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CORRECTIONS:

Chattanooga Alumni Chapter members Ken Smith, **TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA 1994**, and Darrin Ledford, **1993**, both members of the Chattanooga, Tennessee city council, were guest speakers at the university chapter's 70th-anniversary event on May 17, 2017. We listed the incorrect information in the winter 2017 to 2018 issue of *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, and apologize for the error.

Also in the winter issue, we misidentified Jim Green, **CAL. STATE-FRESNO 1961**. We regret any confusion that may have been created.

Letter From the Grand Consul

Brothers and Friends,

It is February at the time of this writing and I just received a call that my brother-in-law's father killed himself. What would be going through your mind as you received a similar call? I wondered if there was something I could or should have done. I wondered what I could do to comfort the family or provide support. I then remembered this *Magazine* is about mental health and how maybe telling my story might help someone else. This issue also rejoices that thanks to generous support from Michael Ziblich, **LOUISIANA STATE 2013**, Sigma Chi is creating its Strong Arms mental health education program. I hope you will read about it and like me, be thankful we have brothers who are committed to helping others.

Some of you know that in 1999 I was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Surgery followed two weeks later and I began recovering from having my skull opened and someone poke around my brain. As I liked to joke, now I have proof as an attorney that I have a brain no matter what a judge might say. However, the process of surgery and recovery was long and stressful for me and my family. The tumor was not malignant and I am fine, but I will never forget the lessons I learned.

Not long after surgery, I began to suffer from clinical depression. Depression is not just a feeling of sadness. The chemicals in my brain were severely out of whack. In trying to explain it, I have compared it to how you might have a dream of something odd, like everyone having a pig under their arm, yet in the dream you think nothing of it. When you wake up, your first thought is along the lines of, 'Why did everyone have a pig under their arm,' but in the dream, it made perfect sense. For me and most of those I have spoken with, clinical depression is like that. Things that normally make no sense suddenly do and you feel that no one understands. People comment that a rational person would not attempt or commit suicide and they are likely correct, but someone with clinical depression or similar conditions may see it as perfectly reasonable and logical.

I began to act wildly different from the way I used to, was angry and lost interest in the things I liked, such as reading and doing things with my children. Instead, all I wanted to do was nap and feel sorry for myself. My family and friends attempted to talk with me and find out what was wrong, but I became frustrated and angry. Finally, a Fraternity brother told me about his experience with clinical depression. I insisted that I was fine and he agreed and said that all he asked was that I check with a doctor to see if medication might make me see things differently. He said he would consider it a favor if I would try so he would not worry.

I saw the doctor and got a prescription and was lucky. The first medication worked. It was like I had awoken from a dream. I remembered the things I had done and said and thought. Worst of all, I remember how those things had once made sense to me. I had even

considered suicide, although I never attempted it nor got close to attempting it. Suddenly, I understood how dangerous clinical depression was and I promised to discuss it openly.

After apologizing to my family and friends, I began to watch for symptoms of clinical depression. I am not a trained professional, but I can share my experience and encourage others to doubt their infallibility and see if medication can work. If it doesn't, they lose nothing but time. Most of the time I have shared my experience and someone has taken my advice, though, the person came back and told a story similar to mine, where they realized how close to the abyss they were.

When someone breaks their arm, there is no stigma attached to having a cast. Unfortunately, people, especially men, have a stigma if they consider that they may need mental health help. I believe a lot of it comes from playing sports where we were always told to "walk it off" or "be tough." Clinical depression is not something that can be walked off, nor does it reflect whether someone is tough. A person with clinical depression or similar conditions may push back when people try to help them. But we owe it to our brothers to try everything we can to help.

Strong Arms will be a step in educating undergraduates on mental health. You will likely encounter someone who needs to address his mental health. I implore you to urge him to seek trained help. You should not try to diagnose or argue with him; rather, let him know you are concerned and give him encouragement. You should let him know that you will do what you can to help without judgment.

Every year, I receive word of brothers who have committed suicide and the chapters are usually surprised because they say there were no warning signs. I believe there were, but no one wanted to notice them and confront the brother exhibiting them. With education, we can learn the signs and be the change that has to happen to hopefully prevent suicide.

Please learn about Strong Arms and anticipate its launch next fall. You never know if someone you encourage to learn about it might be the person who will help if you experience mental health issues. I hope and pray that no one ever gets that call that a brother or family member has committed suicide, even though I know it will happen. But as Sigma Chis we expect more, and our brothers, family and friends deserve more.

Expect more,

Tommy Geddings, **SOUTH CAROLINA 1985**
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Letter From the Editor

Dear Readers,

I am a firm believer in the importance of addressing mental health, as to me, it is just as important as one's physical health. I feel this way because of what I endured in my childhood. It left me with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and anxiety. It was not until several years after I graduated with my undergraduate degree that I began to face how it impacted me. I was unable to do so until then.

I had tried to discount the triggers that took me back to what I had experienced, denying to myself that anything was wrong. The funny thing is, until you learn otherwise, you believe that what you experienced in a particular part of your life was normal. It was all you knew, and so it was your normal. With PTSD, certain sights, words or smells can take people who suffer from it back to the original incident, as if it is occurring in the present day. Your mind is stuck in fight-or-flight mode, until you are able to process the memory and what you were feeling during that time.

Fortunately, I have found support to work my way through the symptoms of PTSD, and I believe everyone deserves that same level of help. I am grateful to those who opened themselves up to me and to our writers who crafted the stories in this issue, so that we can help break the stigma of mental health and show that it is so common for people — unbeknownst to the average person — to be facing anxiety, depression or another disorder. It takes courage to let others know what you are experiencing, but it is the only way to meet the issue head-on and to begin to thrive.

I hope you enjoy this issue.

Sincerely,

Susan Lorimor

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Lessons Learned with the Flag While Abroad

Computer science major Thavy Thach, **PUGET SOUND 2019**, finished his first semester abroad in the fall of 2017, and while visiting what was unfamiliar territory to him, he took plenty of pictures to relive his experiences for years to come.

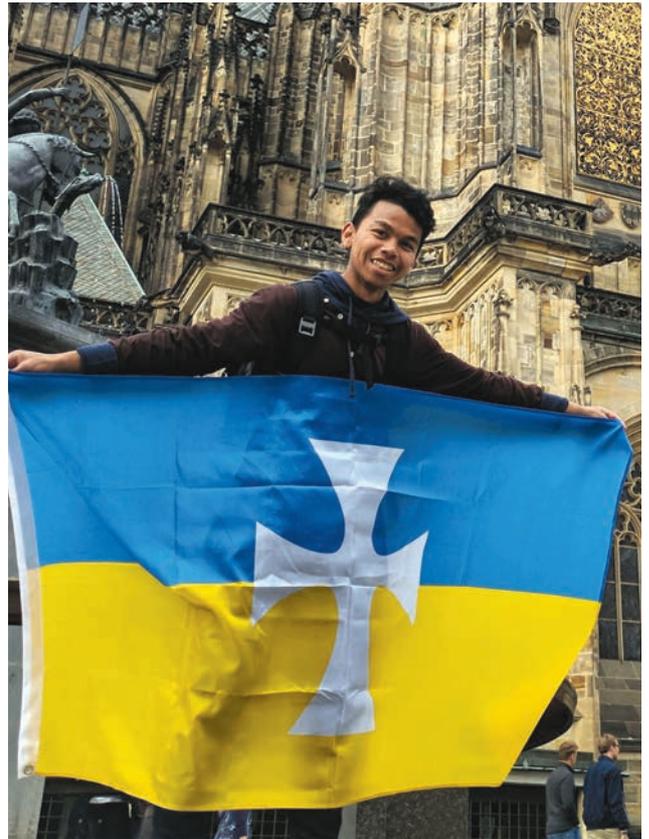
"I got the chance to [take] my flag everywhere I went, to almost all the countries I got to go to [and take photos with it]," says Thach, who was the Nov. 3, 2017, #flagfriday winner. "I went to Vienna, Austria; I went to Prague, Czech Republic ... [and to] Poland, Italy, Switzerland and a bunch [of] other [places]."

On his trip, Thach says he visited a total of nine new countries, taking a picture with the flag at a minimum of six unique locations. He is seen here in front of Prague Castle in Prague, his favorite spot, on Sept. 23, 2017. This photo was one the of five pictures featured in the winning #flagfriday post, attracting 569 likes on Instagram as of Jan. 18, 2018.

"I was actually going to bring one of my brothers' Sigma Chi flags abroad with me, but none of them wanted [me] to do that, so I bought my own," says Thach. "It was probably the best decision, because I got to fly [mine] around many places that were really distinct — really beautiful to the eye."

For Thach, who says he was one of 66 applicants chosen out of a 1,000-student pool for the computer science study abroad program at Aquincum Institute of Technology-Budapest, taking photos of the flag turned into a lesson about the Fraternity.

"Whenever I pull [the Sigma Chi flag] out, I always tell [observers] what my Fraternity is about," says Thach, who is now in New Zealand on his second semester abroad. Thach says he wants to fly the flag in the various places he plans to visit, including Australia, the Cook Islands near New Zealand and Taiwan.



Passing the Proverbial Torch onto a New Chapter Social Media Manager

In ancient Greece, burning sticks were passed in succession from one teammate to another to advance a team in its relay races. Today, the idiom "passing the torch" is widely used when describing passing responsibilities onto the next person in line to keep operations afloat, such as a chapter's social media accounts. It is important to be ready to hand-off a chapter's social media accounts and passwords to the next officer after elections.

"In our [chapter], I know we've had some problems with [transitioning] honestly," says Justin Hanen, **BRADLEY 2018**, an interactive media major with a minor in social media marketing. Challenges can come when an outgoing officer is hesitant to give over access to the social media accounts, or when an alumnus is an administrator for an account and the current undergraduates either cannot get a hold of him to gain access to it or he has forgotten what the password to it is.

Still, some chapters may not have elected social media chairmen, complicating the transition further. At Hanen's chapter, the person who has the passwords to the accounts simply decides who gets them next. "Just after I got initiated [in 2016], I asked the senior who had that position, 'Can I take this [responsibility] over when you're done with it?'" says Hanen. "They were ... pretty

hesitant about giving it up, which is understandable [since] it's not a real position, but you treat it as a real position."

Hanen says there are a few things to consider when transitioning a new social media account manager, whether the chapter recognizes the responsibility as an official role or not. He explains that if the outgoing social media manager would continue to use the account, especially if he had a track record of posting items that did not contribute to positive public relations, damaging the chapter's image, then changing the account password would be the first thing to do.

"If [past social media managers] were to have posted anything that doesn't reflect well on the [chapter], I would go and delete that," adds Hanen.

As Hanen illustrates, creating processes to transition authority of the chapter's accounts is vital for the success and longevity of its good reputation. Incoming social media managers need to have a thorough understanding of what the role entails and what constitutes positive public relations, as well as a plan to pass on the chapter's account passwords once they leave their roles. If any of the above items are neglected, a once-successful account may become inactive or fail to perform well in the future.

Ritual for Life Program Launch Delayed; More Ritual Peers and Further Training Sought

After the publication of the winter 2017 to 2018 *Magazine of Sigma Chi*, which featured the Fraternity's new program, Ritual for Life (R4L), its launch was delayed due to logistical and programming details. R4L, which will educate new initiates about the Ritual, was to deploy to all undergraduate chapters in the fall.

R4L relies upon certified Ritual Peers to teach part of its curriculum, and Order of Constantine Sig Mark Galbo, **SAN JOSE STATE 1982**, who is vice chairman of the Jordan Initiative, says the committee realized some of the information that the Ritual Peers would be teaching was not covered in the training for their roles. "The Ritual committee said, 'Let's look at how [we're] training the Ritual Peers and how it incorporates R4L learning into it.'"

R4L is intended to teach new initiates the history of the Ritual, as well as its meaning. The desire is to have the Ritual Peers not only understand how the Ritual evolved, but how to incorporate it into everyday life, Galbo says.

Also, with the Fraternity's new health and safety policies, which will mean a shortened Preparation for Brotherhood pledge program and other changes next fall, Galbo says the Jordan Initiative committee, which is creating R4L, believed simultaneously introducing a new program would overwhelm chapters.



He says the new target date for the R4L launch will be the 2019 Balfour Leadership Training Workshop.

In the meantime, the current R4L pilot chapters will continue to utilize and test the program. "So far, it's been going very, very well," says Galbo of the pilot. He says

the Jordan Initiative committee is still extracting data from Sigma Chi U, which holds the Fraternity's online learning curriculum, as well as survey responses, to learn about the effectiveness of the current R4L program. The committee is also gathering data from Pro Consuls, who are charged with overseeing R4L in the pilot chapters. "As a result, we are modifying R4L," he says.

He encourages chapters who want to be part of the pilot program to express that interest by emailing leadership.programs@sigmach.org.

The committee is also looking for Ritual Peers for chapters that are in remote areas. Galbo says 49 undergraduate chapters do not yet have a Ritually certified alumnus who lives within an hour of the chapter who can help them when R4L fully launches. For more information or to volunteer to be a Ritual Peer, email leadership.programs@sigmach.org.

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Fraternity Financial Commentary 2016 to 2017 Fiscal Year

The General Fraternity had a strong 2016 to 2017 fiscal year, recognizing gross revenues from operations of \$6.6 million. Total operating revenue grew over the previous fiscal period by roughly \$805,000 — \$311,000 of which was directly attributable to the 2017 Grand Chapter. The Sigma Chi Foundation continued its practice of ever-increasing support, bolstering 2016 to 2017 grants by over \$430,000. Pledge, initiate and membership fee revenue combined grew by \$115,000. Life Loyal Sig membership and alumni chapter revenue fell by \$10,000, reflecting a 7 percent reduction. Chapter supplies revenue also experienced a \$42,000 decrease, a 40 percent decrease from where it was the previous fiscal year.

From a cost perspective, operating expenses totaled \$6.3 million for the 2016 to 2017 fiscal year. This increase of \$724,000 compared to the previous fiscal year correlated closely with the jump in revenue discussed above. Per budgeted expectations, nearly half of those additional expenses were attributable to the biennial Grand Chapter event. In other areas, leadership programs expenses increased by \$157,000 over the previous fiscal period. Many of those expenses were attributable to the Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit, which hosted a full five sessions versus four during the previous period. Accountability and chapter support costs jumped \$166,000, reflecting the Foundation's investment in the regional chapter support model to which the organization is shifting. In the same vein, expansion expenses grew by \$78,000, and most of that increase is due to the addition of two regionally stationed expansion coordinators charged with responsibly and expeditiously guiding colonies to chapter installations.

From an operational perspective, excluding designated fund investments, the Sigma Chi International Fraternity closed the 2016 to 2017 fiscal year with a net asset increase of \$380,000. In an encouraging trend, our actual revenues were up nearly 5 percent when compared to original budgeted targets, while actual expenses were 2 percent lower than budgeted expectations.

Over the past year, the financial investments of the designated fund mirrored market-wide gains experienced throughout the equity markets. Designated fund values gained \$866,000 during the 2016 to 2017 fiscal year, translating to a total portfolio market value of over \$7.5 million on June 30, 2017.

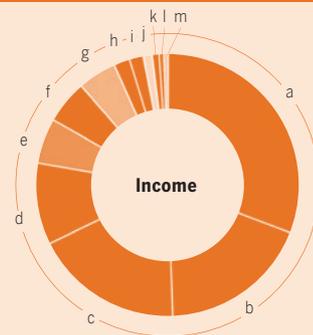
One of our largest revenue sources, the Sigma Chi Foundation, fully or partially funded the successful deployment of our Preparation for Brotherhood pledge program, a full five Horizons sessions, the expansion of our Sigma Chi U leadership education development model, Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, Crossroads drug and alcohol education program, Mission 365 recruitment workshops and the Sigma Chi Lifeline suicide prevention and mental health online resource, in addition to many other initiatives. The support of the Foundation also fully funded the pilot of our regional chapter support model, allowing strategic, regionally located Headquarters staff to develop increasingly personal, proactive relationships with respective undergraduate chapters.

Through the efforts of our International Fraternity Headquarters staff and the many volunteers who serve the organization, the Fraternity is run in a fiscally conservative manner. The Fraternity's Executive Committee has approved a budget for the 2017 to 2018 fiscal year that is designed to keep expenses as low as possible and to estimate revenue in a very conservative manner. We will strive to continue to deliver world-class programs and services and to be good stewards of the Fraternity's funds.

The 2016 to 2017 fiscal year audited financial statements are available upon request. Contact Headquarters or the Grand Quaestor if you have questions.

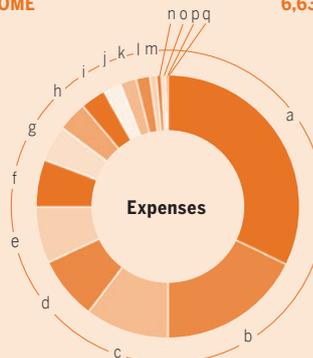
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INCOME		(\$ in thousands)
a.	Sigma Chi Foundation Support	2,062 31.1
b.	Initiation Fees	1,221 18.3
c.	Membership Fees	1,217 18.3
d.	Pledge Fees	661 10.0
e.	Royalties, Advertising, & Corp. Partnerships	381 5.6
f.	Leadership Program Fees	352 5.3
g.	Grand Chapter	311 4.7
h.	Life Loyal & Alumni Memberships	133 2.0
i.	Risk Management Foundation Support	103 1.5
j.	Subsidiary Investment – Constantine Capital, Inc.	68 1.0
k.	Chapter Supplies	63 0.9
l.	Subsidiary Investment – Blue and Gold Travel Services of Ill.	32 0.5
m.	Other Income	31 0.5

TOTAL INCOME 6,635 100.0



EXPENSES		
a.	Leadership Programs	2,032 32.3
b.	General and Administrative	1,103 17.6
c.	Accountability & Chapter Support	652 10.4
d.	Marketing and Public Relations	471 7.5
e.	Information Technology	440 7.0
f.	Grand Chapter	371 5.9
g.	Alumni Services	281 4.5
h.	Expansion	224 3.6
i.	Education Leadership Board	191 3.0
j.	Grand Praetors	133 2.1
k.	External and Government Affairs	116 1.9
l.	Subsidiary Investment – Blue and Gold Travel Services of Ill.	104 1.7
m.	Board Expenses	55 0.9
n.	Ritual Committee	42 0.7
o.	Grand Trustees	25 0.4
p.	Subsidiary Investment – Constantine Capital, Inc.	11 0.2
q.	Other Expenses	4 0.1

TOTAL EXPENSES 6,255 100.0

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Building an Impact

Purdue alumnus gives back to his community by making home repairs for those in need.

By Angeleen Kipfer

Don Trieschmann, **PURDUE 1958**, has been practicing carpentry as a hobby since he was a child. For the past 12 years, he has been using those skills to help homeowners in need through Rebuilding Together North Suburban Chicago (RTNSC).

RTNSC is one of roughly 150 affiliates of the national nonprofit organization, Rebuilding Together, which was founded in 1996 in Midland, Texas. The program provides free home repairs and improvements to homeowners across the United States, with a focus on assisting elderly and disabled individuals, as well as veterans and families with children. RTNSC receives more than 100 applications each year for home repair or improvement, with nearly 60 percent of those applications being accepted.

For his work with the organization, Trieschmann is recognized as the spring quarter recipient of the Mark V. Anderson Character-in-Action™ Leadership Award.

As a house captain and a member of RTNSC's board of directors, Trieschmann visits many homes each year to evaluate the work that needs to be done, assess the costs to do so and assign and manage volunteer groups capable of handling the work for a given home. He is also the board's fundraising chairman and according to Sharon Riley, RTNSC executive director, he has quadrupled the affiliate's capacity to serve those in need through fundraising. In some cases, he has even applied for and received grants to help fund home repairs.

He plans to visit roughly 20 homes during 2018; according to RTNSC's website, the organization works on a total of about 50 to 60 homes per year. They repair homes throughout the year and on national Rebuilding Day, which is held on the last Saturday in April. It is a day when hundreds of volunteers, skilled and unskilled, focus on home repair.

According to RTNSC's website, the organization began in 1996, when residents came together to help their neighbors in the northern suburbs of Chicago, emulating an initiative called Christmas in April that began in 1973 in Midland, Texas, to help homeowners who could not afford essential repairs.

When volunteers do lend their services to those in need, Trieschmann says the unskilled individuals help with tasks such as doing yard work, painting and removing clutter from homes and the land on which they were built, while the program hires skilled workers as needed for large home repairs such as roof or furnace replacement.

He says that in many cases, the homeowners physically cannot make repairs or clean the houses out themselves. "A lot of these people are wheelchair-bound, they're sick, they're disabled [and] they can't do anything," states Trieschmann. "So, you come in there, you clean the house up [and] you change their lives."

Additionally, RTNSC will always turn to Trieschmann in cases of emergency, prompting one homeowner to call him an angel for addressing concerns in the family's New Trier Township, Illinois, home such as bad wiring, roof leaks and sewage backup.

Trieschmann does the work as a way to give back to his community. Managing a volunteer group from Saints Faith, Hope and Charity Catholic Church in Winnetka, Illinois, where he worships, he has worked on what he estimates to be around 30 projects during the course of his involvement with RTNSC. In a video created by Order of Constantine Sig and Significant Sig Bernie Sergesketter, **PURDUE 1958**, it is reported that Trieschmann first worked with other members of the parish on a project for RTSNC, then his involvement with the organization grew.

Character-in-Action



MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE AND THE LIVES OF OTHERS

A person with good character shows trustworthiness, respect and fairness to others, as well as responsibility and citizenship. Those members who go out of their way to help others and those who overcome obstacles and lead with integrity are good candidates for the Mark V. Anderson Character-in-Action™ Leadership Award.

Sigma Chi has introduced the award to recognize the selfless acts of brothers. The Fraternity is known for building leaders, and its members have a reputation of acting with character to change their communities. A formal recognition of these actions by the Fraternity allows non-members to appreciate the scope of the organization.

For information about the award, see sigmachi.org/mark-v-anderson-character-in-action-leadership-award.

Left: Don Trieschmann, **PURDUE 1958**, stands with Heidi Trieschmann at a recent home project in Beach Park, Illinois, for Rebuilding Together North Suburban Chicago (RTNSC). The nonprofit organization, for which Trieschmann serves on the board of directors, repairs homes for those who could not otherwise make the repairs themselves. For the home project in Beach Park, Trieschmann received a grant from Lowe's Home Improvement to install new windows into the house, help lead a gut rehab of its bathroom and perform electrical repairs.

"Don Trieschmann is a man of deep faith and feels the obligation to help those who are not as fortunate [as others]," Sergesketter says, adding that Trieschmann's selflessness inspires him to focus on others and their needs. "Don appears to derive a deep sense of satisfaction from making a positive impact on those in need."

Many of the homes that are accepted by RTNSC for home repairs are often in poor shape and Trieschmann says helping their inhabitants live safe and happy lives in what become rehabilitated homes is the most rewarding aspect of what he does. "There is more reward for doing for somebody than doing for yourself," says Trieschmann.

These rewards, he says, are his only motivation for his involvement in RTNSC and his tireless efforts to help homeowners in need.

With no end in sight, Trieschmann plans to continue to help others through the organization, and Riley is appreciative of his efforts. "Don continues to immeasurably bless RTNSC, its board, its volunteers, its skilled contractors and those we serve who have fallen on hard times," says Riley. "And he accomplishes all [of] this with great joy and a sense of fun, endearing him to all."

"A lot of these people are wheelchair-bound, they're sick, they're disabled [and] they can't do anything," states Don Trieschmann, PURDUE 1958. "So, you come in there, you clean the house up [and] you change their lives."

Significance

Sigma Chi inspires its members to lead by example, bringing Fraternity values to life. In doing so, Sigs excel in their professional pursuits. The following are brothers recognized for their achievements.



ANDERSON EARNS FOOTBALL HONORS

Ohio University Bobcats offensive lineman Joe Anderson, **2018**, was one of 11 team members named to one of the Mid-American Conference's all-

conference teams on Nov. 29, 2017. A second-team selection, Anderson played in each of the team's 11 games in 2017 and posted a 9–4 record, finishing second in the Mid-American Conference. He is a sports management major.



SIGNIFICANT SIG NAMED A TOP PETROLEUM PIONEER

The Petroleum Pioneers organization honored Significant Sig Ernest Angelo Jr., **LOUISIANA STATE 1956**, as its Top Pioneer during its 30th

reunion celebration at the Petroleum Museum in Midland, Texas, on Oct. 6, 2017. Angelo earned the honor for his contributions to the Permian Basin petroleum industry, according to the *Midland Reporter-Telegram*. He is the managing partner of Discovery Exploration, which is a Midland-based company that invests in oil and gas exploration. During his career, Angelo received three appointments to the National Petroleum Council.



NATIONAL PRESS FOUNDATION HONORS BAIER

The National Press Foundation (NPF) selected Significant Sig and Fox News chief political anchor Bret Baier, **DEPAUW 1992**, as the recipient of its

2017 Sol Taishoff Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism. Baier was to receive the award at the NPF awards Dinner in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 15, 2018. The Taishoff award is the foundation's highest honor for broadcast journalists, according to nationalpress.org. Baier joined Fox News in 1998 as the first reporter in its Atlanta bureau, and was previously chief White House correspondent and national security correspondent for the organization.

VIRGINIA TECH SIG RECOGNIZED FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE

AdviCoach business coaching enterprise named Troy Forehand, **VIRGINIA TECH 1986**, its 2017 Franchisee of the Year at the organization's 18th annual Entrepreneur's Source Conference from Sept. 22 to 26 at the Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Marriot Harbor Beach Resort and Spa. Forehand joined AdviCoach Virginia in 2013 after a career in manufacturing engineering management and has since earned the company's 2014 Rising Star award, 2015 marketing award and 2016 Coaching Excellence award, according to an AdviCoach press release.

WABASH SIG SELECTED TO ATTEND ATHENS DEMOCRACY FORUM

Ben Johnson, **WABASH 2018**, was one of 23 students from 12 countries chosen by the Global Liberal Arts Alliance to attend the *New York Times'* Athens Democracy Forum in Greece from Sept. 13 to 17, 2017. Johnson and other students were charged to consider questions raised from the forum's theme. They were then to take an active role in topic discussions led by international policy makers, business leaders and other experts, according to athensdemocracyforum.com. Johnson is an English major with a double minor in rhetoric and economics.

Photo by Scott Suchman/PBS



LETTERMAN RECEIVES TOP PRIZE FOR AMERICAN HUMOR

Significant Sig David Letterman, **BALL STATE 1969**, became the 20th recipient of the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor when he accepted the award at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall on Oct. 22, 2017. Letterman retired from hosting late-night television in May 2015 after a 33-year career that included 52 Emmy nominations and made him the longest-running late-night broadcaster in American history, according to pbs.org. Past Twain prize recipients include entertainers Steve Martin, Bill Murray and Whoopi Goldberg.

RAPP STUDIES AND WORKS IN GERMANY THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Kent Rapp, **RENSSELAER 2018**, is one of 75 American students to be selected for the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals (CBYX) fellowship, allowing him to study and work in Germany during the 2017 to 2018 academic year. While participating in the program, which is funded by the U.S. Department of State, Rapp will have two months of intensive German-language training, followed by four months of study at a German university and five months in a chemical and biological engineering internship.

STEELERS GREAT INDUCTED TO TEAM'S INAUGURAL HALL OF FAME CLASS

The Pittsburgh Steelers inducted Significant Sig Andy Russell, **MISSOURI-COLUMBIA 1963**, and 27 other inaugural members into its hall of fame at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh on Nov. 26, 2017. Russell joins Jerome Bettis and Terry Bradshaw, who played for the organization as running back and quarterback, respectively, in the hall of fame, as well as former coaches and other contributors. Russell

was linebacker for the Steelers in 1962, and from 1966 to 1976. He was a member of the Steelers' Super Bowl championship teams in 1975 and 1976, and earned seven Pro Bowl honors.

SCANLON EARNS "LIFETIME ACHIEVER" DESIGNATION

On Nov. 30, 2017, Marquis, a publisher of directories of short biographies, including Who's Who lists, named Pat Scanlon, **LOUISIANA STATE 1957**, one of its lifetime achievers for his leadership and contributions to the legal profession. Scanlon was a lawyer with the Watkins and Eager law firm in Jackson, Mississippi, and was chairman of the Mississippi Law Institute, as well as chairman and commissioner of the Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance. Additionally, he was president of the Mississippi chapter of the Federal Bar Association, the Mississippi Bar Foundation and the Mississippi State Bar Association.

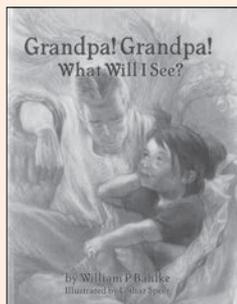


CHARLESTON SIG FINDS SUCCESS AS AN ECONOMIST

The College of Charleston presented Donald Schneider, **CHARLESTON 2012**, its Young Alumnus Award on Nov. 18, 2017, at the school's annual alumni

awards reception and gala in Charleston, South Carolina. Schneider is a senior economist for the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee, where he plays a key role in ongoing tax reform efforts. After graduating from Charleston, he earned his master's in applied economics from Johns Hopkins University while interning with the U.S. House of Representatives. In 2014, he began working as an economist and budget analyst for the House's budget committee before he took on his present role.

Books by Sigs



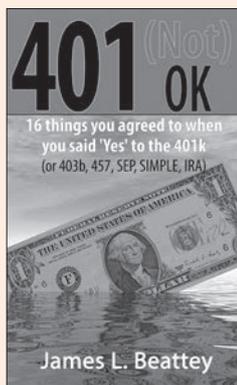
Grandpa! Grandpa! What Will I See?

By William Bahlke, **FLORIDA 1977**

ISBN: 978-0999197103

WPB Publishing; Sept. 17, 2017

Bahlke's story is a children's picture book in which a grandfather ponders his granddaughter's question, "Grandpa! Grandpa! What will I see?" Grandpa answers by sharing memories of his own that include historical events, lessons he has learned over the years and other teachable tales. He then asks his granddaughter what she would like to see in the future, and her response is filled with whimsical, hopeful dreams and fantasies. Throughout the book, readers will find illustrations by artist Lothar Speer that depict the real and imagined events.



401 (Not) OK

16 things you agreed to when you said 'Yes' to the 401k (or 403b, 457, SEP, SIMPLE, IRA)

James L. Beattey

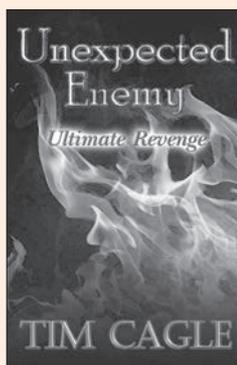
401 (Not) OK

By Order of Constantine Sig Jay Beattey IV, **INDIANA 1981**

ISBN: 978-1546830573

CreateSpace; Sept. 11, 2017

In his second exposé-style book, Beattey says that the 401(k) and its related savings plans have become the primary vehicles Americans use to accumulate wealth for retirement. Beattey discusses what he believes to be 16 things owners of these plans may not realize they are agreeing to when they sign up for a 401(k), and what they might do about them. He explores the ins and outs of the plan's terms, and presents readers with what he believes to be viable alternative options.



Unexpected Enemy Ultimate Revenge

TIM CAGLE

Unexpected Enemy: Ultimate Revenge

By Tim Cagle, **PITTSBURG STATE 1967**

ASIN: B075THRP98

Brighton Publishing; Sept. 20, 2017

After years of infertility, Ann Sorenson, a character in Cagle's novel, conceives a child through in vitro fertilization and ultimately delivers a baby several weeks prematurely. Her and her husband's overwhelming joy soon turns to confrontation, as it becomes apparent

that the child cannot possibly belong to both parents. The situation intensifies when Ann learns that both she and her baby are infected with HIV – which could be the result of a genetic phenomenon, an affair or something else entirely.

The Neon Palm of Madame Melançon

By Will Clarke, **LOUISIANA STATE 1992**

ISBN: 978-0972658836

Middle Finger Press; July 19, 2017

In Clarke's novel, corporate attorney Duke Melançon wrestles with twin emergencies that threaten his future. His employer, Mandala Worldwide, has unleashed a deep-water oil spill that could destroy the Gulf of Mexico. Meanwhile, his crime-boss mother, Madame Melançon, has disappeared. These two seemingly unrelated events turn out to be deeply entangled. Duke discovers just how entangled they are when he comes face-to-face with what his pet-psychic sister calls "a tear in the brocade of time."



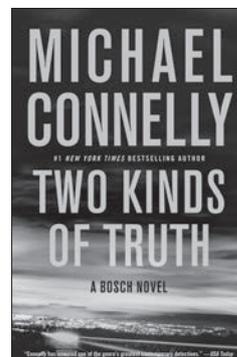
Two Kinds of Truth

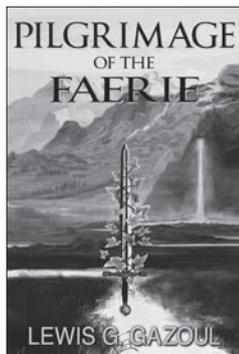
By Michael Connelly, **FLORIDA 1979**

ISBN: 978-0316225908

Little, Brown and Co.; Oct. 31, 2017

In Connelly's novel, the character Harry Bosch returns as a volunteer working cold cases for the San Fernando, California, police department and is called to a drugstore where a pharmacist has been murdered. Bosch and the town's detective squad sift through clues that lead them through the world of pill mills and prescription drug abuse. Meanwhile, an imprisoned killer whom Bosch helped put in jail claims that Bosch framed him — and seems to have evidence to prove it. Bosch must fend for himself to clear his name and keep the killer in prison.





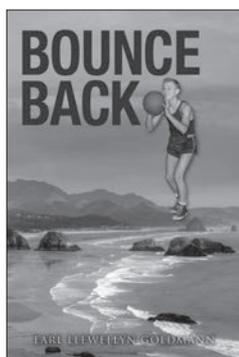
Pilgrimage of the Faerie

By Lewis Gazoul, **WESTERN MICHIGAN 1982**

ISBN: 978-1457554742

Dog Ear Publishing; April 5, 2017

Gazoul's work of fiction tells the story of Baytel, who previously led a campaign to bring stability to "One Land," of which he is the peacekeeper. Unbeknownst to Baytel and his companions, the evil Lord Cael has escaped from prison after 2,000 years of captivity and is seeking to enslave nearby populations. Meanwhile, the hill realm of Glenilon is under attack by maddened ogres who threaten to lay waste to the land. Baytel and the others must respond to these threats with intelligence and courage.



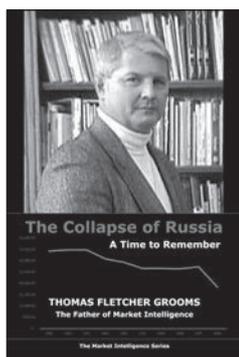
Bounce Back

By Earl Goldmann, **OREGON STATE 1957**

ISBN: 978-0981788197

Brooks Goldmann Publishing; July 27, 2017

Goldmann tells the story of his childhood growing up in Tillamook, Oregon, and the injury inflicted upon him by a man who should have been his mentor. He details his struggles to understand and forgive, and the role an unexpected gift from a relative played in giving him a positive outlet for channeling his anger. Goldmann also explores how he dealt with the end of his basketball career at Oregon State University following a car wreck, and how he came to realize the life he dreamed about.



The Collapse of Russia: A Time to Remember

By Tom Grooms, **TENNESSEE TECH 1970**

ISBN: 978-1977596895

CreateSpace; Nov. 6, 2017

Grooms' first-person account, accompanied by photos, chronicles the transformation of Russian society during the country's greatest depression since 1929. After reading this book, Grooms says, a person may begin to think about what

could happen in their own country. By sharing his experiences in Russia, Grooms also hopes to give those working in business or government ideas of ways to better conduct business or policy. *The Collapse of Russia* is the first of what Grooms plans to be a three-book series.

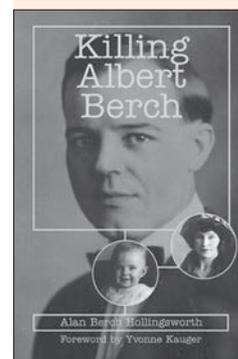
Killing Albert Berch

By Significant Sig Alan Hollingsworth, M.D., **OKLAHOMA 1971**

ISBN: 978-1455623556

Pelican Publishing Co.; Oct. 19, 2017

In this true-crime memoir, Hollingsworth investigates the 1923 Ku Klux Klan murder of his grandfather and an African-American employee in the small town of Marlow, Oklahoma. Although the hate crime made national news, the story was later forgotten in spite of its sensational aspects, including an angry mob that targeted Albert Berch, a white hotel owner, and Robert Johnigan, a black porter. Hollingsworth uncovers the person who planned the hit, as well as Berch's motives to break a social taboo in a then-all-white town.



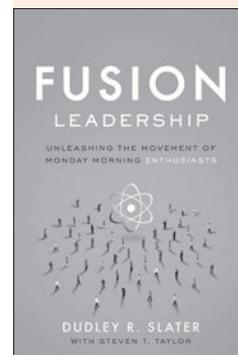
Fusion Leadership: Unleashing the Movement of Monday Morning Enthusiasts

By Dudley Slater, **CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES 1979**, and Steven Taylor

ISBN: 978-1626344013

Greenleaf Book Group Press; Sept. 12, 2017

Slater, an entrepreneur and CEO, hypothesizes that the majority of the nation's workforce hates their jobs and would rather not show up to work on Monday mornings. The cause of this phenomenon, he says, might be the leaders themselves, and he offers insights on how they can balance their own needs with the needs of their organizations. *Fusion Leadership* examines the complexities leaders might face when making decisions and provides anecdotes that contain lessons about how to navigate these situations.



