fill out the annual report form and submit a membership roster with all updated information.

## The Alumnus Volunteer

### Alumni Ambassador

The Alumni Ambassador program provides a vehicle for identifying and recruiting alumni who are willing to serve their chapter (undergraduate and alumni level), province and the General Fraternity through their involvement in various activities within their province. Potential ambassadors may be recommended to the Grand Praetor and/or the Alumni Services Team at Headquarters by any member of the Fraternity.

### Chapter Advisor's Board

Alumni and community support is critical to the long-term success of any Sigma Chi undergraduate chapter. Those chapters with consistent and abundant alumni involvement tend to be our best chapters. In order to ensure that every Sigma Chi chapter realizes its full potential, local area alumni are needed to provide a solid foundation of support and consistency. The typical positions to be filled are:

- Cornerstone Mentor – Pro Consul
- Financial Advisor – Quaestor
- Pledge Education Advisor – Magister
- Recruitment Advisor – Recruitment Chairman
- Faculty Advisor – Scholarship Chairman
- Alumni Relations Advisor – Tribune/Editor
- Risk Management Advisor – House Corp Rep
- Others as needed

### Cornerstone

To provide the support and guidance that our undergraduate brothers need, mentorship is necessary. Two or more professionally trained alumni brothers serve a chapter as a mentor and commit themselves for at least three years of service. They ensure the growth and success of their assigned chapter by helping the undergraduates improve their scholarship, recruitment and chapter finances, while reinforcing the values of Sigma Chi. Mentors assess the need for an action plan and develop, monitor and implement it.

The alumnus volunteer interested in participating in Cornerstone and many other leadership programs will be trained in each province by the province trainer.

### The Chapter Advisor

The Chapter Advisor is appointed by the Grand Praetor and serves as the chairman of the chapter advisor's board, working directly with the chapter officers and executive committee. Along with the Grand Praetor, the Chapter Advisor also serves as a liaison between the chapter and community alumni, university officials and the General Fraternity. He oversees the submission of required reports and forms and fees; particularly in areas associated with financial operations, pledging and Initiations.

### The Faculty Advisor

The faculty advisor, not necessarily a Sigma Chi, is a faculty or staff member of the chapter's college or university. He or she provides guidance for the chapter's educational program and assists brothers and pledges with their academic responsibilities. The faculty advisor also serves as a liaison between the chapter and college or university administration and as an advisor to the Scholarship Chairman.

### The House Corporation

Each undergraduate chapter should have a functioning house corporation. The principal purpose of most house corporations is to serve as

## words of wisdom

In fall 1994, *The Magazine* surveyed several Grand Praetors and chapter advisors who had experience in the Fraternity ranging from four months to 34 years. Most were prompted to join the Fraternity's volunteer ranks by their own undergraduate experience—the desire “to return the distinction and honor” to Sigma Chi, as Northwestern New York Grand Praetor Frank McDonald, GMI 1965, explained. Others, like chapter advisors from Houston, Northern Colorado and Mississippi State wanted to assist a struggling chapter. “The chapter was heading into decay,” wrote one. “They needed new blood to start down the right path.”

In the case of nearly all the volunteers surveyed, the rewards that have come from their position far outweigh the challenges. Chapter Advisor Jim Booth, Willamette 1964, felt great pride in seeing his chapter succeed. “Witnessing the turn-around of the Delta Zeta Chapter from two straight years on social probation to three straight Petersons and a Legion of Honor award was inspirational.”

Chapter Advisor John Tegtmeier, Denison 1956, has found it gratifying to “help young men develop into real leaders with realistic expectations for themselves and their peers.” C. Loren Butler, Idaho 1963, former Southern California Grand Praetor and high school biology teacher has seen at least 35 former students pledge Sigma Chi. “Having them become my brothers has been my most rewarding experience,” he said.

Northern Texas Grand Praetor L. Wayne Tucker, Baylor 1985, now our Grand Consul, has most enjoyed watching an undergraduate go through recruitment, pledgship and active membership. “If I can contribute in small ways to help that brother mature and succeed,” he explains, “I am rewarded.”



owner and manager of the chapter house and its property. At some chapters, however, the house corporation leases the land or chapter house from the college/university or some other third party owner. In most cases, the undergraduate chapter or its individual members lease the chapter house, a room and/or property from the house corporation. In this capacity, the house corporation serves as the landlord to the chapter. A house corporation typically pays the mortgage, real estate taxes, property insurance, and provides for capital improvements to the chapter house.

The General Fraternity has no authority over house corporations nor does it prescribe the manner in which they are formed or operated, although membership typically includes chapter alumni. These members are in a role analogous to shareholders of a for-profit corporation. Depending upon the house corporation's articles of incorporation and bylaws, other interested Sigma Chis can also serve as members. A board of trustees which is elected by its members typically oversees the business of the house corporation. The board of trustees elects the officers of the house corporation to handle the details of the house corporation's business. It is unwise for any undergraduate member of the chapter, the Chapter Advisor nor any Grand Officer of Sigma Chi to serve on the house corporation's board of trustees. To do so endangers the house corporation's assets should there be a liability claim arising out of chapter activities. Membership by these parties creates a clear link from the chapter to the house corporation and/or the general fraternity and should be avoided if at all possible. This does not mean that communication should not take place

between the chapter and the house corporation. This communication should be arms-length dealing and be limited to landlord-tenant matters. Depending upon the circumstances, the chapter's Risk Manager, House Manager and Quaestor may also take part in such communications.

In general, the house corporation is a non-profit corporation established under the laws of a state or province. In the U. S. a house corporation will typically be exempt from the payment of taxes under IRC Section 501 (c) (7) if the appropriate filings have been made. In most circumstances contributions to a house corporation are not considered charitable donations and, therefore, the donors cannot claim the value of their contributions as a deduction on their tax returns.

Neither the house corporation nor its individual trustees or officers, may serve as advisors, supervisors nor managers of the chapter's activities or operations. Although the house corporation may decide who lives in the chapter house as a tenant, it has no authority to determine who will become or will continue to be a chapter member. A house corporation may not collect funds from the chapter apart from the rent payment it is owed. Additional information regarding house corporations can be obtained from the Grand Trustee assigned to the Province. The Grand Trustee will be listed in directory of *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*. His role is to advise and be a resource for the house corporation. He has no authority over chapter operations or membership.



**Brothers Robert Yost, Don Stoner and Von George pose with the Sigma Chi flag in Iraq – proving that the bonds of Sigma Chi know no boundaries.**

# Alumni Awards

## Significant Sigs

From authors and athletes, to entertainers and entrepreneurs, more than 1,120 alumni brothers have received the Significant Sig award since its inception. What began in 1935 as a simple token of recognition has become one of the most distinguished awards in the Greek-letter world.

At the 1935 Grand Chapter banquet in Seattle, L.A. Downs, Purdue 1894, president of the Illinois Central Railroad and member of the Fraternity's Executive Committee, introduced the new Significant Sig Award and the seven charter members. "Starting with this Grand Chapter," he said, "it has been decided to award Significant Sig medals to our illustrious sons whose achievements have brought honor and prestige to the name of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. The Grand Chapter is the most appropriate place to pay tribute to these brothers."

The charter group of Significant Sigs included author George Ade, Purdue 1887, who was unable to attend because of poor health; naturalist and explorer Roy Chapman Andrews, Beloit 1906; cartoonist John T. McCutcheon, Purdue 1889; author and philanthropist Chase S. Osborn, Purdue 1880; radio announcer James Wallington, Rochester 1928; and the "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" composer F. Dudley Vernor, Albion 1914. The seventh Significant Sig medal was awarded posthumously to U.S. Federal Agent Samuel P. Cowley, Utah State 1925, who was killed in the line of duty facing organized crime figure "Baby Face" Nelson on November 28, 1934. Sam's brother, Joseph, Utah State 1927, accepted the award for him.

Several other prominent Sigs from diverse professions were also honored in the award's early years. Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Booth Tarkington, Purdue 1893, and cartoonist Milton Caniff, Ohio State 1930, joined their colleagues Ade and McCutcheon in 1937, and Downs, the emcee for the first Significant Sig presentation, received the award in 1939. The first president of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) M.H. Aylesworth, Wisconsin 1907, and U.S. Secretary of War and Past Grand Consul Maj. Gen. Patrick Hurley, George Washington 1913, were also recipients in that decade.

It was originally decided that the Significant Sig award would be presented to only seven brothers each biennium, and that practice was adhered to for the next three Grand Chapters. When the convention resumed in 1946—after a five-year hiatus during World War II—19 brothers were given the award at the "Victory Grand Chapter" in Chicago.

The Significant Sig selections that year reflected world events. Fourteen of the 19 honorees were military personnel, including Maj. Gen. James E. Fechet, Nebraska 1899, former chief of the U.S. Army Air Corps; Lt. Col. Cecil H. Davidson, Colorado State 1934, director of the Manila port operations; Rear Admiral Robert D. Workman, Wooster 1913, chief of Navy Chaplains; and Capt. Maurice L. Britt, Arkansas 1941, the second most decorated soldier of World War II.

Other notable Significant Sigs from the 1940s include Titus Lowe, Ohio Wesleyan 1900, Methodist Church Bishop; Robert A. Odell, Southern California 1905, president of the Braille Institute of America;



**Bud Adams**



**Dave Letterman**



**Edward Rogers**



**Gregory J. Harbaugh**



**Ike Skelton**



**J Williard Marriott**



**Jim Palmer**



**Jon Huntsman, Jr.**

Sigma Chi stalwart L.G. Balfour, Indiana 1907; playwright and novelist Martin Flavin, Chicago 1907; and Kenneth S. “Boots” Adams, Kansas 1921, board chairman of Phillips Petroleum and father of Tennessee Titans owner Kenneth S. “Bud” Adams Jr., Kansas 1944. Fielding H. Yost, West Virginia 1897, head football coach at the University of Michigan, became one of the first athletes to be recognized as a Significant Sig, in 1941.

The Significant Sig Award was personified in 1948 when the Fraternity honored motion picture star John Wayne, Southern California 1929. “The Duke” was on hand at the 47th Grand Chapter in Seattle and according to Magazine archives, “was at a loss for words when he received his Significant Sig medal.”

During the award presentation Past Grand Consul Hamilton Douglas praised Wayne for both his professional and Sigma Chi achievements. “You have proved that in the world of make-believe you have not forgotten the loyalties engendered around the chapter hearth,” he said.

Just as military brothers crowded the ranks of Significant Sigs in the 1940s, many alumni in government and business were recognized during the 1950s. Although they might have had little in common politically, U.S. Senators Barry Goldwater, Arizona 1932, and J. William Fulbright, Arkansas 1924, were both honored as Significant Sigs that decade, as was Charles G. Ross, Missouri 1905, Press Secretary to U.S. President Harry S. Truman. The Fraternity’s Active Chapter Publications Award is named after Ross.

Sigma Chi recognized those who served the United States internationally when they presented the award to former Ambassador to Brazil Herschel V. Johnson, North Carolina 1916, in 1955, and to former Ambassador to China Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, Hampden-Sydney 1896, in 1952.

As post-war commerce boomed, so did the selections of Significant Sigs in business and industry. Included among those prominent businessmen were Carl L. Bausch, Syracuse 1909, board chairman for Bausch & Lomb; Harold Boeschstein, Illinois 1918, president of Owens–Corning Fiberglass Corp; Leland I. Doan, Michigan 1917, president of Dow Chemical; Donald C. Power, Denison and Ohio State 1922, president of General Telephone; and Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson, Indiana 1919, then president and chairman of City Securities Corp.

This decade also saw the first Canadian brothers inducted into the Significant Sig ranks. Dr. George Edward Hall, Toronto 1929, president of the University of Western Ontario, was the first in 1955, and two years later, president of Brown Paper Co. A.E. Harold Fair, Toronto 1922, received the award.

