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to Stay Involved With Sigma Chi

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

As alumni, our commitment to helping achieve this noble goal did not end with graduation. It is a lifelong privilege and responsibility that each of us share. This document provides suggestions for ways to remain involved. Resolve today to discover some new ideas that you can apply immediately — and also a few that might require some time to carry out.

Sigma Chi is proud to have the most committed alumni in the Greek-letter world. It's brothers like you that make Sigma Chi extraordinary.

Become an Alumni Chapter Member

- Find an alumni chapter in your area.
- Attend chapter events as often as possible.
- Invite other Sigs you know to attend chapter events.
- Offer to drive other Sigs to alumni chapter meetings and other outings.
- Pay the alumni chapter dues each year.

- Provide a facility to host an alumni chapter event.
- Organize a community service project with the alumni chapter in your area.
- If there is no alumni chapter where you live, contact the alumni services team at Headquarters about starting one.



members of your initiation class

- Communicate with your initiate class brothers about visiting or helping out the chapter.
- Take one or more undergraduates, most importantly a senior, to an alumni chapter event.
- Participate in a send-off ceremony for graduating seniors.
- Invite chapter brothers, officers or pledges to lunch or dinner.

- Donate furniture or kitchen supplies to a nearby undergraduate chapter.
- Assist your chapter in updating its historical writings, photo files, library, etc. Also share with the International Fraternity's archivist.
- Offer resources and assist in chapter house upkeep, maintenance and financing.

RECRUIT

- Talk with younger family members, relatives and friends about joining Sigma Chi.
- Obtain Sigma Chi materials and provide them to students planning to attend a university with a Sigma Chi chapter.
- Recommend qualified recruits as prospective members by completing a new member recommendation form.
- Offer to provide Fraternity information to local high school officials.

Communicate

- Recommend brothers who have volunteered for Sigma Chi and those who have achieved professional success for Fraternity awards and recognitions. (Examples: Seven Lights Alumni Award, Order of Constantine, or Significant Sig Awards.)
- Recommend brothers who served in the military for the Military Service Recognition Pin.
- Identify brothers who have been members of the Fraternity for 50 years and present them with a Semi-Century Sig Award.
- Help your undergraduate or alumni chapter locate alumni whose address or contact information is unknown or has changed. When brothers have moved or relocated, update their information at members.sigmachi.org.
- Send an email to headquarters@sigmachi.org and also your undergraduate and alumni chapters to keep them informed about the news of brothers, including those who have entered the Chapter Eternal.

- If you haven't heard from the Fraternity in a while, contact Headquarters and let them know where you are, or update your information at members.sigmachi.org.
- Keep International Headquarters, as well as your undergraduate and alumni chapters apprised of your current mailing address, email and phone numbers.
- Congratulate undergraduate chapters on successful events, awards, recruitment performance, initiations, etc.
- Respond to mailings and contacts from an undergraduate or alumni chapter, even if you are unable to attend a given event.
- Contribute items for undergraduate or alumni chapter newsletters. Offer to help with newsletter preparation, mailing, funding or upkeep of distribution lists.
- Provide news of chapter alumni brothers to university alumni publications, noting Sigma Chi International Fraternity affiliations.

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- Attend a chapter meeting or Preparation for Brotherhood pledge meeting.
- Attend a Preparation for Brotherhood pledging ceremony.
- Participate in the alumnus portion of the Preparation for Brotherhood pledge lessons.
- Attend an initiation ceremony.
- Participate in the alumnus portion of the initiation ceremony.
- Offer to upgrade or replace a chapter's Ritual regalia or enlist the support of other alumni to help with such projects.
- Practice our Ritual by living the organization's values every day.

Educate

- Share The Norman Shield pledge manual and Preparation for Brotherhood training materials with family and friends.
- Offer to speak to an undergraduate chapter about your profession.
- Offer to serve as a speaker or provide a speaker for an alumni chapter event.
- Offer to serve as a speaker or provide a speaker for an undergraduate province workshop event. Offer to speak with undergraduates about your own Sigma Chi experiences.
- Offer Fraternity insight during appropriate business and social conversations.
- Speak to the chapter or seniors about the role of an alumnus on life-long learning and fraternalism.