Alumni chapter and association updates

Albuquerque

The chapter ended a successful year with monthly luncheons featuring community speakers, such as New Mexico basketball coach Paul Weir. The new year will feature many activities through which our alumni can enhance our brotherhood, such as a popular summer party, a golf tournament tentatively scheduled for September and a sweetheart dinner scheduled for May 5 at Cooperage Restaurant in Albuquerque. We also plan to hold an event to meet the new University of New Mexico President Garnett Stokes and luncheons with speakers. Soon, we will award scholarships to the undergraduates of the University of New Mexico chapter based upon their academic success.

~Paul Garson, **SAN DIEGO 1986**

Anchorage

The chapter continues to meet on a regular basis. Information regarding the location and frequency of these meetings can be found in the directory of this *Magazine* issue. We try to schedule golf matches, fishing trips, poker games and other events throughout the year as well. Our 2017 annual Christmas dinner was a success, and we plan to do it again in 2018. Brothers, pledges, their girlfriends or wives and kids are always welcome at our monthly meetings. Please contact us using the information in this *Magazine's* directory for more information on our events.

~Chip Derrick, **DAVIDSON 1964**

Atlanta

The chapter enjoyed a super year in 2017. Our monthly lunch gatherings averaged 16 brothers every second Tuesday at the Bucket Shop Cafe in Atlanta, where we enjoyed some great conversation and good food. Our annual meeting traditionally held in October is our signature event each year. In 2017, we gathered at the Cherokee Town Club in Atlanta's Buckhead neighborhood on Oct. 20, where we hosted guest speaker and world-famous clothier Sid Mashburn, **MISSISSIPPI 1983**, who entertained nearly 100 alumni and undergraduates from nearby chapters.

~Michael Banks, **GEORGIA SOUTHERN 1980**

Austin

The chapter celebrated its annual Christmas party at the Austin, Texas, home of Order of Constantine Sig Linden Welsch, **TEXAS-AUSTIN 1969**, and his wife, Phyllis Welsch, on Dec. 10, 2017. We had about 30 people in attendance, and all seemed to have

a great time. We have also confirmed our annual banquet dinner will be held on Sept. 13, 2018, at the University of Texas Club, which is a dining and business venue in Austin. Please join us for our banquet dinner. For tickets, contact Michael Heger, **TEXAS STATE 1991**, using the contact information in our chapter's directory listing in the back of this *Magazine*.

~Heger

Boston

The chapter hosted its monthly social event at Clarke's at Faneuil Hall on Oct. 26, 2017, in Boston. The chapter then celebrated at the annual holiday party on Dec. 14 at Amhreens restaurant in the South Boston neighborhood. We have welcomed several new members into the chapter; they have relocated to the Boston area. We encourage all local brothers to seek the alumni chapter. Brothers can get in touch with us by going to Facebook and searching for "Sigma Chi — Boston Alumni Chapter." At the time of this writing, we looked forward to the new year, and were planning monthly social and brotherhood events for 2018.

~Bobby Alexander, **PENNSYLVANIA 2014**

Calgary

We expect to build upon a successful 2017 with more brotherhood, social events and community engagement. We planned to take advantage of the snow and go skiing or snowshoeing in the Rocky Mountains this winter. Later in April, the chapter will be hungry to defend its title as champions of the Parkinson Association of Alberta's chicken wing eating contest. See our contact in our chapter's directory listing in the back of this *Magazine* to contact us for more information. Led by colony advisor Francis Henne, **WINDSOR 1997**, we are mentoring and working with the men of Mount Royal University to prepare them to create a Sigma Chi interest group.

~Andrew Forbes, **BISHOP'S 2008**

Central Ohio

The chapter volunteered to wrap gifts at Faith Mission on Dec. 16, 2017. Alumni and their families donated wrapping paper and bows and wrapped donated gifts for the area's less fortunate. We planned to host our Alumni and Undergraduate Leadership Day on Feb. 3, 2018, on the campus of Ohio State University. The event was intended to help foster friendship and leadership among members who live or go to

college in Ohio, with sessions on professional development, the Ritual and Fraternity history. To get involved with our chapter, and for more information on our monthly first Thursday events and locations, visit centralohiosigs.com or go to [facebook.com/groups/centralohiosigs](https://www.facebook.com/groups/centralohiosigs).

~Matt Natali, **DAYTON 2003**

Chattanooga

We continued one of the traditions of the alumni chapter by sponsoring the annual golf tournament on Oct 22, 2017, at Brainerd National Golf Course in Chattanooga, Tennessee, with proceeds going to charity. Richard Cook, **TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA 1980**, pulled off another great event, with \$2,000 being donated to the Erlanger Children's Hospital Foundation. The Tennessee-Chattanooga undergraduate chapter, along with our alumni chapter, held a charity Christmas party at chapter house on Dec. 9, 2017. There, we collected over 200 toys and pieces of clothing and presented them to the East Ridge Needy Child Fund in Chattanooga.

~Stan Stout, **TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA 1979**

Chicago Metro

Our chapter began 2018 by hosting a luncheon at Carnivale restaurant in Chicago in February, which was attended by 26 brothers with a wide range of graduation years representing undergraduate chapters from around the country. This year, we plan to move the location of our events around the downtown Chicago area, in order to make them more accessible to alumni who wish to attend, and to better fit various schedules. We plan to host lunches, evening social hours and other events, but alternate suggestions are welcome. Contact us using the chapter's directory listing in this *Magazine* issue to be included on our email list.

~Order of Constantine Sig Bill Bringham Jr.,
ALBION 1975

Chicago North Shore

Our chapter continues to get together for lunch at the Deerfield Italian Kitchen in Deerfield, Illinois, on the first Wednesday of each month, continuing a 31-year tradition of providing brothers an opportunity to meet and greet each other. Almost monthly, there is a new attendee or two that are joining in. Information about our bi-monthly meetings in odd-numbered months can be found in the directory section of this *Magazine* issue. All Sigs, of all ages and from all chapters are welcome. Contact us using the information found in the



For the last three years, my volunteer time has been devoted to serving terminally ill patients as a hospice volunteer. In February 2017, I met a patient named George Kelly, who is in the framed picture I am holding above. During the months that followed, I visited him every week as he moved to three facilities until his death on June 20, 2017. In the first several months, I really enjoyed getting to know this man. He had a fascinating background. He served in World War II and in the Korean War. He attended Oklahoma State University, and told me how much he enjoyed his college experience, earning a degree in forestry. As the months went by, I got to know three of George's children. I learned there was going to be a family wedding in Atlanta, and when I went to meet George the week of that wedding, they had him looking dapper in his bed. He had on his wedding band, as well as another ring on his right hand. I looked at the ring and saw, emblazoned in black, the Greek letters, "Sigma Chi." At this time, George was getting weak and during many visits we didn't even talk. I just held his hand. On this occasion, his eyes were closed. He seemed to be asleep and I said, "George, I just learned I'm not [only] your friend, but looking at the ring on your finger, I think I'm your brother." And with that I shook his hand giving him the grip. George's eyes opened wide and he let out a big smile. He then started speaking to me about how he was a Sigma Chi at Oklahoma State University. He graduated in 1950. I also learned that the soloist at his wedding sung *The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi*. From that moment until his death, every visit included George calling me his brother and me calling George my brother.

~David Zacks, **WAKE FOREST 1964**

directory section of this *Magazine* issue for more information on how to do so.

~Order of Constantine Sig Bill Bringham Jr.,
ALBION 1975

Cincinnati

We celebrated at our annual Christmas party on Dec. 1, 2017, at the Madison Event Center in Covington, Kentucky, where we honored brothers

with the following alumni chapter awards: Lifetime achievement, Ike Misali, **CINCINNATI 1955**; Cincy Sig of the Year, Troy Neat, **CINCINNATI 1990**; and rising star, Arnold Finkbine, **CINCINNATI 2013**. It was an incredible event and we look forward to our 2018 party. We were saddened at the Dec. 25, 2017, passing of alumni chapter member Dr. James Kahl, **PENNSYLVANIA 1954**, who was named a Significant Sig that year. Visit cincysigs.org for the most up-to-date information for our chapter.

~Christopher Sandker, **CINCINNATI 2011**

Clarksville

After a successful Homecoming event at Austin Peay State University on Oct. 21, 2017, our alumni chapter was planning events for the new year, including a night at a Nashville Predators hockey game, a Brother's Day celebration and attending an Austin Peay State University basketball game. As of this writing, we had not settled on dates yet. Please see our contact information in our chapter's listing of this *Magazine* directory to seek more information. Congratulations to our local alumni, including Mid-South province Grand Praetor Dale Thomas, **AUSTIN PEAY 1999**, and Jesse Trout, **2006**, for their participation in the Ritual for Life (R4L) post-initiation training program and Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit.

~Ralph Sowell, **AUSTIN PEAY 1984**

Cleveland

Ross DeJohn, **BOWLING GREEN 1972**, hosted the 20th-annual Ritual recognition night at his facility on Nov. 9, 2017. Thirty-five brothers from 15 chapters attended it. The alumni chapter has recognized 125 Semi-Century Sigs throughout the years. The chapter supported Significant Sig Dr. Stan Ballou, **KENT STATE 1969**, at a Lupus Foundation fundraiser called Dancing with the Cleveland Stars, in which alumni chapter president Jack Ambrose, **KENT STATE 1970**, was the runner-up. The chapter is supporting the General Fraternity's alumni engagement initiative and is involved with the Case Western University and Kent State chapter advisory boards and house corporations. See our listing in *The Magazine* directory for chapter meeting information.

~Order of Constantine Sig Rich Hronek,
KENT STATE 1969

College Park

Congratulations to Phil Robling, **MARYLAND 1979**, this year's recipient of the Spirit of Jack Heise Award, which is presented to the member who makes a strong contribution to the chapter. This past year, Robling served as treasurer of the

alumni chapter and as a member of the Maryland undergraduate chapter's house corporation. We thank him for his service. Be on the lookout for news of a potential Maryland lacrosse tailgate party. Our 22nd-annual Sigma Chi golf classic and banquet will be held on May 18, 2018, at the University of Maryland.

~Order of Constantine Sig Scott Werber,
MARYLAND 1986

Flagstaff

Congratulations to Jim Travis, **NORTHERN ARIZONA 1969**, for his induction into the Northern Arizona University W.A. Franke College of Business Hall of Fame on Oct. 26, 2017, at the High Country Conference Center in Flagstaff, Arizona. We are still working on our new website and preparing for next fall's Northern Arizona University football tailgate party season at J. Lawrence Walkup Skydome in Flagstaff. Our horseshoe tournament and barbecue was scheduled to take place on March 24, 2018, at Daley Park in Tempe, Arizona.

~Matt Villa, **NORTHERN ARIZONA 2013**

Fort Myers

Guests at this past November's alumni chapter meeting included 67th Grand Consul, Order of Constantine Sig and Significant Sig Dennis Santoli, **CASE WESTERN 1967**, who has served as chairman of the Risk Management Foundation (RMF) board since July 1, 2013. Other guests included all six people on the RMF board of directors and two staff members. On Dec. 2, seven members from both the Fort Myers and Naples alumni chapters participated in the Florida Gulf Coast undergraduate chapter's fall 2017 initiation ceremony at the Cypress Masonic Lodge in Naples, Florida. All initiation interviews were conducted by alumni of the local chapters.

~Jim Shields, **IOWA 1963**

Fort Worth

The chapter would like to congratulate its new officers that will lead us during 2018: president, Robert Longnecker, **TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE 2004**; vice president, Jeff Deets, **NORTH TEXAS 1990**; treasurer, Brock Ostrander, **EASTERN NEW MEXICO 2003**; and chapter editor, Stephen Hill, **STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 1988**. Glen Sirles, **TEXAS TECH 1972**, has prepared an amazing agenda of guest speakers for our monthly chapter meetings this year. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at the Social House in Fort Worth, Texas. For more information, visit us at facebook.com/fortworthsigmachialumni.

~Douglas Zent, **NORTH TEXAS 1992**

Fresno

We enjoyed an update about Fresno State University from Debbie Adishian-Astone, its vice president of administration, at our Feb. 15, 2017, alumni dinner meeting at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Fresno, California. University president Dr. Joseph I. Castro, along with his wife, Mary, will join us there on Oct. 18, 2018, to discuss Fresno State's programs. Our special tasting event will be held on April 28, 2018, in the Fresno, California, garden of Order of Constantine Sig David Reuland, **CAL. STATE-FRESNO 1971**, and his wife, Debbie.

~Brad Fischer, **1981**

Greater Fairfield County

The chapter will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Western Connecticut State University undergraduate chapter during the May 4, 2018, weekend. The chapter will host an evening gathering on May 4, a semi-formal banquet on May 5 and a Ritualistic chapter meeting on May 6. We are anticipating bringing together undergraduates and alumni of the chapter, in addition to friends and brothers from within the province and across North America, to celebrate. Please contact alumni chapter president James Heffner, **WESTERN CONNECTICUT 2013**, at jamesheffner@outlook.com, for more information about the weekend-long event.

~Heffner

Halifax

The chapter held its first Fruit of the Seas scholarship dinner on Oct. 21, 2017, to raise money for the Dalhousie-St. Mary's chapter scholarship fund. The special guest speaker was 69th Grand Consul and Order of Constantine Sig Mike Ursillo, **BROWN 1978**. The dinner was attended by over 60 alumni, including past chairman of the Canadian Foundation, Order of Constantine Sig Dave Garland, **WATERLOO 1989**. Over \$12,000 was raised at the event. The dinner included local, sustainable Nova Scotia seafood, which were caught or farmed in ways that consider the long-term vitality of the species. The dinner was an outstanding success. Join us for the next scholarship dinner on Oct. 20, 2018.

~Alan Williams, **WESTERN ONTARIO 1977**

Hartford

On Jan. 27, 2018, we launched our first bi-province conference at the University of New Haven. The Connecticut/Western Massachusetts and the Rhode Island province chapters planned to attend, with over 50 alumni helping facilitate and support our area chapters there. Plans for a pig roast in May will be coming soon. Check our website to learn

more about it, as well as other upcoming events. If you have ideas about events you would like to see, or if you would just like to help us out, contact Bob Bouley, **CONNECTICUT 1978**, using the directory information for our chapter that is in the back of this *Magazine*.

~Order of Constantine Sig Keith Moody,

CONNECTICUT 1989

Honolulu

This past year was an excellent one for our chapter, with monthly luncheons on the second Thursdays of the month at the Pacific Club. We held our Walt Mensching golf outing on Sept. 9, 2017, and entertained sweethearts at our holiday luncheon on Dec. 14, 2017. All events took place in Honolulu. The chapter president for 2018 is Matthew Kelley, **INDIANA 1988**. Our Rick Fried Jr., **ARIZONA 1963**, was named a 2017 Significant Sig and the chapter hosted his award ceremony on Oct. 12, 2017. Fried is a prominent attorney in Hawaii and serves as president of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

~Order of Constantine Sig Reese Liggett,

MIAMI (OHIO) 1963

Houston

At our annual Christmas party on Dec. 2, 2017, we held a gift exchange and ugly sweater contest at the home of Bruce Allen, **RENSSELAER 1965**, in East Kingston, New Hampshire. Many brothers and their significant others were in attendance to enjoy the food and company, and to celebrate the holidays. We are happy to announce that Chris Nevins, **EMBRY-RIDDLE (DAYTONA BEACH) 1996**, our alumni chapter president, is the new Grand Praetor for the North Atlantic province and we wish him good luck with the role. We planned to hold our 2018 board elections during our monthly meet-up on Jan. 9.

~Nevins

Indianapolis

On Dec. 15, 2017, a large number of us gathered at the Willows in Indianapolis, to celebrate the holiday season and enjoy the warm fellowship. The chapter designated and recognized Morrie Adams, **WABASH 1965**, as Hoosier Sig of the Year. Also, Ball State brothers and family came out to witness Rick Skiles, **BALL STATE 1980**, being presented a Significant Sig Award by 59th Grand Consul, Order of Constantine Sig and Significant Sig Dick Hester, **BALL STATE 1977**. We congratulate him for the award.

~Curt Franke, **BUTLER 1988**

Inland Empire

At the time of this writing, we had had a very busy past few months. We gathered to help the



Robert Fitch, **RHODE ISLAND 1970**, at far right, the chairman of the nonprofit organization Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc. (PHWFF), stands with Significant Sig Gene Renaurt, **INDIANA 1971**, and Greg Johnson, **MAINE 1968**, on Sept. 12, 2018, at the San Rafael Ranch in Santa Elena, Texas. Renaurt and Johnson are members of the organization's Founders' Circle. "The Founders' Circle is vital to preserving the vision of PHWFF's founder, Capt. Ed Nicholson," says Johnson. The organization offers fly fishing classes and outings to help disabled active military service personnel and veterans heal emotionally. Renaurt says that PHWFF envisions a community in which all participants can heal.

California State Polytechnic University-Pomona undergraduate chapter initiate another group of fine young men into our Order on Dec. 2, 2017. Our officers also met and renewed a plan to move toward hosting alumni gatherings. Brothers came together to learn gun safety from John Tometich, **CAL. STATE-SAN BERNARDINO 1997**, who works in law enforcement. We also enjoyed time at the Mike Raahauge Shooting Enterprise on Feb. 24 in Corona, California. We look forward to celebrating our alumni chapter's anniversary on June 9 at Huntington State Beach.

~Connor Easley, **HANOVER 2015**

L.A. County

The fifth-annual Sigma Chi Day at the Races will be at Santa Anita Racetrack on Jan. 26, 2018, in Arcadia, California. All brothers are welcome to attend. We continue to have monthly lunches in Los Angeles and in the Pasadena, California, area, as well as in Torrance, California. Mixers and social hours continue throughout the Los Angeles area. Updated information is posted on our Facebook page, where you can find us when you search for "Los Angeles Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter." A good friend and brother, Richard Bridge, **OKLAHOMA STATE 1975**, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 9, 2017.

~Kevin Bidenkap, **ARIZONA STATE 1990**

Louisville

The chapter will continue holding its monthly luncheons with an interesting lineup of guest speakers. Our Brother's Day event on March

3, 2018, will be a social event at a Bardstown, Kentucky, establishment. If you are in the Louisville, Kentucky, area please take the time to attend one of our events and connect with our diverse brotherhood. We have active members from over 15 different chapters. For information about the chapter, reach out to us using the contact information in the back of this *Magazine*.

~Michael Sawyer, **EASTERN KENTUCKY 1985**

Lubbock

This last summer, the members of our chapter contributed over \$25,000 to refurbish the lodge on Greek Circle in order to give the Sigma Chi Nu colony at Texas Tech University their own space for meetings, recruitment functions and social events. Additionally, our chapter purchased new furniture for the space and began fundraising efforts for the colony's anticipated reinstallation; as of this writing, 71 brothers had contributed to the fund, including Gordon Davis, **WASHINGTON STATE 1977**. Please refer to the chapter's directory listing in this *Magazine* issue for information regarding our monthly meetings. We also encourage you to join us at an upcoming event.

~Bill Willey, **TEXAS TECH 1971**

Mid-South

Our journey to become a chartered alumni chapter began in April 2017, and to-date we have 100 paid members. We co-hosted a golf tournament on Aug. 26, 2017, at the Glen Eagle Golf Course in Millington, Tennessee, that raised over \$6,000 for Special Olympics of Memphis. We also awarded several Grand Consul's Citations to local brothers for helping support the alumni chapter, and hosted a holiday social in which we collected toys for the local Boys and Girls Clubs in Memphis. We look forward to a successful 2018 filled with growth and service.

~Jamie Russell, **MEMPHIS 2002**

Missoula

Our alumni association and the University of Montana undergraduate chapter wrapped up a busy 2017. We celebrated the university's Homecoming on Oct. 8, 2017, to a fantastic success. Thanks to generous alumni donations, the house corporation and Beta Delta Foundation, we dedicated a completely renovated ski shack, which is used for living quarters. Mark your calendars for Captains Cup marathon to be held from June 8 to 9, 2018, in Helena, Montana. Check out our website, betadelta-sigmachi.org, to register for events, give to the chapter and catch up with brothers.

~Brad Cederberg, **MONTANA 2006**

Naples

Greetings from southwest Florida. Living in a resort community, our usual updates may include note of a brother who got a hole-in-one or caught a big fish. This summer was different. We were the epicenter in the continental United States for Hurricane Irma. I am happy to report that, to my knowledge, everyone was safe and only a few suffered minor property damage. We encourage visitors to join us for lunch on the second Friday of every month. Meeting details are in our chapter's listing in the directory of this *Magazine*. Visit us at naplessigs.com.

~David Maksymetz, **WESTERN MICHIGAN 1988**

Nashville

During 2017, our chapter hosted Blake McDaniel, **NORTH ALABAMA 1997**, chairman of Nashville's Municipal Auditorium and Music Agent; Carey Bringle, **TENNESSEE TECH 1991**, owner of Peg Leg Porker barbecue restaurant and others at our meetings. At our annual honors dinner at the University Club of Nashville on Oct. 19, we honored Dr. Paul Stumb, **AUBURN 1982**, as our Nashville Sigma Chi of the Year. Stumb was named president of Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee, in 2016, and has been instrumental in supporting the Fraternity's presence at the university since its reinstatement in 2014.

~Charlie Westerfield, **MURRAY STATE 2006**

New Haven

The chapter will be having a social hour as a recruitment event this coming spring. In addition to this, we will be having an event at a shooting range, given the large number of members who are either active duty military Sigs, or just enjoy the sport. Both event date and times are still to be announced, so all local members should check their emails for updates in the near future. Reach out to us using the contact information for our alumni chapter that is in the directory of this *Magazine*.

~John-Christopher LaPan, **NEW HAVEN 2009**

New York City

The chapter has continued building its partnership with the Northern New Jersey Alumni Chapter, and we look forward to working with the Fairfield Alumni Chapter and the undergraduate chapter at Columbia University. We had multiple alumni attend the Hudson Valley province conference at Fairleigh Dickinson University on Jan. 27, 2018, and learn about the Fraternity's updated policies, review Ritual and interact with undergraduate brothers. Our flagship event in 2018 will be our Derby Days philanthropic event gala in support of the Huntsman

Cancer Foundation. As of this writing, the date of the event had yet to be determined.

~Benjamin Vaccaro, **PITTSBURGH 2012**

Northern New Jersey

The chapter had an excellent 2017. We concluded the year by helping the Princeton undergraduate chapter with its initiation, as well as a number of recruitment events. Princeton also joined Gettysburg undergraduates and area alumni for our annual Volunteer Day on Nov. 18 at the Rescue Mission of Trenton in Trenton, New Jersey, where we helped sort clothes to be donated to those in need. This year, over 60 brothers helped sort clothes to be donated to those served by the mission. We will have a June barbecue in Montclair, New Jersey, to welcome new graduates to the New Jersey and New York City areas and to honor Semi-Century and military Sigs.

~Nick Pinò, **FARLEIGH DICKINSON 2006**

Oakland East Bay

This past December, we were excited to hold our annual white elephant gift exchange on Dec. 5, 2017, at Pizza Antica in Danville, California. We had a great turnout, with much merriment and brotherhood shared by those in attendance. We are looking forward to holding our annual golf tournament on April 20, 2018, at Redwood Canyon Golf Course in Castro Valley, California. For brothers who are interested in golfing at the event, please contact either alumni chapter president, Paul Stella, **CALIFORNIA-DAVIS 1997**, at paulstellamortgage@gmail.com, or Bradley Morris, **CAL. STATE-SACRAMENTO 1991**, at bmorris733@aol.com.

~Stella

Orange County

The chapter celebrated its 115th birthday, which was on Nov. 11, 2017. We are proud to have been in existence this long and we are proud to be located near the former home of Significant Sig John Wayne, **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 1929**, in Newport Beach, California. During our November luncheon, we were fortunate to have 22-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department and former California-Irvine chapter advisor, detective Ross Nemeroff, **CALIFORNIA-IRVINE 1992**, speak to us about the future of gun control and law enforcement. Also, we had over 40 members and guests attend our holiday party on Dec. 12, 2017, at the Newport Beach Yacht Club.

~Bruce Chapnick, **CONNECTICUT 1992**

Orlando

Sixty-two alumni and undergraduates from the University of Central Florida, Embry-Riddle University in Daytona Beach, Florida, and Florida Southern College, as well as their dates attended a Christmas party at the Orlando Science Center on Dec. 7, 2017. The party also celebrated the 70th anniversary of the chartering of the Orlando Alumni Chapter, which was officially on Dec. 12. The area's four Order of Constantine Sigs were all in attendance at the Christmas party: Joe Hartman, **CENTRAL FLORIDA 1972**; David Lawton, **1989**; John Rankin, **1978**; and P.J. Stephens, **WASHINGTON (ST. LOUIS) 1971**. Significant Sig Todd Bowers, **CENTRAL FLORIDA 1977**, was also there.

~Stephens

Phoenix

Our mentorship program with Arizona State University is led by Gregg Wolfe, **ARIZONA STATE 1977**, and Tom Conners, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1970**. Plans have been made to pair each undergraduate in the Grand Canyon province with a mentor. The alumni chapter organized a Ritualistic dinner with alumni and undergraduates, which was held on Nov. 8, 2017, at the Bluewater Grill in Phoenix. We planned to host two inaugural events in the upcoming months — a big game dinner on Jan. 27, 2018, at the home of Daniel Dohogne, **ARIZONA 1988**, and a business forum on Feb. 7, 2018, at the MSS Business Transformation Institute in Phoenix.

~Chuck Zulanis, **ARIZONA STATE 2015**

Pike's Peak Region

We met on Nov. 2, 2017, for an evening meal and social at Tony's Downtown in Colorado Springs, Colorado. We helped the Colorado College undergraduate chapter initiate its fall class of 12 men on Dec. 2, 2017, and concluded the year with a great Christmas party at the Bistro on 2nd Street in Monument, Colorado, on Dec. 7, 2017. Bistro owner Erick Velliquette, **MISSOURI STATE 1992**, was an outstanding host. A dozen members of the local Colorado College chapter attended the party, representing several generations of Sigs, with ages ranging from age 18 to 77.

~Robert Canfield, **KENT STATE 1978**

Raleigh

Our chapter continues to enjoy good company and renewed brotherhood at its bimonthly social hours. Please refer to our chapter's directory listing in this *Magazine* issue for specifics regarding time and location. We welcome Sigs from all over the Triangle region to come join us. We recently launched a revamped newsletter to keep local brothers

informed of upcoming events and general news. If you are not receiving these updates, we hope you will contact us at trianglesigalums@gmail.com to be added to our mailing list. As of this writing, we were planning our summer schedule of events.

~Nathan Hays, **VIRGINIA TECH 2006**

San Antonio

Our brothers have been working with the University of Texas-San Antonio administration and Interfraternity Council to begin the colonization process for an undergraduate chapter there, and are excited to announce we have received their approval. We continue to meet on a monthly basis for lunch and social hours; please refer to our directory listing in this *Magazine* issue for information on where and when you can find us. In March, we planned to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity for the first time and build a house in our community. Please see our chapter's directory listing in this *Magazine* issue for its contact information.

~Isaac Chavez, **TARLETON STATE 2000**

San Diego

Undergraduate members from the California-San Diego and Cal. State-San Marcos chapters and the San Diego State colony have been able to join us at our luncheons at various times throughout the year. Some of our guest speakers have included Mark Neville, **CALIFORNIA-SAN DIEGO 1991**, executive director of the San Diego Bowl Game Association; Jim Ault, **SAN DIEGO STATE 1989**, general manager of the San Diego Aviators World Team Tennis franchise; Cipriano Vargas, **CAL. STATE-SAN MARCOS 2014**, board member of the Vista Unified School District; and Carl Parrick, **SAN DIEGO STATE 1972**, former Bonita Vista High School head football coach, among others.

~Anthony Bernal, **PACIFIC 2003**

San Francisco

The chapter completed another successful year with its annual White Rose Ceremony at the monument for Thomas Cowan Bell, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**, at the San Francisco National Cemetery on Nov. 11, 2017. We were honored by the presence of Grand Tribune and Order of Constantine Sig Mark Quiner, **WYOMING 1978**, who participated in our annual chapter meeting after the ceremony and updated us on the state of the International Fraternity. With another year in the books, the alumni chapter looks forward to 2018 with excitement and passion to continue to serve alumni in our area.

~William Namen, **NORTH FLORIDA 2014**

Statesboro

We ended 2017 with a turnout of nearly 70 people at the annual shrimp and oyster roast on Dec. 1, 2017, at the farm of Ryan McNeal, **GEORGIA SOUTHERN 2002**, and his wife, Heather McNeal, in Statesboro, Georgia. Special thanks to the McNeals for hosting the event. We thank all alumni for their membership within our chapter and we want to invite them to the wild game supper on Jan. 18, 2018, at the cabin of Randy Anderson, **GEORGIA SOUTHERN 1977**, in Statesboro. We appreciate all of the support from brothers in the Statesboro, Georgia, area, who support the alumni chapter. Dues are \$50. For more information, about the chapter, email statesborosigs@yahoo.com.

~Justin Chester, **GEORGIA SOUTHERN 2005**

Windsor

The chapter looked forward to holding its 24th-annual Founders Ball on April 7, 2018, at the Fogolar Furlan Club of Windsor. Last year was our biggest Founders Ball ever and we anticipated a similar crowd at this year's event. This winter, we held our annual Holiday Hootenanny with great

attendance on Dec. 29, 2017, at the Thompson House in Windsor, Canada. We've raised \$2,500 so far for the 25th-anniversary banquet for the University of Windsor chapter, which is tentatively scheduled for March 30, 2019. We will announce the location soon. For more information, please contact Beau Helbert, **WINDSOR 2007**, at beau.helbert@gmail.com.

~Helbert

Youngstown

Our chapter keeps growing. We held a successful Homecoming celebration on Oct. 28, 2017, on the Youngstown State University campus. Our second-annual alumni Christmas party was on Dec. 9, 2017, at a local establishment in Niles, Ohio, where we raffled off Fraternity paraphernalia. We awarded our inaugural \$250 alumni chapter scholarship on Jan. 19, 2018, to Addison Cooke-Murphy, **YOUNGSTOWN 2020**. We are planning our next family day for July 22 at Argus Masonic Lodge in Canfield, Ohio. For information, email us at youngstownsigs@gmail.com.

~Billy Green, **YOUNGSTOWN 2017**

Sigma Chi Fraternity Life Loyal Listing

The following represent Life Loyal Nos. 59,366 to 59,413 who have become Life Loyal Sigs since the last *Magazine of Sigma Chi* was published. For more information on the program and to enroll in it, contact alumni engagement coordinator Steven Jacobsen, **DEPAUL 2017**, at (847) 869-4492 or lifeloyal@sigmachicago.org.

Alma Christopher Nouhan, 2019	College of Idaho Lucas MacMillan, 2018	Kansas Ryan Reynolds, 1999	Northern Colorado Douglas Vap, 1962	Texas A&M-Commerce Jordan Ader, 2019 Joseph Fischer, 2018 Randall Sedlacek, 1980
American Julian Wilson, 2018	East Tennessee Jonathan O'Toole, 2008	Kansas State Ryder Chaffee, 2018	Ohio State Collin Cartwright, 2020	Texas-Arlington Chandler Garrard, 2017
Arkansas John Moore, Jr., 1992	Eastern Illinois Alex Hartman, 2020	Kentucky Jack Boyd, 2019 Adolph Rupp, IV, 2019	Oregon Kendal Kintzinger, 2017	Texas-Austin Thomas Becker, 2017
Ball State Tyler Gamble, 2018	Elon Benjamin Winslow, 2020	Loyola (Chicago) Luke Cianciolo, 2020	Puget Sound Mac Goldman, 2020	Utah Zachary Chisholm, 2019
British Columbia-Simon Fraser Andrew Lavers, 2015	Embry-Riddle (Daytona Beach) Justin Sprofera, 2019	Marquette Drew Muth, 2005	Purdue Joseph Desmond IV, 2020	Utah State Nick Lasorsa, 2017
Cal. State-Fresno Zachary Austin, 2019	Georgia Southwestern Casey Kimbrell, 2014	New Mexico William Lauver, 2020	Radford Brett Kody, 2019	Vanderbilt Robert Briggs, 2020
Case Western Ben Murphy, 2018	Hobart Isaiah Young, 2018	North Alabama Darrin Herston, 1992	Southern California Aaron Anderson, 2019	Washington (St. Louis) Michael Hawker, 1991
Central Michigan Gordon Blatt, 2018	Indiana State Adam Julius, 2020	North Carolina-Charlotte Thomas Alfredson, 2019	Southern Methodist William Scott Sutter, 1987	Wyoming Davis Eskam, 2020 Andrew Potter, 2017
Chicago Asher Leffell, 2019	Jacksonville James Forbes, 2019	North Dakota Hunter Barnes, 2020	Syracuse Griffin Cooney, 2020	

STANDING STRONG

In this issue of *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, we focus on mental health and how it impacts brothers. According to the World Health Organization, more than 450 million people have a mental illness. In the U.S., anxiety disorders impact 42 million adults, and while there are many types of depressive disorders, about 16 million adults live with major depression, according to the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI).

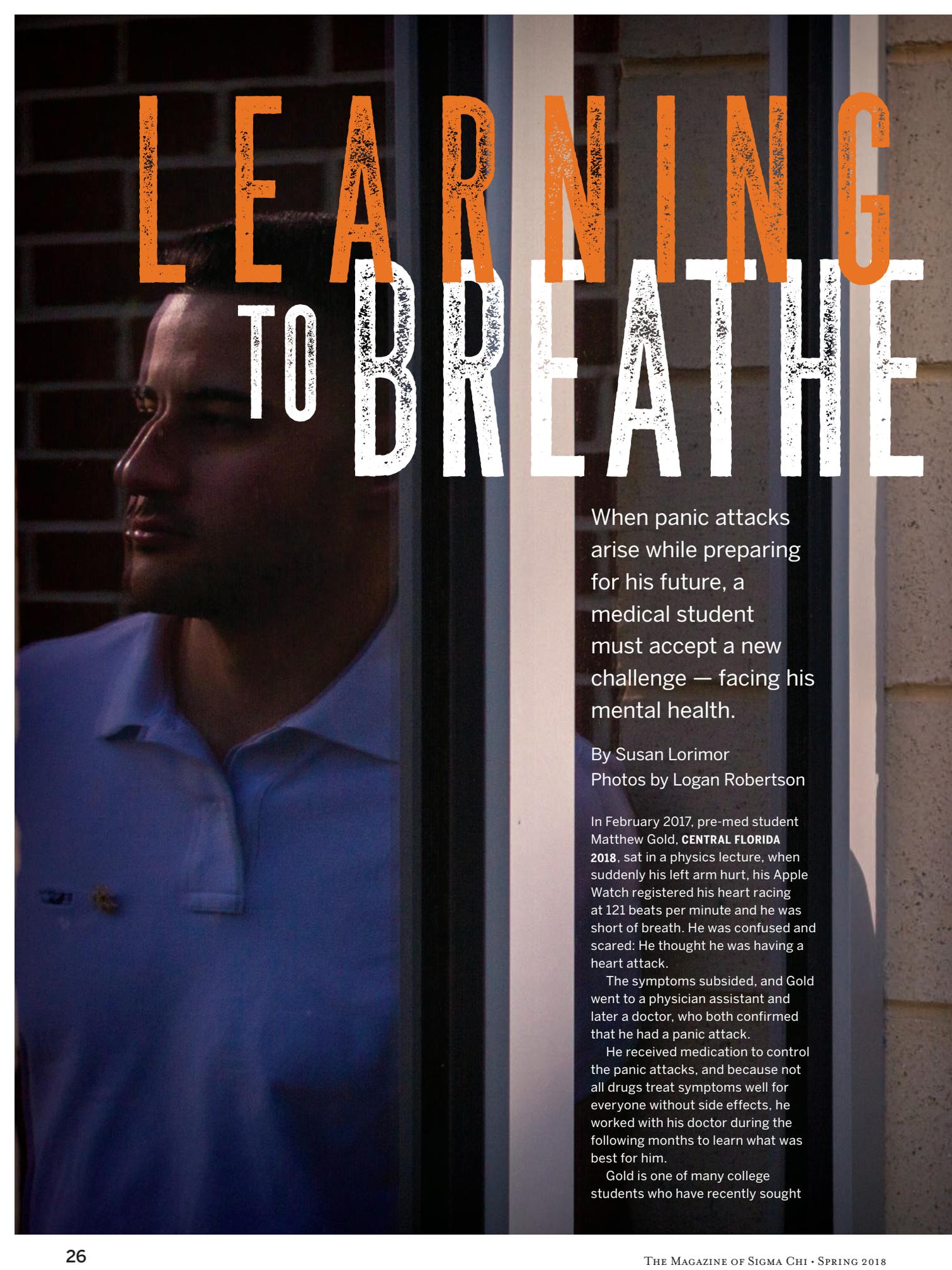
Sadly, statistics show that only about half of those affected by mental illnesses receive treatment for them. The Sigma Chis featured in this issue, however, have sought treatment for their panic attacks, acute stress disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Pre-med student Matthew Gold, **CENTRAL FLORIDA 2018**, at right, had his first panic attack while in class in January 2017, and with the support of others, is doing well as he studied for the MCAT at the time of this writing.

Scott Palomino, **TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE 2008**, experiences PTSD as a result of his time in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 and is now the director of the Airmen and Family Readiness Center at Carswell Air Force Base near Fort Worth, Texas.