Also honored in the 1950s were Dr. Arlie R. Barnes, Indiana 1915, former chairman of the Mayo Clinic; Hervey Allen, Pittsburgh 1915, Pulitzer Prize winning author; W.W. “Woody” Hayes, Denison 1935, head football coach at Ohio State University; and Sigma Chi Foundation Governor Emeritus Raymond H. Fogler, Maine 1915, then assistant Secretary of the U.S. Navy.

Finally, the second half of a Sigma Chi legend was recognized in 1950 when “Sweetheart of Sigma Chi” lyricist Byron D. Stokes, Albion 1913, received the Significant Sig Award.

From Pittsburgh Pirates shortstop Dick Groat, Duke 1953; to 12- time

National Blind Golfers Champion Charley Boswell, Alabama 1940; to college head football coaches Chalmers W. "Bump," Purdue and Michigan 1947, and Peter R., Michigan 1947, Elliott, Significant Sigs could be found among the sports page headlines throughout the 1960s. Front-office brothers, including Arthur C. Allyn Jr., Dartmouth 1935, president of the Chicago White Sox; Edwin J. Anderson, Beloit 1927, general manager of the Detroit Lions; and K.S. "Bud" Adams Jr., also became Significant Sigs.

The awardees from that decade included several brothers in higher education. Nine recipients were college or university presidents, including Foundation Governor emeritus Elvis J. Stahr Jr., Kentucky 1936.

The golden age of radio was remembered in 1961 when Chester H. Lauck, Arkansas 1926, and Norris F. Goff, Oklahoma 1928, were awarded their Significant Sig medals. The brothers were better known as hillbilly duo Lum and Abner, respectively, from the popular radio show of the same name.

Other notable Significant Sigs from that decade included David J. Walker, Toronto 1928, Canadian Minister of Public Works; Frederick W. Ford, West Virginia 1930, commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC); Gen. Dwight Beach, Michigan 1930, Commandant of the U.S. Army-Pacific; and John W. Young, Georgia Tech 1952, astronaut and space shuttle commander.

It would be easy to mistake the Significant Sig roll from the 1970s with a Who's Who list in business and industry. The extensive roster of executives included Edward S. "Ted" Rogers, Toronto 1956, CEO of Rogers Telecommunications; J. Willard Marriott Jr., Utah 1954, president of Marriott Corp., Lodwick M. Cook, Louisiana State 1949, senior vice president of Atlantic Richfield Co.; and the the Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. Davis brothers (A. Darius, Idaho 1928; James E., Idaho 1929; M. Austin, Idaho 1934; and Tine W., Idaho 1931).

The group of Sig athletes is equally impressive. Major league pitcher Jim Palmer, Arizona State 1967; and gridders Michael K. Ditka, Pittsburgh 1961; Robert A. Griese, Purdue 1967; Bronko Nagurski, Minnesota 1930; and Merlin J. Olsen, Utah State 1962, each received the award, as did coaches John T. Majors, Tennessee-Knoxville 1957; John M. Orr, Illinois and Beloit 1948; Hank Stram, Purdue 1942; and Eddie Sutton, Oklahoma State 1958.

Sigma Chi also recognized good taste when it presented restaurateurs Vincent E. Sardi Jr., Columbia 1937, of New York's Sardi's; Ike Sewell, Texas 1927, of Chicago's Pizzeria Uno; and Richard J. Brennan, Tulane 1955, of New Orleans' Brennan's, the Significant Sig award.

Keith W. MacLellan, McGill 1944, Canadian Ambassador to Yugoslavia and Bulgaria; Richard Hatfield, Dalhousie 1956, Premier of New Brunswick; Warren Beatty, Northwestern 1959, motion picture star and producer; and Gordon Gould, Union 1941, primary inventor of the laser, were other successful brothers who were honored during the 1970s.

The 1980s was the decade of the Congressman. Twenty Capitol Hill brothers representing more than 11 states were given the Significant Sig award, including Congressmen Tony P. Hall, Ohio State and Denison 1964; Henry J. Hyde, Duke 1946, Michael G. Oxley, Miami (Ohio) 1966; E.G. "Bud" Shuster, Pittsburgh 1954; and Issac N. "Ike" Skelton IV, Missouri 1953.



**John Wayne**



**Merlin Olsen**



**Mike Ditka**

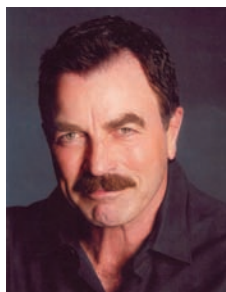


**Mike Holmgren**





**Steny Hoyer**



**Tom Selleck**



**Warren Beatty**



**William DeVries**

Other government recipients included Lamar Alexander, Vanderbilt 1962, Tennessee Governor; James S. Brady, Illinois 1962, press secretary to U.S. President Ronald Reagan; Charles H.B. Vaucrossen, Western Ontario 1958, Supreme Court Justice in Bermuda; and Kenneth D. Taylor, Toronto 1957, Canada's Ambassador to Iran who helped American hostages escape from that country in 1980.

The proud Sigma Chi sports tradition continued throughout the 1980s with Significant Sigs Barry A. Ackerley, Iowa 1956, owner of the Seattle Supersonics; William S. Arnsperger Jr., Kent and Miami (Ohio) 1948, defensive coordinator for the San Diego Chargers; Bill Buckner, Southern California 1972, first baseman for the Chicago Cubs; and John A. Ziegler Jr., Michigan 1955, president of the National Hockey League.

Other Significant Sig recipients from that decade included Jon M. Huntsman Sr., Pennsylvania 1959; president and chairman of The Huntsman Companies; Dr. William C. DeVries, Utah 1966, the first U.S. surgeon authorized to implant permanent artificial hearts; cartoonist Mike B. Peters, Washington (St. Louis) 1965, Theodore M. Burton, Utah 1932, First Quorum of Seventy, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; and entertainers Thomas W. Selleck, Southern California 1967, and David Letterman, Ball State 1969.

Significant Sigs in the 1990s are just as impressive: Space shuttle astronaut Gregory J. Harbaugh, Purdue 1978, has won the award, as have author H. Jackson Brown, Emory 1962; Mississippi Governor D. Kirk Fordice, Purdue 1956; head coach of the Green Bay Packers Mike Holmgren, Southern California 1970; and LTB chairman and Silicon Valley entrepreneur Keith Krach, Purdue 1979.

Any member can nominate a brother for the Significant Sig Award. The Executive Committee selects the recipients and honors them at Grand Chapter, Balfour Leadership Training Workshop or an event at the Significant Sig's home chapter. For a complete list of Significant Sigs, contact the Fraternity's International Headquarters.

### Order of Constantine

The Order of Constantine, the highest Fraternity honor, is composed of alumni members who have devoted long and distinguished service to Sigma Chi. Founded in 1948, the Order has honored just over 600 alumni brothers who have contributed significantly to the Fraternity at any or all of the international, province, active or alumni chapter levels.

Membership in the Order is determined by a selection committee of seven of its members, at least three of them being members of the Grand Council. Each candidate must be nominated by at least five brothers, three of them members of the Order. Most often, those selected will have been an active alumnus for 20 or more years.

Present policy is to honor 14 brothers annually, each of whom receives a certificate and a plaque recognizing him as one “who has worn the White Cross in a manner the Seven Founders would have commended.” An additional certificate is prepared for the recipient’s home chapter’s archives.

Members of the Order, who are known as “Constantine Sigs,” select a president and a secretary, and meet as a group at the Grand Chapter and other functions. A complete list of Constantine Sigs appears in the appendix.

### Semi-Century Sig Award

The Semi-Century Sig Award recognizes brothers who have been active in the Fraternity for 50 years or more. The award certificate is presented at the request of an undergraduate or alumni chapter.

### Military Pin Award

Sigma Chi is pleased to recognize honorably discharged or currently serving members of the U. S. and Canadian armed forces, remembering that the White Cross that we wear is the emblem of sacrifice. The virtues displayed through one’s service to country brings honor to the name of Sigma Chi.

The award may be bestowed upon either undergraduate or alumnus brothers who have met the following criteria:

- Currently serving or honorably discharged from the armed forces
- A member in good standing of Sigma Chi Fraternity

### Edwin C. Fisher Grand Praetor Award

The biennial Edwin C. Fisher Grand Praetor Award, created in 1985, honors a Grand Praetor who has executed his statutory duties, aided brothers and their chapters in reaching their full potential, and strived to foster a spirit of brotherly unity among the chapters within his province.

The award is named for former Grand Praetor and past Grand Quaestor Edwin C. Fisher, Illinois 1928. Also a Chapter Advisor, Fisher served as Grand Praetor of the former Southern California–Arizona Province from 1958 to 1962. He was a member of the Leadership Training Board from 1962 to 1969.

The recipient receives a gold Sigma Chi ring featuring the Crest and the recipient’s school name.



**Order of Constantine Emblem**



**Military Pin**



**Military Pin presentation by 65th Grand Consul Bob Jones.**

## how to apply alumni awards

Alumni award applications are typically due around March 1st each academic year. The deadlines for each of the awards can be found in the Standard Operating Procedures manual, available for download at SIGMACHI.ORG. Each award will typically have its own application which is also available for download at SIGMACHI.ORG.

The award winners are selected from the pool of yearly applicants by the Awards Committee - a board of volunteer brothers appointed by the Grand Consul whose purpose is to ensure the most worthy Sigma Chis receive recognition for their efforts. The Significant Sig award, the Order of Constantine award and a small portion of others are chosen by their separate committees, respectively.

Interested brothers can contact the Alumni Services Team at Sigma Chi Headquarters for more in-depth information.

### The William T. Bringham Best House Corporation Officer Award

The William T. Bringham Best House Corporation Officer Award was first presented in 1974. It is named for William T. Bringham Sr., Illinois Wesleyan 1946, Sigma Chi's Executive Secretary from 1954 to 1989.

The Executive Committee selects the annual winner from chapter and house corporation nominations. Chapters are invited to nominate a candidate with supporting letters of recommendation.

The winning brother and his chapter receive a certificate, and are recognized on an award plaque at the International Headquarters.

### The Erwin L. LeClerc Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award

Created in 1972, the Erwin L. LeClerc Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award annually recognizes the most outstanding Chapter Advisor(s) in the Fraternity.

The award is named for Dr. Erwin L. LeClerc, Colorado State 1923, member of the Order of Constantine and former Eastern Province Grand Praetor, Executive Committee member and advisor to active chapters at Colorado State, Louisiana State, George Washington and Maryland.

The Executive Committee determines the winner(s) from nominations submitted by undergraduate chapters and the recommendation from the Grand Praetor of the province. Each winner receives a certificate and has his name recorded on an award plaque at Headquarters.

### The Jay E. Minton Best Alumni Chapter Officer Award

Each year the Fraternity's Executive Committee selects an outstanding alumni chapter officer to receive the Jay E. Minton Best Alumni Chapter Officer Award. Created in 1975, the award was named in honor of Jay E. Minton, Missouri 1917, past alumni chapter officer and vice president of the Order of Constantine. The award recognizes outstanding leadership, administration, Fraternity relations and service, effectiveness and improvement by an officer in his alumni chapter.



**65th Grand Consul, Bob Jones, presents 66th Grand Consul (then Grand Pro Consul), L. Wayne Tucker, with a Grand Consul's Citation at the 2008 Grand Council meeting.**

Any member or chapter may recommend an alumni chapter officer for the award by writing Headquarters' Alumni Services department. The recipient receives a certificate and his name recorded on an award plaque at the International Headquarters.

#### **Dr. Donald B. Ward Alumni Community Service Award**

In 1957 the Chicago Alumni Chapter created this annual award to recognize the alumni group which makes the most significant contribution to the welfare of its community or to a worthy regional, national or international charity. The award is named for Order of Constantine Sig Dr. Donald B. Ward, Northwestern 1942, who was instrumental in its origin.