Career Participation

- Provide undergraduates with career advice.
- Offer to speak with an undergraduate chapter about your profession, job recruitment, financial management or post-college experiences. Provide summer or break-time jobs and internship opportunities for brothers.
- If your business or associates are hiring recent college graduates, notify Sigs at nearby chapters and post opportunities to the <u>Sigma Chi Career Referrals group</u> on Facebook.
- Network your company with a résumé referral service that serves Sigs and other college students.
- Advise all Sigs to use the <u>Sigma Chi</u> Career Referrals group on Facebook.
- Provide a product or service to an undergraduate or alumni chapter at a discounted cost.
- Advertise your firm or business in The Magazine of Sigma Chi.

Celebrate Brotherhood

- Contact former chapter members with friendly messages.
- Organize a reunion of your chapter brothers and perhaps their families.
- Communicate with other Sigs about upcoming events hosted by nearby undergraduate and alumni chapters.
- Organize a gathering of Sigs in your hometown.
- Maintain Facebook groups and communications.
- Attend the next Grand Chapter. Visit sigmachi.org for more information.
- Attend Homecoming festivities at your undergraduate chapter.
- Attend tailgate parties at your undergraduate chapter or a local chapter.

UNTEER

- Volunteer your time and skills to an undergraduate chapter in the area.
- Serve as an alumni advisory board member of a nearby campus chapter; help with recruitment, finances, bill collecting, educational or individual counseling, pledge education, fundraising or the building of an effective alumni relations program.
- Become an officer or board member of an undergraduate chapter's house corporation.
- Serve as a mentor to a pledge or an undergraduate.
- Provide your assistance to a Grand Praetor to work with nearby chapters.
- Volunteer to be a Grand Praetor, assistant Grand Praetor, chapter advisor or assistant chapter advisor.
- Volunteer to assist with a Sigma Chi province conference or workshop.
- Volunteer your individual participation, donation or business support for an undergraduate or alumni chapter's next philanthropic event.
- Volunteer to serve as a member of a selection committee for province awards regarding leadership, scholarships, publications, etc.
- Become an alumni chapter officer.
- Volunteer to be an alumni chapter committee chairman.
- Volunteer to be a member of the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop faculty.
- Volunteer to serve on a General Fraternity committee.

Financial Support

- Contribute to the Sigma Chi Foundation and its educational programs.
- Encourage others to contribute to the Sigma Chi Foundation.
- Contribute to your chapter's scholarship fund through the Sigma Chi Foundation, and work with fellow chapter alumni to help it become a Thomas Cowan Bell Chapter. (Note: Nearly two-thirds of undergraduate chapters have such a scholarship fund managed by the Foundation.)
- Contribute to the Sigma Chi Foundation in honor of a deceased brother.
- Give to your alma mater, in honor of your Sigma Chi chapter, the General Fraternity, your pledge class or Sig graduating class, etc.

- Contribute to an undergraduate chapter or its house corporation building renewal or educational funds.
- Help send an additional undergraduate delegate to the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop.
- Sponsor an academic or leadership award for your chapter, or a nearby undergraduate chapter.
- Donate to the Huntsman Cancer Institute, the Fraternity's preferred philanthropic partner, in the name of a nearby chapter or the Fraternity.
- Contribute to your chapter's <u>Derby Challenge fundraising page</u>, benefitting the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

Visit

- Visit your chapter house; see if your class composite is hanging; update your page in the chapter roll book; urge chaptermates to do the same.
- Visit Sigma Chi undergraduate and alumni chapters when traveling.
- Visit the founding site, located at 22 E. High Street in Oxford, Ohio.
- Visit International Fraternity
 Headquarters at 1714 Hinman Ave.
 in Evanston, Illinois.
- Visit the Constantine Chapter Memorial Monument, located at 11001 Tara Blvd. in Hampton, Georgia, near Atlanta.
- Visit the various <u>Sigma Chi</u> monuments and memorial sites located throughout the country.
- Visit <u>sigmachi.org</u> and update your contact information.