The support of family and friends has been important as these men cope with their mental illness. Just as Gold and Palomino have found that support from brothers, so, too, has Michael Zibilich, **LOUISIANA STATE 2013**, the father of Keller Zibilich, **LOUISIANA STATE 2015**, who lost his life to suicide in 2012. Michael Zibilich has spoken to chapters about his loss and mental health. He is working with the General Fraternity on a program that is expected to launch this fall to new members as a way to further educate them about mental health.

We hope you enjoy reading about these men and their efforts in this issue.



A man in a blue polo shirt is shown in profile, looking out a window. The background is a brick wall. The title 'LEARNING TO BREATHE' is overlaid on the image. 'LEARNING' is in large, orange, distressed letters. 'TO BREATHE' is in large, white, distressed letters.

LEARNING TO BREATHE

When panic attacks arise while preparing for his future, a medical student must accept a new challenge — facing his mental health.

By Susan Lorimor
Photos by Logan Robertson

In February 2017, pre-med student Matthew Gold, **CENTRAL FLORIDA 2018**, sat in a physics lecture, when suddenly his left arm hurt, his Apple Watch registered his heart racing at 121 beats per minute and he was short of breath. He was confused and scared: He thought he was having a heart attack.

The symptoms subsided, and Gold went to a physician assistant and later a doctor, who both confirmed that he had a panic attack.

He received medication to control the panic attacks, and because not all drugs treat symptoms well for everyone without side effects, he worked with his doctor during the following months to learn what was best for him.

Gold is one of many college students who have recently sought



Left to right: 1. Pre-med student Matthew Gold, **CENTRAL FLORIDA 2018**, stands with his grandfather Phil Speyer of Scottsdale, Arizona, at a basketball game. Gold, who has anxiety, has found support from Speyer in facing his mental health. 2. After Gold had his first panic attack in January 2017, he worked with his doctor to find the medication that works best for him to alleviate symptoms. 3. Gold studies for the MCAT at the University of Central Florida chapter house on Feb. 27, 2018. 4. Gold, at left, speaks with chapter brother Andres Dobov, **2019**, at their Derby Days philanthropic event at the chapter house on Feb. 27, 2018.



REACTIONS FORM EMOTIONAL RESPONSES

When faced with a difficulty in life, or a bump, a person can react in five ways, which determines whether they will become anxious, depressed, angry or feel another emotion, says Susan Heitler, Ph.D., a Denver clinical psychologist and author of *Prescriptions Without Pills: For Relief from Depression, Anger, Anxiety and More*.

"You'll know you've hit a bump if you feel a negative emotion," she says.

If someone wants to fold when they experience a challenge rather than finding solutions to it, they will become depressed; if they instead want to flee, they may try to escape it by drinking or hooking up with others; if they fight, they will become angry; if they freeze, they will become anxious; and if they instead find solutions to the problem, they will be on a path to positive well-being.

"Anxiety means the brain has stopped problem-solving," Heitler says of one of the outcomes of her "bump theory."

She adds that when a person senses or knows their friend is anxious, the best thing they can do is ask that friend questions to help him or her get to the root cause of it, and prompt them to create solutions to alleviate the anxiety. "Don't try to fix things," she says.

treatment for mental health concerns. According to the Center for Collegiate Mental Health, anxiety remained the top self-presenting concern for students who visited their college's counseling center during the 2016 to 2017 academic year, and the incidence rates have risen for four straight years. During the 2013 to 2014 academic year, 19.6 percent of clinicians reported that students said anxiety was a primary cause for their visit to a counseling center; in the 2016 to 2017 school year, it was 24.1 percent.

When Gold had his first panic attack, he was in a class taught by a professor from whom he wanted a letter of recommendation for his medical school application. He was driven to do well. The panic attacks made it difficult for Gold to focus, yet he received the highest grade in class that summer.

"It's the full-on fight-or-flight response," Gold says of the symptoms he feels when anxiety comes on when he is studying.

He has learned coping mechanisms for responding to what is happening, and says that with his first panic attack, he was able to mask it so that it went unnoticed by others.

When Gold began to experience panic attacks, he wondered how it would impact his career. "I had trouble accepting it," he says of the condition. "I thought, 'If I want to be a doctor, how will I do it with panic [attacks]?'"

Gold decided he wanted to be a doctor his freshman year of college. Before that, he had wanted to be a lawyer, like his father, who also works in a stressful environment. When Gold told his father and his grandfather about his mental health, they were supportive.

"It brought me back because I have suffered panic attacks for quite a while," says Gold's grandfather, Phil Speyer of Scottsdale, Arizona.

Speyer, a Holocaust survivor, was focused on survival during his earlier years of life, but later on, recognized there was anxiety in his life. "Eventually some of these panicky things [would] happen," Speyer says. "It was anxiety."

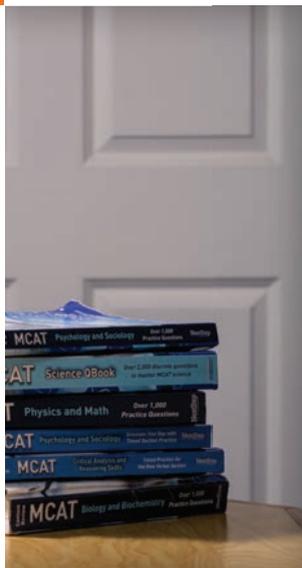
Now, with an irregular heartbeat and trips to the Mayo Clinic, he occasionally suffers from anxiety. Once, he passed out in public, for which he felt embarrassed. As a result, at times he is now anxious to leave the house for social plans.

Speyer acknowledges that the sources of anxiety that he and Gold have experienced differ, but he is there to listen to his grandson. "I don't know how to do anything but be supportive," Speyer says.

He says that Gold, whom he describes as serious, has had to sacrifice his social life because of the demands he faces. Yet, Gold has made time to be involved with his chapter and in various other campus organizations, while studying and shadowing professionals within six medical professions.

Speyer says that Gold has been building an impressive resume, and that it will help him when it comes time to select a medical school. However, the focus on getting into a good school is part of what can add to the anxiety levels of students, says Susan Heitler, Ph.D., a Denver clinical psychologist and author of *Prescriptions Without Pills: For Relief from Depression, Anger, Anxiety and More*. "In high school, students get low-level anxiety about getting into the right college," she says, explaining that gets transferred in college into getting the right job after graduation. "It's in the air. It's contagious."

For Gold, it is apparent that getting into a good medical school is a main stressor, especially as he prepared to take the Medical College Admissions Test in April, then apply to schools in May. To help cope with the anxiety, he takes medication. Gold does not want his body to become



dependent upon it, so he takes a small dose. As a pre-med student, he knows that the traditional anti-anxiety medications are highly addictive.

Heitler says that as a result, more doctors are prescribing antidepressants for anxiety as opposed to drugs such as benzodiazepines, the most common class of anti-anxiety drugs. She says this is in part because common benzodiazepines, such as Xanax and Valium, are highly addictive.

While Heitler says in *Prescriptions Without Pills* that medication is generally a first and essential step in treating the mania and severe depressions of bipolar illness, schizophrenia and psychotic disorders, she is reluctant to regard medication as a first line of treatment for anxiety or mild-to-moderate depression. In those cases, therapy can be equally or more effective than medication, without the potential side effects, she writes.

Gold says that he went to a therapist a couple of times after he was diagnosed with panic attacks and that it was helpful. He says that it taught him coping skills, which he utilizes when he feels the attacks coming on. For a while, he was having one about every day. Now, he knows to pause and to take deep breaths.

He also realizes he needs to slow down. "What I've learned with a panic disorder is that I have to take time for myself," he says, adding he bought an annual pass to Disney World as a result.

It is an improvement from where he was when the panic attacks began, when it seemed he could simply work out to relieve his stress.

He is also speaking more openly about mental health than ever before.

"When I opened up about it in my chapter, all of the brothers gave me strong arms [of support]," he says of telling them his challenges. "Support is literally inherent [to improving your] mental health."

WHAT IS CREATING INCREASED LEVELS OF ANXIETY?

According to the Center for Collegiate Mental Health, anxiety has been the most common cause for students to visit their college counseling center for the past four years and the incidence of such visits continues to rise. While this may mean that students are more comfortable seeking help, it can also signal greater concerns. Below, experts offer explanations as to what is fueling students' anxiety.

Societal pressures

Those entering college are facing increasing demands to perform well. "There is this sense that if you don't achieve, you're a failure," says Vic Schwartz, M.D., chief medical officer for the Jed Foundation. Additionally, students feel pressure to gain a decent education and land a good job that will allow them to pay their bills in an uncertain economy where the average student borrows \$45,800 to finance a bachelor's degree, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Lack of failure

Ironically, while students may believe they cannot succeed if they do fail, the opposite is true. The parents of many in college protected them throughout their life from stumbling, learning how to pick themselves up and solve problems when something goes wrong, say mental health professionals. That lack of life skills creates anxiety, according to Schwartz.

Need for connection

Students are isolating themselves when they're in their dorm rooms, relying on text messages to communicate with friends, says Susan Heitler, Ph.D., a Denver

clinical psychologist and author of *Prescriptions Without Pills*. "When texting, [you] probably get less of a shot of oxytocin," she says, explaining that the hormone that acts as a neurotransmitter in the brain is released when bonding with or hugging a friend. That oxytocin creates a sense of calmness, which can be the opposite of anxiety.

Social relationships

Heitler says a significant portion of students grew up in dysfunctional homes, meaning that they may not have had parents who taught them healthy relationship skills. As a result, these individuals may need to learn conflict-resolution skills and how to talk about sensitive topics with their peers. Learning these skills is important, as Heitler says that social relationships are probably their biggest source of anxiety.

Social media

People begin to compare their lives to the fun or exciting ones that they see others having on social media, feeling that theirs is lackluster. Additionally, they are concerned that people will write something bad about them on social media, and when they do, they get quite anxious, Heitler says.

OFFERING SUPPORT

Fraternity
Program Planned
to Educate New
Members About
Mental Health

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"There's nothing else left for us to do. We have no sons but you."

Those heartbreaking words from Michael Zibilich, **LOUISIANA STATE 2013**, speak not only to the grief that he and his wife, Gayle Zibilich, experience daily after losing their only son, but also to their continued commitment to Sigma Chi six years after his death.

Their son, Keller Zibilich, **LOUISIANA STATE 2015**, took his life on April 21, 2012, just weeks before he finished his freshman year at the university. In the wake of his death, the Fraternity launched Sigma Chi Lifeline, an online mental health resource that includes a hotline to trained crisis counselors, on March 4, 2014, to ensure that anyone in crisis will be able to talk to someone when they need help.

Now the Zibilichs and Sigma Chi are taking the next step, by developing a program called Strong Arms that is intended to bring awareness of mental health issues. The e-learning curriculum will launch in the fall of 2018 as a requirement for all new Sigma Chi undergraduates.

Zibilich and his family are passionate about putting the education in front of members, so they donated funds to create it.

Like Lifeline, Strong Arms was developed in partnership with the Jed Foundation, a nonprofit organization that works to promote emotional health and prevent suicide among young people. Victor Schwartz, M.D., chief medical officer for the foundation, calls the program basic training for Fraternity brothers on mental health issues. Jim Cogdal, **BRADLEY 2003**, the General Fraternity's senior director of membership development, says the curriculum will be assigned to new members through Sigma Chi U, parallel to their Preparation for Brotherhood pledge program learning.

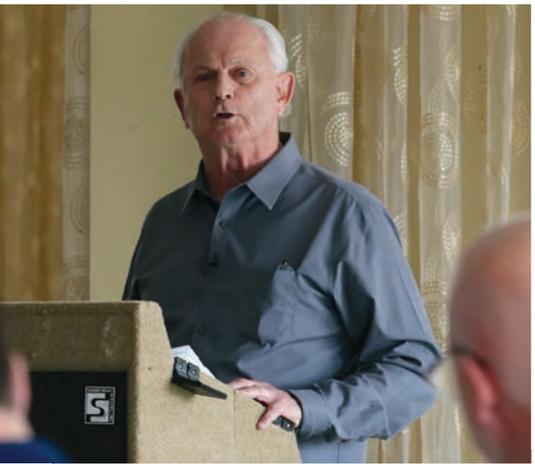
Preliminary curriculum covers ways to promote one's own mental health, such as getting enough sleep, seeking interpersonal connections and engaging in personal reflection and meditation. It also seeks to give members the tools to know when everyday problems start to rise to the level of a mental health crisis, and how to seek help for it.

Men, especially young men, sometimes have a hard time asking for help, says Schwartz. That's where he and others say the brotherhood comes in. "Strong Arms will help reassure their friends, and brothers, that being a friend sometimes involves stepping in and getting someone help," Schwartz explains.

Indeed, Zibilich and Cogdal both pointed out how Sigma Chi are already educated on being their brother's keeper in a number of ways, such as watching for excessive drinking and behavior that contradicts the Fraternity's values. Strong Arms seeks to add mental illness to the discussion. "We also need to start looking out for the mental health of the brother who is sitting next to us in [a] chapter [meeting]," Cogdal says.

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The Strong Arms curriculum is designed to empower users to identify warning signs of mental health distress and to do something about it, says Schwartz. "You don't need to be an expert or make



Above: Michael Zibilich, **LOUISIANA STATE 2013**, who lost his son to suicide in 2012, speaks to those at the Alabama/Gulf Coast and Southern province conference at the Biloxi Yacht Club in Biloxi, Mississippi, on Feb. 24, 2018. Zibilich spoke about his late son, Keller Zibilich, **LOUISIANA STATE 2015**, and how his death impacted him. As a result of Keller Zibilich's passing, his father is helping fund the Strong Arms program, which will educate those new to the Fraternity about mental health. Right: Magister Ryan Haak, **TULANE 2018**, listens to Michael Zibilich, **LOUISIANA STATE 2013**, speak about mental health at the Alabama/Gulf Coast and Southern province conference on Feb. 24, 2018, at the Biloxi Yacht Club in Biloxi, Mississippi.



a diagnosis," he explains. "You just have to know that something is wrong."

The very nature of Sigma Chi and its emphasis on brotherhood make members an ideal audience for the lessons of Strong Arms, Schwartz says. "The whole notion of this thing is based on people being connected to each other and supporting each other," he explains.

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The efforts with the program wouldn't be possible without the commitment of Michael and Gayle Zibilich, Cogdal says. "They're so passionate to make sure all Sigma Chi members who feel overwhelmed have an outlet for help," he explains.

The six years that have passed since Keller Zibilich's death have done little to ease the grief of his mother and father. "I still cry every day," Michael Zibilich says.

However, the work to develop programs like Lifeline and Strong Arms, along with the frequent public speaking Michael Zibilich does on the issues of mental health and suicide, help create a living legacy for a son he calls a blessing from God.

"We have a means now of making his life mean a lot to someone who will never meet him," Zibilich says. "There's going to be one kid in every audience [who] will get the message and it will save [his] life. In that, Keller will live in them."

To reach Sigma Chi Lifeline, call (800) 273-8255 or visit sigmachilife.org.ulifeline.org.

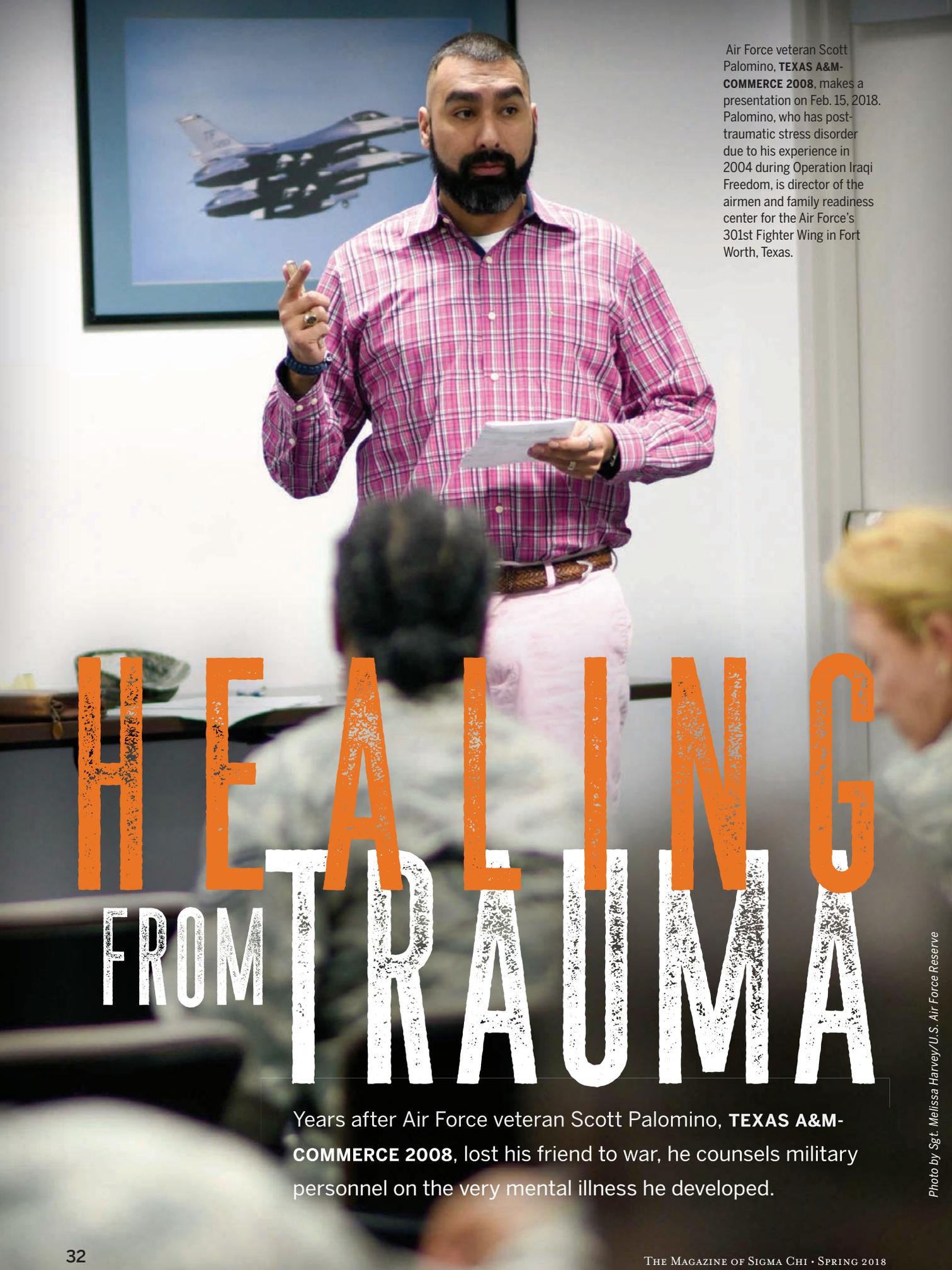
SHAME'S LINK TO DEPRESSION

While there are many factors that could contribute to depression, including genetics, clinical psychologist Mary Lamia sees shame as a primary component to it. Without remitting, the emotion can lead to depression, says Lamia, who is based in Kentfield, California.

She says that an intense stimulus, such as a student being around high achievers in college and realizing that, by comparison, he or she is not the top performer they were in high school, can bring about shame. "When shame is triggered in the present, we automatically and unconsciously [go back] to our internal warehouse [of past feelings of shame]," says Lamia, explaining that could be when a parent ignored a child who sought attention or care.

When a person feels shame, they do one of four things, Lamia says. They may go into withdrawal or avoidance, or they may attack themselves or become agitated, lashing out at others. It is the attacking of oneself that could lead to suicide, Lamia explains.

She says that understanding the responses to shame can help people know how to help their friends. For instance, if a friend is going out nightly to get drunk, it may be time to make a safe space to ask them what they have been avoiding. However, if someone is unable to get past the negative feelings on their own, they may need professional help. Of course, if they express the desire to end their life, do whatever you can to get them to a crisis center, Lamia says.

A photograph of Scott Palomino, a man with a beard and mustache, wearing a pink and white plaid shirt and light-colored pants. He is standing in a room, gesturing with his right hand while holding a piece of paper in his left. In the background, a framed picture of a fighter jet is visible on the wall. The foreground shows the blurred backs of several audience members.

Air Force veteran Scott Palomino, **TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE 2008**, makes a presentation on Feb. 15, 2018. Palomino, who has post-traumatic stress disorder due to his experience in 2004 during Operation Iraqi Freedom, is director of the airmen and family readiness center for the Air Force's 301st Fighter Wing in Fort Worth, Texas.

HEALING FROM TRAUMA

Years after Air Force veteran Scott Palomino, **TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE 2008**, lost his friend to war, he counsels military personnel on the very mental illness he developed.

Photo by Sgt. Melissa Harvey/U.S. Air Force Reserve

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Scott Palomino, **TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE 2008**, deployed as a weapons controller with his best friend Antoine Holt in the Air Control Squadron for Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. Together, they oversaw theater air control.

Palomino met Holt while on assignment at Aviano Air Base in Italy, and they became constant companions at work, at lunch, or playing basketball after each shift. Palomino's life suddenly changed in Balad, Iraq, on April 10, 2004, when a mortar blast cost him his leg and killed Holt.

While recovering at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, Palomino experienced uncontrollable sweating, breathing difficulties and frequent nightmares. He often found himself mumbling or talking to his lost friend, Holt, spotting his face everywhere he looked.

His injury forced a medical retirement from active duty in the Air Force, which felt like losing his identity – he'd trained hard for a career in the Air Force, where he'd planned to remain for 30 years. The dramatic life changes, nightmares and anxieties culminated in a post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) diagnosis in June 2004. The mental health condition can develop after one experiences or witnesses a traumatic event, such as war, sexual assault or a traffic collision; those suffering from it have dreams or flashbacks in which they relive the initial trauma, they avoid reminders of the event or thinking about it, may be easily startled or feel tense, and may have distorted feelings about the situation, such as guilt.

"[Traumatic memories] impact how [people with PTSD] think about themselves, the world and other people. They feel awful about themselves, [thinking] 'I'm crazy, lazy, bad, damaged and there's something wrong with me,'" says Joan Cook, Ph.D., associate professor of psychiatry at the Yale School of Medicine. "They think other people are dangerous, or awful, or won't understand them. And they think the world is an awful and dangerous place."

Those with PTSD are fearful that the traumatic situation may happen again. These feelings make building healthy relationships difficult because they impact people's ability to trust others, says Cook.

Needing to alter his life's path, Palomino registered for engineering courses at Texas A&M University-Commerce in 2005. Though he loved competing in athletics and dating, he worried people at college wouldn't pick him for sports, befriend him or date him. "I was going from the dorm to class, and right back to my dorm, every single day, not doing anything, just focusing on school," admits Palomino.

While sitting in class, a friend invited him to meet some other military men on campus, some of whom were Sigma Chis. Through them, he got to know the

Texas A&M-Commerce chapter and the Sigma Chi brotherhood. Palomino was offered and accepted a bid to join the chapter, willing to see what the Fraternity had to offer.

"My Big Brother, Eric Osburn, **2007**, he just invited me everywhere," recalls Palomino.

"[He would say.] 'Hey Scott, come on! Don't stay in your room!' He became my Big Brother, and he was very instrumental in me joining Sigma Chi."

Moving forward

Having strong social supports significantly predicts recovery from PTSD, says Cook. Lucky for Palomino, he found such support through his brothers.

Michael Brower, **TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE 2006**, remembers that Palomino was quiet during his pledgship. "He was shy, and it took a little bit to lighten up," says Brower. "He had that traumatic injury happen to him, and he never thought he'd have another girlfriend, or another friend, or that he'd be accepted, but [what happened] was the total opposite."

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Travis Johnson, **TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE 2007**, admits to doing a "quadruple-take" when he first saw Palomino's prosthetic leg. "I'd never seen one," says Johnson, who met Palomino when they were both pledges.

The prosthetic remained a constant reminder for Palomino of his life-changing traumatic event, as it does today, but to overcome the PTSD, he had to make peace with it.

"It's an eye-catcher," admits Brower, "but it turned into a motivational symbol, and that's what he's known for."

Brower says the Sigs treated him no differently than they did anyone else within the chapter. Palomino's prosthetic was fair game in the chapter's good-natured brotherly ribbing. When he wore shorts during the Texas winters, brothers would joke that only one leg was getting cold.

"None of it was horribly mean, but the way Scott takes everything, he'd laugh about it, and send it back your way three times worse," says Brower.

The inclusive camaraderie and brotherhood



Above: Air Force veteran Scott Palomino, **TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE 2008**, lost his best friend Antoine Holt and a leg on April 10, 2004, during a mortar blast in Operation Iraqi Freedom. As a result, Palomino has post-traumatic stress disorder and left active duty in the military. He is now director of the airmen and family readiness center for the Air Force's 301st Fighter Wing in Fort Worth, Texas.

helped restore Palomino's trust and confidence. He went from being antisocial to being very social. Palomino says he accepted how his injury made him special. He embraces the prosthetic by getting a fresh design painted on its sockets, the part of it that attaches to his residual limb, when he replaces them. He turned one into a recruitment tool which reads, "Rush Sigma Chi."

Palomino began to hold chapter offices. He became social chairman, and says that he and Johnson "co-did" everything, including planning chapter social events. Their close friendship ultimately inspired Palomino to become Magister. He was also Pro Consul and Quaestor, and Interfraternity Council president. He switched his major from engineering to child psychology, and married the chapter's 2009 sweetheart, Amanda.

He's since received his master's degree in social work and has become a licensed social worker, helping veterans overcome PTSD. The "Rush Sigma Chi" socket sits on his desk at the 301st Airman and Family Readiness Center in Fort Worth, Texas, where he is director of airman and family readiness. In that role, he oversees 14 Air Force programs, including ones that help transition retiring military personnel to civilian life, and prepare service members and their families for the rigors that accompany life before, during and after deployment. Palomino says that it is with the latter program that the military spends a lot of time educating service members and their families about PTSD.

He also serves as board member for the Halo for Freedom Warrior Foundation, helping other wounded veterans reconnect and socialize with one another, building the same type of camaraderie that they would establish while serving in the military. The organization's mission is to help prevent suicides.

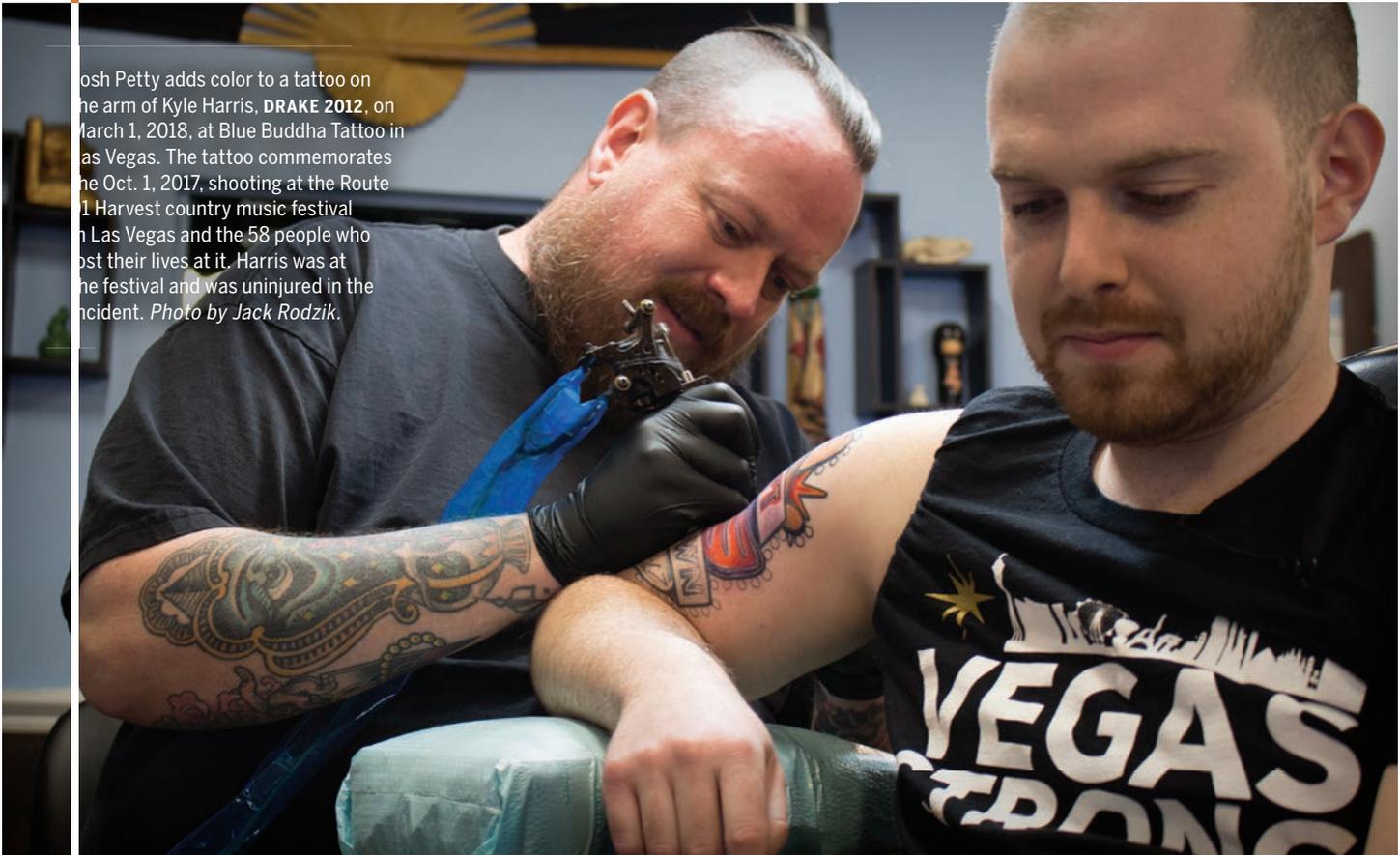
Palomino credits the relationships he built with the brothers at the Texas A&M-Commerce chapter for helping him emerge from his shell, which helped him become the man he is today. Those friendships endure. Brower officiated Palomino's wedding, and Johnson was his best man.

"It's crazy having seen him go from one extreme to the other," says Brower, adding that the once-shy man has become a talented public speaker. He talks about veterans' issues at nonprofit organizations' galas and fundraising events, and each Veterans Day and Memorial Day, he speaks to at least two high schools.

Palomino and Johnson remain in regular communication, and Johnson admits that whatever inspiration he gave to Palomino, he's received back threefold.

"I credit a lot of my life to Scott," says Johnson. "Any time I think about difficult times, if Scott's not available [to talk], I can always think of Scott and what he's overcome."

Josh Petty adds color to a tattoo on the arm of Kyle Harris, **DRAKE 2012**, on March 1, 2018, at Blue Buddha Tattoo in Las Vegas. The tattoo commemorates the Oct. 1, 2017, shooting at the Route 91 Harvest country music festival in Las Vegas and the 58 people who lost their lives at it. Harris was at the festival and was uninjured in the incident. *Photo by Jack Rodzik.*



A PERMANENT REMINDER

Three months after Kyle Harris, **DRAKE 2012**, survived the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, he grapples with the enormity of the event and his emotions.

"I was having hallucinations," Harris says of the time immediately following the Oct. 1, 2017, tragedy in which Stephen Paddock shot and killed 58 people at the Route 91 Harvest country music festival in Las Vegas. "[My] triggers would be helicopters, sirens and flashing lights."

Those triggers are the sights and sounds that would take Harris back to the scene of the crime, as if he was re-experiencing it.

Harris says that he went to a therapist for about a month and a half after the shooting, and that it helped him get past some of what he was experiencing emotionally. The therapist diagnosed Harris with acute stress disorder (ASD). "She said [working through the acute stress] will lessen the likelihood of [developing] PTSD in the future," Harris says.

Acute stress disorder can occur within the first 30 days of experiencing a traumatic event, while PTSD can

be diagnosed 30 days after such an event, says Andrew Leeds, Ph.D., director of training at the Sonoma Psychotherapy Training Institute in Santa Rosa, California.

The symptoms of ASD overlap those of PTSD; it is simply when they have persisted for more than 30 days that a PTSD diagnosis can be given, according to the National Center for PTSD. Those with the disorders may suffer from flashbacks of a traumatic event, which can occur when they experience similar sights, sounds and odors to those that they did during the original event, making them feel as if it is happening all over again. Their minds become stuck in fight-or-flight mode, and a feeling of anxiety can wash over them.

Harris has experienced challenges with friends who he believes did not understand what he was going through after the shooting. "People back at home [in Chicago] said, 'Get over it; get past it,'" he says. As a result, Harris and those friends did not speak for about a month. He confronted them about their reactions, they apologized and now they do communicate.

Harris's family reacted in the opposite way. "My family was supportive," he says. "I saw them a total of 20 days between October and November."

He says that he and his family members traveled back and forth to see each other in the aftermath of the tragedy. This type of support is important for survivors of traumatic events, as is the maintenance of personal hygiene, which includes eating regular meals, getting good sleep and avoiding excessive use of depressants and stimulants, such as alcohol and caffeine, says Leeds. He suggests that people seek professional help immediately following a horrific event.

For Harris, therapy helped, as has getting a large tattoo on his arm that includes the date of the shooting, a cowboy hat, part of a guitar and 58 lights, each one symbolizing one of the lives that the shooter took during the tragedy. "It's a reminder that I was there for now," he says. "It will [be] more later."

~Susan Lorimor

CHAPTER UPDATES

Alabama Iota Iota

Our chapter had a strong fall 2017 semester. We won our first Peterson Significant Chapter Blue Award in several years at the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop (LTW), and also initiated 62 men, the largest in our chapter's history. The new class has made its mark on our chapter and on campus, as they represent Sigma Chi in organizations such as Freshman Forum, Greek Ambassadors and our school's dance marathon fundraiser, continuing the chapter's tradition of campus leadership. We looked forward to hosting our second Derby Dash 5K run in conjunction with our Derby Days philanthropic event week, which took place on Feb. 26.

~Samuel Guerrero, **2019**

Albion Alpha Pi

It has been an eventful school year for the chapter. For the first time in two years, brothers moved back into the fraternity house at Albion College with a new drive to succeed on campus. We initiated nine new members after they completed the Preparation for Brotherhood pledge program. Brothers here have been thankful for our newly redesigned basement, which includes an upgraded active room and hangout area, as well as an array of new furniture to fill the house. We will continue to work our hardest this year at the sweetheart chapter for the name of Sigma Chi.

~Antonio Corsi, **2020**

American Kappa Rho

As of this writing, our Derby Days philanthropic event campaign was off to an excellent start with a fundraiser at Chipotle Mexican Grill on Nov. 1, 2017, and we were looking forward to surpassing our contribution to help support the Huntsman Cancer Institute this academic year. The chapter also made a strong showing during the Eastern province workshop on Oct. 17 at George Mason University, at which International Sweetheart Allie Hagemeyer was a guest speaker and facilitator. Last, but not least, we are very excited to have Blaise Fairfax, **AMERICAN 2015**, step up as our new assistant chapter advisor.

~Adam Brown, **2018**

Arizona Beta Phi

As 2017 came to a close, the chapter was excited to announce that it initiated 20 new brothers into our Fraternity. These men came into the chapter ready to learn and take the next step to becoming active members of Sigma Chi International Fraternity. During the week of Oct. 16 to 21, the chapter also completed a successful Derby Days philanthropic event, through which we were able to raise over \$26,000 to support the Huntsman Cancer Institute. We wished all of our brothers happy holidays and a safe New Year as we headed into 2018.

~Christopher McKinney, **2019**

Arizona State Epsilon Upsilon

The chapter was provisionally reinstated as a member of our school's Interfraternity Council (IFC) with 10 requirements to complete before the end of the fall 2017 semester. The chapter received full privileges as a campus fraternity. We have made great relationships with the school and others in the community. Throughout the semester, our brothers attempted to assert themselves as leaders on campus by seeking to improve themselves each day.

~Broderick Jones, **2019**

Arkansas State Theta Chi

The members of our chapter could not have asked for a better fall 2017 semester. We welcomed 26 brothers into the chapter following the fall recruitment period. We were encouraged by this success, and looked forward to a great spring semester and new year in 2018. Thanksgiving and Christmas break were a wonderful time away from class and studying. Nevertheless, our brothers were ready to get back to campus to take on another semester full of learning and, most importantly, fellowship with one another.

~Benjamin Parmer, **2020**

Ball State Epsilon Omega

Jordan Bousum, **2019**, and Josh LeCount, **2020**, won elections for Interfraternity Council vice president of scholarship and vice president of membership development, respectively. Our members continued their efforts to raise money for our Derby Days philanthropic event as we approached the holiday season. Our new fall pledge class is also making great headway on their personal development, as many of them had started to apply for this summer's Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit at the time of this writing.

~Nathan Newman, **2018**

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Baylor Eta Omega

The chapter finished the fall 2017 semester strong, initiating eight members and having its float place second in Baylor's Homecoming parade. Along with this, we elected a new executive board whose members hope to lead the charge to glory that was set in motion with the chartering of our colony in 2016. Moving forward, we are making preparations for our Baylor Sing act, which we hope will be our biggest performance yet. Lastly, we have continued our recruitment efforts throughout the semester and are on the brink of bringing in our next class of new members.

~Brady Dunlop, 2020

Beloit Alpha Zeta

The brothers of our chapter enjoyed a successful fall 2017 semester. Our members have been working hard within the chapter and around campus. We have members who are resident assistants for the school, brothers serving in the student government and others who are members of various athletic teams. We are also off to a great start with Derby Days fundraising. As of this writing, we were beginning the Ritual Bridge process that would lead our pledges to initiation. We were excited to initiate our fall pledge class into the Fraternity.