The recipient group receives a certificate and has its name recorded on an award plaque at Headquarters. You may contact the Alumni Services department at the International Headquarters with any questions.

#### **James E. Montgomery Alumni Chapter Publications Award**

The Fraternity annually recognizes the most outstanding alumni chapter publications with the Montgomery Award, named for the late Indiana newspaper publisher James E. Montgomery, Butler and Stanford 1908.

A committee of alumni journalists evaluates alumni group publications received at Headquarters on the basis of frequency, content and balance, writing and editing, general appearance, effectiveness, and overall quality. The winning chapter receives a certificate and the name of the chapter and its editor are recorded on a plaque at the International Headquarters.



**William M. Scott, Arizona 1980, delivers brief remarks following his induction as a member of the Order of Constantine.**







# Organization, Governance & Services

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## Organization, Governance & Services

### about this section

The Fraternity's composition, governance and services have evolved throughout the years to meet the needs of the membership. This section explains the governing structure and Grand Officers and highlights the International Headquarters services. Also included is a section on the Sigma Chi Foundation.

## Early Evolution of our Government

The original Constitution-Ritual of the Fraternity established a parent-chapter type of government to issue charters to new chapters. The designated parent chapter acted as the headquarters of the Fraternity, conducted the business and correspondence of the group, issued charters, made arrangements for raising and disbursing funds, and planned the conventions of the society.

Alpha chapter acted as parent chapter until 1858 and granted charters to four chapters during the first three years of the Fraternity's existence. Gamma chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio, received the first charter grant. In the fall of 1858, Alpha chapter became inactive and transferred its governing powers to Gamma chapter. By 1882, the organization had increased to 35 chapters, and had become too large to be governed in this manner.

John S. McMillin, DePauw 1876, proposed a centralized form of government which the 1882 Chicago Grand Chapter adopted. Chicago housed the official Headquarters of the Fraternity until the offices were moved to neighboring Evanston, Ill., in 1951.

The present form of government, as provided by the Constitution and Statutes, has not been changed since it was originally adopted.

The 1975 Grand Chapter in St. Louis, Mo., adopted the present Constitution and Statutes of the Fraternity. Some areas previously covered by the Constitution and Statutes were removed and placed in the category of Executive Committee Regulations, enabling them to be readily updated.

The Sigma Chi Fraternity is correctly known as an international fraternity, with undergraduate and alumni chapters in the United States and Canada, and several alumni groups located in other parts of the world. The Sigma Chi Fraternity is also referred to as "the Fraternity" or "the General Fraternity."

Sigma Chi consists of undergraduate and alumni members in undergraduate (active) chapters and alumni chapters and associations. It is governed based on its Constitution and Statutes, as created and at times amended by the Grand Chapter—the supreme legislative body of the Fraternity. The ideals of the Fraternity Ritual serve as an influential guide in its direction and standing. The Ritual, as well as Regulations of the Executive Committee, are also major parts of Sigma Chi's Governing Laws.

The Fraternity's chapters are self-governing, and they elect Grand Officers to direct General Fraternity business.

## The Grand Chapter

The Grand Chapter is the supreme legislative body of the Fraternity and convenes every two years, at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee. It is composed of one delegate from each of the undergraduate and alumni chapters, the Grand Consul and the Past Grand Consuls, each being entitled to one vote.

The Grand Chapter elects the officers of the Fraternity, including the Grand Consul; Grand Pro Consul; Grand Quaestor; Grand Tribune;

Grand Historian; Alumnus Member-at-Large, Grand Trustee and Grand Praetor members of the Executive Committee; members of the Board of Grand Trustees; and the Grand Praetors. All are elected to two-year terms, except members of the 18-man Board of Grand Trustees who hold office for six years. Six members of the Board of Grand Trustees are elected at each Grand Chapter. Undergraduate delegates at the Grand Chapter also elect two undergraduate members to serve on the Executive Committee for one-year terms. In the year the Grand Chapter is in recess, the undergraduate delegates at the Grand Council elect two undergraduate members for one-year terms on the Executive Committee.

The Grand Chapter has the power to alter or amend the Constitution, Statutes, and Executive Committee Regulations, and to enact, subject to the Governing Laws, any legislation to promote the general welfare of the Fraternity. It may grant or revoke charters to active and alumni chapters or associations and suspend or otherwise discipline any chapter, officer or member. If necessary, the Grand Chapter may act on matters by mail vote.

The Grand Chapter has the power to adopt its own organization, officers, and rules of government and procedure, to create and disburse funds, and to appoint and regulate organizations, boards, commissions and officers to provide financial regulations. It can review, approve or amend the operations and activities of the Fraternity, subject to the provisions of the Constitution, Statutes and Ritual.

The Grand Chapter also provides an opportunity for brothers to become well acquainted with Fraternity operations as well as with brothers from different chapters. Its sessions are highlighted by individual recognition presentations, including the International Balfour, Significant Sig, Order of Constantine and the International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi awards.

Alumni and undergraduate chapters in the chosen city host the biennial convention.

## The Grand Council

The Grand Council exercises general direction and advisory powers in the Fraternity during the recess of, but subject to the enactments of, the Grand Chapter. It meets every other year, in the years when no Grand Chapter is held.

The Grand Council is composed of the Grand Officers, Past Grand Consuls, members of the Executive Committee, Grand Trustees, Grand Praetors, members of the Leadership Training Board (as ex officio members) and one undergraduate from each province. Undergraduate delegates elect two undergraduate members for one year terms on the Executive Committee. The Grand Officers constitute the membership of the Sigma Chi Corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois. The presiding officer is the Grand Pro Consul.

The Grand Council may amend the Statutes or Executive Committee Regulations, but not the Ritual or the Constitution.

## about grand chapter

The first Grand Chapter—or the “Biennial Celebration,” as it was then called—was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, on June 12, 1857. The Fraternity had only three chapters at the time. Alpha chapter invested \$150 in the event and William L. Lockwood apportioned \$50 each to Gamma and Epsilon. The total outlay was \$185.49—quite a tidy sum for those days.

The two principal Grand Chapter events were the reading of a poem and an oration. William W. Fosdick, who had been elected an honorary member, was selected as the poet. The Reverend Dr. Josiah Cannon was chosen orator and was paid \$50 for his message. The delegates also invited the Phi Delta Theta chapter at Miami (Ohio) to attend the Literary Exercises.

During the business meeting, the delegates decided to continue in the parent-chapter form of government. Expansion was also discussed, particularly the opportunity for granting a new charter at Mississippi. In fact, just three days later, the petition for that University was signed and mailed from Oxford, Miss.

The climax of the meeting was the elaborate banquet at the Walnut Street House, which followed the public Literary Exercises and the business meeting. Twenty-six people were served, and Isaac

M. Jordan, representing Alpha Chapter, delivered one of the principal addresses.

The Grand Chapter tradition has changed little over time. The event has continued for nearly 150 years, with the exception of a five-year hiatus during World War II. The 50th Grand Chapter, which would have been held in 1954, was postponed until 1955 so delegates could celebrate Sigma Chi’s Centennial.



## about grand council

Grand Council was originally defined as a legislative body composed of the Grand Officers, Grand Trustees and Grand Praetors having the general control, supervision and direction of the Fraternity between sessions of Grand Chapter, but without the power to amend the Constitution or Ritual, or to grant or revoke charters of active chapters. In time, the definition of the legislative body was extended to include surviving Past Grand Consuls. Later, the Executive Committee would include members of the Leadership Training Board (as ex officio members), and one undergraduate from each province.

When, then, did Grand Council become a "happening?" In these early days, when travel options were limited, Grand Council meetings were inextricably entwined with Grand Chapter—no more than an informal tossing of ideas before the main event, so to speak. Meetings in between the times slated for biennial conventions were informal, almost haphazard, and rare.

It soon became obvious that one gathering every other year was insufficient to cover the business of the rapidly expanding Fraternity. At the 30th Grand Chapter held in Pittsburgh in 1911, an amendment was made to the Constitution. This amendment designated Grand Council as an official annual event to be held at a time and place fixed by the Executive Committee.

The first meeting of Grand Council under the amended Constitution, and apart from Grand Chapter, was held February 24, 1912, at the Great Northern Hotel in Chicago, and was reported in detail the following month by *The Magazine*, then still known as *The Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

## The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee meets at least four times per year and has general supervision of the Fraternity during the recess of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council.

The Executive Committee is composed of 11 members. The Grand Consul serves as chairman and the Grand Pro Consul as vice chairman. Other members are the Grand Quaestor, the immediate Past Grand Consul, a Grand Trustee nominated by the Board of Grand Trustees, a Grand Praetor nominated by the Grand Praetors, one alumnus member-at-large and the two most recent International Balfour Award winners. These nine members serve for two years. Two undergraduate representatives also serve one-year terms on the committee. The committee directs the Fraternity budget and expenditures, acts upon recommendations and reports from the various boards and committees and, in coordination with the Executive Director, assigns duties to the International Headquarters staff. It administers the endowment and trust funds of the Fraternity and establishes Executive Committee Regulations which are part of the Sigma Chi Governing Laws.

The committee makes recommendations concerning undergraduate chapter problems and may place on probation or suspend any undergraduate chapter charter. It investigates petitions for undergraduate chapter charters and grants charters to alumni chapters and associations. It has appellate jurisdiction over the suspension or expulsion of members with authority to reinstate and the power to try any member for offenses specified in the Constitution and Statutes.

Additional duties of the committee include scheduling Grand Chapter and Grand Council meetings; determining province boundaries and their make-up; making contracts and regulations regarding the use, manufacture, sale and distribution of Fraternity insignia; and designing a uniform system of bookkeeping, records-keeping, minutes-recording, house rules and scholarship regulations. The members of the committee are also the directors of the Sigma Chi Corporation.

## Grand Officers

All Grand Officers, including Grand Council and Executive Committee members, are volunteer, unpaid officials, elected by the Grand Chapter. The Grand Officers live in different cities in the United States and Canada and each have their own career and family responsibilities. They are reimbursed for travel and other expenses incurred in the course of Fraternity business. Their contact information may be found in the directory section of the latest issue of *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*.

### Grand Consul

**L. Wayne Tucker, Baylor 1985**

The Grand Consul is the International President of the Fraternity. He acts as chairman of the Executive Committee, Grand Chapter and the Sigma Chi Corporation. He generally oversees the activities and operations of the Fraternity and signs all charters and official documents. He has the power to fill any vacancy in the Executive Committee or Grand Council by appointment. He has the power to interpret, construe and enforce the Constitution, Ritual and Statutes. He appoints all standing

and special committees, and by tradition appoints the two most recent International Balfour Award winners to serve on the Executive Committee.

**Grand Pro Consul** *Dennis Santoli, Western Reserve 1967*

The Grand Pro Consul, vice president of the Fraternity, is second in command to the Grand Consul. He is vice chairman of the Executive Committee and chairman of the selection committee that chooses the finalists and winner of the International Balfour Award. He also presides over the Grand Council and serves as Grand Consul when the Grand Consul is unable to perform his official duties.

**Grand Quaestor** *Michael Greenberg, Illinois Wesleyan 1982*

The Grand Quaestor is the treasurer and financial controller of the Fraternity. He is responsible for and oversees all its funds. He oversees financial regulations and the budget, issues and signs all warrants for the payment of money, and is required to report to the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, furnishing audited statements of the financial position of the Fraternity once a year. He is a member of the Executive Committee.

**Grand Tribune** *Rev. Francis "Skip" Flynn, Miami (Florida) 1967*

The Grand Tribune is the spiritual leader and fellowship advisor of the Fraternity. He acts as a scholarship, spiritual and Ritualistic counselor, and promotes exemplary scholarship, moral tone and high ideals in undergraduate chapters.