~Nathaniel Stump, 2019

Bentley Lambda Upsilon

The chapter enjoyed a successful fall 2017 semester, highlighted by the initiation of 10 new men into our Order. Additionally, the chapter staged a successful Derby Days philanthropic event with all brothers working hard to raise funds for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. As of this writing, we set our sights on executing a solid recruitment process for the spring 2018 semester, which we hope will replicate the success of fall 2017 recruitment. Additionally, we are looking forward to our annual service trip to the Greater Boston Food Bank in Boston.

~Thomas Gaffney, 2018

Binghamton Mu Gamma

Our chapter had a successful semester this past fall. We hosted our first Derby Days philanthropic event from Oct. 18 to 22, and had a great turnout from friends, family and fellow Greek-letter organization members, and raised approximately \$8,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. We also welcomed seven new brothers to our chapter who are already aspiring to be leaders of it. This spring semester, we look forward to continuing our involvement in community service through volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club of Binghamton, New York, and attending events such as Writing Letters to Santa to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation on Dec. 4.

~Steven Reddan, 2018

Birmingham-Southern Chi Chi

The chapter will be celebrating its 25th anniversary from April 20 to 22, 2018. We are celebrating the event with a golf tournament on April 22. The chapter is proud to have won the International Fraternity's Daniel William Cooper Award this past summer at Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, for having the most outstanding scholastic program during the 2016 to 2017 academic year. Since winning this award, we have added a study room to the house so that we may continue our tradition of academic excellence.

~Faaiz Saad, 2018

Boise State Lambda Xi

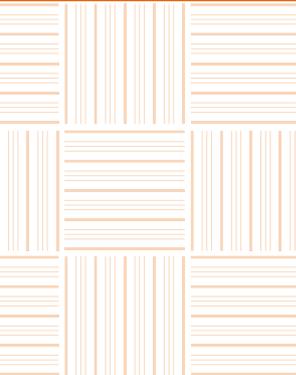
The chapter increased by 17 members this past fall, as we welcomed a pledge class of men who have already taken up positions and been active within our chapter. The semester was busy with socials, formals and philanthropic events within our chapter as well as in coordination with other Greek-letter organizations. Our campus presence is strong and our sweetheart, Riley Cardoza, a member of Alpha Chi Omega women's Fraternity, continues to represent us well. We looked forward to five of our brothers graduating in December, and know they will do great things in the world.

~Adam Mazor, 2019





University of Missouri-Columbia Sigs from the class of 2020 pause for a photo after dropping off items for a Toys for Tots Foundation toy drive on Dec. 9, 2017. From left are Scott Brainard, Seth Crockett, Will Minnick and Hayden Zdrozinski. The chapter donated more than 200 toys to children throughout the Columbia area.



Bowling Green Delta Kappa

The chapter is looking forward to hosting its second Derby Days philanthropic event this spring. We are excited to get the campus involved and raise money for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. We are also looking forward to hosting our inaugural Moms Weekend, which is scheduled to take place on April 7, at various locations on the campus. We are in the midst of planning an eventful weekend where the moms can get to know all of the brothers and enjoy the campus and community.

~Brendan Brichmann, 2019

Bradley Delta Rho

The chapter is proud to announce the initiation of 29 new brothers this past fall. Our chapter got off to an early start with its Derby Days philanthropic event this year, sending out sign-ups for sorority and women's fraternity members to purchase this fall's recruitment shirts, with the proceeds going toward the Derby Days fundraising goal for spring 2018. The chapter also began fundraising for Derby Days at Bradley basketball games and other events on campus. Following a successful recruitment period in the fall, our chapter hoped to recruit its first spring pledge class in two years as we began 2018.

~Kyle Job, 2019

Bridgewater State Theta Zeta

The chapter had a great first semester integrating back into campus life. We are happy to announce that we initiated two brothers into our chapter this past fall. We are looking forward to our annual Derby Days philanthropic event from April 8 to April 13, 2018, along with Relay for Life, which is scheduled from April 6 to April 7. The chapter is also happy to announce that its 35th-anniversary celebration is scheduled for April 23. We looked to finish off the semester strong and continue to build strong campus relations.

~Eric Reissfelder, 2018

British Columbia-Simon Fraser

Delta Omicron

As the fall 2017 semester came to an end, so did another successful recruitment and pledge program. The chapter congratulates Magister Ian Stone, 2019, for leading 27 men through the Preparation for Brotherhood program and into our chapter. We also congratulate Ben Lesage, 2018, for representing Team Canada Rugby and Sigma Chi all throughout Europe. Furthermore, we thank our philanthropy chairman and community chairman Juan Pablo Duque Lopez, 2018, and Devon Gould, 2019, respectively, for organizing events that allow us to give back to our community.

~Thibault De Wit, 2019

Brown Beta Nu

This past semester marked new beginnings for the chapter. We initiated 29 new brothers this fall and planned to initiate the remaining 10 pledges early in the spring. This has increased the current chapter membership from one to 30 members. This new growth is exciting, but not without its challenges. These teachings of Sigma Chi have been instilled within these brothers; now, they will need guidance in the running of chapter operations and what it means to live a life of service within the Fraternity.

~Jacob Ihnen, 2018

Bryant Lambda Eta

Fall 2017 was another successful semester for our chapter. With nine brothers studying abroad, we had fewer members on campus, but our levels of campus participation and leadership have remained at an all-time high. We welcomed six new brothers after initiation this fall, and they are proving to be great additions to our chapter. Our brothers took part in the Rhode Island chapter's initiation and helped orchestrate the installation of the Massachusetts-Amherst chapter on Dec. 2, 2017. We look forward to welcoming our brothers back from abroad and continuing to lead campus through the spring.

~Jesse Calder, 2019

Bucknell Kappa

On Oct. 27, 2017, we initiated 27 new brothers into the chapter. These new brothers have already stepped in to fill roles on our executive board and have contributed new ideas to help our chapter grow. As of this writing, we were looking forward to planning our spring Derby Days philanthropic event, which we had yet to schedule. The brothers were looking forward to a successful end to the semester and an exciting new year.

~Anthony Albanese, 2019

Butler Rho

This past summer at Balfour Leadership Training Workshop at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, our chapter earned the Peterson Significant Chapter Blue Award. The Blue award is presented to chapters that scored between 90 percent to 96.99 percent on their annual reports. Thank you to our past executive team and active brothers who strove to make our chapter one of the best in the Fraternity. The last few months have been a success, which was highlighted by our annual scholarship dinner, during which alumni awarded scholarships to undergraduates.

~Scott Hevel, 2019

Cal. Poly.-Pomona Theta Sigma

The chapter kicked off the spring under the leadership of our new Consul, Matteo Miralae, 2018, who has done a fantastic job keeping our chapter organized and successful. The newly initiated pledge class has already contributed to our chapter, as Dane Matich, 2020, and Joseph San Marco, 2019, were elected social chairman and sports chairman, respectively. We also made improvements to our chapter house by installing concrete in the remainder of the back lot and adding new bushes and shrubs in the front yard.

~Christian Miller, 2019

Cal. State-Chico Kappa Theta

This semester, the chapter has enjoyed the company of its 22 new members; they are part of the largest pledge class our chapter has seen. This past fall, our brothers donated more than 400 hours of community service and raised awareness and money for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. In the spring, we look forward to celebrating our chapter's 25th anniversary, along with adding more members to our Fraternity. Our chapter was installed into the Fraternity on Nov. 8, 1992.

~Conor Maloney, 2020

Cal. State-Northridge Zeta Xi

The chapter is proud to have initiated 21 new members into our brotherhood on Nov. 19, 2017. David Dinwiddie's, 2018, performance as a Magister was impeccable and inspired the rest of the chapter to put in the work. Rallying for a great cause, Yousef Al-falah, 2016, and brothers managed to donate 30,000 books to the Reading Is Key Foundation. In November of 2017, we successfully raised over \$1,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation through our annual Spike Out for Cancer philanthropic event on Nov. 5, 2017.

~Mathew Quintero, 2020

Cal. State-San Marcos Mu Beta

This past year marked our chapter's second anniversary. We have experienced immense growth since our time as a colony, and are working toward setting good traditions for our chapter's future. We've had two stellar initiations and have successfully integrated those new members into the chapter who have taken on leadership roles. As the fall semester concluded, we enjoyed another successful Derby Days philanthropic event spearheaded by Nicholas Lavelly, 2019. We are excited to send more brothers to the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop and the Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit this summer.

~Mert Kocyigit, 2018

California-Berkeley Alpha Beta

The chapter is pleased to welcome nine new initiates into the Fraternity after they completed pledgship under the guidance of Magister A.J. Newcomb, 2019. While we've been preparing for our chapter's Derby Days philanthropic event, brothers joined our school's Alpha Phi women's fraternity chapter to create over 100 bagged lunches and distribute them to persons experiencing homelessness in the Berkeley, California, community. We looked forward to a successful spring recruitment period.

~Sahil Sheth, 2020

California-Davis Theta Omicron

The chapter completed the winter quarter by initiating one pledge class and successfully recruiting another. We also enjoyed a number of brotherhood events and participated in many philanthropic events in the community. Our annual winter philanthropic event for the Huntsman Cancer Institute, called Puppy Love, was a great success during one of the final weeks of the winter quarter. We continue to present ourselves as positive role models and leaders in our community, while continuing to support various philanthropic causes around campus.

~Adam Armienta, 2019



California-Irvine Eta Sigma

The fall quarter was a successful time for our chapter, as we recruited ambitious and determined individuals to become members of our most recent pledge class. Our chapter's intramural football and volleyball teams also enjoyed success during the fall, and were both on the path toward winning championships at the time of this writing. Lastly, our Derby Days philanthropic event is coming up this spring, and our brothers have been preparing to achieve our goal of raising \$20,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute for the second year in a row.

~Marco De La Cruz, **2020**

California-Los Angeles Delta Eta

The chapter is proud to have initiated 35 men into our brotherhood during the most recent academic term. With our newly elected officers, we are more eager than ever to put forth all of our efforts into philanthropic events and deepening relationships with alumni. Dylan Mahood, **2019**, has begun the process of creating a big brother mentorship network that is designed to facilitate brothers working together to achieve overall success. By emphasizing the importance of community service and relationships with alumni, our brothers continually strive to live up to the ideals of our seven Founders.

~Kyle Kirk, **2020**

California-Merced Lambda Delta

As of this writing, the men of our chapter were hoping to end the fall semester by sustaining our strong academic standing. This semester had been full of philanthropic participation for other Greek-letter organizations, including Delta Delta Delta Sorority, Delta Gamma women's fraternity, Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority, and Phi Mu women's fraternity. Unfortunately, our chapter was unable to hold its Sigtoberfest philanthropic event this fall, but planned to host a public relations event during finals, where we would give energy drinks and Scantron forms to students in need.

~Rees Robertson, **2018**

California-San Diego Iota Chi

After a fourth successful career summit, held Nov. 18, 2017, at the university's Rady School of Business, the men of our chapter are looking forward to welcoming a new pledge class onto the active roster. At the time of this writing, we were getting warmed up for our Derby Days philanthropic event to be held from April 1 to 6. The chapter was also undefeated in sorority philanthropic events for the 2017 to 2018 school year, and is proud to have contributed over \$1,000 to the Kappa Kappa Gamma women's fraternity's philanthropic efforts in support of the local Boys and Girls Club.

~Ian Stafford, **2019**

California-Santa Barbara Zeta Kappa

After initiating a pledge class of 13 members during the fall at the University of California at Santa Barbara, our brothers have been focusing their attention on making strides to improve our relations with the Greek-letter community and the university during the winter quarter. For the first time in over 10 years, a Sigma Chi composite hangs in our chapter room after our reinstallation in January 2017. We also will crown our second sweetheart since reactivating, and will select from a pool of well-qualified candidates.

~Spencer Dell, **2018**

Carnegie Mellon Lambda Pi

The past fall semester was an eventful one for the chapter. We initiated 11 new members into the Fraternity. The men were part of our most recent pledge class. We had a successful Derby Days philanthropic event in September of 2017, raising more than \$5,000 to support the Huntsman Cancer Institute. We also celebrated the fifth anniversary of receiving our chapter's charter; the chapter was installed into the Fraternity on Nov. 14, 2015. The chapter also earned the fourth-highest GPA among 11 fraternities on the Interfraternity Council, achieving a 3.30 during the fall semester.

~Arnav Jain, **2019**

Case Western Beta Eta

At the time of this writing, we had initiated our fall pledge class. It includes 2021 graduates Connor McMurry, Jeffrey Heferle, Matthew Levine, Jacob Lott, Kyle McKenzie, Carter Schwertle, Tony Smodilla, Bryant Thompson and Stephen Timothy. We also updated our scholarship room to include new carpet, dual monitors, a large conference table and a whiteboard. Additionally, we welcomed new officers from the class of 2020, including Consul Chris Shorter; Pro Consul Tony Yambor; Annotator Brian Eckert; and Risk Manager Brett Frank.

~Noah Mehrle, **2020**

Central Florida Eta Pi

This past fall, the chapter had the honor of initiating 23 new members in front of what we believe to be a record number of alumni brothers. The addition of the new brothers marks but one of the many successes achieved by the chapter. Jad Shalhoub, **2018**, a former Consul and Magister, was elected as president of the university's Interfraternity Council. In the preceding spring, the chapter was able to raise nearly \$10,000 from its Derby Days philanthropic event for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. The week of events concluded with a concert headlined by music artist Ookay.

~Ethan Hulihan, **2018**

Centre Zeta Zeta

The chapter takes pride in exemplifying the values of our Ritual in our everyday actions. In January, brothers embraced the opportunity to take part in Centre's study-abroad programs, with a number of our brothers studying in Japan and in New Zealand. Our members have embraced the Preparation for Brotherhood pledge program, and for the third year in a row expect to initiate a class of motivated and enthusiastic new brothers in March. We look forward to more opportunities to showcase our brotherhood and chapter this year.

~William Bradford, **2018**

Cincinnati Zeta Psi

The chapter was finishing this semester strong. After wrapping up our 2017 Derby Days philanthropic event week, held from Oct. 1 to Oct. 8, we were able to raise \$63,000 through events such as Fight Night, Shave-A-Sig, Night at the Races and more. In addition, the chapter has been able to keep the highest GPA it has had in several semesters, striving to do well academically. Lastly, we are proud to have initiated 25 young men into our brotherhood on Nov. 19, after they completed the Preparation for Brotherhood pledge program.

~Michael Musilli, **2020**

Clarion Theta Alpha

New brothers, same expectations. We were excited to see what the spring semester held for the chapter. We have our Derby Days philanthropic event happening this semester, and we are excited to be doing some good to raise money for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. We believe that our brotherhood is strong, as we have members who are involved with the school newspaper, the university's activities board and many more aspects of campus life. We are looking to finish the 2017 to 2018 school year strong, both academically and as an organization.

~Joseph Lillard, **2018**

Clarkson Iota Zeta

The fall 2017 semester proved to be another exciting one for the chapter. Our Derby Days philanthropic event, held from Oct. 1 to 4, was enjoyable and we are thankful for all of the Greek-letter women who joined us in raising to support the Huntsman Cancer Institute. The women of Delta Zeta Sorority raised the most money of any organization involved in Derby Days. We also welcomed five new brothers to our Fraternity this semester. We hoped for continued success for our chapter during the spring semester.

~Nathan Guinta, **2019**



Undergraduates from the Gettysburg College and Princeton University chapters, along with alumni, listen as Niki Graham, marketing and communications director for the Rescue Mission of Trenton, New Jersey, presents a volunteer orientation on Nov. 18, 2017, at the rescue mission. Approximately 60 Sigs helped sort and restock clothing donations for the organization, which provides clothing, food and shelter to those in need.

College of Idaho Kappa Lambda

The chapter enjoyed a very successful fall 2017 semester, welcoming 10 men into our brotherhood. We hosted the annual Miss College of Idaho philanthropic event on Nov. 20, during which we raised \$457 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. Our campus Greek-letter council has elected two of our members to its executive council, with Jesus Hernandez, **2018**, as president and Benny Schamber, **2020**, as secretary. We looked forward to a successful winter as we ramp up toward our Derby Days philanthropic event this spring.

~Andres Maldonado, **2018**

Columbia Nu Nu

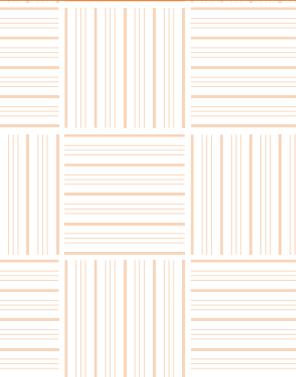
The fall of 2017 was an exciting semester for the chapter. Our members are busy being active members of the Columbia, New York City and International Fraternity communities. On campus, many of our brothers are members of the school's football team, which recorded an 8–2 record and its first winning season in over 20 years. Additionally, we have brothers studying abroad in Prague and Germany who are representing Sigma Chi well on the international stage. We are busy preparing for our spring philanthropic events and are proud of our brothers' ongoing activities.

~Patrick Denny, **2018**





Jack Morrison, **PURDUE 2021**, and his opponent arm wrestle on Jan. 26, 2018. Morrison won the "Frats to the Mats" arm wrestling competition, which was held during the intermission of Purdue University's wrestling team's meet with the North Dakota State University team. The event took place at Holloway Gymnasium in West Lafayette, Indiana. *Photo courtesy of Purdue athletics communications.*



A College in Storrs, Connecticut Gamma Omega

The chapter is looking forward to its bright future. Having initiated 18 new brothers during the fall, the chapter continues to be a closely knit group of men who are an excellent example of the values of Sigma Chi. We elected new executive officers during the fall, and they are eager to show their abilities and to maintain the reputation the chapter has acquired over the years. We continue to make progress toward regaining recognition as a student organization by the university and the brothers are ready to display the value that Sigma Chi brings to its members and our school.

~Nick Davis, **2019**

Cornell Alpha Phi

Throughout the fall 2017 semester, our brothers have worked to make a difference in our local community and beyond. On Halloween, a number of brothers travelled to the Southside Community Center in Ithaca, New York, to share candy and the Halloween spirit with underprivileged youth. At the end of November, brothers traveled to Buffalo Wild Wings to compete in a philanthropic wing-eating contest. Collectively, the brothers devoured hundreds of wings, and for each wing they ate, \$1 was donated to the American Cancer Association.

~Stefan Antonsson, **2019**

Dalhousie-St. Mary's Gamma Rho

This past fall, the chapter focused on getting back to its roots. Thanksgiving brought a fundraising dinner for the Feed Nova Scotia hunger relief agency. On Nov. 11, we held a memorial service for chapter brothers who perished while serving in the military, followed by a visit to the cenotaph for Remembrance Day. The chapter initiated three brothers and they look forward to using the knowledge gained in our Mission 365 recruitment training program to find our next pledge class. We plan to host a philanthropic event in support of the Children's Wish Foundation and our 85th-annual sweetheart ball.

~Shayn Power, **2018**

Denison Mu

The brothers have had a productive fall 2017 semester. Our chapter boasts brothers on the university's football and soccer teams, including Jordan Williams, **2018**, who captained the soccer team. Both the football and soccer teams enjoyed successful seasons. On the hill, we hosted various campus events including house tours and a blood drive where we showed off our letters and aided the community. At the time of this writing, we were excited for the spring semester and were looking forward to celebrating the chapter's 150th anniversary in April. Our chapter was originally chartered on March 2, 1868.

~Williams

DePauw Xi

Fall 2017 was a successful semester for the chapter. We saw a rejuvenated effort for campus involvement and philanthropy hours with other Greek-letter organizations. One of our most notable was our annual Habitat for Humanity trip to New Orleans led by Tom McEvily, **2018**, during the week of Oct. 16, 2017. A group of 13 brothers, along with other DePauw students, worked over four days to rebuild a house in an area still affected by Hurricane Katrina. The amount of involvement and support from the house on this project was one of our prouder moments this semester.

~Kyle Munz, **2020**

Drake Theta Gamma

The chapter is pleased to announce that it initiated eight new members on Nov. 11, 2017; they belong to the largest pledge class we have had in three years. We continued this momentum by hosting our Derby Days philanthropic event from Nov. 6 to 8, with all donations going toward the Huntsman Cancer Institute. The chapter has paired with a residence hall to host a speaker from Members in Violence Prevention (MVP), which will be open to all students. Finally, we were excited to host our formal in Minneapolis from Nov. 17 to 19.

~Christian Higgins, **2018**

Duke Beta Lambda

The chapter relaunched its Derby Days philanthropic event with great success this past fall. As of this writing, fundraising totals for the event were still coming in, but we expected to be close to our goal of \$10,000 raised for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. We had a dunk tank, fundraisers at local restaurants and a concert to raise money. We wrapped up the week with a dinner to celebrate, which included patients from Duke University Hospital as guest speakers. We hope to continue this momentum during the spring by hosting more philanthropic events benefiting the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

~Benjamin Leonard, **2020**

East Tennessee Zeta Omega

We have been progressively making improvements after bringing home a James F. Bash Significant Improvement Award following the 2016 to 2017 academic year. We are thankful for our Recruitment Chairman, Justin Pearson, **2019**, and the hard work of all our brothers for bringing in the chapter's fall pledge class. At the time of this writing, we expected to welcome 18 new men into our brotherhood. We are also planning a community service event, and were working on the details as of this writing.

~Joseph Jenkins, **2020**

Elon Theta Omega

During the fall of 2017, the chapter initiated four new members into the Fraternity. Elon University selected a new president, Connie Ledoux Book, who will be coming to campus at the start of spring 2018. This presents an opportunity for our student body and chapter to welcome her as the new president and to develop a strong and respectful relationship with her. Our main goals are to increase our chapter GPA and to integrate our new members into the chapter smoothly and efficiently.

~Kyle Barber, **2018**

Embry-Riddle (Daytona Beach) Eta Iota

After initiating 11 brothers this past fall, our chapter is full of members who are eager to take on a leadership position within Sigma Chi. Despite being one of the Fraternity's smaller chapters, we raised \$20,000 through our Derby Days philanthropic event last year. As of this writing, our brothers were excited to host Derby Days in the spring, and to tackle the challenge of reaching entrance into the Huntsman Cancer Institute's \$20K Club once again.

~Daniel Juchtman, **2020**

Embry-Riddle (Prescott) Kappa Phi

The fall 2017 semester was a successful time for our chapter. In August, we implemented a strategic plan to address members' attitudes and behavior, community outreach and transparent governance within the chapter. Additionally, we are proud that we initiated seven men, including Jarrett Sahd, **2020**, whose family now includes nine legacies. Furthermore, the chapter hosted an event on campus to educate other Greek-letter organizations about university policy and ways to mitigate risk at all events. We were excited to discover what opportunities would arise during the spring semester to continue to improve our chapter.

~Zach Ontiveros, **2020**

Emory Beta Chi

The chapter enjoyed a successful fall 2017 semester, making a strong impact across campus. Numerous brothers are members of the varsity soccer team that reached the Elite 8 round of the NCAA Tournament, which is the farthest an Emory men's soccer team has ever advanced. Brothers also hosted a party for patients at Atlanta's Scottish Rite Children's Hospital on Nov. 5, 2017, which was a blast. The brothers are excited to meet worthy candidates for initiation during recruitment in the spring semester.

~Daniel Ostrove, **2020**

Fairleigh Dickinson Iota Kappa

The chapter has had a very productive fall 2017 semester. We hosted what we believe to be an inclusive, campus-wide and successful Derby Days philanthropic event from Oct. 7 to 13. Our brothers were also happy to initiate two new members through the Preparation for Brotherhood program, which has once again proved to be nothing short of effective and beneficial to Sigma Chi. Due to the low numbers of interested students for fall recruitment, the chapter is anticipating a successful spring recruitment process. The chapter is also preparing for its 30th-anniversary celebration, which will most likely be occurring in the fall of 2018.

~Matt Lane, **2017**

Florida Atlantic Lambda Tau

Having returned from the 2017 Balfour Leadership Training Workshop with our first Peterson Significant Chapter Blue Award and joining Huntsman Cancer Institute's \$20K Club for the first time, we started the year by holding our second Sigma Idol philanthropic event on Oct. 3, 2017, and raising \$8,800. We continued this success by raising an additional \$4,076 for the Ronald McDonald House. Additionally, we had 41 alumni witness the initiation of 20 new brothers on Nov. 18. We finished the semester with a joint tailgate party with the Florida International chapter and local alumni on Nov. 18.

~Tyler Bonney, **2019**





Florida Gulf Coast Lambda Zeta

At the time of this writing, the men of our chapter were finishing an amazing fall 2017 semester. We planned to initiate 28 new members and were excited to welcome them into the brotherhood. We ran another successful Derby Days philanthropic event from Nov. 7 to 13. After being awarded the Peterson Significant Chapter Blue Award last summer, we have set our eyes on meeting the requirements to accomplish the feat again this year. With the spring semester around the corner, we are gearing up to recruit the best new members and are eager for what is to come.

~Clayton Wasson, 2019

Florida Southern Epsilon Sigma

Our chapter just recently initiated 22 new brothers into our Order. We initiated 100 percent of the pledges who accepted our bids to become members, which is a huge accomplishment for us. The initiation ceremonies went flawlessly thanks to the commitment of our older brothers, as well as help from our local alumni. We doubled our chapter size after initiating our fall pledge class, and cannot wait to see all that our new members have to offer our chapter now and in the future.

~Robert MacIntyre, 2019

Fort Hays Zeta Tau

Our chapter had another exciting semester during the fall of 2017. We celebrated our 50th anniversary on Dec. 10, initiated 19 new members and held elections for our more minor officer positions. We also collaborated with businesses in the Hays, Kansas, area and held fundraisers for our Derby Days philanthropic event. With our new chapter house coming in fall 2018, brothers were preparing to move into other residences and have reserved meeting space in the school's memorial union for weekly meetings. We are now the largest Greek-letter organization on campus and have begun preparation for spring recruitment.

~Jon Beck, 2019

Furman Iota Nu

The chapter had an incredible fall 2017 semester. Our chapter continues to maintain the strong tradition of Sigma Chi and our brand image at the university. After returning from Balfour Leadership Training Workshop with many new ideas, our brothers have been working hard to grow and improve the chapter by focusing on ways to enhance our brotherhood, academic performance and relationships with community stakeholders. Additionally, we had an incredible Homecoming weekend with many alumni enjoying their return to campus. As of this writing, our chapter was preparing for its Derby Days philanthropic event, recruitment and our formal in the spring.

~Clayton Moyer, 2019

George Mason Iota Xi

We enjoyed a great fall 2017 semester, initiating nine new brothers on Nov. 11. We were also able to host the Eastern province workshop at our own campus on Oct. 14, fostering an important change with our resources on campus. For this spring, we were looking forward to hosting our first-ever Derby Days philanthropic event, which will take place from April 30 to May 4. We were also looking forward to initiating the five new pledges gained during our recruitment period. As of this writing, Homecoming and Greek Week were right around the corner, both of which were keeping this chapter busier than ever.

~Andrew McDowell, 2019

George Washington Epsilon

Fall 2017 was another productive semester for the chapter. We had the interior of our chapter house repainted, installed new stairs, and added new bushes and sod to the exterior of the house to round out a series of improvement projects. Additionally, our members contributed a significant number of community service hours toward maintenance on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., and cooking at a local soup kitchen. The chapter looked forward to initiating four pledges into the chapter on Dec. 2. We have worked diligently to plan for what we hope to be one of the largest pledge classes in chapter history this coming spring.

~Baker Moore, 2019

Georgia Delta

This past fall, our chapter hosted our inaugural alumni reception on Nov. 3, 2017, where our brothers got the privilege to interact with some of our valued alumni. Along with the reception, we had the honor of being the International Fraternity's first Ritual for Life (R4L) pilot chapter. The majority of our R4L meetings were successfully led by our Pro Consul Dave DeLany, 2018, while we also got the opportunity to have 61st Grand Consul, Order of Constantine Sig and Significant Sig Buddy Metcalf, AUBURN 1969, lead a session.

~John Showfety, 2018

Georgia Southern Eta Zeta

As the first semester came to a close, our chapter was proud to report on another excellent semester. We initiated 32 men into the Fraternity during this time, were named the Interfraternity Council chapter of the year and won an excellence in philanthropy award for our dedication and commitment to raising money for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. The chapter also met its goal of donating 1,000 community service hours during the fall semester, and hopes to further the impact our members have on the community.

~Brandon Nordberg, 2016

Georgia Southwestern Eta Theta

The chapter had another successful semester in the fall. Initiation went smoothly, and we welcomed 11 new brothers into our chapter. We also have dedicated more of our efforts to volunteering and community service by working with organizations such as Special Olympics and Cow Poke, which is a local event for school-aged kids, as well as helping build a home for a community member who lost his house in a tornado. As of this writing, we were two weeks into post-initiation training, and will continue to teach the newly initiated brothers more about our Ritual.

~James Millwood, 2019

Georgia Tech Beta Psi

The chapter enjoyed another great fall semester. We began it by adding 18 men to our fall pledge class. In the classroom, we maintained our reputation of academic excellence by earning one of the top GPAs among Interfraternity Council chapters. This year, we had our inaugural philanthropy brunch, showcasing our work on campus and raising money for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. We also enjoyed signature chapter events, such as our fall semiformal and our annual Christmas dinner. We looked forward to continuing our success into next semester with formal from Jan. 26 to 28, and our Derby Days philanthropic event from March 26 to 30.

~James Westbrooks, 2019

Gettysburg Theta

In the fall of 2017, we initiated a pledge class of 20 men. We also sent 32 brothers to the home of Central Pennsylvania province Grand Praetor and Order of Constantine Sig Bill Sapoch, **DICKINSON 1984**, in New Jersey and spent the day volunteering at the Trenton, New Jersey, rescue mission, which is an agency that serves people who are in need of clothing, food and shelter. We were also excited to partner with the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority to launch the inaugural macaroni and cheese cook-off at Gettysburg College.

~Patrick Custer, 2019

Hampden-Sydney Sigma Sigma

Our brothers had a productive winter as they completed community service projects, such as adopting a highway in the local area. We also welcomed Charlie Agee, **HAMPDEN-SYDNEY 1984**, as our new chapter advisor and look forward to working with him. This spring, the chapter looked forward to watching Connor Pool, **2018**, and Chandler Shaheen, **2018**, have another great season on the school's lacrosse team. We also looked forward to seeing what Jack Dickerson, **2018**, would accomplish as a captain of the school's swim team.

~Charles Zambetti, 2019



Cal. State-Northridge Sigs relax together on the sideline during the chapter's Spike Out Cancer volleyball tournament on Nov. 5, 2017.

Hanover Chi

Our brothers are becoming increasingly involved in our campus community. We now have more brothers involved in more clubs and organizations than in recent memory. We also have placed an emphasis on bringing our brothers together through new events, programs and discussions. We strive to be the preeminent location for values-based leadership on Hanover's campus by building a solid foundation within the chapter. Thanks to our tireless recruitment efforts, we hoped to initiate another pledge class of worthy men during the winter.

~Keaton Veldkamp, 2018

Harvard Kappa Eta

Our fall semester was marked by moments of both great happiness and sadness. We were excited to have another record number of pledges preparing to join our brotherhood in the winter. We also had our first brother enter into the Chapter Eternal: founder and former Consul Matt Bencke, **1984**, who succumbed to pancreatic cancer at age 45. We are incredibly proud of Bencke and all of our brothers' service to society and our Fraternity. In times like these, we are evermore thankful for the bonds we share with our brothers and the foundations upon which they are built.

~Jonathan Paek, 2020



When new members joined the Mississippi chapter on Nov. 26, 2017, it was a family affair at the post-initiation banquet. Charlie Chambers, 2020, at far left, and Jack Chambers, 2019, far right, pose for a photograph with their grandfather Jimmy Long, 1965, and their mother, 1987 to 1989 International Sweetheart Melissa Chambers. The event took place at the chapter house in Oxford, Mississippi.

Illinois Kappa Kappa

The chapter flourished during the fall 2017 semester and had high hopes of continued success with our newly elected executive board. They will build upon our current progress to project to the highest success. We achieved academic success for we are ranked 11 out of 56 fraternities at Illinois. Marc Sleiman, 2019, was elected as the Interfraternity Council's vice president of scholarship. One-third of our newly elected pledge class are legacies. Philanthropic success was shown through our Derby Days philanthropic event and second spring classic tournament. We hope this projects us to the \$20K Club for Huntsman this coming summer.

~Jordan Meadows, 2019

Illinois Wesleyan Alpha Iota

This past fall semester was an exciting time for the chapter. The school's football and soccer teams enjoyed successful seasons. The football team, which has 23 brothers on it, won the conference title and made playoffs for the first time in four years. The soccer team, which has 12 brothers on it, enjoyed its best record ever in conference play. As of this writing, we were excited to be initiating the 27 members of our fall pledge class, and could not wait to see what they accomplish as brothers.

~Braden Miller, 2019

Iowa State Beta Omicron

During the fall 2017 semester, our chapter became the largest it has been in recent memory. With just over 80 brothers and 27 pledges, we included over 100 men, as well as our loyal canine member and sorority relations chair, Remy, on our composite. We had the opportunity to work with Significant Sig Luke Bryan, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 1999, for our Derby Days philanthropic event on his Farm Tour, and are excited to continue a partnership with him in the future. It is no surprise this was our biggest Derby Days event yet. We also worked on a plan to invite more alumni to Ames, Iowa, for brotherhood events in the coming semesters.

~Joey Stauffer, 2017

Johns Hopkins Kappa Upsilon

During the fall 2017 semester, our brothers were involved in a couple of service projects that made an impact. On Sept. 23, we participated in the university president's day of service, when our chapter helped community members clean a local park. On Halloween, members of the local community and university students came to our annual House of Terror haunted house. By the end of the night, we raised over \$500 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. As of this writing, our brothers were looking forward to spring recruitment in February.

~Marcos Bottenbley, 2018

Hobart Alpha Alpha

The chapter had a great fall semester. We worked closely with our Title XI office for two events this semester. Earlier in the semester, we hosted a workshop about masculinity. We also hosted a screening of the film *My Masculinity Helps*. Events like these are important, as fraternity spaces can be breeding grounds for toxic masculinity and misogynistic attitudes toward women. Introspection and a close examination of how a person can develop these and similar attitudes are important to improving fraternity life and changing the negative stigmas people have toward Greek-letter life.

~Joshua Martin, 2018

Idaho Gamma Eta

This past fall, our chapter was proud to initiate 16 new members into the Fraternity. Academic achievement has always been of the utmost importance to our members, and we are excited to announce that we improved our overall GPA in the fall from the previous two semesters. Brotherhood has also been a strong focus for us, as brotherhood chairman Jack Sturtz, 2019, had new ideas for future events. As of this writing, we had already begun preparing for the spring semester and bettering ourselves and our brotherhood.

~Dylan Lamberton, 2019

Kansas Alpha Xi

The chapter held many new events during the fall 2017 semester, of which we are proud. Our most notable event was the initiation of 27 men into the Fraternity. Six of them have fathers who are alumni of our chapter, and two have fathers who are Sigma Chis from other chapters. On top of that, the average GPA for our new initiates exceeded a 3.6. We also held elections at the semester's end, and have multiple freshmen who now hold positions in the chapter.

~Ryan Carter, **2018**

Kansas State Delta Upsilon

The chapter had a successful fall 2017 semester. Our chapter placed third place overall this year for Homecoming. We also implemented a new philanthropic event to raise money for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. We had a lot to look forward to in the spring semester, with things such as our Derby Days philanthropic event and raising money for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation, having brothers on the school's rugby and lacrosse teams and a brother on the Interfraternity Council, as well as teaching a new spring pledge class about the Fraternity.

~Alex Wesselowski, **2019**

Kent State Zeta Lambda

We honored the passing of one of our founders and former chapter advisor, Order of Constantine Sig Richard George O'Brien, **1964**, this summer with a White Rose Ceremony with undergraduates and alumni in attendance. At the 2017 Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, our officers accepted our Peterson Significant Chapter Award, Thomas Cowan Bell Chapter and \$20K Club awards. We had a successful pledge process, led by Magister Anthony Safford, **2017**, and initiated 15 new brothers. We participated in multiple philanthropic events on campus including the Alpha Xi Delta women's fraternity's Xi Man competition, where our efforts raised over \$3,500 for Autism Speaks.

~Brandon Burgess, **2019**

Kentucky Lambda Lambda

The chapter was honored to initiate 18 new brothers during the fall. We also have made many internal improvements regarding risk management and our judicial board process. We had a successful campaign to raise money for hurricane relief, and a backpack drive for the homeless while gearing up for our new Greek Olympics philanthropic event. Our brothers were also excited to bring back the tradition of our White Cross Formal during the fall, and looked forward to celebrating the chapter's 125th anniversary on April 14, with all of our alumni.

~Kyle Irvin, **2018**

Kettering A Zeta Theta A

Due to Kettering's unique schedule, the chapter was on its co-op rotation and working during the fall semester. We are, however, inching closer to the \$20K Club for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. We plan to reach it by hosting philanthropic events like our pheasant hunt and Red Wings hockey night as the year comes to a close. The 30 brothers of the chapter looked forward to returning to campus in January and to initiating the four men of our most recent pledge class.

~Jace Stokes, **2018**

Kettering B Zeta Theta B

After having a record 2016 to 2017 school year, we are continuing to strive to better our chapter. So far this year, we have put strong efforts into philanthropy and community service. We held our 45th annual haunted house and have contributed more than 1,250 community service hours. In addition, we have continued making physical improvements to our chapter house, including building a new garage for plenty of storage room. After coming off of a great recruitment term, our chapter is excited to initiate its newest class and to surpass the goals we set for ourselves.