**Grand Historian** *William P. Fleming, Sam Houston State 1964*

The Grand Historian compiles all historical and biographical material of the Fraternity and encourages similar endeavors among the undergraduate chapters. He is responsible for maintaining Fraternity archives and documents and for publishing the history of Sigma Chi, when scheduled.

**Undergraduate Representative to the Executive Committee**

Of the eleven members of the Executive Committee of Sigma Chi nine are alumni and two are undergraduate members. Prior to 1993 it was perceived that the two most recent International Balfour Award Winners, that were able to serve, represented the undergraduate voice on the Executive Committee. The 1993 Grand Chapter in Toronto considered proposals to provide direct undergraduate representation on the Executive Committee. The proposals passed and in the undergraduate caucus that year the first two Undergraduate Representatives to the Executive Committee of Sigma Chi were elected. Their terms were one year, 1993-1994.

The Undergraduate Representatives are elected by the undergraduate members of the Grand Council at its biennial meeting, and by the active chapter delegates to the Grand Chapter at its biennial meeting. Each Undergraduate Representative to the Executive Committee shall have at least one year of undergraduate membership remaining at the time of his election and shall serve for one year, according to the Sigma Chi Constitution.

The Undergraduate Representatives, like the other members of the Executive Committee, are charged with overseeing the business and affairs of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Additionally they are responsible

## grand officers



**L. Wayne Tucker**  
Grand Consul



**Dennis Santoli**  
Grand Pro Consul



**Michael Greenberg**  
Grand Quaestor



**Rev. Francis "Skip" Flynn**  
Grand Tribune



**William P. Fleming**  
Grand Historian

- 1 **John S. McMillin**  
*DePauw 1876, (1882-84)*
- 2 **J. Howard Ferris**  
*Denison 1876, (1884-86)*
- 3 **Orville S. Brumback**  
*Wooster & Michigan 1876, (1886-88)*
- 4 **Frank M. Elliot**  
*Northwestern 1877, (1888-90)*
- 5 **Walter L. Fisher**  
*Hanover 1883, (1890-92)*
- 6 **Reginald Fendall**  
*George Washington 1864, (1892-95)*
- 7 **Benjamin Piatt Runkle**  
*Miami (Ohio) 1857, (1895-97)*
- 8 **William L. Dudley**  
*Cincinnati 1880, (1897-99)*
- 9 **Joseph C. Nate**  
*Illinois Wesleyan 1890, (1899-1901)*
- 10 **Robert Farnham**  
*George Washington 1864, (1901-03)*
- 11 **Orla B. Taylor**  
*Michigan 1886, (1903-05)*
- 12 **Robert E. James**  
*Bucknell & Lafayette 1869, (1905-07)*
- 13 **Charles Alling**  
*Hanover & Michigan 1888, (1907-09)*
- 14 **George Ade**  
*Purdue 1887, (1909-11)*
- 15 **Hamilton Douglas Sr.**  
*Wooster & Michigan 1887, (1911-13)*
- 16 **Newman Miller**  
*Albion 1893, (1913-15)*
- 17 **Wilbur P. Allen**  
*Texas 1901, (1915-17)*
- 18 **William C. Henning**  
*DePauw 1890, (1917-19)*
- 19 **Lawrence DeGraff**  
*Chicago 1898, (1919-21)*
- 20 **Stephen T. Mather**  
*California 1887, (1921)*
- 21 **Joseph T. Miller**  
*Wooster 1893, (1921-23)*
- 22 **Harry S. New**  
*Butler 1879, (1923-25)*
- 23 **Roy T. Osborn**  
*Kansas 1900, (1925-27)*
- 24 **Herbert C. Arms**  
*Illinois 1895, (1927-29)*
- 25 **A.P. Thomson**  
*Southern California 1897, (1929-31)*
- 26 **Dr. Daniel Laurence**  
*Cincinnati 1894, (1931-33)*
- 27 **Hamilton Douglas**  
*Vanderbilt 1908, (1933-35)*
- 28 **Ralph F. Potter**  
*Illinois Wesleyan 1890, (1935-37)*
- 29 **L. G. Balfour**  
*Indiana 1907, (1937-39)*
- 30 **Dr. Frederick Scheuch**  
*Purdue 1893, (1939-41)*
- 31 **Dr. William B. Ricks**  
*North Carolina 1889, (1941-43)*
- 32 **Ben S. Fisher**  
*Illinois 1913, (1943-45)*

for offering the undergraduate perspective and influence in all Executive Committee discussions and decisions.

Additionally, in an effort to encourage undergraduate participation and perspective in all aspects of the Fraternity, the Grand Consul appoints undergraduate members to sit on all of the General Fraternity Committees to offer insight and opinion.

### Grand Praetors

The Grand Praetor, one for each province, is nominated by one or more delegates elected by the undergraduate chapters in the province, and elected to a two-year term by the Grand Chapter. Grand Praetors advise chapters in their respective provinces, maintain general knowledge of their condition, and endeavor to improve their standing in scholarship, morals and discipline. They are required to visit each chapter at least once a year, and to report their observations and recommendations in writing to the Executive Committee. They are empowered to enforce the Fraternity's Governing Laws and Ritual in province chapters.

Grand Praetors appoint one or more Chapter Advisors for each chapter, review chapter reports and applications submitted to the General Fraternity and schedule a yearly conference of all undergraduate chapters in their province. They also ensure that each chapter administers the official pledge examination. The Grand Praetor reviews the academic average of men proposed for Initiation and ensures each man has met university and Sigma Chi requirements.

Each Grand Praetor appoints an undergraduate member from his province for representation in the Grand Council. The undergraduate chapters in each province nominate these undergraduate members.

The Grand Praetors are known officially as the "Praetorial College." At each meeting of the Grand Chapter, they elect a chairman who is known as the Dean of the Praetorial College. The current Dean of the College is William Scott, Arizona 1980, Grand Praetor of the Southwestern Province. The Grand Consul may appoint an Assistant Grand Praetor in a province, with all of the powers of the Grand Praetor except voting membership in the Grand Council.

### Board of Grand Trustees

The mission of the Board of Grand Trustees is to assist house corporations in the acquisition, construction, renovation and maintenance of chapter houses that are appropriate residences for our brothers and worthy of the reputation of Sigma Chi. Grand Trustees are senior elected volunteer officers who serve terms of six years. There are eighteen, six of whom are elected at each Grand Chapter.

Their mandate is to oversee chapter housing-related programs and to consult with house corporations and others who hold property for the benefit of undergraduate chapters. Meeting as a board, they serve as the Fraternity's "think tank," making periodic recommendations to the Executive Committee and providing solutions to such areas of concern as liability coverage and mortgage financing through the development of the Risk Management Foundation and Constantine Capital, Inc.

Individual Grand Trustees deliver assistance directly to House Corporations and hosts an annual House Corporation Officers Training Seminar (HCOTS). The Grand Trustees also serve by consulting in house

operations, risk management and corporate governance, and serve as resources in areas related to their specific expertise (Law, fund raising, construction, etc.); represent the International Fraternity at events such as chapter house dedications, chapter installations and alumni functions; promote the interests of Sigma Chi within university communities and the public-at-large; and are members of the Grand Council.

## Standing and Special Committees

Various standing and special committees, many appointed by the Grand Consul, support a number of functions and programs in the Fraternity.

Some of these committees include the Leadership Training Board, Information Technology Committee, History Commission, Monuments and Memorials Commission, Marketing/Communications/Publications Board and the Intellectual Property Protection Committee. Others include: The Alumni Affairs participation, Archival, Audit, Awards, Balfour Leadership Operations Board, Budget, Chapter and Membership Accountability Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Laws, Governmental Affairs, Grand Council Agenda, Grand Quaestor's Commission, Investment, Legal Affairs, Licensing, Local Host, Mission 365, New Chapter Development Committee, Philanthropy, Province Boundary, Risk Management Team, Ritual, Scholarship Review and Sweetheart Selection Committees. Undergraduate representatives are appointed to many of these committees.

## Leadership Training Board

The Leadership Training Board develops educational programs to maintain and improve the quality of leadership in the undergraduate chapters and promotes an appreciation for our Founders' fundamental vision. Its major responsibilities are to implement and oversee current and evolving leadership and educational programs such as the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, Betty Ford Center/Choices program, Mission 365, alumni training programs, Balfour Fellows and various initiatives relating to membership recruitment and preparation for brotherhood.

The board is composed of 11 members: two undergraduates, eight alumni appointed by the Grand Consul to four-year terms, and its chairman, who is appointed by each Grand Consul and serves during his term. Members of the board are ex-officio members of the Grand Council.

## Balfour Leadership Operating Board

The Balfour Leadership Operating Board is comprised of alumni and two undergraduate representatives whose mission it is to design and implement the educational experience at the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop. The members of the Board are appointed by the Grand Consul and serve at his pleasure.

- 33 Charles F. Hough**  
*Illinois 1915, (1945-46)*
- 34 Patrick J. Hurley**  
*George Washington 1913, (1946-48)*
- 35 Sam C. Bullock**  
*Oregon 1918, (1948-49)*
- 36 John Neal Campbell**  
*Vanderbilt 1914, (1949-52)*
- 37 Hon. Stanley N. Barnes**  
*California-Berkeley 1922, (1952-55)*
- 38 J. Dwight Peterson**  
*Indiana 1919, (1955-57)*
- 39 Edward S. Farrow**  
*MIT 1920, (1957-59)*
- 40 Richard S. Doyle**  
*George Washington 1917, (1959-61)*
- 41 William P. Huffman**  
*Denison 1911, (1961-63)*
- 42 Harry V. Wade Sr.**  
*Wabash & Cornell 1926, (1963-65)*
- 43 Hon. Bolon B. Turner**  
*George Washington 1922, (1965-67)*
- 44 Floyd R. Baker**  
*Nebraska 1937, (1967-69)*
- 45 Norman C. Brewer Jr.**  
*Mississippi 1935, (1969-71)*
- 46 John W. Graham, Q.C.**  
*Toronto 1933, (1971-73)*
- 47 M. Craig Nason Jr.**  
*Southern California 1926, (1973-75)*
- 48 Dr. Charles M. Thatcher**  
*Michigan 1943, (1975-77)*
- 49 James F. Bash**  
*Butler & Indiana 1949, (1977-79)*
- 50 S. Jack McDuff**  
*Arizona 1951, (1979-81)*
- 51 Dr. George H. Jones Jr.**  
*Louisiana State 1942, (1981-83)*
- 52 Gardner B. Allen**  
*Emory 1928, (June-August 1983; died in office)*
- 53 Marvin 'Swede' Johnson**  
*Arizona 1950, (1983-85)*
- 54 Keith B. Sorensen**  
*Utah & Southern California 1962, (1985-87)*
- 55 Thomas F. Bell**  
*Mississippi State 1935, (1987-89)*
- 56 Robert E. Joseph**  
*Willamette 1957, (1989-91)*
- 57 Joel L. Cunningham**  
*Tennessee-Chattanooga 1965, (1991-93)*
- 58 Murray K. McComas**  
*Pennsylvania 1958, (1993-95)*
- 59 Richard E. Hester**  
*Ball State 1977, (1995-97)*
- 60 Douglas A. McWhirter**  
*Toronto-Ryerson 1958 (1997-99)*
- 61 Arthur H. "Buddy" Metcalf II**  
*Auburn 1969 (1999-2001)*
- 62 Douglas R. Carlson**  
*Minnesota 1973 (2001-2003)*
- 63 Lee A. Beauchamp**  
*Texas A&M-College Station 1975*
- 64 Keith Krach**  
*Purdue, 1979 (2005-2007)*
- 65 Robert H.W. Jones III**  
*Rensselaer, 1973 (2007-2009)*



past undergraduate  
representatives  
to the executive  
committee

- 1993 Steven Ward, Mississippi  
Alex Edwards, Emory
- 1994 Hamilton Schwartz, Brown  
Eric Whipple, Central Michigan
- 1995 Ryan Senter, Mississippi  
Michael Williams, Drake
- 1996 George Raudenbush, Pittsburgh  
Barney Sutley, Georgia Southern
- 1997 Christopher Popov,  
Louisiana State  
Barney Sutley, Georgia Southern
- 1998 Jeffrey Batuhan, San Jose State  
David Simek, Texas Tech
- 1999 Matthew Allen, Mississippi State  
Brandon Cason, Baylor
- 2000 Jason Gilbertson, Iowa  
Craig Marian, Youngstown State
- 2001 Graham Calvert,  
Mississippi State  
Blair Zackon, Ohio State
- 2002 Jim Davis, Florida State  
Brandon Gray, Kansas State
- 2003 Jesse LaRose, Purdue  
Robert Simek, Texas Tech
- 2004 Will Nash, Kentucky  
Justin Brown, Purdue
- 2005 Will Nash, Kentucky  
Amos Gura, North Florida
- 2006 Michael Ciatto, Dickinson  
Kyle White, Oklahoma State
- 2007 Michael Ciatto, Dickinson  
Brian Powell, Virginia Tech
- 2008 Brian Powell, Virginia Tech  
Grant Mills, Kentucky
- 2009 Ryan Hatfield, Purdue  
William Ray, Mississippi State

## Headquarters Staff and Services

The Fraternity General Headquarters is located at 1714 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. The building is owned by the Sigma Chi Foundation and is the headquarters for its operations. It also houses the Fraternity and Foundation Museum, library, conference room and staff offices. It is open to members, pledge brothers, and their friends and families during business hours or at other times by arrangement.

The current building was completed and dedicated in 1966. An addition was added in the spring of 1980 with a new wing of the building completed and dedicated. The building was last renovated in 1994.

The Fraternity and Foundation employ a full- and part-time paid staff to plan and administer the programs, services and publications of Sigma Chi, to assist in implementing the actions and policies of the Fraternity, and to conduct programs of service and assistance to active and alumni chapters and members. They work for and with the chapters and members through the Grand Officers and directly under the guidance of the Executive Committee. There are approximately 40 positions on staff, about half of which are filled by members of the Fraternity.

### The Executive Director

The Fraternity employs an Executive Director who is the chief operating officer and president of the Sigma Chi Corporation. The performance of duties and responsibilities of the Executive Director are in accordance with the Fraternity's Governing Laws. The Executive Director implements, supervises and is accountable for all authorized Sigma Chi programs (conventions, conferences and seminars, publications and communications) while exercising prudent fiscal management; has direct responsibility for cash management, budget proposal and implementation, financial records preparation and maintenance, legal documentation organization and financial report generation; maintains a close liaison with the Sigma Chi Foundation and other allied organizations; and directs, as appropriate, program managers of affiliate entities of the Fraternity. The Executive Director also has the full and exclusive authority to hire, compensate and terminate Fraternity staff within the approved budget of the Fraternity and to establish job descriptions, duties and responsibilities of all staff in accordance with policies as may be established by the Executive Committee of the Fraternity.

## Risk Management Foundation

The Risk Management Foundation (RMF) provides risk management education and loss prevention programs to prevent or minimize injury or loss of property. It also provides property, casualty and general liability insurance coverage.

The RMF has developed a comprehensive loss-prevention program which includes reference manuals and supporting material for safety awareness and alcohol management. It provides support for chapter Risk Managers, which each undergraduate chapter should designate. The RMF is a separate organization from the Fraternity; however, over 200 Sigma Chi entities, mostly active chapters and house corporations, are members of RMF and are bound by its regulations. Membership in RMF is voluntary and available to any undergraduate or alumni chapter or house corporation.

SECTION V: Organization & Governance

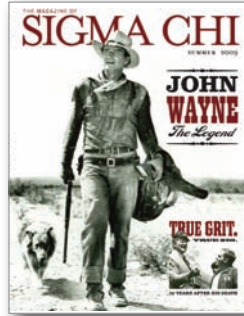
# Constantine Capital Incorporated

The Executive Committee established Constantine Capital Inc. (CCI) upon recommendation of the Board of Grand Trustees. It is a separate, for-profit corporation. Its mission is to assist house corporations with financing for new construction, renovations or additions by making available mortgages or loan guarantees to chapter house corporations.

All questions relating to CCI should be directed to its president. His contact information is listed in the Directory of *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*.

## Sigma Chi Publications

*The Magazine of Sigma Chi* is published four times a year and contains news and features to recognize, inform, educate and entertain members. Published continuously since 1881, it also serves as a report and record of the Fraternity's activities and programs to university and other fraternity officials, families of members, potential recruits and the general public. Total Magazine circulation is over 55,000.



Contributions of interest and pertinence to the Fraternity are welcomed, and each active and alumni chapter is asked to provide periodic news and photos of its activities and members.

Each undergraduate member receives a copy of each issue of *The Magazine*, sent to his permanent home address, while he is in school. Each active chapter receives several copies at the chapter address. Recent graduates receive a complimentary one-year membership in the Alumni Program, which includes four issues of *The Magazine*. Following that year, an alumnus may renew his Alumni Program membership or become a Life Member (a Life Loyal Sig) to ensure that he continues to receive each issue and remain involved with the Fraternity.

The Sigma Chi Bulletin is the internal publication of the Fraternity and, though not secret, it is directed specifically to members. Usually published as a part of each issue of *The Magazine*, it contains items of Fraternity business such as minutes of meetings, information on petitions for new active chapter charters, proposals for amendment of the Constitution and Statutes, and other information of interest to members. Established in 1887, The Bulletin is the oldest private, esoteric publication of a college fraternity in North America.

The Fraternity's other publications include a membership directory, history volumes, a CD of Sigma Chi songs titled *Come Brothers Sing*, *The Norman Shield*, the three-book *Preparation for Brotherhood* series, recruitment brochures, the *Monuments & Memorials of Sigma Chi* booklet, the *Standard Operating Procedures Manual*, the *Governing Laws Handbook* among others.

The Fraternity's most recent publication is a volume comprised of biographical information about the Seven Founders titled *One in Heart and Purpose*.

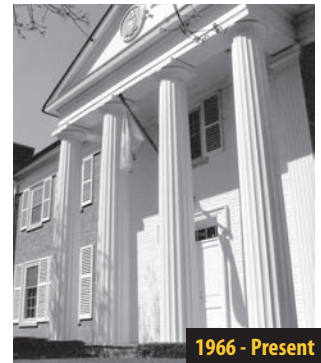
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- » Information and program ideas to chapters and members through correspondence.
- » Review of chapter budgets and reports of financial operations, as well as furnishing financial management materials.
- » Providing information, supplies and follow-up to Grand Officers, Grand Praetors and committees used in the exercise of their duties and visitations.
- » Planning and arrangements for meetings of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, installation and pre-initiation programs for new chapters being chartered, and province meetings.
- » Administration and implementation of the operations and programs of the Sigma Chi Foundation, including scholarship grants and leadership program grants.
- » Maintenance of Initiation and membership records, addresses, dues payments and chapter reports, and furnishing of computerized address mailing lists to undergraduate and alumni chapters upon request.
- » Administration of applications and grants of loans or guarantees to active chapter house corporations for house building/remodeling purposes, and assistance in obtaining housing insurance proposals.
- » Liaison between chapters and officials of colleges, universities, interfraternity associations and other fraternities.
- » Coordination of General Fraternity public relations efforts, and preparation and distribution of news-information publicity materials, and audio-visual presentations for use by chapters.
- » Administration and consultation on all Fraternity/Foundation awards.
- » Assistance, newsletters, manuals and supplies for alumni chapters and associations, and coordination of Brother's Day planning.

# The Sigma Chi Foundation

## The Foundation's Purpose

### Mission

*The Sigma Chi Foundation solicits financial resources, provides faithful stewardship, and engages in exemplary ethical practices in support of Sigma Chi and leadership development.*

### Vision

*The Sigma Chi Foundation is respected for the manner in which we establish expectations, and build and administer an endowment that supports leadership and scholarship programs that reach beyond Sigma Chi's borders, in perpetuity.*

### About

The Sigma Chi Foundation is incorporated as a tax-exempt, non-profit educational and charitable corporation.

The Foundation is guided by an eighteen member Board of Governors which is headed by Chairman Chuck Watson, Oklahoma State 1972. Foundation President & CEO Greg Harbaugh, Purdue 1978, is the Foundation's Executive Officer based at J. Dwight Peterson Headquarters in Evanston, IL.

The Sigma Chi Foundation is a separate and independent organization from the General Fraternity. It provides educational funding for leadership development, academic scholarships, and a number of programs that support the undergraduate, graduate, and alumni members of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

The Foundation recognizes and encourages academic excellence and character-in-action™ by awarding scholarships to deserving students, and by providing assistance to students who need help to complete their college education.

The Sigma Chi Foundation endorses the development of leaders of good character by funding values-based leadership training, mentorship programs and substance abuse programs.

A strong relationship and close cooperation between the Sigma Chi Foundation and Sigma Chi Fraternity continues to result in the effective implementation of today's leadership development programs. These programs continue to advance the Fraternity toward its goal of becoming the preeminent collegiate leadership development organization.

## Brothers Make the Foundation's Support Possible

Charitable contributions to the Foundation fund all operational costs, academic scholarships and grant funding. The Foundation does not receive financial support from governmental entities, Sigma Chi Fraternity Life Loyal dues or merchandising. It is the expectation that all Sigma Chis will contribute to the Foundation throughout their lives to the best of their ability. Undergraduate chapters are encouraged to contribute ten percent of their philanthropic fund raising to the Foundation. All such contributions are recognized and are greatly appreciated.

## Foundation History

On November 9, 1939, the Sigma Chi Endowment, later to become the Sigma Chi Foundation, was incorporated in Colorado. The Sigma Chi Foundation grew slowly until the late 1940s and early 1950s, during which time it encouraged scholarship and academic achievement by establishing library awards, individual chapter scholarship funds, campus scholarship trophies and a student aid loan fund.

The Sigma Chi Foundation took a meaningful step forward in the 1960s by building the Peterson (named for Past Grand Consul and Foundation Chairman J. Dwight Peterson) Headquarters building in Evanston, Illinois. The Peterson Headquarters building, which was expanded and remodeled in 1979, houses the Sigma Chi Foundation, the administrative offices for the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and the Sigma Chi Risk Management Foundation.

The Peterson Headquarters building is also the home of the archives and museum artifacts of Sigma Chi. Preservation of these items is also part of the role of the Foundation.

## The Foundation Today

Today, the Sigma Chi Foundation is the recognized leader, and provides the largest annual funding, among all Greek letter foundations. Over the past ten years, the Sigma Chi Foundation has provided over \$15,000,000 in direct support of Sigma Chi leadership and scholarship programs. Highlights include \$3,700,000 in funding for Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, \$4,270,000 for Horizons, \$2,800,000 for the Cornerstone Mentor program, and over \$4,200,000 in support chapter house educational renovation projects.

## Leadership Programs

For the last ten years, the Foundation has funded all or high percentages of the cost of Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, the Horizons leadership program, the Cornerstone Mentor program, the Bud Adams Chapter Balfour Nominee Life Loyal program, the Choices alcohol and drug education program, the Betty Ford Center and Cedar Center alcohol and drug rehabilitation programs, and all academic scholarships.

Through these programs, the Sigma Chi Foundation provides nearly ten thousand dollars in benefits to each undergraduate chapter annually.