~Lukas Swartzmiller, **2021**

Knox Lambda Alpha

Fall term has been great for the chapter. There was a feeling of warmth and brotherhood among the men in our chapter, and we were ready to welcome a class of new young leaders during the next academic term. We are proud to announce Knox alumnus Tim Schmeling, **2011**, as our new chapter advisor. Overall, our events during the fall term went swimmingly and helped produce a better community feel on our campus. We are excited for the year to come.

~Joseph Connors, **2018**

Louisville Iota Lambda

The chapter started the academic year off strong by initiating a new pledge class, consisting of 30 new brothers. We also successfully implemented the new Ritual for Life program to replace our old post-initiation training. The program went off without a hitch, with many brothers in attendance. Our main fall philanthropic event, Wrap-Up Louisville, was scheduled for Dec. 1 and we hoped to improve on last year's total of 5,022 blankets collected for the homeless population in Louisville, Kentucky. Finally, we hope that all of our brothers had a happy holiday season and a good start to the new year.

~Nicholas Yates, **2018**



Loyola (Chicago) Lambda Nu

As of this writing, our chapter was enjoying a successful fall semester on campus, as we continued to grow together through a commitment to service and learning. We completed another Derby Days philanthropic event week, during which we raised over \$42,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. Academically, our brothers have worked hard to maintain the highest GPA of any fraternity on campus with a 3.32. Our chapter also initiated six new brothers, and we are excited to see how our next leaders advance the chapter.

~Luke Pramberger, **2019**

Loyola Marymount Iota Omega

The chapter is happy to report a successful fall semester. We celebrated the initiation of our newest pledge class, which contained 13 members. Last autumn, we bonded through Greek Cup Football, participating in on-campus sorority philanthropic efforts and a Thanksgiving potluck for all of our brothers who could not return home to their families. As of this writing, we were preparing for spring recruitment, our Derby Days philanthropic event and a new on-campus event called "Sigma Stand Up to Cancer," a stand-up comedy show where all proceeds will go to the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

~William Sitzman, **2019**

Marquette Iota Pi

The chapter welcomed 12 new members in its fall 2017 pledge class. While growing closer each week through the Ritual, the chapter has excelled in and outside of the classroom. Justin Lizalek, **2018**, received Marquette's Academic Excellence Scholarship Award; Griffin Wright, **2019**, had his research concerning the mental health of poorer children in Chicago published; and Jack Hodes, **2019**, had his research on undocumented immigrants published. We are also proud to be Marquette's 2017 Greek week champion, and the chapter looks forward to bettering the Marquette community through the bonds of Sigma Chi.

~John Godfrey, **2020**

Maryland Gamma Chi

We congratulate Consul Griffin Cicci, **2019**, and Pro Consul Ryan Curran, **2020**, on their recent election. We also thank our outgoing chapter advisor, Tony Subketkaew, **MARYLAND 2008**. We planned to initiate a large spring pledge class in late March or early April. For our fall Derby Days, we hope to exceed the record \$45,000 that we raised in 2017. We are grateful for the continued support of our alumni. Please bookmark our website, which is listed in the directory section of this *Magazine* issue, for updates.

~Subketkaew

McGill Gamma Lambda

The chapter initiated 11 new brothers during the fall 2017 semester. Furthermore, we raised over \$7,000 during our second Derby Days philanthropic event, as well as nearly \$1,000 for Movember prostate cancer research month. The most notable event of the semester, however, was our chapter's 90th-anniversary reunion celebration held October 13 to 14, where we hosted over 100 alumni brothers going back in graduation years as early as the 1950s. Over a weekend of brotherhood events and dinners, our brothers were able to connect with chapter alumni. We are grateful to our alumni for donations totaling over \$100,000 for house improvement projects.

~Tyler Pickford, **2019**

Memphis Epsilon Kappa

The chapter had a record year in 2017 and in the fall semester. We were named chapter of the year and received the President's Laurel Wreath Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a fraternity or sorority at the University of Memphis. Our Derby Days philanthropic event week that took place in October raised over \$34,000 for Special Olympics of Greater Memphis, our highest total ever raised. We also elected a new executive board and initiated 18 brothers into our chapter in November. As of this writing, we looked forward to a new year as we continued our growth and reached for new achievements.

~William Ritter, **2019**

Miami (Florida) Gamma Phi

Our brothers have enjoyed a phenomenal start to the year. We initiated 16 new brothers in our fall pledge class and continued to thrive with both extracurricular activities and philanthropic events. We had three brothers selected for the Bermont/Carlin Scholars program, which is the most prestigious accomplishment for business students at our school and is the most from any Greek-letter organization. As of this writing, we were looking forward to next semester, spring recruitment and especially our Derby Days philanthropic event.

~Austin Assentato, **2019**

Miami (Ohio) Alpha

During the fall semester, we initiated nine new brothers into the chapter. We have enjoyed becoming more involved on campus through continued involvement in philanthropic and intramural events, as well as hosting numerous recruitment events to spread our name across campus. We plan to host our first Derby Days philanthropic event as a chapter this spring, and are excited to revitalize this Sigma Chi tradition at Miami University. Finally, we hoped to recruit 25 to 30 more men into our chapter this spring as we strive to make a positive impact on Miami's campus and the Oxford, Ohio, community.

~Jack Ryan, **2018**

Michigan Theta Theta

As of this writing, the chapter was wrapping up its winter term. We initiated 24 new brothers, and our cumulative GPA remained steady at a 3.4, with numerous brothers achieving a 4.0 and the most recent pledge class performing well. Our major philanthropic event, called Puppies on the Porch, was to take place toward the end of the spring, and has been successful in years past. The winter term was another big one for brothers studying abroad, with 10 total in participation. Brotherhood activity and our spirit for Sigma Chi remain high on campus.

~Benjamin Matheson, 2020

Minnesota Alpha Sigma

This past fall, our chapter initiated 33 men into our brotherhood, the largest class in recent memory. In addition, scholarship chairman Samir Mohammadzadah, 2020, helped nurture our academic mentor program, which led to a number of our members making the dean's list during the fall semester. As a chapter, we renovated the lounge area of our house, and made other minor improvements to both of our chapter houses. We looked forward to a great year of growth and development, our Derby Days philanthropic event, our spring recruitment, as well as continuing our strong tradition of academic success.

~Thomas Sletten, 2019

Mississippi Eta

The chapter is honored to have received a Peterson Significant Chapter Award at the 2017 Balfour Leadership Training Workshop. Fall 2017 has been full of success and great chapter morale. Our social chairmen put together a great parents and alumni gathering that took place at the Outdoor Pavilion in Oxford, Mississippi, on Oct. 13, as well as multiple social events that brought our brothers closer together. We are also proud to have initiated 70 men in the fall. In spring 2018, we planned to revamp our Derby Days philanthropic event with multiple fundraisers and a blood drive. We are excited to see the impact our chapter has on the community in the future.

~Conner Ball, 2018

Mississippi State Gamma Upsilon

The chapter would like to congratulate Layton Little, 2019, and Jack Schmidt, 2019, for being elected Consul and Pro Consul, respectively, along with the rest of the 2018 executive officers. As of this writing, the chapter was looking forward to its weeklong Derby Days philanthropic event in spring 2018, led by Derby Daddy Nicholas Cobb, 2018. We hoped to raise \$100,000 for Huntsman Cancer Institute, the Sigma Chi Lifeline online mental health resource and suicide prevention center, and the Catch-A-Dream Foundation in Starkville, Mississippi. Our chapter is also looking forward to its 80th-anniversary celebration, to be held in March.

~Little

Missouri S&T Theta Eta

The fall semester was a busy one for the chapter. We had our own initiation, and lent a helping hand at the St. Louis University chapter installation on Nov. 18, 2017, where we also had a new member pinned by 70th Grand Consul Tommy Geddings. **SOUTH CAROLINA 1985.** As of this writing, our Derby Days philanthropic event planning meetings were getting longer, as we finalized more details to make sure this year's version will be the best yet. Finals were approaching as well, and brothers were busy preparing for their upcoming exams so that they could finish the semester strong.

~Nicholas Quintana, 2020

Missouri-Columbia Xi Xi

As of this writing, the fall semester was coming to a close, and our members continued to strive for excellence academically while making efforts to help the surrounding community. In its second year of the Preparation for Brotherhood pledge program, the chapter was pleased to initiate 39 new members. The chapter was paired with the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority for this year's Homecoming festivities, making significant improvement from the past and placing first in three different categories. In addition, we are confident in the abilities of our newly elected executive officers, and expected ongoing growth throughout the coming year.

~Michael Peterson, 2020

MIT Alpha Theta

Actives have continued to thrive in and out of the classroom. Collectively, we achieved honor roll and the majority of our brothers are varsity athletes spanning a wide range of teams; we have five varsity captains. Vedaant Kukadia, 2020, has pioneered a startup, CareMobile, which has advanced in MIT's 100k entrepreneurship competition. As of this writing, we had initiated the 13 members of our fall pledge class; they have shown great promise and commitment toward bettering the community through service. Our members' campus involvement has been on the rise, with brothers supporting various philanthropic organizations.

~Skyler Kaufman, 2019

Montana Beta Delta

As of this writing, the fall semester was coming to a close, and our nine newest members were beginning to understand what it means to be an initiated member of Sigma Chi. We were all preparing for the spring semester, and felt that we would be able to recruit a larger pledge class than normal during the spring. We were also focused on our Derby Days philanthropic event and we planned to make another substantial contribution to the Huntsman Cancer Institute. We are excited for the long winter and are anticipating an exciting and fulfilling spring semester.

~Jared Maynard, 2019



Murray State Epsilon Tau

As our fall 2017 semester drew to a close, the chapter was honored to announce that it had initiated 19 new members into our Order. All of the men proudly embody the Fraternity's values. Our chapter also made it a goal to participate in a clothing drive, and with the Christmas season around the corner at the time of this writing, we hoped to reach our community in a charitable manner.

~Blake White, **2020**

Nebraska Alpha Epsilon

Our chapter was pleased to report it has had the largest pledge class and largest total of initiates in recent chapter history. We have had one of our most successful philanthropic years, having raised a total of \$8,000, all of which will be donated to support the Huntsman Cancer Institute. This total does not take into account our Derby Days philanthropic event this year, which is to occur in March 2018. Calen Griffin, **2019**, was elected vice president of the campus's Interfraternity Council and we are excited to see him exemplify the White Cross to other fraternity leaders. The chapter is excited to see what its future has in store.

~Griffin

New Hampshire Lambda Sigma

We were able to have a productive fall 2017 semester, with a positive recruitment, which involved bidding and later initiating nine new brothers. In October, we partnered with the Blue Ocean Society in Hampton, New Hampshire, to adopt a beach area that we maintain on a monthly basis. Our brotherhood chairman Cullen Aubin, **2018**, also outdid himself by putting on numerous events that the brothers could enjoy. With the election of a new executive board and Samuel Howard, **2019**, as Consul, the chapter is excited for the future and our continuous expansion. Additionally, we looked forward to our Derby Days philanthropic event that was to be held from April 9 to 13.

~Dave Johnson, **2018**

New Haven Lambda Epsilon

Our school redeveloped our usual hangout spot, making it harder to be together as a larger group on our small campus. We quickly realized how important this missed interaction was, so we found ways around this obstacle by scheduling activities such as laser tag and watching movies. We were pleased that many of our alumni returned to see yet another successful Derby Days philanthropic event benefiting the Huntsman Cancer Institute. This fall, we had the honor of sharing an initiation with the Western Connecticut chapter.

~Eric Vandlik, **2019**

New Mexico Beta Xi

The chapter had a good start to the year by initiating 11 new members during the fall semester who we believe live up to the ideals of Sigma Chi. Our Derby Days philanthropic event went very well, with our chapter raising over \$5,000 to support the Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI). It was touching to hear a speaker who is a brother talk about his struggles and how donations helped him fight and beat cancer.

~Garret Moore, **2020**

New Mexico State Zeta Phi

As of this writing, the chapter was finishing a productive and successful fall semester. We welcomed 21 new brothers on Nov. 4, 2017, and all of them have already have taken on leadership positions within the chapter. With finals in the near future, we looked forward to a studious week and a time to relax with family afterward. In terms of upcoming events, we were planning to raise money for the Huntsman Cancer Institute with our SigGlow philanthropic event, a large dance party in the student union on the campus of New Mexico State University on Feb. 16.

~Mason Watkins-Quiñones, **2018**

North Alabama Eta Rho

We had a great fall 2017 semester. We initiated 18 men into our chapter. We are very proud of these young men, and are eager to see them become great leaders on campus and within our chapter. Our chapter is excited to continue to grow and develop into a more profound presence on our campus and in our community. We have several community projects and alumni events planned for 2018.

~Evan McFall, **2018**

North Carolina-Chapel Hill Alpha Tau

This year, our chapter continued to strive in terms of academics. We recently wrapped up a successful Derby Days philanthropic event week, with all activities and events benefiting the Chapel Hill charity Note in the Pocket. As of this writing, elections had just ended and Jack Kabrich, **2020**, our new Consul, plans on leading our chapter into a new era of success, with a young and ready executive board behind him. We also initiated the 21 members of our most recent pledge class during the fall 2017 semester.

~Preston Lennon, **2020**

North Carolina-Charlotte Mu Alpha

The chapter initiated its largest pledge class yet during the fall 2017 semester. With 30 newly initiated brothers, we see a bright future for our chapter. We also were able to raise money for hurricane relief and send a small check to the Huntsman Cancer Institute as well. We have completely revamped our Derby Days philanthropic event and looked forward to hosting it during the spring. Lastly, our chapter's member-engagement program has helped all of the brothers reach their goals in the classroom and elsewhere.

~Tristan Wall, **2019**

North Carolina State Delta Epsilon

The chapter had a strong fall 2017 semester, during which we initiated 24 men into the chapter and are looking forward to helping them grow into its future leaders. Additionally, our Quaestor Tyler Smith, **2019**, was elected vice president of finance for the North Carolina State University Interfraternity Council. As of this writing, we looked forward to hosting our Derby Days philanthropic event during the spring, with proceeds benefiting the Frankie Lemmon School for Children in Raleigh, North Carolina.

~Harrison Walker, **2019**

North Dakota Beta Zeta

The chapter had a successful fall semester. The chapter initiated 18 men, and we look forward to their future contributions. Our Derby Days philanthropic event continues to be a staple of the chapter's reputation, and is among the best-known philanthropic events on campus. The chapter was also proud to have Joseph Dronen, **2020**, and Nicholas Kane, **2018**, elected as the Interfraternity Council recruitment chairman and membership development chairman, respectively. As of this writing, the chapter planned to have another pledge class in the spring semester, and continue our legacy on campus.

~Jeffrey Elliot, **2018**

North Dakota State Gamma Tau

The fall 2017 semester was a great one for our chapter. We hosted our Derby Days philanthropic event from Sept. 17 to 23, and donated all of the money we raised to the Huntsman Cancer Institute. We had the pleasure of initiating two new brothers into the Fraternity, and were lucky enough to be one of the few pilot chapters to implement the Ritual for Life post-initiation training program. Toward the end of the semester, we had four brothers take executive positions on our university's Interfraternity Council, giving our chapter four out of its seven available positions.

~Garett Carlblom, **2019**

North Florida Kappa Beta

This fall has been another great semester for the chapter. We initiated a pledge class of 10 members, performed a total of 182 community service hours, and had two brothers elected to the Interfraternity Council executive board. As of this writing, we had started planning for our spring Derby Days philanthropic event and set a goal of reaching the Huntsman Cancer Institute's \$20K Club. With brothers in many university organizations and participating in other Greek-letter philanthropic organizations, we are creating a bigger social presence on campus. Nine of our brothers graduate this semester and will join the Jacksonville, Florida, alumni chapter.

~Samuel Berlin, **2017**

North Georgia Theta Epsilon

We hosted our first philanthropic event, Foam for Home, a canned food drive with the local Kappa Delta Sorority chapter, on Sept. 13, 2017. We also hosted a low country boil philanthropic event with the local Phi Mu women's fraternity chapter and raised \$1,623 for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. We planned to host a chili cook-off at a church in Dahlonega, Georgia, on Dec. 8, with all proceeds going to the Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI). We also planned to hold our Derby Days philanthropic event the week of March 5, 2018, and to donate all of the money raised to HCI.

~Nikolas Stamper, **2020**

North Texas Iota Phi

The brothers of our chapter are excited to announce that we initiated 12 new brothers this past November. We hosted our first Fight Night philanthropic event on Nov. 3, 2017, after a three-year gap. Our chapter also took part in our Homecoming competition. This is only the start to our successful year, as we are planning on winning Greek week in the spring for the second year in a row as well. We also are dedicated to hosting another competitive Derby Days philanthropic event in the spring to raise money for the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

~Schayaan Salim, **2018**

Northern Colorado Epsilon Pi

The chapter had a strong semester. We initiated 21 new brothers into our Order on Oct. 28, 2017. Our Consul Matt Magoon, **2019**, was elected the sweetheart of our local Alpha Phi women's fraternity chapter. Brothers enjoyed competing and excelling in sports such as intramural football, club soccer and club basketball. After winning a Peterson Significant Chapter Blue Award for the 2016 to 2017 school year, we are looking to duplicate that accomplishment, as well as achieve gold tier for our university awards. We looked forward to our province meeting this spring, as well as meeting our recruitment goal of signing 15 pledges.

~Zach Jones, **2018**



Northwestern Omega

Our highlights for fall 2017 include hosting a brunch with alumni at the house, our flag football team making the intramural finals and the family of Dick Schlecht, **1938**, receiving the Significant Sig Award on his behalf at a reception on Nov. 5, 2017. Several brothers grew out their facial hair during the month of November in preparation for a shaving-based fundraiser held Nov. 29 with the money raised going to the Huntsman Cancer Institute; last year the effort raised over \$1,000. We concluded the year with a formal at the Willis Tower in Chicago on Dec. 1.

~Matthew Wysocki, **2019**

Ohio Delta Pi

Throughout the fall 2017 semester, our brothers remained active in academics, philanthropy and athletics. Cody Wilson, **2018**, received first place in Ohio University's Research and Creative Activity Expo for his research, *Impact of Growth Hormone on White Adipose Tissue Fibrosis*. Derby Days philanthropic event chairman Andre Readey, **2020**, and his committee worked diligently to execute a successful event that raised close to \$11,000. Starting offensive lineman Joe Anderson, **2019**, received multiple conference player of the week awards, showing his Sigma Chi values on the football field.

~James Evans, **2018**

Oklahoma State Gamma Delta

This past fall, we were pleased to initiate 31 new undergraduate members and one non-student initiate. The force was strong with us as we paired with the women of Kappa Delta Sorority to build a Star Wars-themed Homecoming deck. Our Freshman Follies production cast had a great showing with the women of Gamma Phi Beta women's fraternity, and we looked forward to our Varsity Revue production with them. This fall, we hosted the inaugural Buckets for Brandon basketball tournament. The 3-on-3 competition raised money in memory of Brandon Cavazos, **2018**, who passed away last year.

~Ryan Roy, **2021**

Oregon State Beta Pi

Ahead of our 100th anniversary, the chapter looked to commence another century of cultivating leaders of men. Despite losing the majority of our members after a membership review last spring, we were optimistic after electing a new, inspired executive board led by Jacob Kiefer, **2019**, signifying progress and a restored sense of ambition. Efforts from recruitment chairmen Matthew D'Amore, **2018**, and Peyton King, **2018**, this summer led to our recruiting a class of 50 men. After six weeks of preparation, Magister Brian Hogan, **2018**, led 44 new brothers to their initiation on Nov. 11, doubling our chapter's membership.

~Jacob Norton, **2020**

Ottawa Lambda Theta

The chapter's fall semester recruitment was a success, ultimately leading to the initiation of 12 new brothers. We look forward to the great things these men can accomplish during their lifelong journey in Sigma Chi. With the new year fast approaching at the time of this writing, we looked forward to creating good memories and giving back to the community through events such as our homeless for the homeless philanthropic event, where we raise money by staying outside on campus for three days to collect donations for the Ottawa Mission homeless shelter.

~Jacob Harvey, **2019**

Penn State Alpha Chi

Our chapter has good news to share from over the past year. We recently placed among the top five participating fraternities in the university's THON, which is the largest student-run philanthropic event in the world. Paired with Alpha Phi women's fraternity, we raised over \$100,000 for children's cancer research. In addition to our philanthropic success, we have given bids to 21 potential new brothers. The pledgship process is going well, and we are eager to share more positive news in the semester to come. The chapter was to have new leadership soon.

~Jackson Fitzgerald, **2018**

Pittsburg State Zeta Iota

The men of our chapter enjoyed a great fall semester. We initiated 16 new members into our brotherhood, and expect great things from them moving forward. As for the chapter as a whole, we have accomplished great things this semester. We volunteered over 100 community service hours at the local Lord's Diner feeding people in need of a meal. That is just one of the great traditions we are trying to start at our chapter, and we hope that many traditions like it will follow.

~Kyle Sherrill, **2018**

Princeton Sigma

As of this writing, our chapter's most recent highlight was volunteering at the Rescue Mission of Trenton, New Jersey, where we were joined in service by our brothers from the Gettysburg College chapter. In addition to sorting clothing and unloading trucks full of donated goods, we also cleaned a warehouse that the organization will use to expand its operations. Additionally, we initiated 14 men into our brotherhood during the fall semester, and we looked forward to what the rest of the year might bring.

~Samuel Garfinkle, **2019**

Puget Sound Delta Phi

The chapter was hard at work during the fall 2017 semester. Utilizing multiple workshops, both through the Fraternity and through our university, we are continuing our sexual assault and substance abuse education to better ourselves as well-rounded young men. We were also busy preparing for formal recruitment in early January. All brothers had been trying to expand their social circles, and we expect to have a fantastic formal recruitment as a result.

~Zachariah Lokay, **2018**

Purdue Delta Delta

Our chapter raised \$16,295 during Purdue University Dance Marathon from Nov. 18 to 19, 2017. Our annual jubilee Christmas celebration, which took place on Dec. 9, 2017, was to host 18 parents to pick out gifts for their kids who would otherwise not receive gifts this Christmas. Lastly, we want to give a special thanks to the chapter's Significant Sig alumni members who shared their experiences and advice with us through teleconference fireside chats this year: 64th Grand Consul Keith Krach, **1979**; Order of Constantine Sig Greg Harbaugh, **1978**; Rick Smith, **1981**; Scott Sperling, **1979**; and Tom Friel, **1969**.

~Bryce Cirbo, **2019**

R.I.T. Lambda Kappa

During this past fall semester, we extended 10 bids to potential new members and six of them were accepted. We initiated all six pledges, and we are excited to see what they can bring to our chapter. Our chapter also formed a committee called "Huntsman Heroes" to explore more ways that we can fundraise for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. All of us were excited for our annual Derby Days philanthropic event, scheduled for April 16 to 20. Furthermore, we selected our new sweetheart, Bridgit Hrubceky, for 2018. We are excited to see how she represents our chapter on our campus.

~Binyu Wang, **2020**

Radford Kappa Zeta

The chapter had a busy and productive fall 2017 semester. We held our annual Derby Days philanthropic event week from Oct. 23 to 27, during which we were able to raise over \$6,000. We take Derby Days very seriously, and although we are proud of what we accomplished we expect better results next year. We also initiated our fall pledge class, which consisted of seven fantastic young men, into our chapter. We expect all seven of them be loyal and engaged Sigs for a long time.

~Chase Thomas, **2019**

Rensselaer Delta Psi

As the fall semester came to a close, the chapter was proud to announce that we had initiated 13 men into our brotherhood. With a focus on improving campus relations as well as community involvement, the chapter held its 56th annual haunted house and raised over \$700 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. In addition, the chapter held a multicultural event with the Philippine American League where brothers helped create Filipino dishes and learned the history behind each dish.

~Joshua Yurkofsky, **2019**

Rhode Island Delta Sigma

Within the fall 2017 semester, the chapter helped to initiate the Brown University chapter's pledge class, pinned 29 of its own new pledges and raised \$4,500 during our Derby Days philanthropic event from Oct. 16 to 20, which is our highest total raised in recent memory. Our chapter has recovered remarkably from the membership review we had in the fall of 2016, and our members are making great strides toward achieving our imperatives of positive accountability, academic excellence, transparent communication, active participation and quality social events.

~Anthony Bottino, **2018**

Richmond Epsilon Rho

The chapter enjoyed another successful fall semester in 2017. Highlights for the fall included the installation of the Virginia Commonwealth chapter on Nov. 4, enhancing our relationship with the Reinhart Guest House at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond, Virginia, and a successful Homecoming fundraiser for Trick or Treat Street. As the semester ended, we looked forward to building strong relationships with a new pledge class this spring and welcoming alumni back for our 60th-anniversary celebration that was planned for April 12, 2018. Congratulations to our new brothers at Virginia Commonwealth.

~John Gwin, **2018**

Ripon Epsilon Lambda

The chapter had a successful and enjoyable fall 2017 semester. We hosted several successful recruitment events, allowing us to meet many prospective members for our spring pledge class. We looked forward to welcoming many graduated brothers back to campus on Dec. 2 for our alumni banquet, in addition to hosting our final recruitment event the day before. Finally, we are excited to announce that our chapter has two new sweethearts: Cailleigh Campbell and Rachel Hawley, both members of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority.

~Adam Wronski, **2020**

Sam Houston Epsilon Psi

Our chapter is pleased to announce the initiation of 15 new brothers from its fall 2017 pledge class. We also proudly elected a new chapter sweetheart for the coming year, Grayson Van Meter, whose father is Jonathan Van Meter, **MISSOURI-COLUMBIA 1999**. As the spring semester began, we looked forward to the summer alumni golf tournament. We also continued to strive to be the preeminent fraternity on campus, as evidenced through our actions and community involvement.

~Ethan Dyer, **2019**

Samford Pi

The chapter had an awesome fall 2017 semester and was gearing up for a great spring at the time of this writing. We initiated a fall pledge class of 26 men who are poised to do amazing things, and excited for the years to come. Additionally, we are proud of Christian Stark, **2019**; Robert Adams, **2020**; Jake Burdeshaw, **2020**; and Tanner Alexander, **2020**, for being key members on the Samford football team that made it to the NCAA Division I Football Championship Series (FCS) playoffs in the fall.

~William Davies, **2019**

San Jose State Epsilon Theta

During the fall semester, we initiated 14 men on Nov. 11, 2017. We began piloting the Fraternity's Ritual for Life post-initiation training program and have been excelling. Some of our brothers received a 4.0 this past fall and made the dean's list. Our chapter has been active in other Greek-letter organizations' philanthropic efforts, raising money for great causes. Our goal is to join the Huntsman Cancer Institute's \$20K Club following our Derby Days philanthropic event that is planned for March 13 to 15, 2018. As of this writing, we expected to have a great recruitment in spring 2018.

~Jason Whitworth, **2019**

Santa Clara Lambda Gamma

As of this writing, our chapter hoped to build off the momentum of an excellent quarter to begin 2018. After raising nearly \$19,000 through our Derby Days philanthropic event last year, we planned to focus our philanthropic efforts on programs around the San Francisco Bay Area. We have also decided to partner with the John Lester Foundation to support a recent alumnus of our chapter and the foundation's dedication to helping children with reconstructive care. We were excited to improve our partnership in the coming year, and to welcome a new class of Sigs during our winter recruitment in early January.

~Tripp Bastian, **2020**

South Alabama Eta Epsilon

Our brothers proudly support the University of South Alabama Children's and Women's Hospital as our local philanthropy, and as of this writing had donated \$500 to sponsor a Christmas tree that we would decorate together on Dec. 4. The tree was expected to be placed in the hospital's Geri Moulton Children's Park as part of its annual holiday tree trail until Jan. 5, 2018. We hoped that this donation would brighten the holiday season for the many patients who would be spending the holidays away from home, as well as their families and our community.

~Britton Roland, **2019**

South Florida Theta Beta

We are excited to announce the addition of 23 newly initiated brothers to the chapter. This spring, the chapter expected to be preparing for a new pledge class and its Derby Days philanthropic event this April. We also were excited to have five brothers participating in a Habitat for Humanity day in October with a few alumni brothers from Sarasota, Florida. For our Derby Days, we hoped to raise over \$10,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute and looked forward to all of the hard work that comes with hosting a successful event.

~Andrew Penning, **2019**

Southeast Missouri Epsilon Phi

The fall semester has been extremely exciting. We entered the school year eager to move into our beautiful new chapter house, which was made possible by donations from our generous alumni. After receiving a Peterson Significant Chapter Blue Award at the 2017 Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, our brothers were full of energy and ambition. This motivation was a large contributing factor, along with the hard work of our recruitment chairman, in our chapter's most successful recruitment in recent memory. After initiating 33 new brothers, our chapter had 112 members.

~Collin Mason, **2019**

Southern Illinois Lambda Omicron

The fall 2017 semester was a good one for the chapter. After initiating 10 new brothers on Nov. 4, 2017, our chapter had more than 40 active members. As of this writing, we had begun planning for our Derby Days philanthropic event that was to take place from Feb. 26 to March 2, 2018. We hoped that this advance planning for and raising awareness of the event would lead to a huge turnout on campus. On top of that, we hoped to win our school's Greek-letter musical theater contest for the third time in a row during the spring semester.

~Brady Thompson, **2019**

Southern Methodist Delta Mu

We expected that spring 2018 would be a fantastic time for our chapter. We planned to begin the semester by recruiting a large group of new members and hopefully pushing our chapter to over 130 brothers. Additionally, we have been raising money through our Derby Days philanthropic event campaign; we hope to break last year's record of over \$31,000. We also looked forward to our annual Dad's Weekend golf tournament. To cap off an exciting semester, we congratulate our graduating seniors as they move on to the next chapter of their lives.

~Evan Webb, 2019

Southern Utah Kappa Iota

The chapter had a successful fall semester. We are pleased to have initiated 15 new brothers into our chapter during this time, each of whom is doing his best to live up to the qualities in *The Jordan Standard*. Our chapter is pleased to have received a Peterson Significant Chapter Blue Award last summer. Thanks to our philanthropy chairman, Brandon Payne, 2019, who ran a very successful Derby Days philanthropic event from Sept. 18 to 23, ours was the first chapter to reach the \$20,000 mark. As of this writing, we had raised \$22,715 of our \$50,000 goal for the year.

~Easton Bowring, 2021

Spring Hill Theta Mu

This past fall semester yielded great success for the men of our chapter, as we managed to raise over \$6,000 during our Derby Days philanthropic event held from Oct. 4 to 6, 2017. Over the past few years, our brothers have worked tirelessly to build relations with the faculty and students on campus, as well as our local alumni. As a result, we have increased the amount of money raised during our philanthropic events. As of this writing, we were thrilled for the spring semester, as we prepared to select potential new members for our next pledge class.

~James Ackels, 2019

St. Louis Theta Iota

The chapter has had an eventful year. On Nov. 18, 2017, we had the honor of transitioning from being a colony to a chapter and joining the ranks of so many great men who have become Sigma Chi before us. The re-installation process served as a great way for us to learn more about Sigma Chi and everything that comes with holding the values and virtues of this great Fraternity. Fifty-three men were initiated into our chapter as it was reinstalled.

~Maximilian Atchity, 2019

St. Thomas Iota Tau

The chapter enjoyed a successful fall semester, and hopes that this success indicates a bright future. We continue to strengthen our relationship with the university and the community surrounding St. Thomas. We were honored to host the White Rose Ceremony honoring 62nd Grand Consul Doug Carlson, **MINNESOTA 1973**, on Oct. 21, 2017. As of this writing, we anticipated recruiting a large pledge class in the spring semester due to our excellent recruiting initiatives.

~Mitchell Dooley, 2018

Stanford Alpha Omega

The chapter initiated a group of 18 men last spring, successfully completing our second iteration of the Preparation for Brotherhood pledge program. This fall, our chapter is proud to have won Stanford's intramural division I football championship, winning on a Hail Mary pass in the last seconds of the game. We also planned to redouble our philanthropic efforts in the coming year, and set a goal of raising \$10,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute through a redesigned Derby Days philanthropic event program in early May.

~Jean-Marc Nugent, 2018

Stephen F. Austin Eta Tau

We are very proud to announce the initiation of our 15 newest brothers during the fall 2017 semester. We know these men will continue exemplifying the qualities found within *The Jordan Standard*. We are also proud to announce we had been making formal plans to bring the Fight Night philanthropic event back to the chapter during the spring 2018 semester. We congratulate Mark Trejo, 2020, on winning his election for chief justice on the Interfraternity Council. We looked forward to the spring semester and the new opportunities that we hoped would come with it.

~Nicolas Irene, 2018

Tarleton State Kappa Xi

The chapter initiated 12 new members on Dec. 2, 2017. This past fall semester, we held our Fight Night philanthropic event on Nov. 18, 2017, and had a successful turnout thanks to the brothers working together all year. As of this writing, we anticipated holding our annual Derby Days philanthropic event in April, through which we hoped to raise and donate our largest amount ever to the Huntsman Cancer Institute. We also looked forward to spring recruitment and the opportunity to bring in more members who exemplify the Fraternity's values.

~Cody Faulkner, 2018



Tennessee Tech Eta Delta

Once again, our chapter conducted a successful recruitment period during the fall semester. Every bid that we extended was accepted, and we initiated 16 men into the Fraternity after they completed the Preparation for Brotherhood pledge program. We are proud to have received a Peterson Significant Chapter Award at the 2017 Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, and hope to do so again in 2018. During the spring semester, we planned to participate in community service activities such as the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Football playoffs and cleaning the highway that we adopted. We were excited to keep excelling during the spring semester.

~Stefan Remus, **2018**

Tennessee-Chattanooga Delta Theta

We are proud to announce we initiated 18 brothers on Nov. 12, 2017. In November, we were able to volunteer our time to help maintain the Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center, a wildlife preserve in Chattanooga, Tennessee. We were excited to launch the beginning stages of a new program to help connect alumni and undergraduate brothers to further enhance their leadership capabilities. The chapter expected to host a Christmas-themed philanthropic event for the East Ridge Needy Child Fund so they are able to have presents on Christmas morning. As of this writing, we were excited and felt prepared for the spring semester.

~Tate Kelso, **2018**

Texas A&M-Commerce Zeta Eta

The fall 2017 semester was huge for our chapter. Thanks to tremendous alumni support, we broke ground on our new chapter house and hope that it will be completed by fall 2018. We were also able to initiate 16 brothers during the fall semester and hope that they will help continue to strive to keep our chapter the best on campus. In order to mitigate risks and help maintain safety for our brothers and fellow students, we partnered with our school's Baptist student ministry to have shuttles transporting students to and from our social events.

~Nathan Hogan, **2018**

Texas A&M-Kingsville Zeta Pi

The chapter had a great fall semester filled with fundraisers, social events and brotherhood events. We initiated nine new brothers into the chapter and we looked forward to them growing even more in the spring. Our intramural football team had an outstanding season in which they brought home their league's championship. We hosted our annual Homecoming ball, which our alumni attended and had a great time with the undergraduate brothers. As always, our brotherhood continues to grow and we could not wait to see what the spring semester would have in store for our chapter.

~Nick Flores, **2018**

Texas Christian Epsilon Mu

This past spring, we experienced our biggest turnout at an out-of-town formal in recent memory as brothers and their dates traveled to New Braunfels, Texas, for a river float trip and enjoyed the weekend at a lodge. We had a successful summer recruitment and initiated 39 men into the chapter during the fall 2017 semester. As of this writing, our new chapter house on campus was in the process of being built; we anticipate that it will be ready for 28 brothers to move in by fall 2018.

~Ezra Caballero, **2019**

Texas State Theta Tau

This past fall, we maintained a great presence on campus by participating in other organizations' philanthropic events and by giving back to the community. Our potential new members brought life to the Delta Gamma Fraternity Anchor Splash competition while raising money for philanthropy. Our members also helped Alpha Delta Pi Sorority clean the river that flows through our campus and finished the project having collected an unbelievable amount of trash together. We looked forward to what the spring semester had to offer.

~Brian Platenburg, **2019**

Texas-Austin Alpha Nu

The chapter was proud to host its 38th-annual Fight Night philanthropic event this past November. The event was a success, posting a record-setting 1,725 people in attendance. Benefiting the Huntsman Cancer Foundation and the B+ Foundation, it generated donations of \$50,000 and \$13,000 for each respective cause. Additionally, the chapter welcomed its fall 2017 pledge class and initiated them into the Fraternity on Nov. 18. We look forward to watching each of them develop as a leader in the chapter, university, Fraternity and beyond.

~Matthew Favre, **2020**

Tulane Alpha Omicron

The fall 2017 semester was a fantastic time for our brothers. We initiated a fall pledge class consisting of six sophomores, and as of this writing were on our way to building a spring pledge class of 28 potential new members. We had the honor of hosting our alumni and family members at our chapter house during Homecoming weekend on Oct. 29, 2017. We looked forward to strengthening the bonds of fellowship with our new brothers and alumni during the spring semester.

~Connor Crowley, **2018**

Tulsa Delta Omega

Our chapter enjoyed a successful fall semester. We initiated 15 men on Nov. 4, 2017, and were excited by what they could add to our brotherhood. We held a shave-for-the-cure event in October, wherein brothers shaved their heads for donations, which went very well and put us well on our way to our fundraising goal. Also, Trevor Weststeyn, **2020**, and Richard Song, **2017**, each received a Grand Consul's Citation. Song created our recruitment video that was recognized at last summer's Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, and Weststeyn, who medaled at the 2017 World Dwarf Games, has been a leader in the Fraternity.