## Scholarships, Awards and Chapter-Specific Support

The Sigma Chi Foundation offers undergraduate and graduate brothers a number of scholarships and grants. Scholarships are available for tuition and fee payments only. Applications are available at [SIGMACHI.ORG](http://SIGMACHI.ORG) each spring.

The Foundation has increased the availability of academic scholarships by one hundred fifty percent in the past three years, to a total of \$125,000 in the 2009-2010 school year, with plans for further growth in the future. Additionally, the Foundation supports many chapter-specific academic scholarship programs by accepting tax free donations, managing the investment of the funds, and allocating the scholarship grants on behalf of the chapter.



The Foundation sponsors and funds the Peterson Significant Chapter awards each year which recognize the most outstanding undergraduate chapters.

The Foundation also supports educational housing renovations through a process of reviewing planned renovations for educational components, accepting tax free donations in support of the construction, management of the investment of those funds, and granting of the resources as the project requires. This can be a significant benefit to a chapter that plans a major chapter house reconstruction or renovation.



**Sigs flood the campus at the University of Missouri-Columbia for Balfour LTW in early August, 2008**

## Advancing Philanthropy Through the Sigma Chi Foundation

Sigma Chi is a lifelong commitment. Choosing to contribute to the Foundation fulfills part of that commitment and can make a real difference for the generations that follow. Young men come to Sigma Chi at a formative time in their lives and through values-based leadership training and scholarship opportunities, we have the chance to influence their development—to help shape the men they will become.

As an undergraduate chapter, you can advance philanthropy and benefit future brothers through your engagement with the Sigma Chi Foundation. Below are a few ways that you can help:

- **Provide 10% of your philanthropic giving to the Sigma Chi Foundation, a public charity.** Your chapter's contribution will be put to work to advance leadership and scholarship throughout Sigma Chi and specifically in your own chapter. Your chapter's 10 percent support underscores the ethic of life-long commitment, or the other chain on our Badge. Your chapter's support will help ensure the Foundation continues to provide leadership and scholarship opportunities to the future members of our Fraternity.
- **Engage your alumni to become a Thomas Cowan Bell Chapter.** "Local Giving Results in Local Benefit." Through the Bell Chapter program, alumni from your chapter can make unrestricted gifts that directly sponsor your participation in key leadership programs such as Horizons, Cornerstone, and Balfour LTW. Options for support at various levels are available. A Bell Chapter receives enhanced benefits such as one or more designated Horizons positions, additional funded Balfour LTW delegates, a Workshop travel stipend, a grant to conduct a chapter retreat and a designated academic scholarship. Visit [SIGMACHI.ORG/FOUNDATION](http://SIGMACHI.ORG/FOUNDATION) for further details. Chapters may also meet the Bell Challenge by authorizing the use of a Chapter Scholarship Fund to support these programs. Please contact the Foundation's office if you are interested in organizing a Bell Chapter Challenge effort for your undergraduate chapter.

## Donor Clubs and Recognition Levels

The Sigma Chi Foundation receives gifts for four primary purposes:

1. Unrestricted annual fund gifts that support the Foundation's operations, academic scholarships and program priorities.
2. Unrestricted gifts to support a Thomas Cowan Bell Chapter.
3. Program restricted gifts to support programs like Horizons, Balfour LTW, and Cornerstone.
4. Chapter restricted gifts to support a chapter scholarship fund or renovation effort.

In all instances, the Foundation recognizes the significant support and commitment that our alumni make on behalf of Sigma Chi's undergraduate, graduate and alumni brothers. Each donor is recognized annually in the Foundation's Annual Report, which is always available online at SIGMACHI.ORG/FOUNDATION. Giving clubs recognize both annual and cumulative giving. The Foundation has many giving clubs, highlights include:

### Sustaining Members

Brothers and friends who make a gift of up to \$99 to support the unrestricted annual fund.

### The White Cross Trust

A membership society of loyal donors who make an annual gift of \$1,000 or more to the Sigma Chi Foundation.

### Lockwood Society

In honor of Founder William Lewis Lockwood, the Lockwood Society recognizes brothers and friends who, through their financial support, have made a significant impact on Sigma Chi. Membership in this premier giving society is based on lifetime cumulative giving of \$100,000 or more.

### Caldwell Society

The James Park Caldwell Society recognizes brothers and friends who have named the Sigma Chi Foundation as a beneficiary of a planned gift—a will, trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy or life income gift. The Society's namesake, Founder James Park Caldwell, was known for being true to principle. The Society honors not only Founder Caldwell, but all who share a lifelong commitment to advancing the vision and interests of the Fraternity.

## foundation board of governors

**Chairman Chuck Watson**  
*Oklahoma State 1972*

**Vice Chairman Timothy A. Michael**  
*Ohio State 1970*

**Lee Beauchamp**  
*Texas A&M-College Station 1975*

**Ed Blessing**  
*San Diego State 1960*

**Thomas E. "Tommy" Bronson**  
*Tennessee-Knoxville 1958*

**Richard J. "Ric" Campo**  
*Oregon State 1976*

**John Clerico**  
*Oklahoma State 1963*

**Dr. Constantine Curris**  
*Kentucky 1962*

**Henry Durham**  
*Kentucky 1953*

**Parliamentarian  
Robert E. "Bob" Joseph**  
*Willamette 1957*

**D. Kerry McCluggage**  
*Southern California 1976*

**Hon. William C. O'Kelley**  
*Emory 1951*

**Past Chairman John D. Peterson**  
*Indiana 1955*

**Treasurer Bernard F. Sergesketter**  
*Purdue 1958*

**Robert F. Sweeney**  
*Colorado State 1959*

**Dennis E. Wheeler**  
*Idaho 1964*

**Matthew R. Bradshaw**  
*Florida, 1999*

### Emeritus Governors:

**K.S. "Bud" Adams**

**Ben Fisher**

**Bob Hayden**

**Jon Huntsman**

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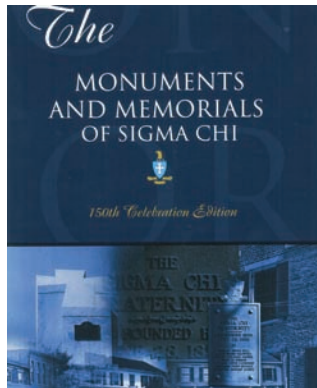
**Jim Morris**

**Phil Olsen**

**Merril "Boz" Pritchard**

**Jesse R. Stone**

**John Ziegler**



**The Monuments and Memorials brochure is published by the Monuments and Memorials Commission, a group of volunteers who comprise a board and are each located within close proximity to the monument that they serve as warden for. The latest edition was published in 2005 for the 150th anniversary of the Fraternity. The brochure can be obtained free of charge by contacting Sigma Chi Headquarters.**

## Monuments & Memorials

The Sigma Chi Foundation funds the maintenance and manages the care of many of Sigma Chi's major monuments and memorials.

### The Founding Site

The building housing the room in which Sigma Chi was founded is located on the north side of High Street in Oxford, Ohio, at the town square. The building's second-floor room, which is the exact Founding site, was renovated in 1992 and a plaque outside the building identifies its location. The building is owned by the Sigma Chi Foundation. The site was rededicated on June 26, 2005, during the Fraternity's 150th Anniversary Celebration.

### Founders' Memorial Chapter House

The chapter house of Alpha Chapter at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, includes a library sponsored by the Sigma Chi Foundation. The chapter house is located at 401 E. Sycamore in the northern portion of the Miami campus.

### Constantine Chapter Memorial

The Fraternity's memorial to the Constantine Chapter is located on the west side of U.S. Highway 41, about 20 miles south of the Atlanta city limits, near Jonesboro, Ga.

### J. Dwight Peterson Headquarters Building and the Sigma Chi Foundation Museum & Research Archives Library

This facility houses the central offices of the Foundation and Fraternity. It also includes Sigma Chi's official museum and research archives library, which is open to the public. The headquarters campus also



**A photo of the Significant Sig Gallery in the Headquarters museum**

includes an updated Manor House that provides limited lodging and conference support for educational gatherings. Headquarters is located at 1714 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Ill. The Headquarters is located one block south of the main Northwestern University campus, and two blocks west of Lake Michigan.

#### **Founders Memorial Monuments**

Memorial monuments mark the gravesites of each of the Seven Founders.

#### **Gravesite of Past Grand Consul Joseph C. Nate**

Author of the four-volume "History of the Sigma Chi Fraternity," Nate's gravesite is marked by a monument similar to those of the Seven Founders and is located in Bloomington Cemetery, Bloomington, Ill.

#### **Gravesite of Constantine Chapter founder Harry St. John Dixon**

This gravesite is located in Mountain View Cemetery in Fresno, Calif.

#### **Mausoleum of Past Grand Consul John S. McMillin**

The mausoleum is located in Roche Harbor Cemetery, Roche Harbor, Wash. Maps, photos and further information appear in the "Monuments and Memorials" booklet available free from Headquarters.



**Brothers attend the dedication of the monument to honor founder Benjamin P. Runkle on September 29, 1923.**





# Appendices

**A few of the 41 editions of**  
*The Norman Shield.*

# The Order of Constantine

\* Asterisk indicates charter members of the Order.

George F. Abbott, Jr., Union, 1949  
 John P. Ablan, Washington, 1940  
 Kenneth S. Adams, Jr., Kansas, 1944  
 Frank J. Albanese, Columbia, 1950  
 John C. Aldrich, Illinois Wesleyan, 1903\*  
 Edward D. Alexander, Washington, 1906  
 Gardner B. Allen, Emory, 1928  
 George C. Allen, Cincinnati, 1939  
 James B. Allen, Western Ontario, 1979  
 Walter L. Allen, South Carolina, 1946  
 Wilbur P. Allen, Texas-Austin, 1901\*  
 Bruce D. Allman, Ball State, 1969  
 George V. Anderson, Union, 1923  
 Lyttleton C. Anderson Jr., Vanderbilt, 1949  
 Mark V. Anderson, Illinois, 1977  
 Fred Armstrong, Jr., Washington, 1903\*  
 Rufus A. Askew, Emory, 1934  
 Dean B. Austin, Texas State-San Marcos, 1988  
 K. Stephen Bailey, West Virginia, 1972  
 Bruce Baird, Jr., Tulane, 1942  
 Glenn E. Baird, Illinois, 1930  
 Floyd R. Baker, Nebraska, 1937  
 James K. Baker, DePauw, 1953  
 David L. Balfour, Brown, 1936  
 Lloyd G. Balfour, Indiana, 1907\*  
 C. Richard Barley, Illinois Wesleyan, 1954  
 Hon. Stanley N. Barnes,  
   California-Berkeley, 1922  
 James F. Bash, Indiana, 1946  
 Robert D. Bash, Indiana, 1940  
 Gregory J. Baxter,  
   California State-Fresno, 1970  
 James W. Bayne, Illinois, 1946  
 M. Lamont Bean, Washington, 1946  
 James L. Beattey, Jr., Indiana, 1930  
 James L. Beattey, III, Indiana, 1954  
 Lee A. Beauchamp,  
   Texas A&M – College Station, 1975  
 H. Kirke Becker, Jr., Michigan State, 1948\*  
 John R. Beeson, Eastern Illinois, 1970  
 Hon. Richard H. Bein, Illinois Wesleyan, 1954  
 Thomas F. Bell, Mississippi State, 1935  
 Paul H. Benson, Sr., Kansas, 1933  
 Robert E. Benson, Miami, 1948  
 Paul M. Berge, Wisconsin, 1960  
 Patrick J. Bergen, Wisconsin, 1975  
 Norman Glen Berree, Florida Southern, 1969  
 Donald P. Bertsch, Michigan State, 1957  
 Leo A. Bidez, Auburn, 1940  
 Gerald J. Bieber, Lehigh, 1948  
 Philip R. Bikle, Gettysburg, 1905  
 Curtis R. Biller, Montana State, 1987  
 John L. Bishop, Arkansas, 1937\*  
 Robert R. Black, DDS, Mississippi, 1963