~Peter Reardon, **2020**

Utah State Gamma Kappa

The chapter had another successful fall semester. Our brothers worked hard on getting their grades up and we were rewarded with a GPA higher than the all-men's average. Our chapter welcomed nine new brothers through initiation on Nov. 11, and we continue to be involved on campus. We looked forward to having our Derby Days philanthropic event from March 26 to 30, as we strive to raise \$20,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute again this year. Our brothers were excited for the upcoming spring semester.

~Joshua Witzel, **2018**

Valdosta State Lambda Mu

The chapter initiated 14 members into the Fraternity during the fall 2017 semester. The chapter also had two members elected to the Interfraternity Council executive board, as Magister Payton Dixon, **2018**, and Austin Grimes, **2020**, became president and vice president of finance, respectively. The chapter also participated in Valdosta State University's Lighting of the Palms toy drive on Nov. 28, 2017, and co-hosted a community luncheon with the women of Phi Mu women's fraternity at the Remerton, Georgia, fire and police department on Oct. 20, 2017.

~Dixon

Valparaiso Iota Sigma

The chapter was proud to initiate three men into our brotherhood on Nov. 4, 2017. The first half of our Derby Days philanthropic event in October was a success benefiting the Huntsman Cancer Institute; we are eager for the second half of Derby Days in April. Christopher Rekitzke, **2020**, was elected as vice president of programming for Interfraternity Council. On Nov. 11, the chapter enjoyed a trip to International Headquarters and the Chuck and Kim Watson Museum of Sigma Chi in Evanston, Illinois. We were selected as a pilot chapter for the new Ritual for Life post-initiation training program, and could not be more impressed by what we experienced.

~Ryan Manderfield, **2019**

Vanderbilt Alpha Psi

During the fall semester, members of the chapter continued to make meaningful contributions to the Vanderbilt community through their academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. Brothers had the opportunity to engage in several community service events, most notably volunteering at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's annual Light the Night walk on Nov. 2, 2017. This event was especially important to the chapter given our ongoing involvement with the organization through service opportunities as well as our Derby Days philanthropic event. As of this writing, we looked forward to recruiting a strong new member class in the spring.

~Laurence Roberts, **2018**

Virginia Psi

The chapter had a successful and productive 2017 fall semester, and has continued to pursue academic excellence and participation throughout the university. Many brothers hold leadership positions and volunteer within service organizations such as Madison House, One Goal, Pancakes for Parkinson's, Camp Kesem, and many others. Brothers also maintain strong involvement within Virginia's Interfraternity Council, judiciary and honor committees. Throughout the semester, our chapter has hosted several well-attended alumni events, most notably the weekend of young alumni reunions, scheduled for April 13, where many brothers of all ages came together in our recently completed house addition.

~Andrew Kern, **2019**

Virginia Commonwealth Mu Delta

The newly installed chapter completed a successful fall semester. We placed second in the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority philanthropic event for Camp Kesem, and held a food drive from Nov. 26 to Dec. 3, benefiting the Central Virginia Food Bank and RamPantry. We also elected our first chapter sweetheart, Jasbir Kaur of the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority. For the spring, we planned to host our first Derby Days philanthropic event from March 31 to April 6, as well as recruit our next pledge class. Our focus is campus presence, Derby Days and strong networking with sororities and potential new members.

~Prashant Bishwakarma, **2018**



Virginia Tech Eta Lambda

This year has been promising for the future of our chapter. After a fall recruitment period that brought out more than 250 people, we initiated a new pledge class of 32 students, bringing our total number of chapter members to 138. Philanthropically, we outperformed even our own expectations, raising more than \$8,000 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital and more than \$2,000 for the Alpha Phi Foundation, along with other external participation. This enthusiastic involvement gave us hope and excitement for a successful Derby Days philanthropic event from April 8 to 12.

~Edward Coogan, **2019**

Wabash Delta Chi

Our chapter thoroughly enjoyed the fall semester. Many of our brothers are still involved in, and hold, leadership positions on our college's sports teams, in student government organizations and in various clubs and activities. Our chapter has consistently participated in on-campus events, with our most recent one being Wabash's "Bleed for the Bell" blood drive on Nov. 7, which resulted in our chapter donating the most blood among all of the Greek-letter houses on campus. We have welcomed yet another class of well-rounded freshmen who we know will sustain the reputation we have established thus far.

~Arthur Equihua, **2020**

Wake Forest Delta Nu

The fall semester for the chapter was a successful one in many ways. Our members are well represented in various organizations across campus from club sports to philanthropic ventures, student government and beyond. We initiated six new brothers in the fall, and as of this writing were preparing for an outstanding spring semester and recruitment period. We looked forward to welcoming another great pledge class in January. We were off to a great start atop the fraternity intramural cup standings and anticipated winning our second championship in three years in the spring.

~John Thiemann, **2018**

Washington & Lee Zeta

The chapter has enjoyed a great fall semester on campus with its social events. We have had a great brother turnout with our recent initiative, helping with the local Habitat for Humanity housing project on the weekends in October and November. We brought in three men as part of our 152nd pledge class this winter following our school's formal recruitment period in January. We are one of 11 Interfraternity Council fraternities on campus. Our Derby Days philanthropic event was planned for April 26 to 30.

~Caleb Knight, **2018**

Washington (Seattle) Upsilon Upsilon

We have completed another successful quarter. Our most recent pledge class successfully completed the Preparation for Brotherhood pledge program, and we initiated its 31 members into our Fraternity chapter. We have also paid off the final loan for our chapter house and can start using that money to make more improvements to it. As of this writing, we had completed officer elections and were ready to make the new year even better than the last one. Our new officers include Consul Conor Cunningham, **2019**; and Pro Consul Tristan Papcun, **2020**.

~Firas Atiya, **2019**

Washington (St. Louis) Tau Tau

The chapter enjoyed a productive fall. We initiated six brothers into the chapter in early November, and multiple brothers helped reinstall the chapter at St. Louis University on Nov. 18 as well, with Sam Davitt, **2020**, filling in as Pro Consul. Additionally, we participated with the St. Louis Alumni Chapter on Old Newsboys Day, selling newspapers to raise money for at-risk children. This spring, we planned to host a multi-province conference on Feb. 17, followed by initiation and the ThurtenE Carnival with class reunions in April. Jeremy Barnes, **2019**, was one of 13 juniors elected to ThurtenE 2018.

~Thomas Gardner, **2020**

Waterloo Theta Psi

We had a fun and productive term during the fall. We raised over \$2,000 for the local branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association through our first Derby Days philanthropic event in four years. Philanthropy chairman Dylan Kempel, **2017**, worked hard to hit our goal and everyone that was involved is excited to do it again next year. We initiated five men who all look to begin to leave their mark on our chapter this upcoming term. Quinn Smith, **2018**, our incoming Consul, looked to keep the momentum flowing through the holiday break and into a strong spring recruitment period for our chapter.

~Eric Lamoureux, **2019**

West Florida Lambda Beta

We kicked off the school year by attending the Mission 365 recruitment training program run by Loren Kleinpeter, **LOUISIANA STATE 1977**. We also co-sponsored two events, the first being with Active Minds, a nonprofit organization working to destigmatize mental illness and prevent suicide on college campuses, called Seeds of Hope in memory of Tyler Knisley, **2009**. The other was a fundraising event with UWF Her Campus for Domestic Violence Awareness. We initiated 12 brothers into our chapter and looked forward to their experiencing our Derby Days philanthropic event, held March 22 to 24, and annual white rose formal held from April 12 to 14.

~Noah Thomas, **2019**

West Georgia Lambda Phi

Scholarship and community service were our chapter's main focuses during the fall 2017 semester, as respective officers developed new guidelines and programs to advance these initiatives. As a chapter, we sought to improve our GPA and to do more in the community with regard to service. Our newly initiated brothers could not wait to get involved, and quite a few of them ran for leadership positions. We looked forward to the remaining month with our seniors graduating in December, but we were anxious and excited for spring recruitment.

~Alexander Amaro, **2019**

West Virginia Mu Mu

During the fall semester, we initiated 22 new members. As a chapter, we also strived to do well academically. Next, we had a meeting with our West Virginia/Pittsburgh province Grand Praetor Dave Asselin, **GEORGE WASHINGTON 1989**, and his chapter brother, Order of Constantine Sig and Grand Trustee Nathan Neal, **1983**, to create a strategic plan for the year. After the meeting, we have continued to improve our risk management, overall organization and communication at our weekly chapter meetings. As of this writing, we anticipated holding elections for our next slate of officers in the near future.

~Nicholas Collins, **2018**

Western Carolina Kappa Gamma

The chapter hosted its annual Christmas toy drive with First Baptist Church in Sylva, North Carolina, on Dec. 12, 2017. Brothers had a great time getting into the holiday spirit by giving back. We also initiated three new brothers. We are proud to announce the election of Caleb Queen, **2019**, as Interfraternity Council president and Austin Hennessee, **2018**, as vice president of recruitment. Additionally, four brothers graduated this past fall, with most brothers finding jobs in the Raleigh, North Carolina, area. As of this writing, our Derby Days philanthropic event was scheduled for Jan. 29 to Feb. 2, 2018.

~Nicholas Bond, **2019**

Western Connecticut Iota Eta

The chapter is proud to have initiated eight new brothers into the Fraternity during the fall semester. Little and Big Brothers were assigned to one another and they created a special and strong bond with each other. Magister Eric Long, **2018**, worked very hard with the pledges so they could be successful. All of the brothers helped them to keep their focus on their learning and how Sigma Chi has impacted our lives. They are now getting used to life as initiated members and are very excited for what the future holds.

~Myckland Cothias, **2020**

Western Illinois Iota Omicron

The chapter had a lot happening during the spring 2017 semester. We initiated 17 men into the Fraternity in November, which is a larger number than usual for our chapter. We partnered with the Western Illinois University Veterans Club to raise awareness about blood cancer by swabbing students on Oct. 28, 2017. Also during the fall semester, we got a head start on our spring Derby Days philanthropic event by hosting a karaoke night fundraiser at Diamond Dave's restaurant in Macomb, Illinois, on Nov. 3, 2017.

~Lance Robinette, **2019**

Western Michigan Zeta Nu

As the year was coming to an end, our brothers focused their attention on finishing the semester strong. We had a tremendous turnout for initiation, as many alumni came back to participate. Likewise, our chapter's level of participation has been strong. As of this writing, we were preparing for officer elections and brothers were figuring out which positions might suit them the best. With our Derby Days philanthropic event scheduled for March 18 to 24, we discussed ways to make it the best one we have ever had.

~Nickolas Kafati, **2019**

Whitman Gamma Epsilon

The fall semester was a particularly lively one for our chapter, with a house fervor maintained by invigorating chapter meetings, strong leadership and an exciting pledge class brought on by a fulfilling recruitment. As the days got colder in Walla Walla, Washington, we maintained a warm spirit of brotherhood with alumni dinners and listening to several other alumni give "Life After Whitman" talks on campus. Whether it is going skiing in the mountains or on bike rides through the Walla Walla Valley, we try our best to stay active despite the cold.

~Greg Steigerwald, **2018**

Wilfrid Laurier Iota Mu

We had what we believe to be an exceptional fall term. We were proud to initiate seven new brothers into this Fraternity on Nov. 25, 2017, and look forward to expanding our recruitment efforts for the winter term. We reintroduced our Derby Days philanthropic event, which was held for the first time in three years, from Sept. 23 to 29, 2017. All proceeds from Derby Days went toward the Huntsman Cancer Institute. We looked forward to continuing our concentrated efforts into the new year and were excited for winter recruitment and future philanthropic events.

~Matthew Younatan, **2019**





Willamette Delta Zeta

We had a strong fall semester and brought in some quality men who we feel will improve our chapter. Over the year, our GPA has continued to improve and having an established library in our chapter house has been beneficial for all members. There has been growing interest from young men who aspire to join our chapter, which gave us hope for the spring recruitment season. We also planned to hold our Derby Days philanthropic from April 16 to 20, during which we hoped to raise a substantial amount of money for the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

~Jordan Fickas, **2018**

William & Mary Zeta Upsilon

Our chapter had a successful fall semester during which it initiated 10 brothers. Our members continue to advance the values of Sigma Chi by holding top leadership roles in student government and on the Interfraternity Council. We also demonstrate our commitment to the Williamsburg, Virginia, community through our involvement with charitable organizations such as Lafayette Kids and Camp Kesem. We looked forward to initiating a new class this spring as the chapter marks its 50th anniversary. We ask our alumni, sweethearts and friends to keep an eye on our Facebook page as we plan for a 50th-anniversary celebration in the fall.

~Morrise Queirolo, **2017**

Windsor Kappa Mu

Consul Sam Galea, **2019**, secured reserved seating for us at our school's Homecoming football game on Sept. 16, 2017. Our intramural flag football team also reached the championship game in the fall. We held a secret Santa gift exchange and Movember competition. Vlasis Aroutzidis, **2019**, shaved his beard to gain donations for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. We held a trick-or-treat philanthropic event on Halloween where brothers collected food donations instead of candy. Our Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event on Oct. 18 had brothers wearing high heels on campus to raise money for the Hiatus House women's shelter in Windsor.

~Kevin Singh, **2019**

Wisconsin-Milwaukee Lambda Chi

The chapter had a great fall semester overall, during which time we initiated 12 members into the chapter after a successful pledging process. All of the pledges gained an understanding of the Ritual and what it means to be a Sigma Chi. We executed the ceremonies of initiation well and ran them efficiently, as we received a score of 93 percent from our Ritual Peer. As of this writing, we were eager to prepare for recruitment and to welcome a new pledge class during the spring semester.

~Jacob Boehlke, **2020**

Wyoming Gamma Xi

The chapter anticipated having a successful spring semester. Forming a new chapter strategic plan, initiating a pledge class of 22 and raising \$2,410 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI) are some of the major highlights of a busy and quick-moving semester in Wyoming. Brothers had time to enjoy the outdoors together, to cheer on a mildly successful Cowboys football team, and to practice and win \$1,000 for HCI by dancing their hearts out in the university's Homecoming Sing event in October. The brothers looked forward to another great semester with big plans in store.

~Ben Wetzel, **2019**

Yale Theta Upsilon

Our chapter finished the fall semester by properly implementing the Preparation for Brotherhood pledge program for our newest pledge class and ushering in a new generation of leaders for the next semester. With the hard work of our new chapter advisor Zach Deutscher, **WESTERN CONNECTICUT 2008**; our Grand Praetor, Order of Constantine Sig Keith Moody, **CONNECTICUT 1989**; and our housing corporation president Javier Rivera, **YALE 2002**, we have set our chapter on the right financial path. Having positioned ourselves to execute a successful recruitment in the spring semester, we are excited to grow and progress during the next semester.

~Alexander Jang, **2019**

Youngstown Eta Chi

Fall 2017 was a strong semester for our chapter. We hosted our sixth annual Derby Days philanthropic event, which brought together members of our Greek-letter campus community and raised over \$1,200 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. Our chapter initiated six brothers. Our chapter celebrated its 40th anniversary on April 17, 2017, with a banquet for alumni at the DeBartolo Stadium Club on the campus of Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio. We look forward to working with the Youngstown, Ohio, alumni chapter to plan future events.

~Landon Kline, **2017**

COLONY UPDATES

Auburn Sigma Chi Gamma

We were lucky to have alumni members help us learn how to live the qualities found in *The Jordan Standard* through their examples and stories of brotherhood. After completing the Preparation for Brotherhood pledge program, we visited the Kenteska Plantation in Hurtsboro, Alabama, an estate venue, on Dec. 7 to 8, to become closer. While there, we read letters that alumni of the former Auburn chapter sent to us. We hope that our group grows larger as time goes on.

~Michael Guelfo, **2021**

Brock Sigma Chi Lambda

The colony was getting ready for its sweetheart ball that was scheduled to take place on March 3, 2018, at Club Roma, an event facility in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. Our Derby Days philanthropic event was scheduled to take place from Feb. 23 to 28 at Brock University and in the town of St. Catharines. On Jan. 19, we participated in an on-campus blood drive. We look forward to our installation, which is projected to take place on Oct. 3, 2018.

~Kingsley Nwogu, **2018**

San Diego State Sigma Chi Psi

The colony is making an impact on campus. We set up a PayPal account to hold proceeds that will be donated to the Huntsman Cancer Institute, and we have collected \$600 thus far. The colony helped to promote an on-campus event for Adapted Sports, which is an organization that hosts sporting events for veterans living with physical disabilities. As of this writing, the event was scheduled to take place on Jan. 26 and 27, 2018.

~Justin Hasting, **2019**

Texas Tech Sigma Chi Nu

The colony recently held an alumni appreciation event, at which we had a great turnout of alumni. The 13 men who joined the colony this semester have shown outstanding dedication to it. We also held recruitment events to familiarize ourselves with men who could pledge our colony in the spring. Additionally, we planned to raise money for the family of fallen university police officer Floyd East Jr., who was killed in the line of duty on Oct. 9, 2017.

~Chase Couture, **2018**

West Chester Sigma Chi Iota

As of this writing, our colony had 23 members who were excited to learn that our Declaration of Intent had been accepted by the Fraternity. We are ready to work hard and contribute to the organization in a meaningful way. While many of us were strangers at the beginning of this process, we have quickly grown to become a strong and tight-knit group. We are already on track to make a difference on campus and in the community.

~Hunter Lloyd, **2020**

Binghamton University

CHAPTER NAME: Mu Gamma
PROVINCE: Northwestern New York

INSTALLATION DATE: April 1, 2017
SIGS INITIATED AT INSTALLATION: 59

Sigma Chi International Fraternity now has a chapter on the campus of Binghamton University in Binghamton, New York. Matt Latawiec, **2018**, who served as Consul for the colony at Binghamton University from Dec. 5, 2016, to Dec. 19, 2017, says the colonization process for the group afforded its members the opportunity to develop valuable leadership skills. Below, he discusses the importance of having learned those soft skills.

What stood out to you in regard to the colonization process?

... We were given an opportunity to develop skills that you normally do not get until multiple years into your career. In addition, we were given the opportunity to solve problems that we may face in our careers one day, while learning to work with people who do not always think the way that we do.

How did it feel to be learning those at this point in your college experience?

... There are so many situations you can practice in theory when trying to accomplish something, but until you try it out in the real world, you cannot gain that experience. You are not able to practice or prepare for the human factor in a given situation. To learn these skills while in college may very well be more important than [textbook learning for] any class you ever take.

Is there anything in particular that stuck out to you that you experienced during the colonization process?

It gave me the ability to hear all sides of an argument out. I [could] consider each person's side, even if I didn't agree with them initially. [When weighing options,] I tried to make decisions that would affect everyone [equally].

What did your fellow colony members learn most throughout the colonization process?

How much a group can accomplish, [and] how you can work in a group. Everyone has their own way of doing things, but you have to learn the common goal, [which] can unite a group and help [members] become as productive as possible.



Then-Binghamton University Consul Matthew Latawiec, **2018**, addresses the crowd at his chapter's installation banquet on April 1, 2017, at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Binghamton in Binghamton, New York.



Binghamton University undergraduates Matthew Latawiec, **2018**, fourth from left, and Nick Swerbilov, **2019**, third from left, display their chapter's charter, along with 70th Grand Consul Tommy Geddings, **SOUTH CAROLINA 1985**, and other key volunteers and Fraternity staff members during the chapter's installation banquet on April 1, 2017 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Binghamton in Binghamton, New York. Latawiec and Swerbilov were Consul and Pro Consul of the chapter, respectively, at the time of the banquet.

Massachusetts–Amherst

CHAPTER NAME: Mu Epsilon

PROVINCE: Connecticut/W. Massachusetts

INSTALLATION DATE: Dec. 3, 2017

SIGS INITIATED AT INSTALLATION: 53

The Dec. 3, 2017, installation of the undergraduate chapter at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst was unique, with 16 Ritual Peers there to assist with and witness the event. Additionally, about 40 alumni were on hand, providing Ritual director and Order of Constantine Sig Bruce Casner, **GEORGE WASHINGTON 1971**, a large cast and audience for what he believes was a well-executed initiation and chapter installation. Below, he discusses what went into making it a success.

As the Ritual director, what did it mean to direct the process and to have alumni assist you with it?

Well, being the Ritual director and bringing about the birth of [a] new Sigma Chi chapter is an incredible honor, especially when you have a team you can count on that's going to deliver their very best. ... And I think it makes it not only more meaningful to the group that's [being] installed, but also to the Ritual team, everyone associated with it and myself as well.

What was the impact on the colony members seeing so many alumni coming back to help install their chapter?

[The newly initiated brothers] were, in their own words, blown away by the whole process. It was well executed. ... And when the Ritual cycle is done well, it has to be an incredibly impressive experience. I had the chance to spend over four hours with the new [brothers] ... on the next day. As Ritual director, I like to give what I call a "post-initiation Ritual seminar," which teaches [about] all the things they saw the days before, but haven't had the chance to understand the practice. And we do a very deep dive into the components of the Ritual book, where each of them gets to hold it in their hands. We discussed it and answered questions. All of them, 50 of them to a man, were in awe.

What was the process like for those helping you with the Ritual to make sure everything went without a hitch?

We had a lot of prior preparation. ... We had several conference calls prior to the installation period where about every single detail was discussed. When there was the rare time when there was a concern of some sort, the concerns were discussed and resolved. Mostly, they were logistical concerns



Order of Constantine Sig Bruce Casner, **GEORGE WASHINGTON 1971**, who served as Ritual director of the chapter installation at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, discusses the Ritual with newly initiated brothers on Dec. 4, 2017, a day after the installation.

as opposed to creative concerns and so on. So, as a result ... all of the people involved in this thing knew what they had to do. They were well-prepared and knew what was expected of them and knew what to expect from other members of the team.

What would you want the new chapter members to take away from the installation experience?

... [The knowledge that] the gift of brotherhood is something that is highly labor-intensive. Especially when it is done well. And they received the gift of brotherhood in Sigma Chi — it was a gift that wasn't given lightly. A great deal of preparation, time and effort went into it.

Saint Louis University

CHAPTER NAME: Theta Iota
PROVINCE: Northern Missouri

INSTALLATION DATE: Nov. 18, 2017
SIGS INITIATED AT INSTALLATION: 53

When Michael Budler, **2017**, arrived at Saint Louis University in 2013, he knew he wanted to join a fraternity after seeing how close his father was with his chapter brothers at Washington University in St. Louis, but Budler did not think the school's existing Greek-letter organizations were a fit for him. Instead, he and other students with similar experiences helped colonize the Fraternity's chapter on their campus and took part in its reinstallation on Nov. 18, 2017.

How and when did you become involved with the Fraternity at Saint Louis University?

I met [2017 graduates] Mark Minowitz and T.J. Decker through my roommates in February 2015. T.J.'s father [is] Dave Decker, [**NORTHERN ARIZONA 1979**] and [T.J.] felt the same way I did about the idea of joining other fraternities. So, we ... contacted the administration and asked what needed to be completed to reinstall a [Sigma Chi] chapter. After submitting a long sanction-fulfilling action plan document and holding a series of talks, a group of men [who] we believed exceeded the expectations of *The Jordan Standard* ... became a colony in April 2016.

Did your father provide any support or guidance to you or your colony leading up to initiation?

Yes, my father was very supportive in helping me stay persistent and positive in completing the work to make colonization a feasible goal. He made time to talk with me ... about the progress of the colony, and to express how proud he was of the colony's purpose.

What do you think it meant for your father to have you join the same fraternity as him?

Having my dad pin me as his brother was a moment incomparable to anything I have ever experienced; receiving the opportunity to become a brother of Sigma Chi to any member of one's family is such a unique experience. I truly feel honored.

Did your father attend your initiation or the Saint Louis chapter's reinstallation? If so, what did it mean for you to share that experience with him?

Yes, my dad flew from Lincoln, Nebraska, to St. Louis for my initiation. ... It was very touching to see him walk before me and [to] receive my pin from him. I will never forget it.



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Michael D. Budler, **SAINT LOUIS 2017**, stands with his father, Michael W. Budler, **WASHINGTON (ST. LOUIS) 1990**, and the charter of the Saint Louis University chapter at its re-installation into the Fraternity on Nov. 18, 2017, at Glen Echo Country Club in St. Louis, Missouri.

Why was it important for you to come back for the chapter's reinstallation after graduating in May 2017?

I felt coming back for the chapter's [re]installation was both important and necessary for finishing one of the most enriching journeys of my life, and for starting the beginning of an everlasting brotherhood. It was an experience so many of us worked hard for and waited so long for. We all did it for each other.

Virginia Commonwealth

CHAPTER NAME: Mu Delta

PROVINCE: Eastern Virginia

INSTALLATION DATE: Nov. 4, 2017

SIGS INITIATED AT INSTALLATION: 42

Brandon Dupert, **VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH 2020**, was one of the more than 40 brothers initiated into his chapter when it was installed on Nov. 4, 2017. Dupert, who is his chapter's community service chairman, discusses what it meant to have been a part of the colony and for the chapter to have been welcomed into the Sigma Chi International Fraternity.

What does it mean to you to bring Sigma Chi to the campus?

It's a big deal. It means a lot to me. I came in at the tail end of the [colonization process]. ...The class before me, they really exude the values that our Founders put together. It was just awesome to actually see... all [of] these guys go for one common goal to make our campus better by bringing Sigma Chi to it. It was an awesome opportunity that most people aren't going to get.

Why did you want to be part of the colony?

I wasn't going to join a fraternity when I came to VCU [in 2017]. I was a transfer student and this was my first semester on campus, but some friends of mine convinced me to ... check out a few fraternities and I went to a [recruitment] event of Sigma Chi's. All [of] the guys ... were generally good people, and I realized these were people I wouldn't have met in any other way. ... I knew that I could become something better by associating myself with these people.

How was it to have alumni come back to help out with the installation?

That was awesome. For me, I was a pledge for most of the colony process ... [so] it was great to meet people that most of the guys had already met. It was great to foster some of the [same] relationships.

How did it feel to have received the required ¾ vote from all Sigma Chi undergraduate chapters to install the colony as a chapter?

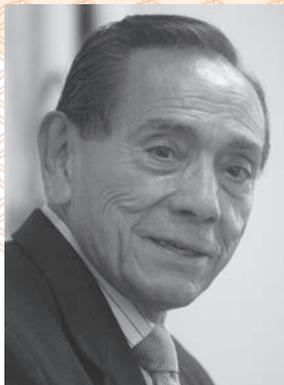
It feels great. This colony, now chapter, belongs in Sigma Chi. We did the right thing[s] and [the other chapters] think that of us. ... When these other chapters invite you in and say 'These guys fit,' and that they think we can become a chapter is awesome.



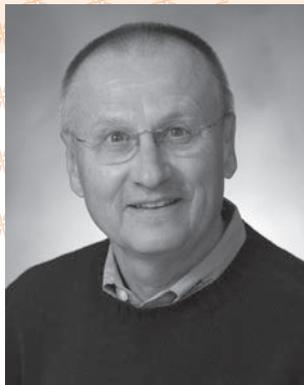
Virginia Commonwealth chapter Consul Alexander Sausen, **2019**, makes remarks during the chapter's installation banquet at a Hilton hotel in Richmond, Virginia, on Nov. 4, 2017, while 70th Grand Consul and Order of Constantine Sig Tommy Geddings, **SOUTH CAROLINA 1985**, and 2017 to 2019 International Sweetheart Allie Hagemeyer look on.

What's it been like on campus since the installation?

It's been fun because now we're planning out the next step. Just because we've been installed, doesn't mean we can lose momentum. We're looking to make an impact and we have bigger goals on the horizon. We want to become better in the long run.



PHIL SANCHEZ



SAM MCKINSTRY



VIC ABNEE JR.

The WHITE ROSE CEREMONY

In 1909, the service *in memoriam* was officially added to the Ritual. More than a century later, the beautiful White Rose Ceremony is publicly conducted as a final honor to the life of a Sigma Chi and to recognize a brother's entrance into the Chapter Eternal.

The White Rose Ceremony may be conducted in two ways, as a part of a memorial service and at a cemetery. In both, brothers who are present don white roses over their hearts. Then, each brother places his rose on the casket. After honor is called to the name of the deceased, the words spoken by the leader of the ceremony are short, yet poignant and true to the spirit of Sigma Chi:

"In as much as our dearly beloved brother wore over his heart The White Cross of Sigma Chi whose immaculate whiteness symbolized to us the purity of his motives, therefore, it is most appropriate that he now bear above his heart our emblem; and that we lay white roses upon his casket in token of the sweet memories we will always cherish of him we loved so well."

The service *in memoriam* is one of four portions of the Ritual that can be conducted publicly. It provides a brief, but powerful glance at the meaningful words of Sigma Chi to those outside of our Order, showing them the emotional importance of the bonds of our brotherhood.

✠ Denotes Life Loyal Sig.

Order of Constantine Sig and Significant Sig **PHIL SANCHEZ, CAL. STATE-FRESNO 1953** ✠, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 16, 2017. He was 88. Sanchez was born on July 28, 1929, in Pinedale, California. While in college, he joined the Army National Guard and rose to the rank of colonel. He went on to become chief administrative officer of Fresno County in the 1960s and a board member for California's Clovis Unified School District before being appointed by then-Gov. Ronald Reagan to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, and then to the California State University and Colleges Board of Trustees. Sanchez was then appointed assistant director of the Office of Economic Opportunity by then-President Nixon. He also served as the U.S. ambassador to Honduras from 1973 to 1976 under President Nixon, and as the U.S. ambassador to Colombia from 1976 to 1977 under then-President Gerald Ford.

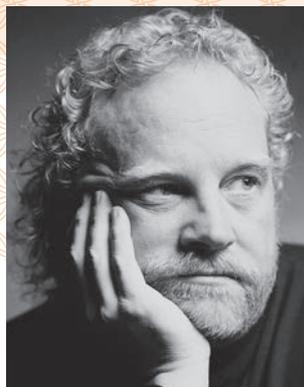
Order of Constantine Sig **SAM MCKINSTRY, WESTMINSTER 1962** ✠, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 26, 2017. He was 77. McKinstry was born in St. Louis on March 29, 1940, and graduated from De Soto High School in De Soto, Missouri. After earning his bachelor's degree from Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, where he joined the Fraternity, McKinstry attended Washington University Law School in St. Louis and afterward worked as assistant vice president of American Bank of DeSoto. He then earned his master's and doctorate in Southeast Asian studies from the University of Missouri in Columbia. McKinstry taught in the political science department at East Tennessee State University in Johnson, Tennessee, for 35 years. He authored five books and numerous professional articles. At various times, he also served the International Fraternity as chapter advisor at East Tennessee State, as Grand Praetor and as a Grand Trustee. McKinstry was inducted into the Order of Constantine in 1989.



PETER CORPSTEIN SR.



RICHARD SCHLECHT



WATTS WACKER JR.

Order of Constantine **SIG BILL MILLS**, SAM HOUSTON 1960 ✦, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 11, 2017. He was 80 years of age. Mills was born in Kosse, Texas, on Oct. 4, 1937, and later moved to Houston, where he graduated from Austin High School. He then earned his bachelor's degree in advertising art from Sam Houston State Teachers College in Huntsville, Texas, now Sam Houston State University, where he joined the Fraternity. He then served in the U.S. Air Force for eight and a half years before beginning a 32-year career in the advertising, graphics and design industries. After enjoying success in these fields, he began writing about, photographing and illustrating the outdoors, which led to his joining the Texas Outdoor Writers Association and being published in *Saltwater Texas*, *Outdoor Discovery* and other publications. He was inducted to the Order of Constantine in 1999.

Significant Sig **VIC ABNEE JR.**, CINCINNATI 1948 ✦, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 4, 2017. He was 94. Abnee was born in Lexington, Kentucky, on June 12, 1923, and graduated from Withrow High School in Cincinnati before attending the University of Cincinnati and earning his bachelor's degree in 1948. He then served as an Army engineer in the Pacific under Gen. George MacArthur in World War II, and received six Oak Leaf Clusters for operations and landings under fire. Afterward, he began his lifelong career in the gypsum industry, which culminated in his being named the president of the Gypsum Trade Association. At various times, he served as president of the University Club of Chicago; the Skokie Country Club in Skokie, Illinois; and the Skyline Country Club of Tucson, Arizona. The International Fraternity presented him with the Significant Sig Award in 1987, and its Semi-Century Sig Award in 2004.

Significant Sig **PETER CORPSTEIN SR.**, ARIZONA 1952 ✦, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 28, 2017. He was 87. Corpstein was born in Phoenix on Feb. 20, 1930, and graduated from the city's North High School before attending the University of

Arizona in Tucson. After graduating, he served in the U.S. Army and attained the rank of first lieutenant. He then returned to Phoenix to work in the family business, Valley Lumber, Feed and Seed Co., where he ran the company's lumber division. After selling the business in 1967, Corpstein became involved in charitable work and political fundraising, which resulted in Republican Party officials' asking him to run for the Arizona House of Representatives in 1973. He subsequently served as a representative in the House for 10 years and in the Arizona Senate for eight years. The Fraternity presented him the Significant Sig Award in 1999.

Significant Sig **RICHARD SCHLECHT**, NORTHWESTERN 1938 ✦, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 16, 2017. He was 101. Schlecht was born on Dec. 23, 1915, in Rossville, Illinois, where he graduated from Rossville High School. He then enrolled at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where he joined the Fraternity and the school's Navy ROTC program. Afterward, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II aboard the USS O'Brien and USS Niels destroyers before joining the Rossville Packing Co. in 1946. Schlecht became president and owner of Rossville Packing Co., his family's business, in 1964 and at various times served as a board member and president of the Illinois Cannery Association and National Cannery Association. Additionally, he served the Lakeview Hospital Association in Danville, Illinois, as a board member, as a committee chairman and as its president. He was named to the Rossville Community Organization's hall of fame in 2008.

Significant Sig **WATTS WACKER JR.**, TULANE 1975 ✦, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 15, 2017. He was 64. Wacker was born on March 17, 1953, in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, and graduated from Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, Ohio. He then obtained his bachelor's degree from Tulane University in New Orleans, and later earned his master's in business from the University of Texas-Austin McCombs School of Business in 1980. At various times, he worked in marketing for Ventura

“As a friend, as a brother among us and as a man of affairs, we have known him as loyal and devoted to the high ideals of The White Cross which we wear.”

THE WHITE ROSE CEREMONY

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CHAPTER ETERNAL LISTING

(University order)

Arizona

1960 James Geist of Lakewood, CO; 10/17

Arkansas

1958 Russell McCollum Jr. of Maumelle, AR; 9/17

1963 Bill Matthews of Little Rock, AR; 11/17 ✦

Auburn

1958 Neville MacBean of Decatur, GA; 12/17 ✦

1964 Richard Colby of Gulf Breeze, FL; 12/17

Ball State

1965 David Meek of Brighton, MI; 10/17 ✦

1969 Jim McLochlin of New Palestine, IN; 12/17 ✦

Butler

1959 Bob Stanczak of New Boston, MI; 11/17 ✦

Case Western

1965 Kenneth Wolf of Aurora, OH; 10/17 ✦

Cincinnati

1954 Robert Schubert of Cincinnati; 10/17

Colorado College

1950 Bill Straub of Sturgeon Bay, WI; 12/17 ✦

Colorado State

1947 Bob Wiley Jr. of Boone, CO; 12/17 ✦

Connecticut

1983 Thomas Alessi of Guilford, CT; 11/17

Duke

1969 Richard Lieb of Valley Forge, PA; 11/17

East Tennessee

1970 Samuel Hartt Jr. of Wilmington, NC; 10/17

Emory

1960 Manny Bondi Jr. of Tampa, FL; 11/17 ✦

Coastal in California; Schering-Plough in Memphis, Tennessee; and Kenner Toys in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1986, he moved to Westport, California, to work for the Yankelovich Partners futures company. He then worked for Stanford Research Institute (SRI) International before opening the FirstMatter consultancy, where he became a well-known futurist, public speaker and innovator for Fortune 500 companies. He also authored four books, including *The 500 Year Delta* in 1998. The Fraternity presented him the Significant Sig Award in 2006.

ROBERT ADAMS, WASHINGTON & LEE 1960, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 22, 2017. He was 79. Adams was born on July 3, 1938, in Memphis, Tennessee, where he graduated from Central High School before earning his bachelor's degree from Washington & Lee University. He then attended the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis and continued his medical training at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Adams went on to serve as president of the Methodist Hospitals medical staff and as director of its internal medicine teaching program. He was also a fellow of the American College of Rheumatology.

WALTER AERTKER JR., LOUISIANA STATE 1948 ✦, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 11, 2017. He was 93. Aertker was born on Jan. 6, 1924, in Alexandria, Louisiana. He attended the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, before entering the U.S. Army Air Force in 1942 and later resumed his studies at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, where he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration. After graduating, Aertker worked in his family's business, which included land purchases, construction, oil leasing and mortgage lending, before beginning his career with First Federal Savings and Loan of Alexandria. He later served as vice president and president of Lee Lumber Co. in Little Rock, Arkansas.

WALTER ANDERSON, DARTMOUTH 1954, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 30, 2017. He was 84. Anderson was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on March 1, 1933, and grew up in Hamden, Connecticut. While a student at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, he played on the school's football team and joined the Fraternity on his way to earning a bachelor's degree in economics and being commissioned as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. Following three years of service in Germany and North Africa, he began a 40-year banking career that included 20 years of service with Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City and 20 years with Summit Bank in New Jersey until retiring in 1996.

DAVID ANGELO, INDIANA (PENNSYLVANIA) 1968, entered the Chapter Eternal on Dec. 16, 2016. He was 69. Angelo was born on Sept. 12, 1947, in Indiana, Pennsylvania. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics from Indiana University in Pennsylvania, where he helped found the Fraternity's chapter at the school. He then worked as a mathematics instructor at Central Cambria High School in Edensburg, Pennsylvania, for 11 years before beginning a 30-year career in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where he reached the rank of lieutenant colonel. Afterward, Angelo worked as a financial analyst with First Commonwealth Bank in Indiana.

BILL ARGO, OHIO STATE 1947 ✦, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 3, 2017. He was 94. Argo was born on Feb. 21, 1923, in Columbus, Ohio. After graduating from Ohio State University in Columbus, where he joined the Fraternity, Argo served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army infantry brigade in India during World War II. Afterward, he returned to Columbus and worked with Argo and Lehne Jewelers for more than 50 years. Additionally, he served as president of the American Gem Society of the United States and Canada, and on the boards of Huntington National Bank and the Columbus Museum of Art.

CYRIL BARANOWSKI, CENTRE 1952 ✦, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 18, 2017. He was 92. Baranowski was born on Feb. 5, 1925, in Chicago. After graduating from high school, he served three years in the U.S. Army during WWII and afterward at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky, where he joined the Fraternity. Following graduation, he moved to Downers Grove, Illinois, and became a deacon at the Presbyterian Church in Downers Grove. He then moved to Indian Trail, North Carolina, where he became a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

ISAAC BASS III, MISSISSIPPI STATE 1960 ✦, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 29, 2017. He was 79. Bass was born on June 26, 1938, in Jackson, Mississippi, and graduated from Lumberton High School prior to earning his bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University, where he joined the Fraternity. Following graduation, he worked for several years as vice president of Bass Pecan Co., a family business that his great-grandfather started. Later, he was self-employed as the owner of I.H. Bass and Co. in Lumberton, Mississippi. Bass was also a member of the Lumberton Lions Club and the First Baptist Church of Lumberton.

DICK BAUM, INDIANA 1945 ✨, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 12, 2017. He was 94. Baum was born in Atchison, Kansas, on March 18, 1923. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Europe. Afterward, he graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington and later the institute of management at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He then began his career as a human resources advisor, and taught at Washington University in St. Louis and worked for Mobil Oil Corp. for 13 years. He later became senior vice president of human resources with the Chicago Title and Trust Co. and retired after 24 years of service there.

ROBERT BEINE JR., KANSAS 1950, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 31, 2017. He was 90. Beine was born on March 3, 1927, in Topeka, Kansas. After serving in World War II, he entered the University of Kansas on the GI Bill and earned his bachelor's degree in journalism. After graduating, he began working for *Look* magazine before moving to Waukegan, Illinois, to work as a copywriter for Abbott Labs, where he spent the rest of his career. There, Beine worked his way from copywriter to creative director, and ultimately became Abbott's vice president of advertising.

LEO BERK, M.D., STANFORD 1961, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 23, 2017. He was 78. Berk was born in the Coco Solo Naval Hospital in the Panama Canal Zone on March 2, 1939. Born into a Navy family, Berk moved many times during his childhood but graduated from Encinal High School in Alameda, California. After graduating from Stanford, he earned his medical degree from the University of California, San Francisco. In 1972, after finishing a residency at Harvard University's Beth Hospital in Boston, he moved to San Jose, California, where he began a private practice in plastic and reconstructive surgery.

DANTE BIELLO, CASE WESTERN 1944 ✨, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 27, 2017. He was 96. Biello was born on May 3, 1921, in Cleveland and graduated from the city's Shaw High School class in 1939 before serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Afterward, he earned his bachelor's degree from Western Reserve University in Cleveland and his Master of Business Administration from Harvard University. He held several business management positions during his career and retired as the vice president of finance for Cuyahoga Community College in Ohio. Additionally, he co-founded the Shaker Youth Baseball League and was a member of the Orange Kiwanis Club.

LOUIS BONNER JR., TEXAS-AUSTIN and HOUSTON 1954 ✨, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 21, 2017. He was 83. Bonner was born in Houston on Nov. 16, 1933, and graduated from the city's Lamar High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in physics and master's degree in mathematics from the University of Texas-Austin, then began a career in computer design and worked as a programmer for the NASA Apollo missions. He later dedicated himself to commercial real estate and the timber business at his farm on the Neches River in Angelina County, Texas.

GARY BRANSTETTER, SAN DIEGO STATE 1965, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 11, 2017. He was 73. Branstetter was born on Dec. 22, 1943, in Joplin, Missouri. He earned his bachelor's degree from San Diego State University, where he also played on the school's baseball and football teams and joined the Fraternity. He then earned his master's degree at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, California, before working as a teacher and coach at Redlands High School in Redlands, California, from 1965 to 1980. He then took over his family's citrus business for 20 years, and served on the Sunkist Growers Inc. board of directors for 15 years.

WILLIAM BUCHNER, TENNESSEE-CHATTAHOOGA 1956, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 26, 2017. He was 83. Buchner was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on June 29, 1934. He graduated from the University of Chattanooga, now the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, in three years, and afterward enrolled at the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis. He was drafted to the U.S. Army and served as a doctor at various Army hospitals in the United States and in Vietnam. He then worked in the emergency room at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga and ultimately became president of the Tennessee Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

LEROY CAIN, COLORADO 1945 ✨, entered the Chapter Eternal on Aug. 29, 2017. He was 93. Cain was born on March 29, 1924, in Denver. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946, and earned his bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Colorado in Boulder, where he joined the Fraternity. Cain then earned his master's in business administration from Columbia University in New York before moving to California and working in the aerospace industry for 20 years, spending most of his time on various Apollo space projects. He later worked for the Hanford research center in Washington.

Florida Southern
1997 Paul Chapman of Lakeland, FL; 10/17 ✨

Fort Hays
1972 Jerry Sparks of Frisco, TX; 12/17 ✨

Georgia Tech
1954 Ellis Gurry Jr. of Raleigh, NC; 11/17 ✨

Gettysburg
1964 Paul Andrews Jr. of Bethany Beach, DE; 11/17 ✨

Houston
2015 Ben Durosola of Houston; 12/17

Illinois
1949 Donald Johnson of Virginia Beach, VA; 12/17

1953 Robert Rempert of Albuquerque, NM; 10/17

Iowa
1940 Ross McFadden, M.D., of Davenport, IA; 11/17 ✨

Kettering
1964 Donald Luebbers of Danville, IL; 10/17

Lehigh
1962 Arthur Pepperman II of Bellefonte, PA; 10/17 ✨

Louisiana State
1964 Glenn Bradford of Houston; 12/17

Maine
1954 John Standeven of Scio, OR; 10/17 ✨
1969 Wendell Burden of Vassar, KS; 9/17

Maryland
1959 Robert Green of Travelers Rest, SC; 10/17
1992 Michael Conmy of Cornwall, NY; 10/17

Michigan State
1951 Edward Makielski of Ypsilanti, MI; 11/17 ✨
1960 Jake Hirt of Saint Clair, MI; 10/17
1964 Joseph Watkins of Atlanta, MI; 12/17

Mississippi

1987 Tom Kirkpatrick Jr. of Starkville, MS; 12/17

Mississippi State

1969 Spencer Frye of Griffin, GA; 11/17 ✦

1998 Brent Cobb of Jackson, MS; 9/17 ✦

Montana State

1961 John Coffee of Missoula, MT; 10/17 ✦

New Mexico

1984 Douglas Easton of Las Vegas; 9/17

North Dakota State

1955 James Hundley of Rochester, IL; 10/17

Northwestern

1949 John Rundall of Woodland Hills, CA; 10/17 ✦

1950 Henry Webb III of Nashville, TN; 11/17 ✦

Oklahoma State

1975 Richard Bridge Jr. of Redondo Beach, CA; 11/17 ✦

Oregon

1948 John Barry of Portland, OR; 12/17

1950 Donald Pickens of Redmond, OR; 11/17 ✦

Oregon State

1959 Rod Wiese of Friday Harbor, WA; 12/17 ✦

Purdue

1947 Frederick Graf of Tucson, AZ; 10/17 ✦

1959 David Byrne of Bloomington, IN; 10/17 ✦

Rochester

1950 Bob Kenyon of Rochester, NY; 10/17 ✦

1970 Paul Williams of Toronto; 10/17

Sam Houston

1966 Wayne Hamrick of Brenham, TX; 9/17

Southeast Missouri

1971 Mike Schumacher of Imperial, MO; 10/17 ✦

GEORGE CALLAHAN JR., M.D., DUKE 1955 ✦

entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 30, 2017. He was 83. Callahan was born on Dec. 3, 1933, in Miami. He earned his bachelor's degree from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, where he joined the Fraternity, and later graduated from the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta. Callahan also completed his surgical training at Atlanta's Grady Hospital. He settled in Orlando, Florida, in 1965 and practiced general and trauma surgery, primarily at Orlando Regional Medical Center (ORMC), where he received ORMC's Distinguished Physician Award and was recognized on its surgical wall of fame.

STEPHEN CARLSON, GEORGE MASON 1991,

entered the Chapter Eternal Sept. 22, 2017. He was 49. Carlson was born on Jan. 27, 1968, in Honolulu, Hawaii, and moved to Springfield, Virginia, where he graduated from Robert E. Lee High School. He became a member of Alpha Sigma Chi, the colony that would become the Iota Xi chapter at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, and was initiated into the Fraternity on Feb. 17, 1990. Carlson was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1994, and worked for Liberty Mutual Insurance as a claims adjuster until the illness rendered him unable to work.

VIC CAVAROC JR., TULANE 1959,

entered the Chapter Eternal on Dec. 10, 2017. He was 80. Cavaroc was born on May 4, 1937, in New Orleans. He earned his bachelor's degree in geology from Tulane University in New Orleans, and later his master's and doctorate from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he at various times worked as an offshore production geologist for the California Co. in Louisiana and taught geology at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. At North Carolina State, he was a member of the Academy of Outstanding Teachers, and was named an alumni distinguished undergraduate professor.

TED CHUMLEY, TENNESSEE-KNOXVILLE 1950,

entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 20, 2017. He was 91. Chumley was born in Greenfield, Tennessee, on Nov. 3, 1925, and grew up in Greenfield and Memphis, Tennessee, before moving to Marion, Ohio. He joined the U.S. Army during World War II as a radio operations specialist and received the Medal of Good Conduct and a Combat Ribbon. Afterward, he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where he joined the Fraternity. He then moved to Raleigh, North Carolina, and opened a Glidden paint store.

JACK COCKERHAM SR., LAMAR 1961,

entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 25, 2017. He was 79. Cockerham was born on Sept. 16, 1938, in Port Arthur, Texas. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, where he joined the Fraternity. After graduating, he held positions in human resources for Candy and Steel Fabricators, Mars Inc. and Central Texas Iron Works for over 40 years. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserve as a medic. Additionally, he was active in the Kairos Prison Ministry International organization, through which he ministered to incarcerated persons in Texas.

CHARLES CONKLE, INDIANA 1959,

entered the Chapter Eternal on Dec. 12, 2017. He was 80. Conkle was born on Sept. 13, 1937, in Kokomo, Indiana, and graduated from Kokomo High School before earning his bachelor's degree in business from Indiana University in Bloomington. After graduating, he joined his father's car dealership business, Charles Conkle Motor Co., in 1960, and began serving as dealer principal in 1965. Over the span of 50 years, he expanded the dealership to include the Pontiac and GMC franchises and built the business to become the largest Pontiac dealership in Indiana.

L.G. CONNOR, DALHOUSIE-ST. MARY'S 1971 ✦,

entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 1, 2017. He was 71. Connor was born on Feb. 13, 1946, in Ottawa, Ontario. He earned his degree in pharmacy from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he joined the Fraternity, and afterward he practiced pharmacy in eastern Ontario until his retirement in 2012. Connor also held leadership and committee roles in his professional associations of the Ottawa-Carleton Pharmacists Association, the Ontario Pharmacy Association and the Canadian Pharmacy Association. He was also involved with The Executive Committee (TEC), a CEO organization dedicated to improving the effectiveness of CEOs and enhancing their lives.

EDWARD CRAWFORD, MISSISSIPPI 1956,

entered the Chapter Eternal on July 9, 2017. He was 82. Crawford was born in Jackson, Tennessee, on July 25, 1934. While a student at the University of Mississippi, Crawford joined the Fraternity and enjoyed success as a student-athlete, lettering in football, basketball and baseball. He was drafted by the New York Giants football team following his graduation, and played defensive back. Following stints in coaching and as an athletic director, he returned to his alma mater in 1962 and at various times was its head basketball coach and the associate director of its foundation, among other roles.

MILTON DEETS, IOWA 1961, entered the Chapter Eternal on Aug. 23, 2017. He was 79. Deets was born on Feb. 14, 1938, in Bettendorf, Iowa. He earned his undergraduate degree and later his doctorate in finance from the University of Iowa in Iowa City, where he joined the Fraternity. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Army in Augusta, Georgia, as a lieutenant before completing his graduate studies. He then became a professor of economics and finance at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. While there, King founded Amherst Associates, a health care consulting company, with his colleagues and became its CEO.

WILLIAM DONIGAN, DUKE 1954, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 21, 2017. He was 87. Donigan was born on Aug. 20, 1930, in West Belmar, New Jersey. He attended the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, on a baseball scholarship before transferring to Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, where he lettered in baseball and soccer and joined the Fraternity. He then began working for Old Republic Insurance in Dunedin, Florida, before entering the clothing industry and opening Donigan's clothing store in Gainesville, Florida. He and his wife, Cissie, operated the store for more than 30 years.

WALTER DUEMER, OHIO 1953, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 14, 2017. He was 86. Duemer was born on July 8, 1931, in Hamilton, Ohio, and graduated from Hamilton High School before enrolling at Ohio University in Athens. He served his undergraduate chapter as its Consul, played on the Ohio Bobcats football team and was involved in the school's Air Force ROTC program, which led to his serving in the Korean War. Afterward, he began working for Ohio Bell Telephone Co. in Cleveland and then entered the insurance industry, which culminated in his serving as a owner and president of Exceptional Producers Group in Los Angeles.

JACK DURIE JR., KENTUCKY 1966 *, entered the Chapter Eternal on April 24, 2017. He was 73. Durie was born on Jan. 1, 1944, in Lexington, Kentucky, and was raised in Miami Springs, Florida. He earned his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Kentucky, where he joined the Fraternity. Afterward, he served in the U.S. Air Force as a judge advocate in the JAG Corps prior to settling in Orlando, Florida, and practicing law for more than 25 years. He also created the Keep Looking Up Foundation in Winter Park, Florida, which provides affordable housing to people of low to moderate income levels.

JOHN EAGLETON, OKLAHOMA 1954 *, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 16, 2017. He was 85. Eagleton was born on Jan. 22, 1932, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He earned a wrestling scholarship to the University of Oklahoma, where he was a four-year letterman and two-year All-American, and served his undergraduate chapter as Consul. After graduating with his bachelor's degree in accounting, Eagleton earned his law degree from Oklahoma and obtained his certified public accountant license. He then moved to New Orleans, where he was a lawyer for the United States Treasury and Internal Revenue Service, and afterward practiced tax litigation and estate planning law.

CARROLL EDWARDS, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 1950, entered the Chapter Eternal on Aug. 26, 2017. He was 91. Edwards was born on Jan. 12, 1926, in Harrison, Arkansas, and moved to Springfield, Missouri. After being discharged from the Army in 1947, he enrolled at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, where he earned his bachelor's degree and joined the Fraternity. He later earned his master's from Columbia University in New York and his doctorate in education from the University of California, Los Angeles, which led to his becoming an associate professor at California State University, Northridge. Carroll then started his own company that specialized in developing sports-oriented, educational and motivational materials.

MARK EMERSON, CORNELL 1969 *, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 20, 2017. He was 70. Emerson was born in Duxbury, Massachusetts, on July 26, 1947. He earned his bachelor's degree in hotel administration from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, where he joined the Fraternity and covered sports for the school's newspaper. He then began a career in the restaurant business that took him to Texas, California, Colorado and Pennsylvania before settling in Columbus, Ohio. While there, he was a partner in Max and Erma's family restaurant with 100 locations in 12 states. He served as the company's chief operating officer, and retired in 2003.

ROY FIELDS, SAN DIEGO STATE 1954 *, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 1, 2017. He was 86. Fields was born on July 27, 1931, in Yakima, Washington. He attended San Diego State University on a basketball scholarship, where he joined the Fraternity and earned degrees in accounting and business administration. Following college graduation, he became a management trainee with Ryan Aeronautical Co. of San Diego and ultimately became its executive vice president before retiring in 1991. Fields later became a private pilot, and was also a volunteer tax-preparation aide.

Southern California
1940 Bradner Canfield of Eagle, ID; 10/17 *

Southern Methodist
1950 George Rutherford of Albuquerque, NM; 11/17

**Texas A&M-
College Station**
2009 Matthew Barrera of Waco, TX; 11/17

Texas A&M-Commerce
1968 Bobby Babcock of Groom, TX; 9/17 *
1972 Barry Stockmier of Richardson, TX; 9/17 *
1973 Everett Blanchard of Garland, TX; 9/17

Texas Christian
1986 John Cadice Jr. of St. Louis; 11/17

Texas Tech
1957 Pat Power of Rio Rancho, NM; 11/17 *

Toronto-Ryerson
1958 Richard Chaffe of Trenton, Ontario; 12/17 *

Virginia
1961 Sam Craig Jr. of Mechanicsburg, PA; 11/17

Washington (Seattle)
1958 Craig Hosterman of Albany, OR; 10/17 *

Washington (St. Louis)
1958 Donald Hicks of St. Louis; 11/17 *

West Virginia
1953 David Kelly of Tipp City, OH; 10/17

Westminster
1963 Ronald Kostich of Upland, CA; 11/17 *

Wisconsin-Madison
1957 William Marshall of Northbrook, IL; 11/17

Wyoming
1959 David Robbins of Mesa, AZ; 10/17
1985 Vincent Stefan, Ph.D., of Danbury, CT; 11/17 *

SCOTT FOLSE, LOUISIANA STATE 1986, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 13, 2017. He was 54. Folse was born on Oct. 5, 1963, in Minneapolis. He earned his bachelor's degree, law degree and master of business administration all from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and served his undergraduate chapter as Consul. As an alumnus, he served on the chapter's advisory board and as a Balfour Leadership Training Workshop facilitator. Professionally, he joined his family's business, Delta Mechanical Inc., in 1990 and eventually became its president and owner. He was also a member of the Young Presidents' Organization.

PARKE FRIZELLE JR., MONTANA 1963 ✱, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 5, 2017. He was 79. Frizelle was born on May 15, 1938, in Minneapolis and moved to Billings and Butte, Montana, where he was raised. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy after graduating from Butte High School, and then enrolled at the University of Montana in Missoula, where he joined the Fraternity and was a member of the school's ski team. He graduated with a degree in business administration, which led to his working as a credit loan analyst and later to a banking career in San Francisco.

DAVE GIFFORD, PITTSBURGH 1959 ✱, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 23, 2017. He was 80. Gifford was born in New Brighton, Pennsylvania, on June 2, 1937. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh, where he joined the Fraternity, and afterward graduated from dental school at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He also served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and was stationed in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Puerto Rico. Additionally, he was a lifelong member of the American Dental Association and served on the board of directors for the San Joaquin, California, dental society.

BOB GILLMEISTER, MIT 1949 ✱, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 12, 2017. He was 90. Gillmeister was born in Oak Park, Illinois, on Sept. 20, 1927, and graduated from Oak Park High School. He then attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, briefly before transferring to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and earning his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He joined the U.S. Army in 1953 and afterward began working for General Electric Ordnance Systems in Pittsfield, New York, where he spent more than 29 years in the defense industry. He was also active in the Society of Logistical Engineers.

FRANK GIUSTRA JR., UNION 1959, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 22, 2017. He was 80. Giustra was born on March 10, 1937, in Brooklyn, New York, and graduated from the city's Poly Prep High School before earning his bachelor's degree from Union College in Schenectady, New York, and joining the Fraternity. He later earned master's degrees in mathematics and education from Columbia University in New York City. Professionally, Giustra taught mathematics, and was the department chairman in several schools throughout New England from 1960 to 1980. He then moved to Maine to purchase Frank's Market in Warren, which he owned and operated from 1980 to 1997.

EUGENE GRAHAM III, NORTH CAROLINA-CHAPEL HILL 1950, entered the Chapter Eternal on Dec. 3, 2017. He was 90. Graham was born on Dec. 10, 1926, in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he graduated from Central High School before being drafted into the U.S. Army in 1945 and serving as a paratrooper in World War II. Afterward, he earned his bachelor's degree in commerce from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and worked for First Union Bank in Charlotte for 42 years, retiring in 1992. He also served on the board of trustees for the Consolidated University of North Carolina System.

MARVIN GRAY SR., WAKE FOREST 1958 ✱, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 7, 2017. He was 86. Gray was born on March 8, 1931, in Hobbsville, North Carolina. He entered Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on a football scholarship, but his college career was interrupted by service in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He returned to Wake Forest and obtained his bachelor's and law degrees. He practiced law in Charlotte, North Carolina, as a partner in the Golding, Crews, Meekins, Gordon and Gray law firm, and was appointed to the North Carolina Superior Court Bench by Gov. James Martin in 1986.

MARK HAM V, NORTH GEORGIA 2007, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 18, 2017. He was 32. Ham was born on Nov. 30, 1984, in Gainesville, Georgia, where he graduated from Gainesville High School. Ham then attended North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega, now the University of North Georgia, where he joined the Fraternity and served his chapter as its Quaestor. He later graduated from Troy State University in Troy, Alabama, with a degree in business administration.

BUBBA HARRIS III, MISSISSIPPI STATE 1964 ✦, entered the Chapter Eternal on July 31, 2017. He was 76. Harris was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on April 11, 1941. He earned his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Mississippi State University, and afterward began working for International Paper Co. in Moss Point, Mississippi, where he remained for 13 years. He then moved to the company's corporate headquarters in New York City and lived in Darien, Connecticut, and was subsequently transferred to Bastrop, Louisiana, and Mobile, Alabama, until he retired after 34 years with the company.

ARTHUR HILLMAN, CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY 1953, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 26, 2017. He was 86. Hillman was born on Oct. 6, 1931, in San Francisco and graduated from the city's Washington High School. He then earned his bachelor's degree in criminology from the University of California, Berkeley. He then joined the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant and counterintelligence officer before returning to Berkeley and earning his law degree. He then worked for the Dunne, Dunne and Phelps law firm in San Francisco and Martin, Martin and Hillman in Berkeley before retiring.

JACK HOBBS, OKLAHOMA 1965 ✦, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 6, 2017. He was 74. Hobbs was born on April 30, 1943, in Corvallis, Oregon, but spent the majority of his life in Oklahoma City, where he graduated from Classen High School. He then enrolled at the University of Oklahoma, where he joined the Fraternity. After graduating, Hobbs served in the U.S. National Guard and then pursued a career as a salesman. As an alumnus, he also served his undergraduate chapter as its house corporation president and was a member of the Oklahoma City Alumni Chapter.

GLEN HUNT, LOUISIANA STATE 1946, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 27, 2017. He was 93. Hunt was born April 12, 1924, in Leesville, Louisiana, and graduated from Leesville High School. He then enrolled at Louisiana State University, where he joined the Fraternity before interrupting his studies to serve in World War II. Afterward, he earned his doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama, and practiced there until his retirement in 1997.

DONALD HYDER, NEW MEXICO 1954, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 3, 2017. He was 84. Hyder was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on Dec. 4, 1932, and graduated from Albuquerque High School. After graduating from the University of New Mexico

with a degree in business, he served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. He then pursued a career in real estate in Albuquerque, and later branched out into property management in Albuquerque and in Del Mar, California, where he lived during his retirement.

CURTIS JOHNSON, EAST TENNESSEE 1975, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 24, 2017. He was 67. Johnson was born on April 7, 1950, in Williamsport, Tennessee, where he graduated from Loyalsock Township High School. He then attended Ferrum College in Ferrum, Virginia, before he transferred and graduated from East Tennessee State University, where he joined the Fraternity and played collegiate football and baseball. Johnson also coached softball for more than 30 years, and was was the president of the Loyalsock Township High School booster club for 18 years.

GARY JOHNSON, ARIZONA 1962, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 26, 2017. He was 78. Johnson was born in Oxford, Nebraska, on Jan. 13, 1939, and grew up in Tucson, Arizona, where he graduated from Catalina High School. He then earned a basketball scholarship to the University of Arizona in Tucson, where he joined the Fraternity. After graduating, he earned his doctor of dental surgery degree from Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas. He then returned to Phoenix and practiced general dentistry there for 40 years.

GEORGE JOHNSTON JR., TEXAS-AUSTIN 1950 ✦, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 31, 2017. He was 92. Johnston was born on Sept. 28, 1925, in Bloomington, Illinois, and served in the U.S. Army as a member of the 520th Mechanical Co. during World War II. He then earned his engineering degree from the University of Texas in Austin, where he joined the Fraternity. After graduation, he started a 45-year career with Bell Helicopter that brought him to Chicago, and took him around the world. Excelling in his field, he received a patent for development of the 214ST, Bell's largest civilian production helicopter.

BLANCHARD JOLLY, FLORIDA 1950, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 17, 2017. He was 90. Blanchard was born in Tampa, Florida, on Dec. 10, 1926. After graduating from high school, he was selected for the Army Specialized Training Program, and entered the Army Air Force as a cadet. He then earned his degree in architecture from the University of Florida in Gainesville, and joined the architectural firm of William B. Harvard in St. Petersburg, Florida, in 1950. Jolly advanced within the firm, and was eventually named partner; today, it bears the name Harvard Jolly Architects.

EDGAR JONES JR., VANDERBILT 1955, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 19, 2017. He was 84. Jones was born on June 9, 1933, in Rochester, New York, and moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where he graduated from Montgomery Bell Academy. He then attended Vanderbilt University in Nashville, where he joined the Fraternity and served his chapter as its Pro Consul. After graduating, he worked for First American National Bank for 34 years, ultimately retiring as president of the bank's Paris, Tennessee, office. He served as president of the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, the Mental Health Association of Nashville and the Woodmont Kiwanis Club.

MOE KOHRING, MIAMI (OHIO) 1957, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 4, 2017. He was 82. Kohring was born on Aug. 12, 1935, in Toledo, Ohio. He earned his bachelor's degree in business, specializing in finance, from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. After graduating, he worked for Owens-Illinois Inc. for more than 30 years and retired as vice president of finance. He later worked for Harbor Funds as director of marketing for an additional three years following his retirement. He also served as financial director for and on the council of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Toledo.

HAROLD LAYNE, NEW MEXICO 1945, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 1, 2017. He was 92. Layne was born in Mart, Texas, on March 1, 1925. He earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and afterward joined the U.S. Navy, serving as a lieutenant junior grade engineer aboard the USS Admiral W. S. Benson in World War II. After the war, he became a corrosion engineer for Shell Pipeline in Houston and worked for the company for 40 years. At age 90, Layne moved to the Montecito retirement community in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

MAC MACDONALD, ST. LAWRENCE 1954 ✦, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 31, 2017. He was 87. MacDonald was born on Aug. 30, 1930, in New York City and attended Vermont Academy High School in Rockingham, Vermont, prior to enrolling at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. He served in the U.S. Army for four years after college and then enrolled in technical school for television, which led to his career as a cameraman at WTIC/WFSB TV in Hartford, Connecticut. He was also a member of the United Church of Christ in West Hartford, Connecticut.

CRAIG MILLER, CINCINNATI 1960 ✦, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 28, 2017. He was 79. Miller was born on Nov. 30, 1937, in Cincinnati. After graduating from the University of Cincinnati, where he joined the Fraternity, Miller continued

his education at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis and became an ordained minister at Immanuel United Church of Christ (UCC) in 1964. He was also associate minister at Plymouth Congregational UCC in Detroit, and worked with the United Church Board for World Ministries for Habitat for Humanity in Mbamdaka, Zaire, before serving as the association minister for the Central and Southeast Ohio Association of the UCC.

HUTTON MILLER, DEPAUW 1950, entered the Chapter Eternal on Dec. 11, 2017. He was 92. Miller was born in Berwyn, Illinois, on Aug. 22, 1925, and grew up in Western Springs, Illinois. After graduating from high school, he joined the Army Air Corps and was an in-flight engineer aboard the A-26 Invader during World War II. Following the war, he earned his bachelor's degree from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. Miller was a career salesman for several perfume oil companies, including UOP International, where he worked prior to retiring in 1986.

KENNEY MILLER JR., MISSISSIPPI STATE 1960, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 12, 2017. He was 84. Miller was born on Dec. 14, 1932, in Savannah, Georgia. He enrolled at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta before transferring to the University of Mississippi in Oxford and joining the Navy, where he was a pilot aboard the U.S.S. Yorktown. Miller then attended Mississippi State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering. He then returned to the Navy as an advanced jet flight instructor at the Naval Air Station in Kingsville, Texas. He later owned and operated J. K. Miller Sports Marine in Greenwood, Texas.

BILL MITCHELL JR., MONTANA 1950 ✦, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 20, 2017. He was 91. Mitchell was born in Roundup, Montana, on Jan. 26, 1926, and grew up in Miles City, Montana, before joining the U.S. Army in 1944 and serving during World War II. Afterward, he enrolled at the University of Montana in Missoula, where he lettered in baseball and earned his bachelor's degree in business administration. He then worked as an independent insurance agent for 53 years until his retirement in 2003. He also served as president of the Montana Association of Independent Insurance Agents from 1969 to 1970.

LLOYD MONTGOMERY JR., TENNESSEE-KNOXVILLE 1951, entered the Chapter Eternal on Dec. 6, 2017. He was 88. Montgomery was born on July 28, 1929, in Knoxville, Tennessee. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where he joined the Fraternity and was

a member of the university's golf team. Following graduation, he served as a captain in the U.S. Army Transportation Corps and was stationed in Korea. Professionally, he worked for the White Lily Foods Co. for 34 years and became its vice president of advertising and marketing. He also served on the board of the National Food Industries Co.

ROBERT MOSS, UTAH STATE 1954, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 30, 2017. He was 85. Moss was born on April 16, 1932, in Bountiful, Utah. He earned his bachelor's degree in business from Utah State University in Logan, where he joined the school's Army ROTC program. He then served in the U.S. Army as a lieutenant in Germany. Afterward, he returned to Bountiful and joined his father at the Woods Cross Canning Co., where he worked as general manager for more than 40 years. Moss also started and ran several other businesses.

CHARLES ODLE, CAL. STATE-FRESNO 1959 ✨, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 15, 2017. He was 79. Odle was born on Feb. 1, 1938, in De Soto, Missouri, and grew up in Lindsay, California. He earned his bachelor's degree from Fresno State University in Fresno, California, and later his master's degree in mathematics from San Diego State University. At various times, he taught mathematics at McClain High School in Fresno; Foothill College in San Jose, California; and De Anza College in San Jose, where he was a founding member of the school's mathematics department and taught for 39 years.

FRED PEED, EMORY 1958, entered the Chapter Eternal on Dec. 6, 2017. He was 81. Peed was born in Albany, Georgia, on July 23, 1936, and grew up in Fort Myers, Florida. After graduating from Emory University in Atlanta, where he joined the Fraternity and served his chapter as Magister, Peed served in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1962 before earning his law degree from the University of Florida in Gainesville. He then began practicing law as a civil trial attorney with the Gurney, Gurney and Handley law firm before forming his own practice. He also served as president of the Orange County Bar Association from 1974 to 1975.

BRUCE PETRIE, CINCINNATI 1948, entered the Chapter Eternal on Dec. 6, 2017. He was 91. Petrie was born on Nov. 8, 1946, in Florida and moved to Cincinnati, where he graduated from Withrow High School and then enrolled at the University of Cincinnati. He left Cincinnati after his freshman year to serve in the Marines during World War II, but returned to finish his bachelor's degree and then earn his law degree. He then joined the Graydon, Head and Ritchey law firm in Cincinnati, of which

he became a partner in 1956. Petrie also served as president of the Cincinnati Bar Association from 1980 to 1981.

DONALD PHILBIN, OKLAHOMA STATE 1960 ✨, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 6, 2017. He was 80. Philbin was born on July 11, 1937, in Lubbock, Texas, and graduated from Granite High School in Granite, Oklahoma. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater in 1960 and 1963, respectively, and then earned his law degree from Oklahoma City University in 1966. Philbin was a 50-year member of the Oklahoma Bar Association and, as an undergraduate, served the Fraternity's Oklahoma State chapter as its Consul.

THOMAS PHIPPS, WEST VIRGINIA 1978, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 24, 2017. He was 61. Phipps was born on June 15, 1956, in Charlottesville, Virginia. He earned his bachelor's degree from West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia, where he joined the Fraternity. After graduating, Phipps operated a rug cleaning business in Charlottesville, but sold the business to become a teacher. He attended Mary Baldwin University in Staunton, Virginia, and the University of Virginia in Charlottesville and taught elementary school in Henrico County, Virginia, and at Malden Elementary School in Charleston, West Virginia.

VERL PITZER, BOWLING GREEN 1953, entered the Chapter Eternal on Aug. 12, 2017. He was 86. Pitzer was born on Oct. 3, 1930, in Phillipsburg, Ohio. He then attended Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, where he earned his bachelor's degree in history. After graduating, Pitzer taught history in schools in the Dayton, Ohio, area prior to joining the U.S. Marine Corps and being stationed in Laguna Beach, California.

STEVEN POWELL JR., ALABAMA 1959, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 14, 2017. He was 84. Powell was born on Sept. 16, 1933, in Selma, Alabama, and graduated from Marion Military Institute in Marion, Alabama, before enlisting in the U.S. Army. After completing his military service, he graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Powell then lived in Canoga Park, California, and began a career in medical supply sales in 1974 that brought him and his family to Pensacola, Florida, where he remained until his passing.

STARR PROLSDORFER, AUBURN 1947, entered the Chapter Eternal on Dec. 8, 2017. He was 92. Prolsdorfer was born on Aug. 13, 1925, in Auburn, Alabama. He earned his degree in architecture

from Alabama Polytechnic Institute, now Auburn University, where he joined the Fraternity and served his chapter as its Pro Consul. Proldorfer then practiced architecture for 57 years, initially in Mobile, Alabama, and then in Europe during the 1950s before returning to Mobile in 1956 for the remainder of his career. After retirement, he continued to work as a construction inspector for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Volunteers of America housing projects.

JOHN REDDING, MISSISSIPPI 1949, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 22, 2017. He was 91. Redding was born on Jan. 16, 1926, in Little Rock, Arkansas, and grew up in Corinth, Mississippi, where he became active in scouting and attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He served in the U.S. Navy, and afterward graduated from the University of Mississippi in Oxford. Redding then worked as an advertising director for more than 30 years at multistate companies in Houston, New Orleans and Tulsa, Oklahoma. He also served on numerous boards in the Tulsa area.

ROBERT RITNER, MONTANA STATE 1961, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 19, 2017. He was 77. Ritner was born in Bakersfield, California, on Nov. 25, 1939, and grew up in Long Beach, California. After visiting his grandmother each summer in Montana, he decided to attend Montana State University in Bozeman, where he earned a degree in business. He then worked in his family's furniture business in Long Beach and, in 1968, moved to Portland, Oregon, to work for the Union Oil Co. before being transferred to Pendleton, Oregon; Tacoma, Washington; Seattle; and Spokane, Washington.

MIKE ROPER, FLORIDA 1972, entered the Chapter Eternal on Dec. 1, 2017. He was 67. Roper was born on Sept. 4, 1950, in Lake City, Florida, where he graduated from Columbia High School prior to earning his bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Florida in Gainesville. Roper earned his certified public accountant (CPA) license in 1973, and became a member of the Florida Institute of CPAs (FICPA) and the American Institute of CPAs. Additionally, he served as president of the Tallahassee Chapter of the FICPA from 1992 to 1993. In 2000, he partnered with a friend to open Willowbrook Assisted Living Facility in Tallahassee, Florida.

MAURICE ROSKELLEY, M.D., UTAH 1953, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 23, 2017. He was 86. Roskelley was born on May 14, 1931, in Logan, Utah. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University

of Utah in Salt Lake City, before graduating from Northwestern University medical school in Evanston, Illinois. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a medical officer in Germany. Afterward, he completed residencies in internal medicine and dermatology on his way to becoming a fellow in the department of dermatology at Stanford University in Stanford, California. Roskelley then opened a private medical practice in Salt Lake City for 35 years until his retirement.

RODNEY ROSS JR., MAINE 1968 ✦, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 9, 2017. He was 71. Ross was born in Asbury Park, New Jersey, on Aug. 22, 1946, and grew up in Brownville Junction, Maine. He earned his bachelor's degree in marketing and Master of Business Administration from the University of Maine. In 1972, he began working as a sales representative and manager for Burroughs Corp. in Portland, Maine, before relocating to Atlanta and continuing his career with the company. In 1977, he suffered a spinal injury that left him a quadriplegic and led to his longtime involvement in adaptive sports.

CAREY ROUNTREE, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 1974 ✦, entered the Chapter Eternal on March 21, 2017. He was 64. Rountree was born on Feb. 7, 1953, in Hazelhurst, Georgia, and grew up in Springfield, Georgia. He earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, and afterward began working as a sales manager with the Marriott Corp. before joining the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau, where he became its executive vice president in 2002. Rountree joined the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta as senior vice president of sales and marketing in 2007 and worked there until retiring in 2016.