Thomas S. Blair, Jr., Roanoke, 1985  
 Hon. George H. Boldt, Montana, 1925  
 James M. Bollinger, Louisiana State, 1967  
 William R. Boser, Wisconsin, 1976  
 Thomas L. Bottone, Denver, 1955  
 John A. Bouvier, Jr., Florida, 1926  
 Dr. Richard T. Bowers,  
   Tennessee-Knoxville, 1953  
 Billy W. Bowlin, Houston, 1976  
 Murl L. Boyles, West Virginia, 1927  
 Randy W. Bracey, Western Kentucky, 1982  
 Norman C. Brewer, Jr., Mississippi, 1935  
 William M. Brewer, USAF(Ret.),  
   Mississippi, 1941  
 Craig H. Brewerton, Utah State, 1967  
 William T. Bringham, Sr.,  
   Illinois Wesleyan, 1946  
 William T. Bringham, Jr., Albion, 1975  
 Jacob C. Britcher, Gettysburg, 1932  
 Newton A. Brokaw, Cincinnati, 1942  
 Theodore P. Brookhart, Iowa State, 1963  
 William V. Brothers, Northwestern, 1906  
 Bruce G. Brown, SPHR,  
   California State-Northridge, 1974  
 George K. Buckow, Jr.,  
   Sam Houston State, 1956  
 Samuel C. Bullock, Oregon, 1918\*  
 Thomas Bunger, Indiana, 1973  
 Richard A. Burns, Miami, 1969  
 Mark E. Burroughs,  
   North Carolina State, 1979  
 C. Loren Butler, Idaho, 1963  
 Richard C. Cadwallader, The Ohio State, 1936  
 Charles S. Caldwell, New Mexico, 1922  
 Charles Callas, Columbia, 1951  
 William T. Cameron, Illinois, 1929  
 John Neal Campbell, Vanderbilt, 1914  
 Milton A. Caniff, The Ohio State, 1930  
 Dr. Robert Y. Cannon, Iowa State, 1939  
 William H. Carlisle, Jr., Massachusetts  
   Institute of Technology, 1927  
 Douglas R. Carlson, Minnesota, 1973  
 G. Crawford Cartland,  
   Missouri-Columbia, 1930  
 Irwin J. Cary, Stanford, 1915\*  
 Bruce Morgan Casner,  
   George Washington, 1971  
 George H. Cate, Jr., Vanderbilt, 1949  
 Daniel G. Cederberg, Montana, 1975  
 Charles W. Chancellor, West Virginia, 1919  
 John N. Chapin, Jr., Washington, 1955  
 Frank W. Chappell, Vanderbilt, 1903  
 Malcolm M. Christian, Virginia, 1949  
 Robert Cisco, New Mexico, 1932  
 Carl P. Clare, Idaho, 1927

John T. Clements, Hanover, 1906\*  
 Chester W. Cleveland, Illinois, 1920  
 C. David Cobb, Texas Tech, 1958  
 Martin L. Cohen,  
   California-Los Angeles, 1974  
 Roy E. Cole, Oklahoma, 1925  
 Robert M. Collett, Denison, 1914\*  
 Verne P. Collier, Colorado, 1950  
 Dr. Charles J. Collins, MD, Emory, 1921  
 Clarence P. Connell, Vanderbilt, 1906  
 Thomas H. Conner, Ph.D., Hillsdale, 1972  
 Kevin P. Cook, Connecticut, 1974  
 Thurlow E. Coon, Michigan, 1906\*  
 John W. Cooper, Jr., Missouri-Columbia, 1947  
 Kenneth E. Cornell, Union, 1949  
 Frederick K. Cox, Case Western Reserve, 1936  
 Kenneth Y. Craig, Nebraska, 1919  
 Frank D. Crane,  
   British Columbia-Simon Fraser, 1961  
 Dennis O. Cabbage, Oklahoma, 1932  
 Albert F. Cuite, Tulsa, 1966  
 Dr. Joel L. Cunningham,  
   Tennessee-Chattanooga, 1965  
 John J. Curry, Jr., Northwestern, 1975  
 Robert J. Cuyler, California-Los Angeles, 1949  
 Glen D. Dalton, Ohio Wesleyan, 1924  
 George R. Dane, Iowa, 1944  
 Cecil H. Davidson, Colorado State, 1934  
 Paul B. Davidson, Montana State, 1919  
 Dr. Robert L. D. Davidson, Dickinson, 1931  
 Robert W. Davies, QC, Toronto-Ryerson, 1940  
 John C. Davis, Illinois, 1956  
 Merrill K. Davis, Utah, 1936  
 Frank E. Dean, Pennsylvania, 1933  
 Don J. DeCesare, Union, 1974  
 Gordon B. DeLashmet, Mississippi, 1949  
 Frederick S. DeMarr, Maryland, 1949  
 William Lewis Denton, San Diego State, 1957  
 Sheldon Detrick, Oklahoma State, 1958  
 Eugene C. DeVol, CLU, Pennsylvania, 1934  
 James N. DeWitt, Cincinnati, 1959  
 Rev. William F. Dopp, Indiana, 1964  
 Hamilton Douglas, Jr., Vanderbilt, 1908\*  
 Richard S. Doyle, George Washington, 1917\*  
 Herbert E. Drake, Jr., Auburn, 1941  
 Charles J. Driver, Illinois Wesleyan, 1930  
 Michael H. Dunn, Utah State, 1976  
 Henry Durham, Kentucky, 1953  
 Benjamin F. Duvall, Illinois, 1924  
 Lester E. Earnest, San Diego State, 1928  
 J. Russell Easton, Iowa, 1923  
 Marvin L. Ebelmesser, DDS, DePauw, 1922  
 Richard C. Econn, Southern California, 1954  
 Bert R. Edwards, Whitman, 1936

John D. Edwards, Western Ontario, 1980  
 Daryl M. Egbert, Oregon, 1977  
 Dr. Thomas L. Ely, DO,  
   Sam Houston State, 1964  
 James R. Engel, San Jose State, 1974  
 Lester T. Etter, Dickinson, 1934  
 David M. Everett,  
   Tennessee-Chattanooga, 1975  
 James M. Ewing, Jr., Mississippi, 1956  
 Jack A. Fabulich, Puget Sound, 1951  
 Edward S. Farrow, Massachusetts Institute  
   of Technology, 1920  
 Paul A. Faust, Washington, 1964  
 Robert M. Feemster, DePauw, 1933\*  
 Harold H. Fehr, Pennsylvania, 1922  
 Donald J. Fergle, Central Michigan, 1980  
 George A. Fierheller, Toronto-Ryerson, 1955  
 Bernard A. Fischer, Arizona, 1953  
 Benjamin S. Fisher, Illinois, 1913\*  
 Benjamin C. Fisher, Illinois, 1948  
 Edwin C. Fisher, Illinois, 1928  
 Clarence A. Fiske, Albion, 1890\*  
 Ferris H. Fitch, Michigan, 1915  
 Michael T. Fleming, Wisconsin, 1981  
 Dr. William P. Fleming, Jr.,  
   Sam Houston State, 1964  
 Raymond H. Fogler, Maine, 1915  
 Jack E. Fore, Texas-Austin, 1922  
 Dr. Tomlinson Fort, Jr., Georgia, 1952  
 James D. Foulke, Indiana, 1954  
 Edwin B. Freeland, Miami, 1959  
 Dr. John H. Fyfe, Jr., Colorado, 1973  
 Mark J. Galbo, San Jose State, 1982  
 Albert J. Galen, Montana, 1950  
 Jack D. Garber, USMC(Ret),  
   Colorado-Boulder, 1946  
 Laurence R. Gardner, Washington, 1923  
 Robert C. Garrison, Alabama, 1925  
 Veit Gentry, Chicago, 1911  
 Robert J. Georges, Florida Southern, 1973  
 Kurt B. Gerstner, Rochester, 1979  
 Dr. L. Wayne Gertmenian,  
   Southern California, 1961  
 James E. Getz, Eastern Illinois, 1972  
 Dr. Charles C. Gilbert, III,  
   George Washington, 1965  
 Terence W. Gilmore, Western Ontario, 1958  
 J. Roger Glunt, Pittsburgh, 1960  
 Arthur P. Goldner, Miami, 1948  
 James William Goodwin, Illinois, 1926  
 Steven W. Gossett, San Jose State, 1964  
 Fredrick C. Grabner, Beloit, 1911  
 John W. Graham, QC, Toronto-Ryerson, 1933  
 Frank L. Grant, Michigan, 1892  
 Harold O. Grauel,  
   Southeast Missouri State, 1924  
 Jon L. Greenawalt, Sr., Pennsylvania, 1961  
 Michael A. Greenberg,  
   Illinois Wesleyan, 1982  
 Jeffery D. Greene, Wyoming, 1975  
 Harvey P. Griffin, Missouri-Columbia, 1909  
 H. Thomas Griffith, Northwestern, 1955  
 Christopher J. Grimes, Western Ontario, 1957  
 William R. Grimm, Oklahoma, 1970  
 Alfred W. Gross, Illinois, 1915  
 D. Breckenridge Grover,  
   Tennessee-Knoxville, 1969  
 Richard M. Guess, Mississippi, 1916  
 Bernard H. Gummerman,  
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 David L. Gundry, Rochester, 1935  
 John H. Hackney, Jr., Emory, 1936  
 Edmund H. Haeger, Beloit, 1909  
 C. Norman Halford, McGill, 1945  
 Harry L. Hallock, Michigan, 1940  
 L. Mead Hammond,  
   George Washington, 1925  
 Eric B. Hansen, Cincinnati, 1989  
 Richard C. Harman, Denison, 1935  
 Robert R. Harmon, Virginia, 1923  
 H. Richard Harper, Cincinnati, 1947  
 Charles E. Harrell, Indiana, 1933  
 Charles H. Harrington, Jr., Rhode Island, 1973  
 Dr. Daniel S. Harrop, III, Brown, 1976  
 Joe G. Hartman, Central Florida, 1972  
 Romain C. Hassrick, Bucknell, 1906  
 Garnett W. Haubelt, Oklahoma, 1969  
 Orwill V. W. Hawkins, Bucknell, 1913  
 Robert W. Hayden, Miami, 1960  
 Ralph B. Hegsted, Idaho, 1962  
 R. Stephen Heinrichs,  
   California State-Fresno, 1968  
 Fred H. Heitzhausen, Oregon, 1917  
 Mac E. Heitzhausen, Oregon State, 1959  
 John F. Hellebush, Cincinnati, 1935  
 Robert W. Helmholtz, Miami, 1949  
 John W. Henderson, CFA, McGill, 1957  
 Arthur H. Hendrickson, Lafayette, 1951  
 William C. Henning, DePauw, 1890\*  
 William N. Herleman, Illinois, 1948  
 Richard B. Heroman, Louisiana State, 1976  
 Herbert J. Herring, Duke, 1922  
 Mark P. Herschede, Cincinnati, 1940  
 Richard E. Hester, Ball State, 1977  
 Lewis R. Higgins, Idaho, 1964  
 Elton B. Hill, Michigan State, 1915  
 James E. Holliday, Oklahoma State, 1968  
 John M. Holt, ESQ., DePauw, 1950  
 Michael R. Homyak,  
   Northern Colorado, 1960  
 H. Frank Hook, III, Georgia Southern, 1971  
 George L. Hooper, Kansas State, 1960  
 Earl D. Hostetter, Chicago, 1907\*  
 Charles F. I. Hough, Illinois, 1937\*  
 S. Brent Howard, Oklahoma State, 1958  
 James O. Huber, Wisconsin, 1960  
 John H. Huddilston, Maine, 1902  
 William P. Huffman, Denison, 1911\*  
 Elton B. Hunt, Oklahoma, 1913\*  
 W. Dean Hunter, San Diego State, 1956  
 Jon M. Huntsman, Sr., Pennsylvania, 1959  
 Dr. Fritz D. Hurd, MD, Minnesota, 1923  
 Patrick J. Hurley, George Washington, 1913\*  
 Thomas J. Hutton, Virginia Tech, 1983  
 Edward L. Ihling, Northwestern, 1948  
 Milton K. Jackson, Texas-Austin, 1949  
 Richard A. Jackson, Butler, 1950  
 Sidney Jenkins, Denison, 1918\*  
 Steven A. Jensen, Utah State, 1963  
 George O. Jernigan, Jr., Arkansas, 1961  
 Gilbert T. Jerome, Michigan, 1924  
 F. Hedley Jobbins, Columbia, 1895\*  
 Douglas R. Johnson, San Diego State, 1969  
 Dr. Marvin D. Johnson, Arizona, 1950  
 Thomas R. Johnson, The Ohio State, 1941  
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 William E. Johnson, Cincinnati, 1958  
 Albert C. Johnston,  
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 Thomas E. Johnston, Sr., Kansas, 1953  
 George H. Jones, MD, Louisiana State, 1942  
 Robert H.W. Jones, III,  
   Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 1973  
 Stanley Jones, Albion, 1946  
 Jerry L. Jordan, Florida, 1957  
 Robert E. Joseph, Willamette, 1957  
 Dr. Gregory W. Kallos, DDS, Nebraska, 1949  
 Gregory J. Kallos, Kansas, 1953  
 Paul H. Kaufman, Denison, 1922  
 Eugene J. Kelly, Montana, 1923  
 Regis H. Kennedy, Columbia, 1940  
 Robert F. Kershaw, Butler, 1941  
 Charles A. Kiler, Illinois, 1892\*  
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## Statement of Position Concerning Pledge Training & The Ritual