BOB SHERWOOD, FLORIDA 1961 ✦, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 29, 2017. He was 80. Sherwood was born on June 6, 1937, in Queens, New York, and graduated from Lynbrook High School in New York before attending the University of Florida in Gainesville on a basketball scholarship and serving as the team's captain. After earning his bachelor's degree in business, he worked for Shell Oil Co. for more than 35 years, ultimately becoming a vice president. *The Gainesville Sun* named him to its list of the top 100 players in the University of Florida's basketball history in 2016.

CHARLES SHRADER, RHODE ISLAND 1974, entered the Chapter Eternal on July 19, 2017. He was 65. Shrader was born on Feb. 23, 1952, in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Warren, Pennsylvania, where he graduated from Hempfield

High School. He then earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Rhode Island in Kingston. Afterward, he at various times worked for the Warren National Bank, Marine Bank, PNC Bank, National City Bank and Integra Bank before retiring as vice president of Clearfield National Bank in Erie, Pennsylvania, in 2011.

MARTIN SILFEN, HOBART 1957, entered the Chapter Eternal on April 21, 2017. He was 81. Silfen was born in Brooklyn, New York, on Nov. 11, 1935. He earned his bachelor's degree from Hobart College in Geneva, New York, and afterward earned his law degree from Brooklyn Law School in New York in 1960. Thereafter, he practiced entertainment and sports law in New York and held counsel for such musicians as Blondie, LL Cool J, Aerosmith, REM and Dave Matthews, among others, before moving to Virginia Beach in 1993. While there, he taught at the law schools of the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, and the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

CLAY SORNESON, NORTH DAKOTA STATE 1957, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 30, 2017. He was 82. Sorneson was born in Fargo, North Dakota, on Aug. 15, 1935, and graduated from Bismarck High School in Bismarck, North Dakota. He then earned degrees in both electrical and civil engineering from North Dakota State University in Fargo, and worked for the North Dakota Department of Transportation for 47 years.

CHARLES SOUTHERN JR., SOUTHEAST MISSOURI 1966, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 3, 2017. He was 72. Southern was born on Nov. 7, 1944, in Steele, Missouri. After graduating from Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, where he earned his bachelor's degree. Southern moved to New Orleans to obtain his law degree from Tulane University. He then moved to Bootheel, Missouri, and began working for the Southern Towing Co. and later ran the James R. Moore Insurance Agency. In 1991, he moved to St. Louis and worked as a maritime insurance broker for various companies.

BILL SPAETER, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 1946 ✨, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 21, 2017. He was 93. Spaeter was born on March 8, 1924, in Los Angeles, and graduated from the city's Fremont High School. After his freshman year at the University of Southern California (USC) in Los Angeles, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy during World War II and afterward returned to USC and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees. He also was a member of USC's baseball team and played

professional baseball for 10 years after graduation. He then began his career in education, which culminated in his becoming the vice chancellor of personnel services for the Los Angeles Community College District.

KEVIN STACK, FLORIDA STATE 1985, entered the Chapter Eternal on Aug. 31, 2017. He was 51. Stack was born in Miami on Sept. 8, 1965, where he graduated from Westminster Christian School. He then earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and real estate from Florida State University in Tallahassee, where he joined the Fraternity. After graduation, he spent a short time in Los Angeles before being offered a position on Bill Clinton's national presidential campaign against incumbent president George H.W. Bush in 1992. He then entered the real estate development industry in Miami, and later had many entrepreneurial endeavors.

JOHN STIPP, BOWLING GREEN 1950 ✨, entered the Chapter Eternal on Dec. 6, 2017. He was 92. Stipp was born in Fostoria, Ohio, on March 27, 1925, and graduated from Fostoria High School before earning his bachelor's degree in business administration from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. Afterward, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Professionally, Stipp worked his way to becoming chairman of the board for District Petroleum Products Inc. in Sandusky, Ohio, and director of the Petroleum Marketers Association of America. Additionally, he served as a trustee of the Firelands Community Hospital in Sandusky.

JOHN SULLIVAN JR., MIAMI (FLORIDA) and EMORY 1953, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 4, 2017. He was 87. Sullivan was born on Jan. 1, 1930, in Miami. He enrolled at Emory University in Atlanta, and graduated from the University of Miami with his bachelor's degree in architecture and then his law degree. He also served the Fraternity's Miami undergraduate chapter as its Consul. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Coral Gables, Florida, where he was a deacon, elder and trustee.

RICHARD TERLEP, EAST TENNESSEE 1969 ✨, entered the Chapter Eternal on June 10, 2017. He was 69. Terlep was born in Downers Grove, Illinois, on Dec. 13, 1947. He earned his bachelor's degree from East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, where he joined the Fraternity as a charter member of its East Tennessee chapter. Afterward, he earned his master's degree in industrial hygiene from Wayne State University in Detroit. At various

times, he worked as an industrial hygienist for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Owens-Illinois glass company before relocating to Delta, Ohio.

JAMES TETEAK, COLORADO 1961, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 6, 2017. He was 78. Teteak was born in Berwyn, Illinois, on Oct. 5, 1939, and attended schools in Riverside and Brookfield, Illinois, before earning his bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado in Boulder. He then joined the U.S. Army and served from 1959 to 1962, including service in Korea. Upon his return, he joined the Phoenix Police Department, where he rose to the rank of detective sergeant at the time of his retirement in 1983.

GARY THOMAS, SAN DIEGO STATE 1959 ✠, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 18, 2017. He was 79. Thomas was born on Nov. 21, 1937, in San Diego, where he graduated from Point Loma High School after playing on the school's football team and serving as senior class president. He then enrolled in San Diego State College, now San Diego State University, where he served his undergraduate chapter as its recruitment chairman and Consul. As an alumnus, he was an active member of the Fraternity's San Diego Alumni Chapter.

THOMAS THOMS JR., MISSISSIPPI STATE 1969, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 2, 2017. He was 71. Thoms was born on May 3, 1946, in Huntsville, Texas, and graduated from Hattiesburg High School in Mississippi. He earned his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Mississippi State University, and afterward began his career as a chemical engineer with Hercules Inc. in St. Simons, Georgia. Following several transfers with the company, in 1978 he returned to Hattiesburg, where he coached the Royal Ambassador basketball team at First Baptist Church and baseball teams for his sons.

ELMO TORBERT JR., AUBURN 1962, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 28, 2017. He was 78. Torbert was born on Nov. 5, 1939, in Columbus, Georgia. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. After graduating, he served in the U.S. Army and reached the rank of first lieutenant. Torbert was a member of Hurtsboro United Methodist Church in Hurtsboro, Alabama, where he was a lifelong member of its choir. He also served on the Russell County Water Authority for 40 years.

LEE TRUE, WYOMING 1943, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 25, 2017. He was 96. True was born on Aug. 20, 1921, in Cheyenne, Wyoming,

where he graduated from Cheyenne High School. He then enrolled at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, where he earned his bachelor's degree in engineering before enlisting in the Army Corps of Engineers and serving in World War II. Afterward, he began working as a surveyor for the Wyoming State Highway District. He then worked as a prime contractor for Morrison Knudsen in Boise, Idaho, working on dams.

LAWRENCE VAN DEUSEN, PENNSYLVANIA 1962, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 29, 2017. He was 76. Van Deusen was born on Sept. 30, 1940, in Warren Township, New Jersey. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business in Philadelphia, and afterward earned his Master of Business Administration from New York University. He worked for 25 years with International Chemical Industries Inc. Americas, and later SAP Software Solutions. He was also a member of Chapter 240 of the Federal Aviation Administration Flying Club.

FRANK WALDHAUS, OHIO WESLEYAN 1959, entered the Chapter Eternal on Dec. 11, 2017. He was 79. Waldhaus was born on March 5, 1938, in New Haven, Connecticut, and graduated from Shelton High School in Shelton, Connecticut. Upon graduating from Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio, Waldhaus joined his father in the family business, the Tompkins and Waldhaus Insurance Agency in Shelton. Additionally, he served the city of Shelton as city clerk, director of public works and chairman of its Republican town hall committee.

ERIC WARD, TENNESSEE-KNOXVILLE 1982 ✠, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 16, 2017. He was 58. Ward was born on Aug. 12, 1959, in New Jersey and was raised in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he graduated from Baylor High School. Ward then studied business and education at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and later attended graduate school at Tennessee to study educational and counseling psychology and internet technology. Ward operated his own internet business for 25 years; its services included content linking and promotion strategies for websites such as amazon.com, pbs.org and disney.com, among others.

WILLIAM WHIPPLE, OHIO 1951 ✠, entered the Chapter Eternal on Dec. 5, 2017. He was 93. Whipple was born on Aug. 29, 1924, in Elyria, Ohio. At Ohio University in Athens, he played on the school's football team. Afterward, he served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and the Korean War, receiving an honorable discharge as a gunner's mate second class and a Victory Medal. He was a member of

the Lakeport Elks Lodge No. 2704, was a charter member of the Early Lake Lions and played the drums in the Pasadena, California, Parade of Roses.

HENRY WILSON, BUCKNELL 1950, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 18, 2017. He was 91. Wilson was born on July 29, 1926, in Westbury, New York, where he graduated from Westbury High School. He then entered the U.S. Naval Aviation program, and served in World War II before graduating from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Afterward, he began a career as a journalist working for *Great Neck News* in Great Neck, New York, and later turned his attention to public relations and fundraising in the health care industry, serving as the director of development for Tufts Medical Center Hospitals and director of public relations for Tufts Medical Center in Boston.

JOHN WOLF, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN 1947 ✠, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 19, 2017. He was 92. Wolf was born on Sept. 6, 1925, in Bloomington, Illinois, and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He earned his bachelor's degrees from Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington and the Federated Theological Faculty at the University of Chicago, which led to his becoming a pastor in the Unitarian Church. His ministry took him to Racine, Wisconsin; Meadville, Pennsylvania; and ultimately Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he served as pastor of All Souls Unitarian Church for 35 years. He was inducted into the Tulsa Hall of Fame in 2015.

LYNN WOLLSCHLAGER, FLORIDA STATE 1959 ✠, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 22, 2017. He was 80. Wollschlager was born on May 14, 1937, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and grew up in Tallahassee, Florida. He earned his bachelor's degree in business from Florida State University in Tallahassee, and afterward opened The Carpet Shop Inc. in Tallahassee. The business grew, and he opened an interior design store called The Window Shop. In 1961, he and his father, Frank, and several local business owners started the Tallahassee 100 Club, an association of local business owners.

KENNETH WOOD, MAINE 1997 ✠, entered the Chapter Eternal on Sept. 27, 2017. He was 78. Wood was born on Dec. 16, 1938, in Wayland, Massachusetts, and earned his culinary degree from Northeastern University in Boston. His career at various times included managing and owning food-service businesses all over New England, such as Dunkin' Donuts, Charles Goodlight Fish and Chips, Theater-by-the-Sea Restaurant and Wagon Wheel Restaurant and Lounge, among others. He also served as food and beverage director for

Holiday Inn and Comfort Inn before running the Fraternity's Maine undergraduate chapter kitchen in later years. He was initiated into the Fraternity on April 30, 1994.

FREDERIC YOUNG, OREGON 1950, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 1, 2017. He was 90. Young was born on Oct. 5, 1927, in Portland, Oregon, where he graduated from Washington High School prior to joining the U.S. Navy. After earning his degree from the University of Oregon in Eugene, Young began working in the advertising department of *The Oregonian* before starting a career in commercial real estate with the Norris and Stevens property management company in 1966. He served the Portland Board of Realtors as its president in 1988, and earned the Commercial Association of Realtors of Portland and Vancouver's humanitarian award in 1998.

WENDELL ZACHARY, OKLAHOMA 1951 ✠, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 27, 2017. He was 89. Zachary was born on Aug. 13, 1928, in Marlow, Oklahoma, and was raised in Lawton, Oklahoma, where he graduated from Lawton High School. He then earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, where he joined the Fraternity. Zachary then served in the U.S. Air Force and, at the completion of his service, settled with his family in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where he worked for the Cities Service Oil Co. before relocating to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and retiring with the company in 1984.

EDWARD ZAMBORSKY JR., LEHIGH 1963 ✠, entered the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 16, 2017. He was 76. Zamborsky was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, on June 21, 1941. He earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and his law degree from Villanova University in Villanova, Pennsylvania, in 1966. During the Vietnam War, he served as a military police officer and criminal investigator at Fort Eustis in Virginia. Afterward, he returned to Allentown and opened his own general law practice focusing on matrimonial law. He also worked as an adjunct professor in real estate and family law for the paralegal programs at Pennsylvania State University's Allentown campus and at Lehigh Carbon Community College in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Growing Alumni Involvement

Since the first alumni chapter was established in 1872, groups of graduated Sigma Chis have gathered across the globe as part of not only chapters, but associations and clubs as well.

By Order of Constantine Sig and 22nd Grand Historian Dr. Mike Codina, CALIFORNIA-SAN DIEGO 1993

Very soon after my initiation into Sigma Chi on Jan. 26, 1991, I was told that there were more active Sigma Chi alumni than active alumni in all the other national fraternities combined. At the time, I couldn't quite comprehend that. As the years have gone by, I have come to understand the reasons why our alumni remain active: The Fraternity has given us so much during our lives that we feel compelled to give back to it. One way brothers do this is by joining Sigma Chi's alumni chapters, associations and clubs.

In the early days of the Fraternity, it operated using a parent-chapter form of government. Simply stated, the Ohio Wesleyan chapter was the parent chapter, and all actions and decisions that involved the Fraternity were made through it. As the system's weaknesses became apparent in the 1870s, plans to establish a central form of government began to take shape. With this came the birth of the first alumni chapter, named Alpha, which was chartered in 1872 at the ninth Grand Chapter, in Columbus, Ohio. This was an important step of growing the interest in and influence of the alumni experience in Sigma Chi. A formal petition was granted to alumni from Indianapolis to create a chapter. Unfortunately, it was short-lived; however, the chapter was rechartered in 1882, and given the name Iota.

In 1874, a petition from alumni in Springfield, Ohio, was granted at the 10th Grand Chapter in Richmond, Virginia, to create an alumni chapter. This chapter was also named Alpha, which was an oversight from the parent chapter.

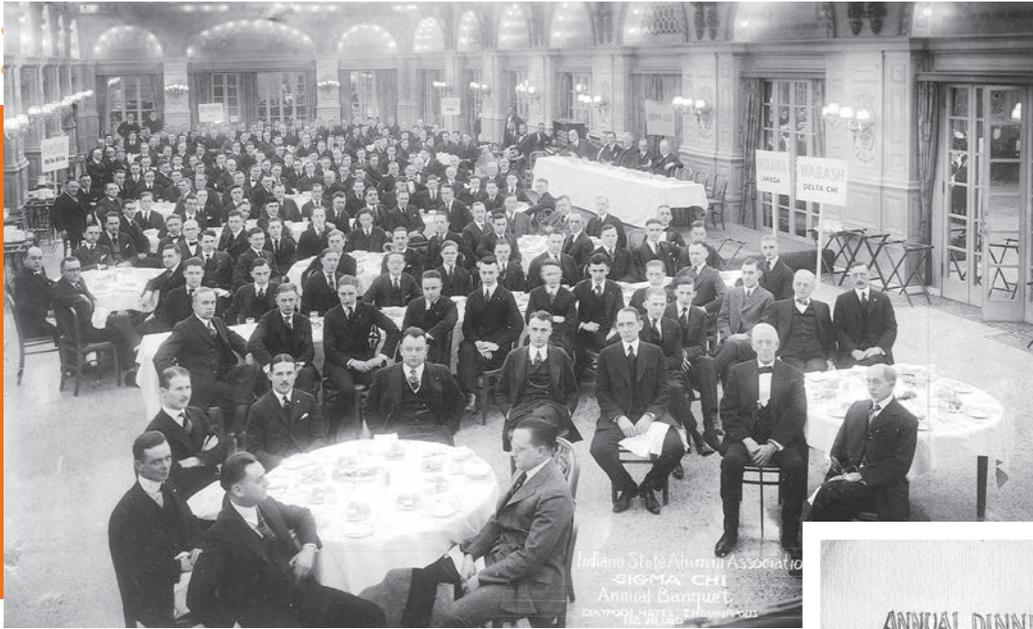
Changing nomenclature and enhanced purpose

The early alumni chapters originally had Greek-letter names, but this practice was soon eliminated and the alumni chapters were named for the city or region they represented. The early alumni chapters that were formed with this naming convention included Indianapolis, which had originally been the short-lived Alpha alumni chapter and was rechartered in 1882 and named after the city; Springfield, which had been mistakenly called the second Alpha chapter and was chartered in 1874; Lafayette, Indiana, and Cincinnati, which were formed in 1881; and Chicago, which was established in 1882.

Founder Isaac Jordan, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**, was a charter member of the Cincinnati Alumni Chapter, which was organized to help bring a chapter to the University of Cincinnati. It and other early alumni chapters were important in helping establish chapters at local universities or support existing undergraduate chapters. For example, the Lafayette, Indiana, alumni chapter assisted Purdue University undergraduates in their fight with the school's administration for the right to associate on campus under the name "Sigma Chi."

Chapters across the globe

By 1898, the Fraternity had 10 alumni chapters, and over the next five years, 14 more chapters became active. Moving into the 20th century, further growth was on the horizon. The establishment of alumni chapters in most major cities in the United States



Left: Members of the Indianapolis Alumni Chapter, along with undergraduates from Butler, DePauw, Indiana and Purdue universities, as well as Wabash College, celebrate the Fraternity's presence in Indiana at the alumni chapter's annual banquet on Feb. 28, 1920, at the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis.

followed, and with expansion of the Fraternity to the universities within Canada, alumni chapters were also created there. Sigma Chi even established alumni chapters in the Philippines and France.

On Aug. 14, 1905, 10 Sigs, all of whom were working in the Philippines, met for the first time as the Philippine Alumni Chapter. Manila was the official headquarters for the chapter, which met regularly from 1905 until the United States' involvement in World War II in 1941.

The chapter was rechartered in 1945, but dissolved a year later when most of its members returned to the United States.

The Paris Alumni Chapter had its roots in World War I. Its first meeting was on Dec. 25, 1917, at the Hotel du Pavillon, which was the American Army and Navy YMCA hotel for enlisted men in Paris. Eleven Sigs met for dinner that night in December, representing eight undergraduate chapters. The chapter was called the Sigs in France Alumni Chapter of Sigma Chi. Four meetings of the chapter were ultimately held, with the last one being on March 9, 1918.

Today's alumni groups

Today, alumni chapters are located in the United States, Canada and London. One thing that has changed, however, is the presence of not only alumni chapters, but associations and clubs as well. The Executive Committee (EC) voted at the 53rd Grand Chapter in Miami Beach, Florida, in 1961 to differentiate between alumni chapters and associations. Meanwhile, the Fraternity made the alumni club an official group designation at the 2008 Grand Council in Skokie, Illinois.

Now, a group of alumni may petition the Fraternity to become either a club or an association, and later, a chapter. A group is eligible to become a club once its members submit an annual report and roster containing at least seven members to International Headquarters. An interested group

can become an alumni association once its members submit the following to International Headquarters: an annual report; \$250 annual-dues payment; membership roster containing at least 10 members; and plans that show it will meet at least six times each year.

When a group becomes an association, it must fulfill its annual six-meeting requirement and 10-member minimum for a period of at least one year before its members can petition the EC to become an alumni chapter. Once it becomes an alumni chapter, the group is entitled to representation and voting privileges at Grand Chapter.

Sigma Chi now has 104 alumni chapters in the United States and six in Canada. It has a total of seven associations, one of which is in London, and four clubs.



Above: An event program for the Chicago Alumni Chapter's annual dinner March 10, 1899, at the Chicago Athletic Association, is pictured above. Guest speakers for the event included Significant Sig George Ade, **PURDUE 1887**, and 13th Grand Historian and ninth Grand Consul Joseph Nate, **ILLINOIS WESLEYAN 1890**, among others, according the program found in the General Fraternity's archives.

Instituting Change

The Executive Committee updates policies to safeguard the health and safety of undergraduates.

By John O'Brien

Amid growing concern among Sigma Chi International Fraternity leaders over alcohol abuse and hazing, the Executive Committee (EC) has made several health and safety policy changes, including a ban on hard alcohol in chapter facilities and a shortening of the pledge period.

In announcing the changes, 70th Grand Consul Tommy Geddings, **SOUTH CAROLINA 1985**, cited the deaths of three members and a pledge in incidents during the 2016 to 2017 academic year where he says substance misuse or abuse was at least a factor, and at least two other instances in which pledges almost died from excessive alcohol consumption.

"So much today seems geared toward how much alcohol can you consume and how fast can you drink it," says Geddings. "We just feel that it's important we show leadership and not close our eyes to the dangers of changing circumstances."

As a result, the EC is reinforcing its prohibition of the presence of alcohol in connection with recruitment and pledging events. It also banned hard alcohol in chapter facilities; however, those chapters that had already contracted third-party vendors for events where they would serve hard alcohol from now until Aug. 1, 2018, may uphold those contracts.

The following will be in effect as of Aug. 1, 2018: Pledge education programs can last no longer than five weeks; chapters can no longer serve alcohol at social events while pledging and recruitment are underway; and the number of guests allowed at social events is capped at three per member.

The health and safety changes are explained further at sigmachi.org/policychanges.

In making them, Fraternity leaders recognize what they say is a sense of urgency to create meaningful and lasting change to what has become an unacceptable culture where alcohol abuse is becoming the norm, rather than the exception, on college campuses. Additionally, the organization wishes to be a leader in creating the culture change necessary to begin to curb dangerous behaviors surrounding alcohol abuse and hazing on college campuses and in student-centric organizations.

"We just feel that it's important we show leadership and not close our eyes to the dangers of changing circumstances," says Geddings

Former North Central province Grand Praetor Dan Klekner, **CENTRAL MICHIGAN 1979**, applauds the changes, especially in light of the recent tragedies and the resulting negative publicity for fraternities nationwide. "I just see it spiraling down," says Klekner of the experience of being in a fraternity or sorority.

Klekner worries that unless Greek-letter organizations in general make substantive changes, lawmakers and institutions could push for more restrictions on chapters or ban Greek-letter life



Left: Seventieth Grand Consul Tommy Geddings, **SOUTH CAROLINA 1985**, delivers his inaugural state of the Fraternity address during the 2017 Balfour Leadership Training Workshop (LTW) at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, on Aug. 1. Geddings and other members of the Fraternity's Executive Committee enacted several health and safety policy initiatives on Jan. 16, 2018, that will be discussed at the 2018 Balfour LTW.



altogether. "I don't want to see that happen," says Klekner, a former University of St. Thomas chapter advisor and mentor who lives in Minneapolis and is a director of sales for a produce company.

In a letter to Geddings following the announcement of the policy changes, Klekner wrote that his sons, Brian, **2009**, and Mark, **2007**, were Consuls at the University of North Dakota, and that every weekend, he held his breath hoping that accountability issues would not arise.

"With all the news regarding young men dying under the watch of fraternity brothers, I have been feeling that the Sigma Chi Fraternity that I knew would soon die away. I [feared] that my grandsons would never be part of such an important organization that shapes young men to be leaders of our country," he wrote. "But you have given me hope — hope that I may still see the day when my sons pin their sons into our sacred bond [with our badge]."

The Fraternity's ban on hard alcohol in chapter facilities applies to any drink with a 15 percent alcohol by volume or higher; it was instituted in recognition of the more severe effects of the use of hard alcohol.

"You can consume that quickly enough that it overcomes your body's defenses," says Geddings, an attorney from Manning, South Carolina. "Most people can't drink enough beer to experience alcohol poisoning."

The shortening of the pledging period is designed to limit the opportunities for potential hazing and other negative consequences, including poor academic performance.

Chapters can resume serving alcohol at social events once all pledges have been initiated, according to the new policy, though those events must comply with the new 3:1 ratio of guests to members, meaning a chapter with 100 total members, for instance, can have no more than 300 total guests.

"Some people believe there is not a crisis going on," Geddings says, adding most of the opposition he's heard to the new policies has been from alumni who feel "boys will be boys" and there's no need for the changes. "There's no denying people are dying, [that] people are being hospitalized," Geddings says. "One death is way too many. There is no such thing as an acceptable level of alcohol problems."

Like Klekner, Geddings says transformative leadership is needed to ensure Sigma Chi focuses on its core values to be certain the Fraternity — and Greek-letter life in general — can endure.

"If we don't act and make it so Sigma Chi is nothing more than a drinking club," Geddings says, "the values aren't going to be there when our children and grandchildren come forward."

Above: Former North Central province Grand Praetor Dan Klekner, **CENTRAL MICHIGAN 1979**, stands with his sons Brian, **2009**, at left, and Mark, **2007**, who are both former Consuls of the North Dakota undergraduate chapter. Klekner says he believes the health and safety policies enacted by the Fraternity on Jan. 16, 2018, are steps in the right direction toward preserving Sigma Chi for future leaders.

Of Service to Sigma Chi

More than 2,000 volunteers help guide the organization on an international level



When Order of Constantine Sig and Grand Trustee Tony Flores, **CAL. STATE-FRESNO 1958**, attended his first House Corporation Training Seminar (HCOTS) in 2008 as president of his chapter's house corporation, he was inspired to give back to the Fraternity on the international level.

"I was very much involved at the local level, but my eyes were opened to a much larger picture of a need for volunteers at the international level after seeing these great brothers giving of their time, talent and energy for a truly great purpose," Flores says of being at HCOTS.

Flores is one of 2,479 volunteers who donate their time on an international level, and the organization is always looking to add to that number. "... there is more work to be done and there is a great need for more brothers to volunteer in helping with the many areas that need attention within the Fraternity," says Flores.

Brothers give back their time as facilitators for Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, the Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit and the Fraternity's membership development programs, such as the Crossroads drug and alcohol education program and other workshops. They help guide Sigs as Grand Praetors, Grand Trustees or other officers.

Flores became a Grand Trustee in 2009 and has served in such capacity since then. He is chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees and a Ritual Peer. He has also served on the General Fraternity's alumni services and alumni awards committees.

Flores says that his service has taught him patience and has provided him a greater understanding of how to work with many Type-A individuals who are talented, skilled and committed to keeping the organization strong and a leader among those within the Greek-letter world.



Clockwise from far left: Seventieth Grand Consul Tommy Geddings, **SOUTH CAROLINA 1985**, stands at the podium as he addresses members of the Praetorial College during the group's annual meeting on Jan. 6, 2018, at the Le Pavillon Hotel in New Orleans.

Order of Constantine Sig and Grand Trustee chairman Tony Flores, **CAL. STATE-FRESNO 1958**, at left, talks with 81st Grand Chapter delegate Rob Maloney, **WESTERN CONNECTICUT 2016**, during the June 2017 event in Providence, Rhode Island.

Quaestor division facilitator Pete Elizondo, **SAM HOUSTON 1994**, makes a presentation during an officer large group session at the 2017 Balfour Leadership Training Workshop at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Consul division faculty member Eric Reifschneider, **SAN DIEGO STATE 1988**, at left, facilitates an undergraduate discussion during the 2017 Balfour Leadership Training Workshop at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Order of Constantine Sig and Grand Tribune Mark Quiner, **WYOMING 1978**, speaks to members of the Jordan Initiative committee during a meeting at International Fraternity Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, on Jan. 13, 2018.

Brothers who would like to volunteer on the international level should express their interest at sigmachi.org/ volunteer.

Anniversaries



Above: From left, Illinois Wesleyan University board of trustees' president, Ned Doland, stands with fellow Illinois Wesleyan University trustee, Order of Constantine Sig and Significant Sig Virgil Martin, **1932**; Order of Constantine Sig Stuart Wyatt, **1915**; and Elbert Alford, **1886**; on Oct. 15, 1955, in front of the cornerstone for what would become the Illinois Wesleyan chapter house in Bloomington, Illinois.

Anniversaries are listed every five, 10, 15 years and so on.

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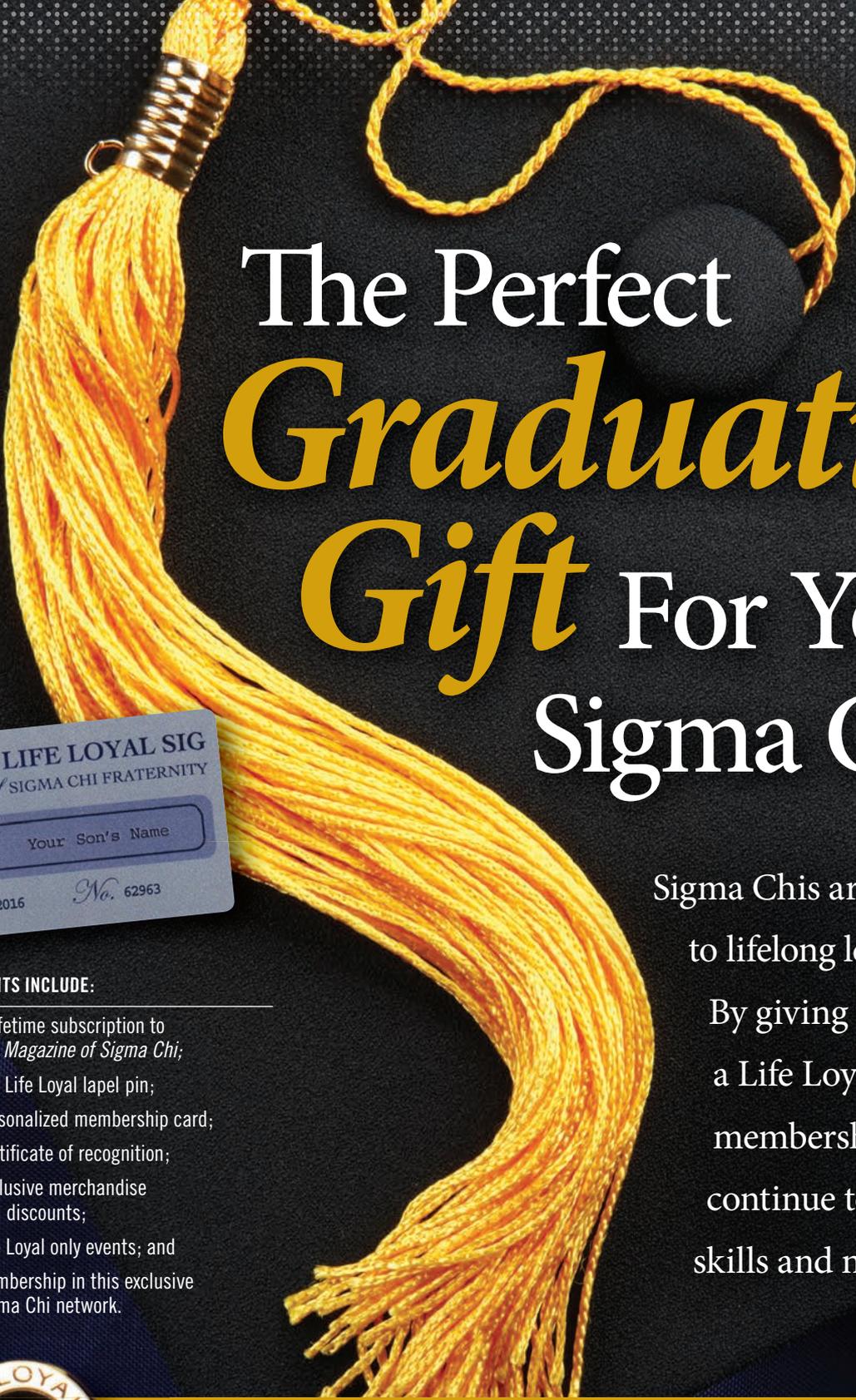
2	Delta Mu, Southern Methodist, 70 years	1948
3	Theta, Gettysburg, 155 years	1863
6	Lambda Lambda, Kentucky, 125 years	1893
8	Eta Omega, Baylor, 40 years	1978
10	Gamma Omega, A College in Storrs, Connecticut, 75 years	1943
12	Epsilon Rho, Richmond, 60 years	1958
14	Midland, Texas, alumni chapter, 70 years	1948
17	Iota Zeta, Clarkson, 30 years	1988
21	Zeta Upsilon, William & Mary, 50 years	1968
23	Theta Zeta, Bridgewater State, 35 years	1983
27	Lambda Sigma, New Hampshire, five years	2013
28	Eta Xi, Austin Peay, 45 years	1973
30	Gamma Upsilon, Mississippi State, 80 years	1938
30	Iota Eta, Western Connecticut, 30 years	1988

MAY

4	Lambda Tau, Florida Atlantic, five years	2013
4	St. Louis alumni chapter, 115 years	1903
5	Gamma Rho, Dalhousie-St. Mary's, 85 years	1933
10	Nashville, Tennessee, alumni chapter, 120 years	1898
11	Tau Tau, Washington (St. Louis), 115 years	1903
15	Delta Epsilon, North Carolina State, 75 years	1943
19	Alpha Iota, Illinois Wesleyan, 135 years	1883
22	Kappa Iota, Southern Utah, 25 years	1993
31	Toronto alumni chapter, 95 years	1923

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3	Alpha Kappa, Hillsdale, 135 years	1883
18	Boise, Idaho, alumni chapter, 90 years	1928



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Even after his days as an undergraduate, when he had become a big movie star, he made time for Sigs and sweethearts. He invited brothers to his movie sets; he helped to select the inaugural International Sweetheart; He also encouraged brothers to donate funds to the Fraternity's former national philanthropy, the Wallace Village for Children, which treated youth with mild brain dysfunction.

Wayne served on "Brothers for Goldwater," a committee that worked to get Significant Sig Barry Goldwater, ARIZONA 1932, into the White House in 1964, albeit an unsuccessful campaign. Wayne was steadfast in his commitment to help his close friend and brother.

Today, the legendary Wayne—who was known as Marion Morrison as an undergraduate—lives on as his likeness is emblazoned on chapter recruitment t-shirts, and as Sigs beam with pride in the fact that they can call the Duke a brother. Most importantly, John Wayne is remembered for the values that guided him throughout his life—values that seem to be synonymous with the Fraternity.

We dedicate this issue to the lasting impact of a man who was larger than life.

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BY THE NUMBERS

The Prevalence and Care of Mental Health

1 in 5

The number of American adults with a mental illness*

1 in 5

The number of people in Canada who have a mental illness**

300 million

The approximate number of people worldwide who are affected by depression***

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Depression is the leading cause of disability worldwide***

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The number of psychiatrists per 100,000 people in more than half of the countries in the world***

66

The percentage of countries that spend 1 percent or less of their total healthcare budget on mental health***

40

The percentage of countries that have no mental health policy***

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The percentage of countries that have no mental health programs**

*National Alliance on Mental Illness ** The Canadian Mental Health Association *** World Health Organization

THE SIG LIST

Things to know, notice and tell a brother

1 Major League Soccer (MLS)'s Chicago Fire announced on Jan. 10, 2018, that it signed Indiana University defender Grant Lillard, **2018**, to a homegrown contract. Lillard, who is shown here with Fire coach Veljko Paunovic, is under contract for the 2018 and 2019 seasons. Lillard was named a First-Team All-American and Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year during his time at Indiana.



Photo by Rafael Alvarez/Chicago Fire Soccer Club

September 2018 will mark the 160th anniversary of the Ohio Wesleyan undergraduate chapter being named the Fraternity's "Alpha," or parent chapter, following the 1858 dissolution of the Miami (Ohio) chapter. Founder William Lewis Lockwood, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**, informed the chapter of its new role in a letter; it assumed all responsibilities related to the Fraternity's governance and expansion efforts until 1884.

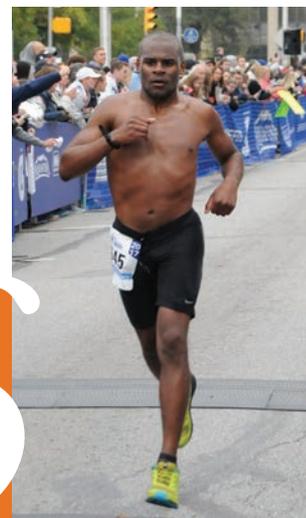
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3 This University of Wisconsin-Madison athletics department has named the basketball court inside of its Kohl Center arena in honor of the late Significant Sig Ab Nicholas, **WISCONSIN-MADISON 1952**. Nicholas played shooting guard for the Badgers and earned first-team All-Big Ten honors in 1951 and 1952.

The Fraternity established the Order of Constantine at the 47th Grand Chapter in Seattle in 1948 to honor members who had performed exemplary service to the organization. The inaugural class had 46 members, contrasted with the 19 men to be inducted in 2018. Significant Sigs and Indiana University chapter brothers 29th Grand Consul L.G. Balfour, **1907**, and J. Dwight Peterson, **1919**, were inaugural inductees.

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5 The International Fraternity has 14 Pulitzer Prize winners on its membership rolls including two chapters with multiple recipients. They include Purdue Sigs John McCutcheon, **1889**; and Booth Tarkington, **1883**; as well as Missouri-Columbia brothers James Grimaldi, **1984**; and Charles Ross, **1905**.



Andrew Peterson, **CLARKSON 2013**, will compete in the 2019 Boston Marathon after qualifying for it by finishing the 2017 Indianapolis Monumental Marathon in 2 hours, 57 minutes and 33 seconds on Nov. 2, 2017. He is reportedly one of few Special Olympians to even have qualified for the Boston Marathon. Peterson turned down a non-qualifying spot for the 2018 Boston Marathon after narrowly missing the cutoff in April 2017.

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