*The following policy statement has been adopted as a part of the Governing Laws and therefore demands the same respect and attention of the Fraternity's Ritual, Constitutions, Statutes, and Executive Committee Regulations:*

The teachings of our Ritual—the basis of all our pledging and initiation, and active and alumni life—must govern our every act and attitude. Initiation into Sigma Chi is truly not only a ceremony by which new members are created, but is much more. Its meanings are subject to constant interpretation and achievement by those who have earned the honor by striving for it. The Fraternity does not maintain that membership in Sigma Chi should be achieved casually, lightly, or without determination, reasonable effort and commitment by those who seek it.

The Fraternity provides extensive material and guidance to chapters on this subject through The Ritual, Ritualistic Statutes, The Norman Shield, The Magister's Manual, the programs of the Leadership Training Workshop and many Province Workshops, and the efforts of the Grand Praetors and Headquarters Staff. Further guidance and assistance in those and other areas will continue, and is available to any chapter upon request. These provide adequate resources for each chapter to develop and implement a positive, suitable program.

### **The Basis Of Concern**

The reasons for concern by the Fraternity in this area cannot be dealt with simply under the heading of the term hazing. The term hazing is sometimes too narrowly defined by some seeking rationalizations. The causes for concern are spelled out more definitely under the guidelines below. The causes for concern have as a basis the ACHIEVING of the process of Initiation, not degradation of those who seek it. The goal is preparation for a productive life as a citizen, through Sigma Chi, not merely forced humility or second class citizenship. We believe, as the Sigma Chi Creed says, in fairness, decency, good manners, and being ever a credit to our Fraternity.

There is a definite need for increased knowledge and understanding of the seriousness of purpose of Sigma Chi, and the expectations and commitments made by all of us in experiencing our Ritual and the honor of becoming a member.

Your Fraternity leaders and Executive Committee realize and appreciate that the majority of our active chapters conduct responsible and inspiring pledge programs and Initiation ceremonies and have not been, are not, and will not become involved in anything which even remotely could be considered hazing or in violation of Sigma Chi law or programs. Nonetheless, there is a definite necessity for an increased vigilance, awareness, dedication and determination in this matter. There are chapters in Sigma Chi where our Ritual and its purposes and procedures are not adhered to the fullest, and where questionable, contradictory or wasteful activities are taking place during the Pledge Program, Indoctrination Week, or Initiation.

In confronting this problem, the following basics are pertinent:

- Sigma Chi, both in stated goals and purposes and usually-achieved results, is a positive experience, designed to be contributory and beneficial throughout a man's life.
- Past, present and future, its purpose is to be uplifting, motivational, value-setting, and enjoyable in constructive ways.
- Its heart is brotherhood, personal association and involvement, and an obligation of every brother to help each other to achieve. It is in the context of positive emphasis and guidance that the following guidelines will apply, and are to be used in determining and conducting any of our activities in the pledging, pre-Initiation and Initiation programs:

#### **Pledge Program Guidelines**

- The goals set forth in The Jordan Standard require us, as a Fraternity, to ensure that we allow each student time for his academic responsibilities, reasonable sleep, and reasonable campus involvement. Our prospective members are in school for an education, a learning experience, both in and out of the classroom.
- Whatever is performed or allowed to happen must be fully consistent with the ideals and the spirit of our Ritual, Ritualistic Statutes, and Governing Laws. The lessons of our traditions noted above involve much more than just I had to do it—they should too.
- If it's done only for the fun of the actives, the odds are very high that whatever it is should not be done.
- A man does not pledge to be in servitude to an individual brother. He is aspiring to be a member of the Chapter and the Fraternity.
- If something is designed just to make a man a good pledge, rather than to make him a good brother, or just to see how much he wants to become a member, it is not appropriate.
- Ask yourself, Would I like to do what we are making the pledge do? If the answer is no, chances are very strong that it is wrong.
- Forced unity or unity-at-any-cost can, often unknowingly, result in resentment or exaggerated competition against the chapter, and conflict with the pledge class' later integration into the chapter, creating a caste system. Unity will occur from shared experiences.
- If instilling humility is the only or major purpose of what is being done, it most likely should not be done.
- The fact that we've always done it does not, by itself, justify its continuance.
- If an activity became known and/or publicized, could it really be explained or justified to, and understood or appreciated by parents, officials, or rushees? If not, it should not be done.
- The greater the extent of physical or mental exhaustion, excessive nervousness or fear, total frustration, or desire to get this over with,



the greater the likelihood that the pledge will not absorb, remember and understand the important lessons of our pledge program, the Initiation and Ritual.

#### **Examples of Prohibited Activities**

Actions and activities which are explicitly prohibited include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Calisthenics; sit-ups and push ups.
- Running stairs while reciting material.
- Purposeless runs for the sake of creating unity.
- Yelling and screaming or use of obscenities at pledges during the line-ups.
- Telling pledge he's failed by snuffing out candles in front of him.
- Brothers intentionally mess up the house or room after pledges clean it.
- Pledges blindfolded, told that everyone before them has jumped onto a nail, and they must too (they not knowing there is no nail, as such).
- Pledges booed and hissed or demeaned when they make a mistake in recitation in front of the chapter.
- Pledges being required to perform personal errands or acts of personal servitude for the convenience of brothers.
- Calling pledges scums and other degrading terms.
- Wearing burlap bags or other embarrassing or uncomfortable garments.
- Less than six hours of undisturbed time in bed each night during the week prior to Initiation.
- Deception designed to convince the pledge he won't be initiated.
- Dropping eggs in pledges' mouths.
- Excessively loud music played during I-Week and between portions of various ceremonies.
- Paddle swats.
- Pushing, shoving or tackling pledges during movement to various events.
- Pledges awakened time and again during the night, quizzed and/or harassed, told their answers are wrong no matter how they answer.
- Pledges dragged onto the floor when awakened.
- Pledges write list of their faults or sins, believing they must read them to the chapter or brothers.
- Bracing and finger-snapping in pledges' ears during Initiation.

- Any violation of Ritual instructions, procedures or Statutes.
- Brothers using Ritual materials before Initiation.

These are practices which have been done in the past and there are thousands of others also equally unacceptable.

### Conclusion

Sigma Chi's specified programs for pledge training, Indoctrination Week and Initiation, absent of any hazing or questionable activities, have proved to be consistently effective in achieving the development of active, effective committed brothers. Only the brothers in the active chapters can carry out these programs, however.

All Sigma Chis have a responsibility to the Fraternity and its future, and to the rest of the Greek system, and to our families, to enhance and contribute to our reputation, and not even remotely create any situation which may damage it. Sigma Chi must depend on our undergraduate brothers and chapters to perpetuate our Grand Fraternity through Initiation. With this expression of concern and communication, our confidence is placed in you.

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## STUDY GUIDE

In preparation for the pledge examination, all Sigma Chi pledges should be able to discuss any and all of the selected topics below:

### The Founding of Sigma Chi

- Circumstances leading to and major details, facts and dates of founding.
- Broad understanding and knowledge of the Seven Founders. Including full name, traits or virtues associated with each and specific contributions to Sigma Chi.
- A more specific understanding of 2 of the 7 founders of Sigma Chi

### Sigma Chi Historical Concepts and Facts

- Understanding of the struggles of the Emperor Constantine and how his battles were influential to the founders while establishing Sigma Chi.
- Ability to write The Jordan Standard and describe how it is used by all undergraduate chapters and members
- Ability to write The Sigma Chi Creed and discuss its major themes.
- Ability to write The Spirit of Sigma Chi and discuss its meaning.
- Understanding of what rituals are, and how the Sigma Chi Ritual impacts our members and others.
- Understanding of the Purpose of Sigma Chi as outlined in the Governing Laws.

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## Sigma Chi's Web sites

### ► SIGMACHI.ORG

Sigma Chi's main website, [sigmachichicago.org](http://sigmachichicago.org) is home for pertinent resources and updates from around the Fraternity.

### ► SIGMACHI.COM

The Membership Network of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

### ► RMFEDUCATION.ORG

The Web site of the Risk Management Foundation provides helpful resources and information regarding all things related to risk management in a chapter.

### ► NICINDY.ORG

The Web site of the North-American Interfraternity Conference.

## ONLINE FORMS

### ► [http://sigma-chi.net/\\_pledgeform](http://sigma-chi.net/_pledgeform)

The Magister or Consul can log-in to this website and add information on the pledges and initiates of the chapter.

### ► [http://sigma-chi.net/\\_semiannualforms](http://sigma-chi.net/_semiannualforms)

The Consul or Pro Consul can log-in to this website and alter the roster of the chapter. This form must be submitted by October 15th and March 15th of each academic year.

### ► [http://sigma-chi.net/\\_officerupdate](http://sigma-chi.net/_officerupdate)

Each time a chapter elects new officers the outgoing Consul or Pro Consul should visit this Web site and update the newest officers of the chapter. Doing so will update the records at Headquarters and ensure that the new officers receive important announcements.

(study guide continued)

## General Fraternity Government, Functions and Programs

- Name specific duties and the selection process of the Grand Consul, Grand Pro Consul, Grand Quaestor and your Province's Grand Praetor.
- Resources offered by the Sigma Chi International Headquarters and staff.
- Familiarity with the Constitution and Executive Committee Regulations, especially in regards to organization.
- The ability for undergraduates to serve in governance and on committees.
- Understanding the organizational structure of Sigma Chi.
- Compare and contrast Grand Chapter and Grand Council

## The Undergraduate Chapter

- Names and chief duties of your chapter's Consul, Pro Consul, Magister, Quaestor and Annotator.
- Your chapter's charter (official founding) date.
- Name and specific duties of your Chapter Advisor.

## The Individual Member

- Contributions you will make to any specific area of chapter activity and/or the involvement that can be expected of you as a member in and as an alumnus.
- Describe the involvement that can be expected of you as an alumnus
- Your understanding of the meaning of true brotherhood.
- Understanding of the responsibilities of being a member of Sigma Chi.

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